



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

June 23, 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 several changes made to the agenda, including adding an introductory reading of a new ordinance and an exhibit added to the tax budget resolution. The committee reports removed were, the Law and Ordinance on May 11 and May 27, along with the Engagement, Communications, and Outreach on June 2. On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, 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

There were no minutes of previous meetings.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Vincent Lopez

RE: National HIV Testing

Vincent Lopez, 5050 Section Avenue, Suite 500, from Hamilton County Public Health Clinic shared with council information regarding HIV testing being offered at the County's Public Health Clinic.

2) Susan Daniels

RE: America 250 Update

Susan Daniels, 2063 Maple Avenue, shared with updates regarding America 250 celebrations across Norwood, including swag items, stickers, and additional items to celebrate America 250.

3) Sonny James

RE: Come Together

Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, shared updates regarding his daughter taking college classes at a local community college. Bishop James shared gratitude for the support received for his daughter's accomplishments. Lastly, Bishop James shared an update about his community event called Come Together, occurring on July 16.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

On April 1, 2026, the Norwood Planning Commission held a public hearing to review a draft ordinance. Following the review, the Commission approved a motion to recommend that the Norwood City Council adopt the draft ordinance. Entitled "ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS PORTIONS OF PART 11 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED PLANNING AND ZONING CODE," this amendment updates group home provisions to reflect recent changes in state law. The associated file is named "Council_26 – Ord Amending NRC Part 11 Group Homes Provisions DRAFT – 03-07-2026".

Mr. Geers opened the public hearing.

The hearing closed.

On May 6, 2026, the Norwood Planning Commission reviewed a draft ordinance for a Zoning Code Update: ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1111.99, "OPEN SPACE" AND 1155.15, "FINAL PLAN APPROVAL" OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO IMPROVE THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS AND TO COMPLY WITH OHIO LAW. A motion was made and approved by the Planning Commission to recommend to the Norwood City Council that they approve the draft ordinance dated 04-01-2026.

Mr. Geers opened the public hearing.

The hearing closed.

On May 6, 2026, the Norwood Planning Commission reviewed a draft ordinance for a Zoning Code update definition: ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 11, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, RELATING TO SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LODGING BUSINESSES. A motion was made and approved by the Planning Commission to recommend to the Norwood City Council that they approve the draft ordinance dated 03-07-2026. On May 6, 2026, the Norwood Planning Commission also reviewed and expressed support for a draft ordinance for a related non-zoning ordinance, an ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 722,

ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS", TO THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADDRESS LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL BUSINESSES. No public hearing was held or needed, as this is not a zoning ordinance.

Mr. Geers opened the public hearing.

The hearing closed.

On the tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year ending December 31st, 2027 as prepared by the Budget Director and Auditor of the City on Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio. Proposed 2027 tax budget will be available for inspection at 4645 Montgomery Road from 8 – 5, Monday thru Friday.

Mr. Geers opened the public hearing.

Mr. Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue shared gratitude to City officials.

The hearing closed.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There are no special presentations.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Finance, Budget, Audit & Claims – 6/10/26

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

K) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Schneider shared many updates, starting with Montgomery Road and the updating of bus stops, while also adding additional signage to bus stops; attended the World Cup watch party at Factory 52; attended the Juneteenth events; and waiting to hear more about trees added to Montgomery Road. Mayor Schneider shared communication from the City Hall to residents regarding street closures that will be shared digitally. Mayor Schneider reminded residents to attend the Norwood 4th of July celebration at Shea Stadium. Mayor Schneider also shared Victory Park has received new benches. Mayor Schneider attended grand openings of businesses moving into Norwood.

Ken Miracle, City Auditor shared updates regarding the Tax Budget appearing on the agenda, the Tax Budget is due to Hamilton County by July 15, 2026. Mr. Miracle shared an update regarding Industrial Appraisal, the report will be shared at the end of the month. Lastly, Mr. Miracle shared an update on policies and is waiting to hear more from the State Auditor for further direction.

Keith Moore, Law Director, shared updates regarding short term rentals and the court of appeals.

L) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) 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 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. Provins, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to table this ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

Council members discussed reasoning as to why this ordinance is being tabled at this current moment.

M) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1705 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES, FORMERLY ENTITLED "BOARDING HOMES," TO ADDRESS RECOVERY HOUSING RESIDENCES AND MAKE OTHER UPDATES

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

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS PORTIONS OF PART 11 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" TO REPLACE GROUP HOMES PROVISIONS TO REFLECT CHANGES TO REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE LAW

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

2) ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1111.99, "OPEN SPACE" AND 1155.15, "FINAL PLAN APPROVAL" OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO IMPROVE THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS AND TO COMPLY

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

3) ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 11, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, RELATING TO SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LODGING BUSINESS

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

4) ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 722, ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS" TO NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADDRESS LICENSING AND REGISTRATION FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL BUSINESS

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to have the first reading. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

5) ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 920, ENTITLED "TRANSIT SYSTEM ACCESS POINTS," TO THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ENSURE SAFE AND EFFICIENT ACCESS

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

6) RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2027 TAX BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

7) A RESOLUTION DECLARING TO PROCEED TO A LEVY RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY TO CAUSE THE NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY LAW ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN EIGHT (8) MILL RENEWAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan voted, "yes," while other members voted, "no." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to pass the resolution. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan voted, "yes," while other members voted, "no." The motion passed.

8) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE FROM THE MATRIX COMPANIES, A CHARLES TAYLOR COMPANY, FUND 1001-0400-57240, FOR GROUP WORKER'S COMPENSATION TPA SERVICES FOR 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover provided updates, regarding Focus Cincinnati and Christ Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church will be having their cooling shelter again this year, during July 21 – September 5. Ms. Hoover also shared updates and upcoming conversations for street levies during the Streets, Housing, and Health Meeting on June 24, along with pedestrian bike safety and electronic bikes.

P) NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Willow Lopez, Hamilton County Auditor's Office

Re: Relief on Your Property Tax Bill Through New Ohio Law

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

Council Members shared the summary of the letter.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made Mr. Girton, seconded by Mr. Moore, 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