



Council Chambers

June 11, 2019 ~ 7:30pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mrs. Donna Laake presiding. The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Clark, Ms. Stevenson, Mrs. Hanrahan, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Breadon; Mr. Thompson was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add an ordinance regarding prohibited parking places, add a resolution regarding the 2020 Tax Budget, add a communication regarding Mayor's Court fines, and move Mr. Stith's letter to be read prior to consideration of the appropriations ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting, as if read. All members present voted, "Yes."

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting, as if read. Ms. Stevenson stated she would abstain from voting, since she did not attend this meeting. Ms. Stevenson and Mr. Breadon abstained; all other members present voted, "Yes."

G) PUBLIC HEARING: 2020 TAX BUDGET

Mrs. Laake stated copies of the 2020 Tax Budget have been available for the public to review for several weeks; she then invited Mr. Stith to speak on the proposed Tax Budget for 2020. Mr. Stith stated the 2020 Tax Budget must be passed and approved by Council and then sent to the Hamilton County Auditor by the end of July. The Tax Budget explains the city's plans to utilize property taxes with the county and other funding with the state. Mr. Stith confirmed the numbers for 2019 and 2020 match the Fiscal Emergency Plan. Mr. Stith summarized several pages within the budget; a copy of the 2020 Tax Budget is available in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mrs. Laake declared the Public Hearing open and asked for those who wished to speak in favor of the 2020 Tax Budget to come forward; no one stepped forward to speak.

Mrs. Laake asked for those who wished to speak in opposition of the 2020 Tax Budget to come forward; no one stepped forward to speak.

Mrs. Laake asked if Council had any questions on the 2020 Tax Budget. Mrs. Hanrahan asked about the increase in leisure time activities and capital outlay within the Tax Budget; Mr. Stith replied by stating the Recreation Department used to come out of Fund 20, and now comes out of the General Fund as a department. With regard to the capital outlay, Mr. Stith stated this is a new key that the state wants broken out and includes the purchase of items under contract and contains other assets or projects that depreciate over time. Mrs. Hanrahan asked about the Miscellaneous Special Assessment on page three; Mr. Stith replied by stating part of this may represent revenue from the Workers Compensation plan, while other sources are large refunds and the SAFER Grant.

Mrs. Laake declared the Public Hearing closed.

H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to address Council on agenda items.

I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There were no reports of standing committees of Council.

J) SECOND/THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

There were no second or third readings of ordinances.

K) SECOND/THIRD READING OF RESOLUTIONS

There were no second or third readings of resolutions.

L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes."

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes."

2) ORDINANCE AMENDING NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE §351.03 — PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING PLACES.

Ms. Stevenson stated she requested this ordinance after hearing from several residents who received conflicting information about the parking distance from a driveway; this ordinance was drawn up to provide consistency, aid, and safety.

On a motion by Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the ordinance, with the first reading in its entirety.

Mrs. Hanrahan asked a question regarding the distance vehicles may park away from a corner and expressed concern about Xavier University students who park their vehicles right at the corner. Mr. Moore stated there are various requirements contained within the subsection of Norwood's codified ordinances. Ms. Stevenson shared the requirements for parking near fire hydrants, corners, crosswalks, and stop signs; Chief Kramer encourages everyone to call the non-emergency number to report any observed parking violations.

Mr. Bonsall stated his willingness to hear two readings tonight to allow the public to voice their concerns, and requests Ms. Stevenson amend her motion. Mr. Moore stated the recodification carried in newer state code, which inadvertently removed the previous code that had been in existence in Norwood for around ten years; this ordinance will revert back to the law that existed in Norwood prior to recodification. Ms. Stevenson declined the request to amend her motion; the intent of this ordinance is to place back on the books, a law that was already there.

Mr. Sanker voted, "No," while all other members present voted, "Yes." With only five votes in favor, the motion to suspend the rules fails.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to hear the first and second readings of the ordinance, with the first reading in its entirety. All members present voted, "Yes."

INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

1) RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2020 TAX BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes."

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to pass the resolution.

Mr. Bonsall stated the 2020 Tax Budget reflects the Financial Recovery Plan that has already been passed by Council. There is one more General Fund bond outstanding; by the end of 2021, there will be no more bonds to pay out of the General Fund.

All members present voted, "Yes."

