

NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL
Norwood Community Center
August 11, 2020
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

On the roll call, the following members answered present: Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Gabbard, Mr. Geraci, Mr. Kelsch, Mr. DiNardo, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Breadon. All council members were present.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

None

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from June 9, 2020. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the minutes as read. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Aftab Pureval, The Hamilton County Clerk of Courts spoke to provide an update on court functions during the pandemic. Courthouse is open. Some matters had been suspended per government mandates. He suggests that you reach out to the judge if you have a hearing to see if the hearing is now electronic. All people must wear a mask in the courthouse unless you have a doctor's note. Touchless temperature is taken. They instituted a hero bonus due to covid risks for their employees dealing with public. He provided information on evictions; the hearings were suspended in march but the ban was lifted in beginning of June. Evictions could still filed in the mean time it would just pend until the hearings were restarted. Court is working through pending evictions. Hearings are held in justice center since the rooms are bigger. Only 25 cases per docket being heard to allow for social distancing. The eviction rate in Hamilton county is now climbing. Cmha is not pursuing evictions until September. Emergency rental assistance is available in Hamilton county. He has set up a workshop to help both landlords and tenants to apply for funds. You can find information at Cincyhelpcenter.org.
- 2) Pastor Sonny James who lives at 1830 hopkins avenue spoke next. He addressed economic development committee meeting. He wants to make sure that economic inclusion is included in economic development. Wants terms like inclusion to not be shied away from. Makes people feel good to hear.

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Gabbard gave the report. Murals were referred. Committee met and heard from citizens both for and against murals. They reviewed and amended draft ordinances then submitted them to the law department. The Clerk read the letter from the Mayor regarding appointments to the review council. On motion by Mr. Bonsall seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION

None

J) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

None

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K) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

- 1. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY- SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, 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. Mr. DiNardo asked if Service Safety Director (SSD) could address council on the ordinance. The SSD advised that this ordinance allows the city to participate in the program. Program will allow city to participate in various other programs. Gets us on the list. Mr. DiNardo confirmed that it is for the city to join a list serv. SSD confirmed. Gets us information about various programs that we may be able to benefit from we may not know about otherwise. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk did all three readings of the ordinance. 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.

- 2. ORDINANCE AMENDING NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1321.01 "PROHIBITED SIGNS" TO ALLOW CERTAIN TYPES OF SIGNS IN A MAJOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)**

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mr. Bonsall noted that ordinance came about after the planning commission meeting since applicant for the pud at the playing card development site. They asked at the meeting if a video board would be allowed. Planning commission can't approve the video board because sign code currently prohibits that. This allows just in puds more than 10 acres to have a video board in certain circumstances. Allows planning commission the opportunity to approve it if they want.

Colleen Reynolds on behalf of master developer for playing card site addressed council. They are looking for approval so that they can activate the video board. They have a formal presentation set in two weeks with site plans. Just wanted to get the conversation started.

Mr. Gabbard wants to make sure that all items like this are done correctly so that there are any later issues with the project. This should go through committees and he knows there are time restrictions but for further reference council should be careful since this is a great and important project.

Mr. Bonsall wanted to take action and protested any suggestion of impropriety. Mr. Gabbard noted he didn't make any accusations but wanted to make sure that council covers itself for later. A council member working directly with a developer could be looked at as improper. Just wanted to make sure that council is careful.

Mr. Thompson asked the Law Director to explain how this changes the current code. Law Director noted that signs in Norwood that flash or make noise are banned. He added subsection B to the current code. Adds that it has to be large piece of property and allows for public hearings and council approval. Mr. Thompson confirmed that this ordinance allows planning commission to allow the sign if they want.

Mr. Geraci asked if the ordinance will need to be amended to include audible noise. Law Director confirmed that ordinance does allow for audible signs if the planning commission wants to approve it.

Mr. Gabbard asked mayor if the city has a redevelopment agreement with PLK yet. Mayor said not yet. City wants to knock down barriers to allow for this development. Small step to allow PLK to move forward.

Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk did all three readings of the ordinance. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

- 3. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE INDIAN MOUND STEET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT NO. CB06X/B07X, JMA#4138) WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. 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.

- 4. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER**

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FOR 2020 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS TO CATHEDRAL AVENUE AND SHANMOOR AVENUE (JMA#4191) WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mr. Gabbard asked how the city is selecting streets. Mayor said right now these are streets that were selected by previous councils. These streets were in the financial recovery plan. Mr. Gabbard wanted to confirm that it has nothing to do with the fact that he lives on one of the streets. Mayor noted that it was supposed to be done in 2003 but wasn't.

