



**Norwood City Council**  
**Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall**  
**4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212**  
**February 22, 2022 | 7:30pm**

**A) CALL TO ORDER**

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Ken Miracle presiding. The meeting opened with a 60-second moment of reflection 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 Mr. Thompson, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add an ordinance regarding a Norwood water meter replacement and integration project, and amend Section 2 in the ordinance regarding the H2Ohio Drinking Water Grant to reflect the correct fund.

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

**F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**1) February 8, 2022**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive and file the minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting.

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

**G) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings.

**H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

**Fire Chief Tom McCabe                      Re: New Fire Equipment**

Chief McCabe congratulated the newly elected members of Council and thanked all members of Council for serving the community; he invited Council to stop by the Fire House for a tour. Chief McCabe thanked the administration and the previous Council for the new fire truck; it costs around \$650,000 and will serve the community for about 25 years and will be utilized to protect homes and provide EMS. This was a major purchase within the Financial Recovery Plan. Mr. Breadon mentioned the ladder truck that was also recently purchased; he congratulated the Norwood Fire Department and the citizens of Norwood on these purchases. Mr. Kelsch stated it was nice to see the new truck outside of City Hall. Mrs. Franzen stated she visited the Fire Department and appreciated the tour and the explanation of the needs of the department.

**Bishop Sonny James                      Re: Black History Month and Community**

Mr. James, residing at 1830 Hopkins Avenue, stated his heart goes out to those families who are still struggling and suffering with Covid-19. Mr. James praised Chief McCabe and his code of ethics; he takes the time to say hello. Mr. James stated he is excited to talk about Black History Month; this Sunday at 2pm will be the second annual Black History Month parade beginning at the Family Dollar on Montgomery Road. All citizens are invited to attend the parade; the only way to change how people see the past is to launch the future. Mr. James spoke about Norwood beginning to celebrate and support more African American led initiatives.

**I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**1) Economic Development: February 7, 2022**

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to accept the report.

Mr. Breadon noted that his first name is spelled incorrectly in the meeting minutes.

All members present voted, "Yes."

**2) Infrastructure: February 8, 2022**

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to accept the report.  
All members present voted, "Yes."

**3) Parks, Recreation, & Public Places: February 9, 2022**

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to accept the report.

Mr. Breadon asked about changes being made to the process of reading the committee reports; Mr. Moore replied by stating this happened two years ago with newly elected members of Council. The report is a summary of the meeting with any action items or recommendations from the committee and may include attached minutes from the meeting; Council then makes the motion to accept the committee report. Mr. Moore recommended that the report captures a summary of the meeting and then note that the minutes are attached. Mr. Kelsch stated the report should be a recap and a summary that is read in its entirety by the chairperson of the committee. Mr. Thompson stated this is probably an effort to be sure members are doing good meeting minutes and the report captures the summary. Mrs. Franzen thanked Mr. Breadon for his clarity and explanation.

All members present voted, "Yes."

**4) Law, Ordinance, & Human Resources: February 15, 2022**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to accept the report.

All members present voted, "Yes."

**J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

**K) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules and have the second and third readings of the ordinance.

Mr. Thompson asked for the Auditor, Mr. Stith, to provide comments on this ordinance. Mr. Stith stated that appropriations ordinances coming to Council should try to get passed with all three readings at one meeting. By not passing the ordinance at one meeting, the certificate of estimated resources is delayed; the certificate of estimated resources is the document that establishes the most that can be appropriated to all funds in the city. The certificate of estimated resources must be adjusted before any appropriations can change. Mr. Stith explained the budget timeline for the fiscal year and budget projections. Mr. Stith explained several of the changes in appropriations; earnings tax has decreased because of employees working from home, and the permissive tax dropped, which is a street fund used for matching grants for larger street projects.

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

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

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 Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have the second and third readings of the ordinance.

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

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

All members present voted, "Yes."

**L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

Mr. Moore asked for Mike Skelly, Community Development Director, to speak about the timing of this ordinance. Mr. Skelly recommends Council having all three readings for the two Community Reinvestment Area Agreement ordinances appearing on the agenda.

Mrs. Winterbauer agreed to amend her original motion for one reading, and Ms. Royse agreed to amend her second to the original motion, to now suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance.

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

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

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

- 2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWOOD CIDER CO., LLC, AND DKRJ HOLDINGS LLC, REGARDING 2075 MILLS AVENUE.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, 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 by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

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

- 3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AN H2OHIO DRINKING WATER GRANT FROM THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NOT TO EXCEED \$348,000.00 TO REPLACE CONSUMER-SIDE LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES ALONG THE REGENT AVENUE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (as amended).

Ms. Royse noted a typo appearing in Section 1; the dollar amount appears as "\$348,00.00" in two places within the text of the ordinance.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the dollar amount appearing as "\$348,00.00" in the Whereas section and in Section 1 to now reflect "\$348,000.00."

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

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance, as amended.

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

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

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

- 4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE VARELMAN AVENUE, VARELMAN COURT, AND ARKLOW COURT STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (as amended).

