



NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL
Norwood Community Center
1810 Courtland Ave- Bottom Floor
Norwood, OH 45212
February 23, 2021
7:30 p.m.

A) CALL TO ORDER

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Ken Miracle Presiding as President. The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

D) ROLL CALL

All members present.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

The President noted changes to the agenda as follows: Minutes for the December 8, 2020 and the December 22, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes need to be removed from the agenda and a letter from the Auditor is to be added to Communications as item P5. On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to amend the agenda as proposed by the President. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 26, 2021 minutes - On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to approve minutes. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Pastor Sonny James who lives at 1830 Hopkins Avenue addressed the council. He encouraged everyone to attend on 2/27/21 3 pm at Victory Park for the second Black History parade on behalf of Elevations Enrichment. He advised that people can go to www.elevationsenrichment.com to get a list of all of the Black History Month activities. He understands that people are busy but believes that not responding to emails it sends the wrong message. He gave information about other things available on the website.

I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Parks, Recreation, Public Spaces committee – 2/17/21: Mr. Kelsch gave the report. The committee heard from Norwood Together regarding the parks cleanup even to be held in March. They heard from other groups about parks projects and plans. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Economic Development committee meeting – 2/17/21: They heard from people about the use of CRA's and approved uses. They heard from Joseph Automobile Group about their proposed development. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

None

K) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

None

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L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE REAUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH REGENT REALTY, LLC, FOR SCHOOLHOUSE OUTFITTERS, LLC, AS ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED IN ORDINANCE NO. 35-2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Dinardo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to have the first reading. Mr. Geraci asked if there was a change to the easement. The Mayor noted that the original easement wasn't recorded right and it needs to be re recorded. There is no change to the easement itself. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

- 2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OR MAYOR TO BYPASS THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND ENTER A "SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE AGREEMENT" WITH PEEL 9, INC. TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT FOR A RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ANALYTICS SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Bonsall noted that Chief Kramer was at the meeting to answer any questions. The Chief spoke and advised that there was a software change needed due to the fact that one developer is out of business. There are two options in town and the prices are comparable but the Peel 9 system was referred to the city as a better program. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

- 3) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MONTGOMERY ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to have the first reading of the resolution. Mary C. Miller the President of Norwood Together was asked to give information by Mr. Gabbard. Norwood Together is asking the city to accept the plan as a guide for development. It has suggestions on what the people would like to see from the city. She noted that the project started from a grant the city received last year. Kathy Fitzgerald from HCDC spoke next. There are a number of plans for the Montgomery Road corridor already underway. Mary noted that several members of the steering committee are available for questions. Mr. Johns advised as to other suggested changes to the corridor. Mr. DiNardo thinks that multiple readings would help to keep communication open about what is ultimately adopted for this plan. Mr. Breadon asked if the first reading could be in entirety. Mr. DiNardo agreed. He amended his motion and Mr. Thompson amended his second. Mr. Bonsall finds this plan to be the most exciting thing to come from his time on council. He noted that other grants can be applied for so that similar studies can be done on other corridors in the city.

Mr. Geraci noted that he thinks that the money could be used for other things like street maintenance. He also believes that council should concentrate on other areas of the city also. Mr. DiNardo asked Mr. Johns to discuss why the focus was on South Norwood. Mr. Johns noted that this plan is the beginning of something that can expand to other parts of Norwood. Mr. Gabbard noted that this is just a blue print and no money has been expended or is scheduled to be expended. This is a set of ideas with research that has been done. What is actually be done will be decided later. Mr. Breadon noted that the plan came from a citizen led project and grant. Mr. Bonsall said he thinks that all of Norwood benefits from these citizen lead projects.

Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

The Mayor gave his report. He noted that the vaccination clinics are going well. More than 3,300 shots have been given out. Vaccinations are also being given out at the Board of Elections. He commended Brian Williamson for all his hard word. The Board of Health is looking at how they will be doing future vaccination clinics.