Mr. Bonsall asked if there were grants to help with this one or if the money is coming from the street fund. SSD said it is city funds. Indian mound project does have some grant money.

Mr. Gabbard asked if the city is reaching out to msd and duke to make sure they have no plans on digging up streets soon. SSD said city doesn't want to see that happen and have a good relationship with the agencies but there is no guarantee.

Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk did all 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.

5. ORDINANCE INCREASING METERED AUTOMOBILE PARKING RATES TO \$1.00 PER HOUR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mr. Gabbard concerned that this didn't go through committee and was requested by the Mayor's assistant. Wants to make sure that things are done right. SSD stated that the city has the opportunity to receive new meters. Can put coins in there but want to propose that city uses android program to pay the meter to park. City wants to raise the fee to reasonable and customary rate. City wont use the card reader since that is another fee. Meters will be free to the city. It moves the traffic but isn't a money maker. This saves us the 15k in the budget to buy new meters. Put on agenda so that the conversation could be started since there is no answer if the rate was set before by administration or voted on by council.

Mr. DiNardo noted that we don't have to put everything into committee but may want to do only 1 or two readings to allow people to discuss the idea. Said that both mayor and ssd had input on it even though the request didn't have their name on it. Mr. Gabbard thought that then a department head or elected official should be signing the request to ensure correct process.

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

L) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

As mayor he is playing favorites to developers who are committed to investing over 100 million dollars in Norwood. Will do it legally and correctly. Also on the site of business members and committee members who invest their time and money into the community. He will make it easier for them to invest money in the community. City has other smaller developments that are incredible also.

M) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1. Pamela Angel who lives at 5329 hunter avenue appeared before council to see what can be done for her next door neighbor's home. Part of the roof of the neighbor's house came down and damaged her truck. She has a letter from the neighbor. She has been complaining to the city about this neighbor for 20 plus years. She passed around the letter from her neighbor. The property she complains of is owned by Dwight and Linda Hahn. She was told by police department that she shouldn't go down her driveway because the gutter may come down. She is afraid that it may come down and hurt a child. She was asking what she can do as a homeowner since she can't use all of her property.

Mr. DiNardo thinks that perhaps the county court can assist. Mr. Breadon said he went to the building department and saw the stack of infractions. The neighbor has been summonsed to court but doesn't show up. Mr. Breadon was looking for other input on the problem. Problem house is 5331 Hunter Avenue.

Mr. Bonsall noted that there isn't a process that is outside of the criminal path and states that the issue with this property is that they can't get ahold of Linda who is the other owner of the property. Mr. Bonsall asked the Mayor if the task force is still meeting because he thinks this is a great case for them to see what options there may be.

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The critical issue Mr. Breadon pointed out is that Ms. Angel can't use her driveway. He asked if anyone would be willing to donate materials as he would be happy to help with the work. If willing to help, he noted that anyone can contact him.

The SSD commented that local knights of Columbus does this kind of thing but they need permission from the homeowner. People working cooperative also have a process to provide materials and suggested Mr. Breadon look into that.

2. Kirsten James executive director of elevations enrichment program who lives at 1830 Hopkins Avenue spoke next. Her program provides a 4 point program for youth including tutoring, career exploration and lifeskills training. They are going to continue tutoring virtually and are about to start a fundraiser. It will be a free event that is mental health training put on by samsa. It is an in person class. People can email kjames.elevations@gmail.com for more information. As you participate the organization will be blessed with funds. They are moving forward with planning for drive-in event. She brought some youth with her that take part in the program and had board members on her telephone. Introduced Melody Wesley. A school counselor of 27 years. Also Debra Samuels who is a grant writer that works for governor's office in faith based initiatives to help non profit organizations get the funding they need from the state of Ohio. She pointed out two other board members, an attorney and pastor Sonny James who is the executive director. They are looking for support from the city for their initiatives.
3. Yvonne Collins 3811 south Madison. She was going to talk about black on black crime. A lot going on down on duck creek and in that area. If she sees it she will do something and say something. saying just stop the violence is not enough. Its ok to have this discussion. Perhaps police can stop kids and ask who their moms are just in case they need to reach out.
4. Pastor Sonny James who lives at 1830 Hopkins Avenue spoke. He addressed the citizens and residents. He wants all people to be safe and healthy. Heard mayor comment that he wants to help developers but asked what about community developers. His contractors will help the resident who spoke earlier. Wants to work against status quo and ensure things get done. Son didn't come tonight due to nasty comments and he is discouraged. He asks for encouragement for positive people. He has not asked the city for money so he asked for people to stop saying that he is seeking money. He seeks money for other people. The director of elevations gets no salary and children don't pay anything to participate. He can be reached at 487-8843 or by email at pastorsonnyjames@gmail.com.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall mentioned the city wide street sale and asked if city is planning on a fall sale date. A resident asked him and so he is bringing it up. Mr. Geraci will be working on a resolution to do a sale September 4-5th and will have it at the next council meeting. He will be asking for fees to be waived city wide.

