



**NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL**  
**Norwood Community Center**  
**1810 Courtland Ave- Bottom Floor**  
**Norwood, OH 45212**  
**April 13, 2021, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**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**

Roll called. All members present.

**E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

The President noted changes to the agenda as follows: Adding a new exhibit to Ordinance L3 and removing Ordinance L5. The Law Director noted that the bond attorney requested that L5 be taken off because the fee structure needed to be reworked. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the agenda as stated. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

**F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

March 23, 2021 minutes - On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive and file the minutes as read. Roll was called. All members present voted yes.

**G) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Chief William Kramer presents Robert Town with Lifesaving Award – Chief Kramer spoke and advised that Mr. Town is getting two medals due to his actions on January 13, 2021 and on March 6, 2021. He saved lives on both of those dates. These are his second and third lifesaving awards and the Chief is unaware of anyone else who has received as many of these awards.

Pastor Sonny James of 1830 Hopkins Avenue addressed the council next. He wants to see more people of color involved and notes that the community still has a long way to go. He suggested providing more acknowledgment of residents who accomplish good things. He believes that some things from the Administration don't look right. He notes that everyone has equal right to be recognized and celebrated and if that isn't done then the council should ask themselves why not.

Greg Wiles spoke next. He lives at 3920 Lindley Avenue. He came to speak about the home that is next to him at 3924 Lindley. The home is being used as a Sober House. The previous landlord used the home for student housing and he was very responsive. There are men staying in the home of all ages, and it is a constant rotation of individuals. They are loud and are outside smoking a lot. There are always at least 8-10 men and he was told that there is enough room for 14 men there. It is a safety concern for him and his neighbors. There was a large ruckus last Thursday and then last Saturday an individual was having a psychotic episode in the backyard. He called the police. There is not always supervision in the home. He has notified the building department who is working on it. He thought it would be beneficial to advise the council in person.

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

Housing, Health & Public Safety- April 6, 2021 – Mr. Geraci gave the report. There was to be a discussion regarding the Chronic Task Force but none of the people they invited appeared. On motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

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

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. Kelsch, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did the three readings. On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF 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 OF AN EIGHT (8) MILL RENEWAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to have the second reading of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Mr. DiNardo noted that this is no longer needed by May. The Clerk did all second reading.

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

- 1) ORDINANCE ADJUSTING CERTAIN SALARY RANGES AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 24-2020, 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. Thompson asked the Mayor what salary ranges are being adjusted. The Mayor noted that there are several positions that require a change in order to bring in new employees such as the Recreation Director. There is money available to get projects done but these positions need to be filled to get the jobs done. Managers are also given discretion to start people at 10% higher than the lowest rate. He would request that council does all three readings. Two of the new positions are not yet funded in the budget but they may be able to take the place of roles currently funded. Mr. Thompson amended his motion to have all three readings. Mr. Breadon amended his second. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

- 2) ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE "CITY WIDE STREET SALE" MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, AND ABATING ALL PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. Bonsall noted that this is an ordinance that is done twice a year for the city wide street sales. Once this is passed then people can get a permit but not have to pay for it. Mr. Gabbard noted that residents still must have a permit. He also noted that the fall sale is normally the week after Labor Day. Mr. Bonsall asked that the Administration send out a press release and notice on Facebook. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

- 3) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

- 4) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COOPERATION WITH THE PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF PORT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING OF

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THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 600 (CORNERSTONE AT NORWOOD PROJECT); AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, A SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED SERVICE AGREEMENT, AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT SUCH REFUNDING; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Bonsall asked if Pat Woodside and/or Andy Brussard speak about the ordinance and answer any questions. Mr. Brussard spoke to council. He noted that there are current TIFFs at Cornerstone that are due for refinance and it would be at a lower rate. The goal is to lower the interest to be paid and make the programs more viable in the long term. Mr. Breadon asked if there were any time sensitive issues requiring more readings. Mr. Brussard said there was not. Mr. Woodside said they may be back at the next meeting to discuss the TIFFs at Linden Point. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did the first reading.

