



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

May 26, 2026 | 7:00pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in a regular session on the above date with Mr. Joseph Geers presiding. The meeting opened with a moment of reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) MOMENT OF REFLECTION

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Mr. Provins, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There were changes made to the agenda. Under reports of standing committees, the May 11th meeting for the Law and Ordinance committee, as well as item number four, the May 7th Streets, Housing, and Health Committee will be removed. Under the communications section, a communication from the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding Montgomery Road has been added.

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to amend the agenda as stated. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- April 28, 2026
- May 12, 2026

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Katherine Jones

RE: Summer Reading

Katherine Jones, addressed council to share about the Annual Program offered at the Hamilton County Public Library – Norwood Branch, regarding summer reading. The program is for children ages birth to 18 years old, with incentives for all kids to keep reading over the summer. Ms. Jones also reminded residents of the drop in event occurring on May 30.

2) Sonny James

RE: Community

Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed council to share reactions to his daughter taking College Credit Plus courses while being in middle school.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Roger (RJ) Strange, Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Strange shared the annual Public Works report. Currently the Public Works Department has 17 full time employees with additional seasonal employees. Mr. Strange provided an employee breakdown of all departments within Public Works: Parks, Streets, Paint/Sign, Garage, and Water. The Public Works Department had many successes this year, including working with Ohio Department of Transportation for the Montgomery Road project, managing the Elm Avenue sewer project, installation of new water mains on Montgomery Road from Norwood Avenue to Fenwick, currently managing the reconstruction of South Jefferson and Rolston, managed repairs of several storm sewer inlets/pipes, held two tire and freon events in 2025, and managed a historic winter snow/ice season with record snowfalls. Mr. Strange also shared department goals for the coming year including: additional safety training, succession planning, completed projects including Rolston, South Jefferson, and the Montgomery Road Pedestrian improvements, plans possible for Weyer Avenue, and continuing to replace aging infrastructure.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) Law, Ordinance, Environment, & Public Safety – April 1, 2026
- 2) Law, Ordinance, Environment, & Public Safety – April 29, 2026
- 3) Law, Ordinance, Environment, & Public Safety – May 11, 2026 (removed)
- 4) Streets, Housing, and Health – May 7, 2026 (removed)

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to file and accept all committee reports, as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

K) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Schneider provided many updates including gratitude and acknowledgement of the Public Works Department. Mayor Schneider went to look at the Elm Avenue Sewer Project with the heavy rain to see how well the sewer system was operating, and saw it was working well. Mayor Schneider attended the

Memorial Day Presentation at Victory Park with the American Legion and expressed his gratitude. Mayor Schneider also shared updates about new Businesses in Norwood, including French Toast Heaven. Lastly, Mayor Schneider reminded residents to slow down, with school being out for summer, there are more children outside.

James Bonsall, City Treasurer, shared updates and also expressed gratitude for the Memorial Day event hosted by the American Legion. Mr. Bonsall also expressed gratitude for Ava and her 20 years of service with Norwood. Mr. Bonsall shared Residents will know more information regarding the May earning taxes at the next Council meeting.

Ken Miracle, City Auditor shared information regarding the ordinances/resolutions on the agenda. Mr. Miracle shared the capital asset report from Industrial Appraisal will be shared the first week of June.

Keith Moore, Law Director, answered a question regarding street levy and funds. Mr. Moore also shared the Assistant Law Director, Tim Garry, will be retiring at the end of June, after completing 10 years of service. Mr. Moore also shared information about the incoming Assistant Law Director.

L) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances and/or resolutions.

M) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances and/or resolutions

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

2) ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER" TO VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE 65-2025 TO ALLOW THE EMPLOYMENT OF TWO ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTORS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BOCHER MUNICIPAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CITYCAT STANDARD STREET SWEEPER EQUIPMENT, MODEL #STS016078, FOR USE BY THE NORWOOD PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

5) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-2026, BY CORRECTING ITS ATTACHED EXHIBIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

6) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE FROM THE NORWOOD CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND 2096-0000-50000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR THE RETURN OF OBLIGATED STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover shared, her and Ms. Sullivan hosted a Ward 4 Community conversation with about 20 residents. Ms. Hoover also shared there are 50 households participating in the community composting hub. There were conversations regarding placing a levy on the ballot for streets in November. Mr. Moore

shared he was able to check out the new firetruck. Ms. Sullivan expressed her gratitude to Ms. Hoover and Ward 4 for the participation in the Ward 4 Community conversation.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Franzen shared the closure of Forest Avenue overpass; it will be closed for 14 days due to ODOT repairs. There was continued conversation regarding streets infrastructure and funds.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

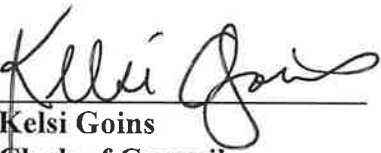
- 1) Keith Moore, Law Director – Offer Letter for New Assistant Law Director
On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read and approve the appointment in accordance with the terms contained in the offer letter. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.
- 2) Ken Miracle, Auditor – Letter to Council RE: EOM Report April 2026
On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.
- 3) Ohio Department of Transportation RE: Montgomery Road
On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to receive and file the communication. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

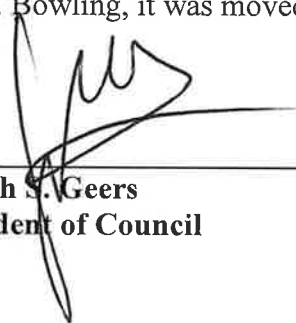
R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.


Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council


Joseph S. Geers
President of Council