



Council Chambers January 28, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

A) CALL TO ORDER

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.

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

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

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

The President noted amended needed to the agenda as follows: to add page numbers to the minutes from the January 4th meeting which was item F on that meeting's agenda, to add the Housing, Health and Public Safety Committee report as item H1, to add the Parks Recreation and Public Places Committee report as item H2, to correct a duplicate line on item K1 that has been updated corrected on the agenda with updated copies being provided to the council members, to add introductory reading for the AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE KEEPING OR HARBORING OF HONEY BEES AND THE DECLARATION THAT ANY BEEHIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND REGULATING THE KEEPING AND HARBORING OF HONEY BEES WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD as item K4, and to add an introductory ready for the ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A REVISED 60 MONTH CONTRACT, UNDER THE STATE BID PURCHASE PROGRAM, WITH CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE, LLC FOR CERTAIN TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES, REPLACING THE CURRENT 60 MONTH CONTRACT PASSED BY ORDINANCE 5-2019 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 38-2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY as item K5. On motion by Mr. Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the agenda as stated by the President. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. Motion Passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) Minutes from the January 1, 2020 Special Council Meeting. On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Bonsall expressed appreciation for revised minutes and addition of detail. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) Housing, Health, & Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Geraci read the report. In the meeting they discussed the Bee ordinance. They report that they decided that the ordinance should go to full council and request a vote. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved that the report be received and filed. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed.

- 2) Parks, Recreation and Public Places Committee Report

Mr. Kelsch read the report. During the meeting they heard from Lauren Bartoszek representing ASAP Norwood, regarding efforts in substance abuse prevention, their continuing efforts regarding the basketball court project at waterworks and efforts to develop a parks audit tool that would lead to a city wide parks renovation plan. The Committee discussed 2020 the parks and recreation capital improvement budget and plan. They requested that a letter be sent to the Safety Service Director and Mayor requesting that the administration seek a quote to replace the steps between upper and lower Millcrest parks and report findings back to council, regarding replacing the bleachers at Waterworks parks 1 and 4 and finally requesting a time sensitive quote to resolve the Burwood park drainage issue along with possible funding options and report back to council. The Committee noted that Norwood Public Works needs 2 new mowers in 2020, that the pulverizer attachment needs replaced and that the sod cutter is currently non-functional and in need of repairs. They advised that equipment is paramount in the upkeep and maintenance of city's baseball fields. Also, the Norwood Recreation Department is requesting adjustable rims to accommodate youth basketball needs. The current rims pose a risk of scratching the newly installed gym floor at rec center.

The Committee discussed Burwood park and the recently purchased equipment to be placed in the park. Clint Zimmerman's assessment of the park determined that the layout and draining issues mean that the park cannot handle all of the new equipment. The timber standing in water could pose a risk to bordering timbers. Committee agreed that Mr. Zimmerman would evaluate potential parks that could house some or all of the new equipment and then Mr. Kelsch and Mr. DiNardo would make a final decision based on that recommendation. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Mr. Thompson, it was moved to accept and file report.

Mr. Bonsall noted that on item two there was a typo on the report saying finance instead of public spaces. Mr. Kelsch confirmed it was a typo and that the report should read public spaces. He suggested that line could be amended in the report if the people who made the motion to accept the report, amended their motions. Mr. Kelsch and Mr. DiNardo amended their motions as suggested.

Mr. Breadon said he watched the meeting and thanked Mr. Thompson for including ward 4 parks in the discussion.

Mr. DiNardo said that Clint Zimmerman got back with them that day. He noted that committee said that they would accept Mr. Zimmeman's assessment if he got it to them by 5, which he did. 2 pieces of the playground equipment of the 4 would fit nicely in Burwood and 2 pieces would go to the middle Millcrest area. That way the draining issues at Burwood could be addressed.

