



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

July 28, 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 updating the date for the Engagement, Communication, & Outreach committee to June 2, 2026, updated exhibit for appropriations, adding the committee report of the Parks, Recreation, and Public Places Committee, and removing the Law and Ordinance Committee report.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- July 14, 2026

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1) Josh Shanklin

RE: Trout Lily Lease

Josh Shanklin, 4221 Ivanhoe Avenue, addressed council during the first reading of Ordinances regarding the Trout Lily Lease at 1810 Courtland Avenue, and expressed his gratitude to the City of Norwood. Mr. Shanklin provided additional information regarding Trout Lily.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) Engagement, Communication, & Outreach – June 2, 2026

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

- 2) Finance, Budget, Audit, & Claims – July 14, 2026

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

- 3) Parks, Recreation, Public Places – June 9, 2026

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, 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 for the City of Norwood. Mayor Schneider provided an update to his reasoning for increasing safety at bus stops and finding resources for people who are unhoused. Mayor Schneider shared information regarding a tax benefit for incoming development. Mayor Schneider provided an update regarding the recent storms, damages that occurred, and preparation needed for future storm safety. Lastly, Mayor Schneider shared his admiration for the new lighting on Norwood infrastructure.

Council Members followed up with Mayor Schneider for additional questions, specific to Norwood's response to the storms, infrastructure, and identifying steps forward for storm management.

Keith Moore, Law Director, reminded Council members of Sunshine Laws and replying all on council emails.

L) THIRD 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

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

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

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

On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to pass the ordinance. 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 BUSINESSES

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

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to pass the ordinance. 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 Mr. Provins, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to place this ordinance back into the Law and Ordinance committee to determine additional options. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

M) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There are no second reading of ordinances or resolutions.

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE RECREATION PASSENGER LIFT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan voted, "yes," other members voted, "no." The motion did not pass.

There were discussions amongst Council Members, with the request to bring the Safety-Service Director forward to answer additional questions. Mayor Schneider shared additional context regarding ADA compliance.

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

2) ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL REGARDING NORWOOD TAX INCENTIVES UNDER VARIOUS COMMERCIAL CRA AGREEMENTS, 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. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan voted, "yes," other members voted, "no." The motion passed.

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

3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH TROUT LILY dba TROUT LILY MONTESSORI SCHOOL FOR A PORTION OF THE DONALD E. PRUES COMMUNITY CENTER, 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. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Mr. Provins, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan voted, "yes," other members voted, "no.", "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.

4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A "Gem of the Highlands" CONTRACT UNDER THE STATE BID PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE

OF THREE (3) DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT VEHICLES, OUTFITTED WITH THE PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE NORWOOD POLICE DIVISION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, 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. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

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

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

6) A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 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 ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED

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

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, 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," other members voted, "no." The motion passed.

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

7) A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 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 ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AS AMENDED

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Moore, it was moved to table to time uncertain. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

8) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE FROM THE WATER FUND CAPITAL (5050-0853-57600) TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING INVOICE FOR SERVICES ALREADY RENDERED BY RACK & BALLAUER EXCAVATING, INC., 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. Franzen, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover shared updated regarding the composting space and identifying volunteers for the mini-recycling hub.

Mr. Moore shared an update regarding Reading and Weeding at the Micro Park.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Franzen shared she will be hosting a August and September session regarding street infrastructure.

Ms. Hoover shared the Norwood Police Department will be doing a bike safety course in the Paycor parking lot on August 8 from 10AM to 1PM. Ms. Hoover also shared updates for the Off Pike Dog Mayor of Norwood on August 15th on 4400 Floral. Ms. Hoover also shared gratitude to the Immanuel United Church of Christ to assist with clean up after the storm. Lastly, Ms. Hoover is collecting information through survey collection for residents who experienced storm damages.

President Geers also reminded residents to collect their yard clippings and bag them.

Ms. Sullivan shared an update regarding citizens concerns for the flock cameras and requested this be placed in the Law and Ordinance committee.

Ms. Bowling shared an update regarding the use of AI and requested this be placed in the Engagement, Communication, and Outreach Committee.

Mr. Provins shared an updated regarding an open session with residents and council members to have a time to workshop ideas and discuss current ideas.

Ms. Hoover shared an update regarding an open session with the next meeting being every first and third Mondays of each month at 6PM.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

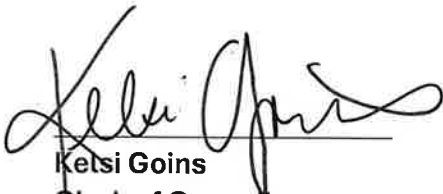
- 1) Michael Whidden, Hamilton County Economic Development Office – Norwood TIRC Final Report
On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.
- 2) Mayor Victor Schneider – Mayor’s Court Fines, June 2026
On a motion made by Girton, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Girton, 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