A pre meeting was had last week regarding the recreation department and discussion about the use of the former YMCA building. A group is being put together to work on those plans.

The water department is being moved to a larger office. Norwood 311 operators have begun working. The continue the surplus auction and have been able to clear out a lot of items from city hall. The items are on HamiltonCountyAuctions.com.

The first meeting of the Arts Board happened recently and it was a good meeting with interesting ideas about the board activities. They are interested in other forms of art also.

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With the recent storms the city went through a large amount of salt.

The city received some drawings for moving a retention basin to help resolve the Elm Avenue issue. The new quotes are lower and the matter is still a work in progress.

The Mayor noted he has been attending many essential meetings but little to no non-essential meetings due to Covid.

The Mayor noted that the Elevations website is a great website with some excellent activities.

The city is filling potholes but with the weather some potholes are getting worse. He encouraged people use that the see click fix app to help get the holes fixed.

He noted that the fire department will give mutual aid when necessary and gave the numbers for January.

Mr. Breadon noted that the architecture of city hall is very cool and encourages people to check it out. He asked the Mayor about the pool opening this summer and if there was a Recreation Director. There is a task force meeting this Saturday to discuss which pool will open. He has some good resumes for the director position and hopes to also have a program manager.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there was a timeline on updates for the Elm Avenue project. The Mayor noted that he hoped to review the options and plans with him and some residents soon. There may be some easements involved. He hopes that in the month of March that will be finalized and information available to be shared.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DiNardo asked the Assistant Law Director about a comment made by the lawyer for the Joseph Group about how there were "ok's" about the proposed use of the property given when the property was purchased. Mr. DiNardo asked if there may be some kind of liability on the part of the city. The Assistant Law Director noted that there appears that some research was done at the time of the purchase but there was an ordinance forbidding the use of the property for automobiles in that search. He could not comment on what a court may say but that generally under Ohio law, a city or entity is generally given leeway when it comes to the zoning law. He thinks that the present tilts toward the city but that fairness may tilt toward Joseph Auto. Mr. DiNardo asked if executive session can be used to discuss any pending litigation and the Assistant Law Director said yes but since there is no pending litigation yet, they can't.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

Safety Service Director- John Murphy

Re: Letter to Council

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Both men thanked the Safety Service Director. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

City Auditor

Re: January Monthly Financial Report Letter

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Schneider

Re: Mayor's Court Fines

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Schneider

Re: Norwood Arts Board- 1 year appointment

On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

City Auditor

Re: New Deputy Auditor

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the letter and accept the starting rate. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

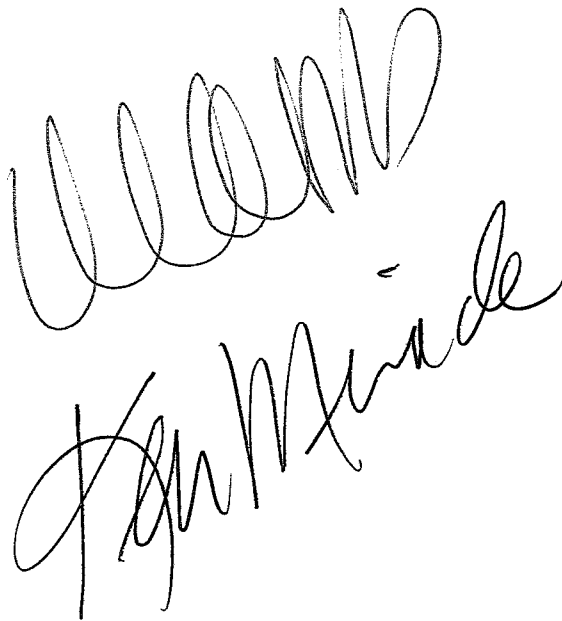
Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

None

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R) ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to adjourn. Roll was called. All members present voted yes except Mr. Geraci who voted no. Motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom DiNardo". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, sweeping letters.