Mr. Geraci was not happy with the decision but noted that the committee had left it up to Mr. Kelsch and Mr. DiNardo. He had been hoping that some of the equipment would go to Hunter park if it couldn't go to Burwood. Said that ward 4 has been overlooked. He hopes that they will be able to get something for Hunter in the budget this year. He understands that the Fenwick park equipment is newer and notes that he has heard some discussion about crime but says that if there is new equipment at Hunter then people will go there and crime will go down. Though he is an at large candidate, he lives in ward 4 and has a child and it would be nice to have some play equipment to go to. Mr. Kelsch responded to Mr. Geraci through the chair. He stated that the decision not taken lightly. He agreed that Hunter needs help but notes that ward 2 residents were expecting to get all pieces of the equipment. He stated that part of the decision on where to put the equipment was based upon established use of the parks and believes that putting the additional equipment in Millcrest is a better use of the equipment than putting a band-aid on more troubled parks. He thinks that the issues with the other parks will be dealt with in the parks renovation plan they are working on. Mr. Bonsall noted that there was an urgent deadline coming up and that there was urgency in making a decision regarding the playground equipment. He said that there was a neglect of ward 4 over the last few decades and this council has the change to rectify that. Mr. Bonsall encourages the parks committee to come up with an actual transformation plan and for the Mayor to ensure there is money to accomplish the plan in the new budget and Financial Recovery Plan.

Mr. DiNardo said that parks advisory board would be taken as a guide by the committee to do a similar audit of the parks and their needs. He imagines that ward 4 parks would be higher on the list as it is a needs based assessment. Having an objective review helps to avoid bias.

The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed.

I) THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE ADJUSTING CERTAIN SALARY RANGES AND AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 73-1999, 7-2007 AND 33-2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (A)
- 2) ORDINANCE ADJUSTING CERTAIN SALARY RANGES AND AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 73-1999, 7-2007 AND 33-2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (B)

On motion by Mr. Gabbard, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to place these two ordinances back into the Finance committee due to Financial Recovery Plan Planning Commission (hereinafter FRPPC) meeting. Mr. DiNardo remarked that during the last meeting with the FRPPC the commission took a hard line stance on the matter. The FRPPC stated that if the ordinances were passed that there would be drastic consequences including removal of state funding. He wants to discuss how council can work within Financial Recovery Plan (hereinafter FRP) to still be able to take action.

Mr. Geraci suggested that had council change the ordinance to take effect on 4/1 which he believes would keep it from violating the FRP as long as the new plan allowed for it the expense. Mr. Bonsall disagreed and said that even though FRP is updated once a year it is a 5 year plan so he thinks technically the ordinances would still be out of compliance. Further he noted that there may be consequences for the city if council cannot come to an agreement on the budget by end of March. He thinks that the consequences may be worthwhile if it means salvaging the financial gains accomplished over the last few years. Mr. DiNardo agreed and said that it is good that we now know the risk versus the reward for future finance discussion.

Mr. Breadon questioned Mr. Gabbard through the chair as to why his motion wasn't to defer consideration of the ordinances under motion 9 in the standing rules which is what he was going to suggest. Mr. Gabbard asked for clarification. Mr. Breadon read motion 9 in the standing rules which defers consideration of an ordinance, shelve it for 100 days unless other action is taken. He read motion 9 from rules. Mr. Gabbard indicated that he suggested sending to committee because the Finance committee will need to work on the budget as presented by the mayor and can then revise the ordinances as necessary.

The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed.

J) SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENROLL THE CITY OF NORWOOD IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY PURCHASING-MASTER BID SERVICE PROGRAM

On motion by Mr. Gabbard, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to have the second and third reading of this ordinance. Mr. Gabbard noted that program costs \$500 and allows us to be on an auction website to dispose of unwanted city items, along with allowing bulk purchasing opportunities with other communities. The savings in salt purchase alone would be, he believes, about 30k. He advised that he is happy to field questions and believes that the Mayor is too. Mr. Gabbard said this program is a great way to save money and make some.