5) Removed

6) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORWOOD TO ENTER INTO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS WITH PLAYING CARD PARTNERS, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A RELATED SCHOOL COMPENSATION WITH THE NORWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Brussard noted that this ordinance refers to the CRA exemption for the PLK project. It is split into 5 components on different timelines. The developer submitted an application for all 5 components. If approved, the agreement will be entered into between the city and the development for the work in the application. If the work is done correctly, then the developer will get a tax exemption for the 5 components. The School Board must review and approve the school compensation agreement first and then council can approve the entirety of the agreement. Mr. Woodside went over the compensation related. The CRA exemption is for 15 years but the TIFF will be implemented for 30 years. The school compensation must cover all 30 years. This is why the ordinance can't be passed today. Mr. Bonsall asked if the payment of the clock tower is still included in the compensation. Mr. Brussard noted that the TIFF money won't go into the clock tower unless people have access to the clock tower. Mr. Bonsall asked if the school board was on board with TIFF money being used to make the clock tower available for public access. Mr. Geraci disagrees and believes that since the clock tower is a part of city infrastructure that the city should take part of taking care of it. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did the first reading.

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

The stated that the city is making good progress on street repair. The street sweeper is out running and typically runs the day after garbage is picked up. See, Click, Fix is active and it is helpful for public works. The Norwood Bridge sign had work done on it but it needs additional work. The city got a grant for a charging station and it will be put in by the high school. Repairs are to be done on Montgomery Road soon. There is a shortage on street paint so he hopes to get it done soon but there may be a wait. Clean ups were done on Montgomery Road and in the parks but some routine work will be need because trash appears to come back. The Mayor and a few council members attended the opening day for Knothole. A member of the Gabbard family got a scholarship through Knothole. The new Recreation Director has started and is working with the Recreation Task Force. He noted that the city will not be taking care of the streets in Factor 52, but will be handling maintenance of the water lines in the development. The parks are getting busy and reservations are needed to reserve a park shelter. You can call 531 9798 for that. The Health Department is still giving vaccines, even on a walk in basis. You can call for an appointment also at 458 4515. He noted several local Norwood restaurants that are all open and operating. He suggested residents hit the local spots. Mr. Kelsch asked for an update on the Elm Avenue project. The Mayor noted that it is still being worked on. Mr. Geraci asked about Norwood signs being upgraded. The Mayor noted that council just approved funds to do that.

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

Nuisance Appeals Board discussion – Mr. Kelsch had requested that this issue be put on the agenda but requested that it be tabled since there was just a committee meeting discussing it and there was more discussion to be had. There was some discussion on how to select the Task Force members.

Mr. Geraci reviewed the Fire Department stats and does not see the mutual aid runs on the report. The Mayor noted that he had verbally given Mr. Geraci the information before.

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**O) NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bonsall referred to the housing committee the issue of residential parking or residential permit parking for certain areas of the city.

Mr. Geraci asked about returning to council chambers starting the May meeting. Mr. Bonsall wasn't sure why there was a rush. On Motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to change the location of council meetings back to council chambers. Mr. Thompson believes that council should wait until there is more direction from the Health Department on the issue. Roll was called. Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Gabbard, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Breadon voted no. Mr. Geraci, Mr. Kelsch and Mr. DiNardo voted yes. Motion failed.

Mr. Gabbard asked the Mayor if a monthly report could be done to advise the council of new businesses coming into the community as many residents bring it up to council members. It would help council to encourage new business.

The President of Council placed into the Law and Ordinance committee the review of the council rules the delivery of the council packages by email. Mr. Geraci requested that the President and Clerk appear at that meeting.

**P) COMMUNICATIONS**

Ohio Division of Liquor Control      Re: A&R ROOKWOOD LLC

The Clerk read the communication. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive and file the communication and to respond that no hearing is needed. Roll was called. All members present voted yes.

Ohio Division of Liquor Control      Re: GB LICENSE LLC

The Clerk read the communication. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the communication and to respond that no hearing is needed. Roll was called. All members present voted yes.

Mayor Victor Schneider              Re: Mayor's Court Fines

The Clerk read the communication. On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the communication. Roll was called. All members present voted yes.

Norwood Planning Commission      Re: 2692 Madison Ave. request for map amendment/zone change

The Clerk read the communication. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to receive and file both communications from the planning commission and to schedule both public hearings for 5/25 council meeting. Roll was called. All members present voted yes.

Norwood Planning Commission      Re: 2699 Edmondson Road request for map amendment/zone change

**Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S**

All members present.

**R) ADJOURNMENT**

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