M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

N) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Lora Chaffin

Re: Trouble in my area (Maple & Ridgeway Avenues)

Ms. Chaffin, of Ridgeway Avenue, addressed Council regarding neighborhood concerns; she has lived in her house for 23 years. Ms. Chaffin mentioned a family who moved into the neighborhood 5-6 years ago; in the past year the police have been called at least five times a week, sometimes several times a day. The landlord is evicting this family, but they are moving in with another relative down the street. Ms. Chaffin spoke of others in the neighborhood who have been threatened with gun violence when confronting these individuals; she is reaching out to Council because her and other neighbors do not know what else to do. Ms. Chaffin thanked the Norwood Police for patrolling the neighborhood and addressing these issues.

Mrs. Hanrahan stated there are some things that can be done with this situation; she asked Ms. Chaffin for her contact information so that she and others on Council can look into the matter further. Mr. Breadon encouraged Ms. Chaffin to continue calling the police if issues are still taking place; Ms. Chaffin stated the police have already been called due to screaming, violence, and threats. This is taking place along the 1800 block of Maple Avenue.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall followed-up on the residents' concerns on Maple and Ridgeway Avenues, and noted that he has reached out to the Norwood Police about this matter and they are patrolling extra in the area.

Mrs. Laake announced she attended a recent Energy Special Improvement District (ESID) meeting. A representative with Encore was present to explain the investment, improvement, and cost savings to their building. At the meeting, Encore stated they are committed to staying in Norwood; Mrs. Laake expressed Council's appreciation of their commitment to Norwood.

Mrs. Laake announced a Committee of the Whole meeting to take place July 9, 2019, at 6:30pm in Council Chambers, to discuss Mr. Stith's letter regarding the invoices for the feeding program from summer of 2018.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Breadon stated he has been meeting with residents on and around Warren Avenue for about six weeks regarding a nuisance property; the residents are happy over recent arrests and other violations that have shut down this nuisance house in the neighborhood. Mr. Breadon requests that a letter is sent to Chief Kramer and the Norwood Police Department for their efforts in shutting down this house and making the area safer; the actions of Chief Kramer are appreciated by Mr. Breadon and the residents he represents in the 4th Ward. Mrs. Hanrahan congratulated Mr. Breadon on his success with this matter.

Mrs. Hanrahan announced a Housing, Health, and Safety Committee meeting that will take place on June 17, 2019, at 6:30pm in Council Chambers; the final agenda will be forthcoming, but it currently contains the topic of Building Department fees.

Ms. Stevenson announced the next Ward 1 Community Council meeting will take place on June 27, 2019, at 6:30pm and the topic is development opportunities. The meeting will take place at the Gold Star Chili in University Station; everyone is welcome to attend and have dinner together at Gold Star, followed by a walk to Graeter's for ice cream.

Mr. Bonsall announced a Wasson Way Father's Day event taking place near Floral Avenue and the Elsmere pocket Park on June 16, 2019, from 11am – 2pm; there will be a mini-parade beginning at the community garden.

Mr. Breadon stated he attended the Memorial Day celebration at Victory Park; this event brought back memories of when he would visit Victory Park as a child.

Mr. Bonsall announced the monthly Off-Pike Market that will take place on Mills Avenue on June 15, 2019, from 10am – 2pm; there will be vendors and live music at the market, as well as two story-times for kids. Mr. Bonsall stated the Norwood Branch Librarian picked out some great books for story-time; Mr. Bonsall expressed his appreciation of the work they do at the Norwood Library.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) **Jim Stith, Auditor** **Re: Appropriation changes for the Central Parke TIF School Fund** *(letter was read prior to the consideration of the appropriations ordinance)*

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All members present voted, "Yes."

1) **Mayor Thomas F. Williams** **Re: Mayor's Court Fines – May 2019**

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

Mr. Bonsall stated the court fines are up slightly; the Norwood Police are making a conscientious effort to monitor speeding, which is greatly appreciated.

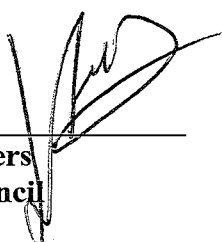
All members present voted, "Yes."

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

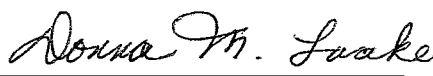
On a motion by Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to excuse Mr. Thompson's absence. All members present voted, "Yes."

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, "Yes."



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council