



NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL
Norwood Community Center
1810 Courtland Ave- Bottom Floor
Norwood, OH 45212
March 23, 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: Amending Ordinance L1 to add a new attachment A, moving it to be the new J4, moving the current J4 to J5 and a letter from Mayor Schneider as a communication. 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 9, 2021 Meeting - On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, 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

Mayor Schneider – Lizbeth Bandras-Rodriguez Certificate of Achievement Award

The Mayor welcomes Ms. Bandras-Rodriguez and her coaches to the meeting. The High School coach noted that she had a dream and worked with the high school so that a girls' wrestling team be created in Norwood. This is the first team of its kind in Cincinnati. Ms. Bandras-Rodriguez fought through an injury and won the state championship. Mr. Kelsch recognized her for her accomplishments and congratulated her. The Mayor presented a plaque to Ms. Bandras-Rodriguez to recognize her achievement.

Andy Brossart – TIFS and our refinancing opportunities. The Mayor introduced Mr. Brossart and gave information regarding his expertise and resume. Mr. Brossart noted that when he and his company became involved with the city they noted the opportunities available in refinancing the TIF districts. Interest rates are very low right now in terms of historical rates. They will be approaching the city throughout the year about different districts, TIFS and districts. He discussed how the revenues will benefit the city. They will be coming back to city council soon to discuss specific districts and TIFS, for example, Cornerstone and Linden Point. He discussed some of the considerations when evaluating refinancing like the percentage or money savings. Mr. DiNardo asked about what the money could be used for, and Mr. Brossart gave some examples like roads or capital improvements. Mr. Bonsall asked Mr. Brossart if he is acting as a fiduciary for the city and Mr. Brossart advised he is. Mr. Bonsall asked if Mr. Brossart's office was making sure that fees being charged to the city are reasonable and Mr. Brossart advised they are. He gave some examples. He also discussed the proposed TIF related to the PLK development, what the money would go to, how long the district would last. Finally he discussed a proposed community authority for the PLK development which will be presented officially to council and public hearings set. These groups are popular in Columbus but are catching on here in Cincinnati. Mr. Bonsall asked who would keep the books and Mr. Brossart noted that the funds for administration would come from the group.

I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole Meeting- March 16, 2021 – The President of Council gave the report. The meeting was set to discuss the Financial Recovery Plan together, with the Mayor and with the Auditor. The committee met and such discussion was had. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson,

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it was moved to receive and file the committee report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) 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

Mr. Bonsall stated that it was requested that School Outfitters put in some language to protect the Wasson Way easement and he wasn't sure if that happened. The Law Director noted that this item was needed only because the easement was completed and recorded before but apparently was missing a signature. He noted that he reached out to School Outfitters but hadn't heard back yet. Mr. Bonsall is interested in making sure that the easement has some protection for Wasson Way in it just in case School Outfitters ever sells that building. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to table the third reading until the next council meeting on April 13. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

- 2) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MONTGOMERY ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to have the third reading of the resolution. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved to pass the resolution. Roll was called. All members present voted yes except for Mr. Geraci who voted no. Motion passed.

- 3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OR MAYOR TO BYPASS THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND ENTER A "SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE AGREEMENT" WITH PEEL 9, INC. TO PROVIDE SOFTWARE AND SUPPORT FOR A RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ANALYTICS SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

- 4) ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE DETAILED FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. DiNardo noted that upon review of the budget there were some areas that were particularly aggressive and the budget was adjusted to accommodate this. He suggested that the plan be approved. Mr. Bonsall is excited about the plans laid out in the budget. Mr. Geraci noted that he was not happy with the plan. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present except for Mr. Geraci voted yes. Mr. Geraci voted no. Motion passed.

- 5) ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE DETAILED FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to remove the ordinance from the agenda. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

K) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCWSS OF THE 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 OIF 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. Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to have the first reading of the resolution. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did all the first reading.

M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

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The Mayor noted that there was a Montgomery Road clean up this weekend and noted that a clean -up of the lateral is happening now and a park clean- up is happening this weekend. He reported that repairs are being done based upon See Click Fix reports.

Mr. Geraci asked the Mayor if there was a plan to get the "Welcome to Norwood" signs updated and asked how it may need to be done to get some completed. The Mayor noted that See Click Fix could be used if there is a sign that needs to be updated or suggested contacting public works about a specific sign.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Geraci asked for the Clerk of Council to have all of the applications for the Nuisance Appeals Board to be sent to the council members in one email if possible and to put the discussion of same on the next council agenda.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DiNardo gave a shout out to the public works crews for the great work being done in Burwood Park.

Mr. Geraci asked for a Housing, Health and Public Safety committee meeting on 4/6 at 7 pm in the community center to discuss the Nuisance Board of Appeals. He wants to invite the safety service director and people who are on the task force.

Mr. Gabbard noted that he got a text from Pastor Sonny James who asked that it be announced that Elevations is continuing their Black History Month activities with a movie this weekend. The public can go to www.elevationsenrichment.com and then go to the activities section for the information. If there are any questions people can contact Kirsten James 513 485 4675 or Paster Sonny James at 513 497 8843.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ohio Division of Liquor Control Re: Transfer of Liquor License

The Clerk read the communication. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, 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.

2. Mayor Schneider Re: Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1), regarding the Recreation Director Position

In the letter the Mayor Schneider has requested that city council go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a Recreation Director in the Norwood Recreation Department under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1). He asked that the letter be extended so that council can discuss other positions as well as Recreation Director position. The Law Director noted what items can be discussed in executive session. The Mayor asked if stating that the executive session for employment compensation and appointment of people to the mayor's staff would work and the Law Director said he believed so as long as that is all that is discussed.

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the communication and to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a employees under the Mayor's direction under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1). Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Council went into executive session.

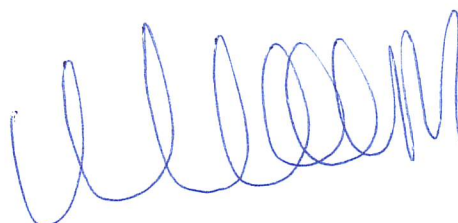
When council came out of executive session, on motion by Mr. Gabbard, second by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to agree to the Mayor hiring the Norwood Recreation Director at 60,000 a year.

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

All members present.

R) ADJOURNMENT

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



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