Mr. Bonsall said that someone asked him if council has to approve every \$500 expenditure and asked if there was a specific reason why an ordinance was needed here. The Law Director noted that an ordinance is not technically needed but that the Law Department prefers to run as much as possible through council. Also thinks that the public should know about the program since a resolution is needed for auctions over 1k. The city is currently has contract with a different auction site which the police use to auction off impound vehicles and property. This gives council a heads when a resolution comes along. They also prefer for an ordinance to be sent to council when it is a long term contract but technically no ordinance is needed.

The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed. The Clerk of Council did second and third readings. On motion by Mr. Gabbard, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to pass this ordinance. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed.

K) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. DiNardo said that he had spoken with the Auditor about this resolution. He explained that when there is an amount that has been appropriated that goes higher or lower than expected then a change is needed to the appropriations. Some of the changes needed are financial landscaping or moving money from one fund to another. It doesn't change the total amount, just where it is being used. In capital projects fund 1 there was a change related to paying an invoice in the amount of 125k for the Highland Avenue project. This was a state project. We got 120k from the state in 2019 but we had to pay the invoice to the vendor in 2020. There are also decreases in fund appropriations. Mr. DiNardo notes a sewer fund change. It is money that needs to go from the sewer fund to the water fund. It is about 954k in financial landscaping which represents 7% that needs to go to the water fund. The other two big moves were based upon a decrease in school funds. This was due to lower than expected tip proceeds being received. He went on to state that appropriations set upon expected receipt amounts.

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to have all 3 readings of the ordinance. Mr. Bonsall says it is a good move to do all three since it is an emergency ordinance and to make sure that the money isn't spent. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed. The Clerk of Council did all three reading. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved for the ordinance to be passed. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed.

2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO TO PROVIDE ITS SERVICES IN DISPOSING OF CITY SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to have a third reading of the ordinance. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk of Council did the first reading of the ordinance.

3) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION'S SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Thompson asked the Mayor, through the chair, to describe the policy. The Mayor said it is for having a facebook site for the city. It will be a city ran site used as a clearinghouse of information. The administration looked at policies for other cities to see what they did. It will be used as a communication tool, not a forum. Norwood will still have a city website. The Mayor advised that the policy lays out what they will do and what they want to do with the Facebook site. They wanted ground rules laid out before they even launch the site. Mr. Thompson changed his motion to having all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. Gabbard amended his second. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed. The Clerk of Council did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved to pass the resolution. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed.

4) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE KEEPING OR HARBORING OF HONEY BEES AND THE DECLARATION THAT ANY BEEHIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND REGULATING THE KEEPING AND HARBORING OF HONEY BEES WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to have the for first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Breadon asked if there was any limitation on how many hives there could be per block. He worries that the number of hives may become excessive. Mr. Bonsall said that there was no limit as to how many hives could be on any one block, however, the more hives you have then the less honey you will get due to the number of plants available to be pollinated. He would think that you may see a max of 7 hives through the city and that it would be unlikely to see a bunch in a cluster. The roll was called. All council members voted yes. The motion passed. The Clerk of Council did the first reading.

5) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A REVISED 60 MONTH CONTRACT, UNDER THE STATE BID PURCHASE PROGRAM, WITH CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE, LLC FOR CERTAIN TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES, REPLACING THE CURRENT 60 MONTH CONTRACT PASSED BY ORDINANCE 5-2019 AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 38-2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Bonsall amending ordinance that the council approved last year. Trying to get fiber to all of the outlying city buildings. Public works had been served by copper wire which as of last year caused internet issue. Each building will not need their own servers. By having city's own dedicated line they can transmit information quickly and house it on own servers. Mr. Thompson asked if this was a time sensitive issue. Mr. Bonsall said yes. Moved for all three readings. Mr. Thompson seconded. Called roll. All council members voted yes. Motion passed. Clerk did all three readings.

L) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

none

M) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Pastor sunny james – 1830 hopkins avenue. In the month of January, one of the most recognized and celebrated months for those who have had struggles in their lives, wants to compliment those people that have set out to acknowledge having that availability. He is excited, His wife has a non profit in Norwood called elevations enrichment. After after school program. Gathers kids from all around Norwood. Wonderful energy when they can forget about the past and look forward to the future. We have come a long way as a people – all of us collectively. Beautiful spirit. New administration with energy that has contagious energy that is spreading. Wants residents to know that no one is perfect but when we can admit and help each other when we fumble that excites him. Lets keep moving forward. Proud of new administration and the council members. For people who mourn across the country like those in the helicopter crash that killed kobe – they were friends and family members. Lift them up as a city/ a people. This too will pass. Keep working together and dare each other to keep making a difference. He is crazy excited to see the council work together for a common good. Don't have to agree.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall. At last meeting asked clerk's office to draft letter to administration to check the work on section avenue project to make sure the work was done to specification. Asked if that had been done. Clerk hadn't sent it yet but would make sure it was done this week. Mr. Bonsall asked if clerk could cc council when those letters are sent. Mr. Bonsall noted that vendor had not

been paid yet. He asked mayor through chair. He spoke with the company and the enginee in charge who is reviewing the matter. No need to send a letter. Company said unaware of any issues but they will double check anyway.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall noted we received letter from a citizen that provided suggestions on how to make meetings more user friendly for residents. 2 comments caught his eye he would like to work on. 1. Letting citizens communicate to council at beginning of the meeting if not on an agenda item. Asked for law and ordinance committee to look into amending rules of counsel to amend order of the agenda to put all or some public input first in meeting. 2. Council packets – to put council packet online before the meeting so people can see what council would be voting on. Asked council and clerk to see if we could work on that. Thinks other cities do this. President noted that we are putting agenda on council calendar. Clerk advised that we are working on that anyway so citizens can see what the council is voting on and to make it easier for council members to find the information. Hurdle is the website and how we are able to put information on it. Mr. Thompson suggested sending out pdfs of pkgs to the sunshine list people as a possible interim step. Mr. Bonsall noted school board does everything electronically. Board provides laptops for All council members. Looks forward to hearing possible solutions.

Mr. Gabbard would like letter sent to Safety Service Director to ask if he would look at signage at the corner of carthage and cathedral. There is a bar there and patrons tend to park at the corner at all hours of the evening and night. Would dlike signage to be put up so that it can be enforced. Makes turning at that intersection difficult. It is unsafe. Hoping administration will look at some no parking signs from some point to the corner.

Mr. Kelsch requested letters requested in the parks and rec report to be sent by the clerk. Quotes for work, replacing bleachers and to find funding to fix issues.

Mr. DiNardo said he spoke with Safety Service Director to think through what drainage at burwood would look like. Wasn't sure if a letter is needed if he is already speaking with Safety Service Director. Mr. Bonsall suggested sending letter is good a idea since it was requested in the committee report. Clerk advised she planned on sending one letter with all of the requests from the meeting. Mr. Thompson thinks letters are good to make sure requests are official and sent from one set of hands to another.

Mr. Gabbard asked for topic of air b&bs to be put into housing committee and place into streets committee to discuss traffic patterns at Wesley, marion and ash in regards to directionals. Wesley is 1 way going north. The other two tend to get backed up. May be a good idea to evaluate to see if restructuring those may help with traffic.