Mr. Miracle stated Section 2 requires a correction to the fund; it should reflect fund 2002-5200-57600.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the revised fund number in Section 2 as 2002-5200-57600 and to also correct the typo appearing with the dollar amount in the Whereas to reflect "\$340,000.00."

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

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance, as amended.

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

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

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

- 5) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NEPTUNE EQUIPMENT COMPANY AS LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR THE "NORWOOD WATER METER REPLACEMENT AND INTEGRATION PROJECT", INCLUDING REMOTE READ AND DATA COLLECTION SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Breadon, 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 by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

Mr. Thompson stated this is possible because of funds from the American Recovery Act; he encourages residents to look up whether or not their current Congressperson voted for this. Mr.

Breadon stated homeowners noticed water bills increased the last time meters were replaced. Mrs. Hoover asked Clint Zimmerman, Superintendent of Public Works, about the meters; Mr. Zimmerman stated as water meters age, the readings become less accurate. The water bills will reflect accurate meter readings and accurate water usage, and not an increase in water rates; there is a 28% non-revenue water loss due to inaccurate meters and not doing preventative maintenance.

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

#### **M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Mayor Schneider spoke about the process for requesting ordinances; staff is supposed to fill out a form for the Law Department when requesting an ordinance. This form contains a summary of why an ordinance was requested; this is where the requestor can add a note about the timeliness or urgency to pass an ordinance. Mayor Schneider displayed the award that was presented to the city for composting; he thanked Rene Dierker and Donna Laake for their assistance with this project. Mayor Schneider stated he does not consider Norwood to be plagued by senseless violence, but there are a lot of challenges that our neighbors are facing, which does have an impact on Norwood and the metropolitan area.

Mayor Schneider discussed several items pertaining to the Recreation Department; membership is trending positively. The Recreation Department has friendly staff members and the community is taking pride and ownership in the Community Center building. Parks continue to be used during the winter months; Public Works is still cleaning and working in the parks. There are still some miscellaneous challenges in the parks that require fixing; anyone encountering issues in the parks can call Public Works to see that it is cleaned up and gets fixed. The 25 year old pool liner at Water Works is being replaced; the indoor pool at the Recreation Center is currently being utilized but the outdoor pool at the Recreation Center is not yet slated to open.

Mayor Schneider was happy to see all three readings for the water meter replacement program; the city constantly receives complaints about the water system, billing, and usage. Water lines are being replaced on Regent Avenue; the \$348,000.00 grant for this came through Mr. Zimmerman's office. Mr. Zimmerman has been working closely with the EPA on the water system. Mrs. Franzen added that the water meters are being replaced for all single-family homes; water lines greater than 1" will fall upon the home-owner to replace, which are mostly businesses and apartment buildings. The street program will see Varelman Avenue, Varelman Court, and Arklow Court resurfaced; potholes are being filled and residents are encouraged to call Public Works with potholes needing to be filled. The Elm Avenue Sewer Project is still moving forward. Mayor Schneider is hoping to bring the topic of Montgomery Road improvements to the Streets & Infrastructure Committee in the near future.

Mayor Schneider spoke about the various rental venues available in Norwood. Residents may contact the Recreation Department to rent facilities in the parks, at the Recreation Center, and at the Community Center. The Ventura Event Center is available to rent as well; many churches also rent space for parties and gatherings. Mayor Schneider stated he was privileged to be asked to attend and speak at the Who Dey Rally on Wasson Way and also to attend the Gems of the Community Awards.

#### **N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **O) NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Hoover announced a Housing Committee meeting at 7pm on March 3, 2022, in Council Chambers.

Mr. Thompson announced a Finance Committee meeting at 6:30pm on March 1, 2022, in Council Chambers.

Mr. Breadon commented on the amount of work and renovations going on in the city; it is due to the administration and the hard work of Mr. Powers and others. Mr. Breadon attended an event at the new Recreation Center (former YMCA) and stated the "facilities are absolutely gorgeous." Mr. Breadon also stated he is in a basketball league that plays at the Recreation Center (but wouldn't share the results of the game when his team played against the Norwood Fire Department's team).

Mrs. Franzen announced a workshop regarding native plants and green infrastructure that is taking place at the Norwood Recreation Center at 6:30pm on March 3, 2022.

Mr. Miracle announced a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:30pm on March 8, 2022, in Council Chambers to discuss the report on accounting methods.

#### **P) COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **1) Noah Powers, Safety-Service Director                      Re: Water Rates**

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

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

**2) Division of Liquor Control**

**Re: New License for La Economica, LLC**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter and waive the request for a hearing.

Mrs. Hoover stated she visited this business and it is “a lovely place.” They have fresh produce, a deli, and lots of specific ethnic food; the store is bright and very welcoming.

All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

**Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

There were no absent members.

**R) ADJOURNMENT**

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

All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.



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**Joseph S. Geers**  
**Clerk of Council**



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**Ken Miracle**  
**President of Council**