



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
February 8, 2022 | 7:30pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Eric Thompson presiding as President Pro-Tem. The meeting opened with an invocation by Pastor Josh Stoxen of Vineyard Central, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) INVOCATION

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Mrs. Franzen, Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Mr. Kelsch, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a presentation to immediately follow approval of the minutes, add January 2022 Mayor's Court Fines, and remove the ordinance regarding a CRA with Ten27.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) January 25, 2022

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting and the January 27, 2022 special meeting, as if read.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

2) January 27, 2022 (Special Meeting)

(approved under previous motion)

PRESENTATION

Donna Laake stated that she and a group of other individuals were asked to attend this Council meeting for the presentation of an award by Hamilton County. Mrs. Laake spoke about Mayor Schneider's idea to do backyard composting; she stated a grant was applied for and received from Hamilton County Environmental Services regarding composting. Mrs. Laake and Tom Perry submitted the grant; the grant was initially for the purchase of 50 backyard composting bins. Because of discounts and the tax exemption, they were able to purchase 74 composting bins. There were around 65 residents who attended classes on how to use the compost bins; three classes were scheduled and took place at Millcrest Park. Rene Dierker facilitated the classes. Norwood received an award for their innovative project; they will have to check-in and provide a report of who is still actively using the compost bins for two years. Mrs. Laake thanked everyone present for putting the program together: Rene Dierker, John Murphy, Tom Perry, and Sharon Stein. John Murphy spoke about the collaborative effort that took place with this project between multiple individuals and agencies. Rene Dierker thanked Mrs. Laake and Mr. Murphy for giving her the opportunity to engage with citizens in an educational format; Mrs. Dierker is a retired teacher and a master gardener with Ohio State University, and thanked everyone who attended the classes. Tom Perry also thanked Mrs. Laake and spoke about everything this team was able to accomplish. Sharon Stein stated there were a lot of people in the community who reached out about this project when it was first announced; she is happy to see people are participating and enjoying this project.

G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Cate Wetzel

Re: Gem of the Community Event

Ms. Wetzel, of 3811 Regent Avenue, addressed Council about the upcoming Gem of the Community Award Ceremony; this is taking place February 24, 2022, at 5:30pm, at The Ventura. Ms. Wetzel thanked everyone who has submitted nominations; the nominations are currently being reviewed. Anyone interested in attending the event is asked to register at www.NorwoodTogether.org.

Laura Sullivan and Alisha Loch Re: Awareness of a community event prior to Super Bowl

Ms. Sullivan, residing at 2538 Moundview Avenue, addressed Council regarding a grass-roots community event that is taking place the Saturday before the Super Bowl to show support for the Cincinnati Bengals. The event is called "Show Your Stripes on Who Dey Way," and will take place at 4pm by the Scooter Store on Montgomery Road and move along Wasson Way. Lieutenant Ron Murphy and Karen Murphy are the Grand Marshalls for the event. A pre-game gathering will take place at Cappy's beginning at 3pm; snacks will be provided by the Indian Mound Café and coffee provided by Red 5 Coffee. Following the event, everyone is invited to gather at Listermann's Trail House.

Bishop Sonny James Re: Community and Black History Month

Mr. James, residing at 1830 Hopkins Avenue, stated it was good to see Mr. Murphy at the meeting this evening; it's great to see "old Norwood" come together to greet "new Norwood." Mr. James stated that Norwood is making great strides; pop-up marches will take place in Norwood during Black History Month. Mr. James stated Norwood is changing for the better and he asked that we support each other and support Black History Month.

I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There were no reports of Standing Committees of Council.

J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY MEG ALBERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

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K) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there was an urgency or a need to have all three readings tonight; Mr. Thompson replied by stating this ordinance is making financial estimates reflect the exact amounts and is more of a bookkeeping matter.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY REGARDING A GRANT FOR, AND ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR, THE CREATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STOREFRONT FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance.

Mrs. Winterbauer asked about the requirement for improvements to be completed within two years; Mr. Moore replied by stating this will be an agreement that is made with the property owners. Mike Skelly, Community Development Director, stated the 2-year time frame is to make sure things get done; 6-12 months isn't enough time to complete some of these projects. Mr. Breadon asked about having one versus three readings at the meeting tonight and the timing of passing this ordinance; Mr. Skelly replied by stating there are no restrictions from Council having all three readings tonight.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH TEN27 GROUP LLC, REGARDING 4539 MONTGOMERY ROAD.

(ordinance was removed under amendment of agenda)

M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson announced two public hearings that will take place at the March 22, 2022 Council meeting at 7:30pm, in Council Chambers; one pertains to Factory 52 PUD and the other pertains to amending Central Business District of the Norwood Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Thompson requested that the Clerk of Council's office send a letter to community religious leaders as an invitation for them to sign up for the invocation for future meetings; he will prepare a letter for other members of Council to read and review prior to sending out to community religious leaders.

Mrs. Franzen stated the Norwood Recreation Department is hosting a "paint and sip" event on Friday, February 11th; there are still spots available. There are also still openings for an adult basketball league.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Jim Stith - Auditor

Re: Assistant Deputy Auditor Salary

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive and file the letter and approve the requested salary rate.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

2) Ohio Division of Liquor Control

Re: Shafer's Tavern Renewal Objection

On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter.

Mr. Breadon asked if this was about the liquor license transfer from Shafer's to Stonies; Mr. Moore replied by stating last year Council objected to the permit renewal and the hearing was pushed back. Stonies has not filed to renew the liquor permit for the current year; they currently do not have a liquor license for the current location. Mrs. Franzen asked if they can submit a late renewal; Mr. Moore replied by stating if the renewal is not filed, one is not granted. Mr. Moore stated every year Council has the opportunity to object to the renewal of liquor licenses within Norwood; several establishments have had their permits pulled as a result of these hearings. Liquor license transfers also come to Council; Council also has the opportunity to file an objection to those.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

3) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: January 2022 Mayor's Court Fines

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to receive and file the letter.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to excuse the absent member (Mr. Miracle).

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

R) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to adjourn.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Ken Miracle
President of Council