



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
January 23, 2024 | 7:30pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Joseph S. 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. Royse, Mrs. Bowling, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Girton, 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: removal of the January 9, 2024 meeting minutes, addition of the Parks Committee report under Reports of Standing Committees, and removal of the ordinance regarding terminating the Paycor agreement.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) January 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting

(removed during amendment of the agenda)

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Chief Sumner Re: Police Officer Life Saving Awards

Chief Sumner read the detailed accounts of why each of the Norwood Police Officers were being acknowledged. Chief Sumner presented Life Saving Award to the following Police Officers: Michael Castanias, Jimmy Strunk, Wesley Miller, and Ryan Goodwin. Upon the distribution of the awards, all received a round of applause by those in Council Chambers.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Cate Wetzel Re: Gem of the Community Award

Ms. Wetzel addressed Council regarding the annual Gem of the Community Award, for which nominations are open. The event will be held on February 29, 2024 at 5:30pm. Nominations can be made at norwoodtogether.com.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Infrastructure and Parks Committee: January 8, 2024

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

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024, FOR FUND 2053, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved hear the first reading of the ordinance. Mrs. Winterbauer asked what the protocol would be about going back to this item if Mrs. Hoover arrives to the meeting late. Mr. Moore, Law Director, recommended amending the agenda to move this item farther down or tabling the matter for a later meeting.

Mrs. Winterbauer amended her motion, seconded by Ms. Bowling, to now table the ordinance until the arrival of Mrs. Hoover at the meeting tonight. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

(the ordinance was untabled and placed back on the agenda, following Council returning from Executive Session; that motion is noted below at the time it took place during the meeting)

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, 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 Ms. Royse, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

Ms. Royse explained this was important to wait for Mrs. Hoover to arrive because it concerns money to be spent on local businesses. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 2) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 561 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS" TO EXPAND AND CLARIFY ALCOHOL PERMITS, AND TO PRESERVE VICTORY PARK'S STATUS, AS AMENDED.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to hear the first reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A TERMINATION AGREEMENT WITH PAYCOR, INC. AND RELEASE OF PAYCOR, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(removed during amendment of the agenda)

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated Hamilton County Commissioner Reece recommended improvements be made to the Elm Avenue storm drainage at a recent Commission meeting.

Mayor Schneider stated that he attended the Norwood Chamber of Commerce meeting and gave a State of the City address. Mayor Schneider will be giving an abbreviated version of the address at Norwood Together on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the Community Center at 7pm.

Mayor Schneider stated that Grace and Truth Baptist Church, established 234 years ago, recently completed successful renovations to the building they now occupy in Norwood.

Mayor Schneider stated that the Public Design Workshop is holding its national convention in Cincinnati from February 21-22, 2024. Norwood was chosen as a project to look at local pedestrian systems and opportunities for improvement. The Mayor encouraged Council and community members to give their input at the convention.

Mr. Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, gave credit to Alicia Loch for likely influencing the Public Design Workshop choosing Norwood as one of their projects.

Mr. Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that the Finance Committee met earlier that day. They spoke about the report on accounting methods, the new Auditor's website, and various Auditor's forms that will be added to the website.

Mr. Moore, Norwood Law Director, had no reports.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Royse stated that New Vision Baptist Church's food pantry was very well run when she visited over MLK weekend.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Breadon asked if it was necessary to wait until Mrs. Hoover arrives to address the tabled ordinance. It was decided it would be ideal to do at this meeting, if possible, but not necessary.

Mrs. Winterbauer welcomed a "new Norwood resident" and announced that Mrs. Franzen was doing well after having her newborn son.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director

Re: Request for Executive Session

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the letter from Mr. Moore, Norwood Law Director, and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Council entered Executive Session.

Council returned from Executive Session.

Mr. Geers acknowledged Mrs. Hoover's arrival to Council Chambers.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to untable the appropriations ordinance and to place it on the agenda for consideration at this time. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed. *(all action pertaining to the passage of the ordinance are noted as such under the ordinance)*

Mr. Breadon stated at the risk of being called out of order, that he would like to commend the officers awarded earlier in the meeting; the citizens of Norwood appreciate all that the Norwood Police Officers continue to do for them.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to excuse the absent member (Mrs. Franzen). All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.



Natalie Assaf
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council