Mr. Breadon noted there has been some issues on Carthage Avenue brought to his attention. Complaints about rats. He called msd and was asked for proof that they are coming from the waste sewers. If so residents can call Casey at 513-352-4995. They can come out and help but need proof that is where the rats are coming from. He also got complaints that residents are blowing yard waste and debris into the street. It is a city wide issue. He urged landscapers and residents to be mindful and clean up debris in the street.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gabbard set economic development meeting for 8/20 with subjects as playing card factory, CDBG grant and how the city can look at utilizing funds for city hall block. Set for 7:30 in council chambers. He also added the sign ordinance to the agenda.

Mr. Geraci set a housing committee meeting to discuss chronic nuisance ordinance for 6:30 on Monday 8/17 in council chambers.

Mr. Breadon noted that he is looking in to speeding on quatman

Mr. DiNardo stated that Joseph Voltzwagon bought property near Wasson way. Company has engaged city regarding use of the property which is great. They are showing plans before pud application and asked the city what city wants to see in the development. He said it is worth celebrating. Suggestions can be funneled through Mr. DiNardo. Mr. Bonsall pulled the pud for that parcel and noted there are prohibited uses including automobile lot. Hopes that this lot can get more discussion to ensure street scape is what the city wants to see. Mr. DiNardo noted that there is no action today and that application process will be followed.

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Mr. Kelsch noted that treasurer's office is understaffed right now and he is getting complaints. Asked if there was anything that can be done to help ensure the office works better. Mayor and Mr. Gabbard suggested that Mr. Kelsch speak with the treasurer directly.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Mayor Schneider Re: Tax incentive Review Council (TIRC)

The Clerk read the letter from the Mayor regarding appointments to the review council. On motion by Mr. Bonsall seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

2. Letter from Auditor's office Re: July Monthly Financial Reports

The Clerk read the letter from the Auditor regarding the monthly financial reports. On motion by Mr. Bonsall seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

3. Letter from Mayor Schneider Re: Mayor's Court Fines

The Clerk read the letter from the Mayor regarding the Mayor's Court fines. On motion by Mr. Bonsall seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

4. Letter from Planning Commission Re: Public Hearing for Playing Card PUD

The Clerk read the letter from the Planning Commission regarding the requested public hearing. On motion by Mr. DiNardo seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved to receive and file the letter and schedule the public hearing for 9/22. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

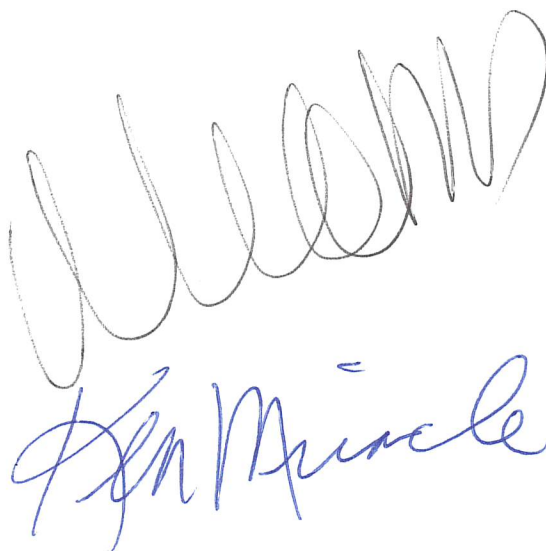
Mr. Bonsall asked if PLK would come into next meeting to discuss the PUD for more information prior to the public hearing. Mr. Gabbard already extended invitation to PLK to come into the economic development meeting. Add PLK to the agenda for the next meeting to give some info about the pud amendment. Law Director suggested that council get copy of plans for next meeting. Mr. Gabbard asked how the 30 day notice works. Law Director confirmed it is 30 days after we send out notice via enquirer and mail

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

All members present

R) ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Mink". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".