Mr. DiNardo to add to agenda for streets committee, agenda for how to approach streets planning in general. Look at how council will approach streets plan. Not one street but overall. He doesn't know the process, if one resident wanted to turn a street into a culdesac, he isn't sure if that is an issue for the streets committee or if he should approach the law department. Asked law director through chair to please address the correct procedure for that. Law director says place to start is Safety Service Director – redirecting traffic flow or closing off street will likely need a traffic study to see what the effect on traffic would be. Not sure if odot has standards for that like they do for stop signs. Committee can look at but the administration would need to be involved but recommends that a traffic study to be the first step. Mr. DiNardo asked Mr. Breadon about whether a study would be needed before or after the issue goes to committee. Mr. Breadon said that committee can look at study and come up with recommendations together. As far as street plans he thinks that ther eis a comprehensive plan on the republicsn website. There is a plan out there. Implementing will take funds. If thee is a certain place council wants to start then that needs to come to committee so they can start to work on funding. Mr. DiNardo advised more interested on the actual process steps so that people aren't working on differing plans. Mr. Thompson advised prior council requested to administration that an audit be done. Thinks that fell on deaf ears. Thinks that would be a good start – to grade streets. Can't start with a plan until they know where the streets stand from an engineering standpoint. Thinks that a plan can be done with that new information. Mr. Breadon said in 2019 section cypress and forest were all repaved. In 2020 indian mound, Sheridan (to his knowledge) wakefield was approved. In winter no work can be done. Talk on 4th street to be done if there is enough materials left over. Improvements are being done. Very proud of that.

Mr. Kelsch asked why those streets being done are all generally in one area. Mr. Bonsall it is cost effective to keep the pavers moving. Also doing parmeley. Not sure why that area was selected by pervious administration. Grand view is also pretty bad. Residents have come and let counsil know. Were able to get some grant funding for that. Asked mayor through chair if that project is still moving forward wit that project. Mayor said yes. Goal to have that start in July. Mr. Breadon said sanker had been pushing for those streets for awile but while he was on council it wasn't done for fear of thoughts of "nepotism" but streets are bad and do need to be done. Mr. Bonsall doesn't think sanker was driving source. Neither he or mumper wanted to think it was done just for them. Mr. Kelsch just wondering if there was a method to the madness.

Mr. Bonsall questions for the mayor through chair. 1. Asked for status of elm engineering review approved at the last meeting. Mayor has no report on it. He has mentioned it to the engineering firm and he is sure it is on their list. 2. Quality in hotel wondered if there was any update on what is happening there. No progress per the mayor. Some discussion with Hamilton county and cinti development to sit down to see what city can do to move it along.

Mr. Geraci – question to law director through chair. Asked if there was still an injunction preventing inhabitants. Per law director, that expired a year after the original injunction filed. He said people are now allowed in to work on it but not to live there. Couldn't even work on it before. City dismissed original complaint but there are still some civil rights claims going on.

Mr. Bonsall items he would like to have worked on – lawn and carthage owner reach ed out to him about people going the wrong way on lawn to carthage. It's a safety issue. Hoping city will look at intersection at silver and lawn to see what can be done to help. Perhaps signage. On quatman,

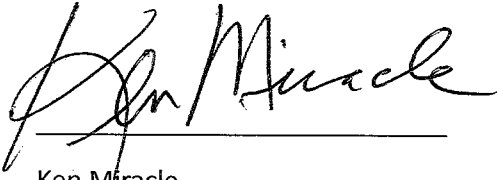
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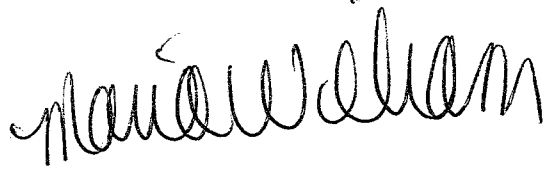
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| 1) Email from Norwood Planning Commission | RE: Request for PUD Zone Change |
| 2) Letter from Director of Public Service-Safety | RE: Water Rates |
| 3) Letter from the Law Department | RE: Appointing Members to Community Reinvestment Housing Council |

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

R) ADJOURNMENT

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Ken Miracle
President of Council

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Maria Williams
Clerk of Council