



# NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## Norwood Community Center

November 10, 2020

7:30 p.m.

**A) CALL TO ORDER**

**B) PRAYER**

**C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D) ROLL CALL**

Roll was called. Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Gabbard, Mr. Geraci, Mr. Kelsch, Mr. DiNardo, Mr. Breadon all present. Mr. Thompson is not present.

**E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

None

**F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes from September 22, 2020

On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the minutes. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Minutes from October 13, 2020

On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the minutes. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

**G) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Pastor Sonny James spoke to the council. He lives at 1830 Hopkins Avenue. He prays for all people affected by Covid and is glad that the country is de-escalating after the election. He will be actively participating in the upcoming Norwood election and encouraging residents to show up and participate. It is important for people to be honest, truthful and encouraging. He believes that it is clear that there are some city leaders that work well with everyone's agendas and some that do not. He is putting together a march and he hopes that city residents will participate.

**I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

1) Streets & Infrastructure Committee Report

Mr. Breadon read the report. They discussed ideas regarding signage and stop bars at various areas in Norwood. They discussed speed humps as possible traffic calming solutions. They discussed traffic calming in other areas and situations also. The Safety Service Director gave an update on various street projects in Norwood.

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to receive and file the report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

2) Committee of the Whole Report

The President gave the report. A member of the Norwood School District addressed the council with district news and reports. There was a report on the accounting methods project.

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the minutes. Mr. DiNardo suggested that the accounting methods project be a standing agenda item. Mr. Bonsall noted that the Treasurer gave some additional information to a few council members after the report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

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3) Economic Development Committee Report

Mr. Gabbard gave the report. There was a proposal from the Wasson Way Board. There was a report from the Treasurer regarding income from the proposed PUD change request. A few residents also gave their opinion regarding same.

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

4) Law, Ordinance and Human Resources Committee Report

Mr. Geraci noted that the meeting did not happen. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to amend the agenda to remove the report. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

**J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

None

**K) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

None

**L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

1) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 40-2020, TO CORRECT TWO NUMERALS REFERRING TO THE FUND NUMBERS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to do all three readings. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. DiNardo noted that the ordinance did not have any economic impact. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

**M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

The Mayor gave his report. There is work being done on Shanmoor which is being monitored by the Safety Service Director. Indian Mound concrete work is about to start. Grant applications were put in to help with paving 3 more streets next year. Money won't be available until July but the city hopes to get it done earlier. They hope to get the work on Montgomery road done in the early spring. The new ambulances have arrived. They got 2 new police cruisers recently. They aren't new vehicles but are new to the city. There are still many vehicles being used that have too many miles. The city is still fighting a water leak in basement of city hall but it is being worked on. Health insurance enrollment information for city employees went out. He thinks there is a good offering for the employees. Norwood health department is working hard. They are doing contact tracing for covid and flu vaccines are being offered. They are discussing how to give out covid vaccines when they are available so the board will be ready. A traffic study on Montgomery road is being done by ODOT and their recommendations will be sent to the city once complete. They are also doing a pedestrian safety study.

Mr. Breadon asked why trees were pulled down on Indian Mound and noted that some people are upset. He asked the mayor why that had to be done. Mayor notes that trees get to the end of their life expectancy and many times have messed up curbs and streets. Most of the ones removed were identified by the engineering group as being problematic to the work being done. Once work is done city wants to make sure that new trees are planted in a smart way.

Mr. DiNardo asked about the covid vaccine and if the health department plans on prioritizing giving vaccines to Norwood residents. Mayor noted it wasn't a discussion yet and doesn't think it will be a discussion. He thinks that Ohio Dept of Health will be giving direction once we get there.

Mr. Bonsall asked about election signs on private property and whated to know how those will be removed. Mayor thinks that the board of elections rented space on the private property and there should be some kind of plan between them.

**N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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## **O) NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bonsall noted that someone brought a grant opportunity to him. It is called Safe Routes. Applications due by December 18<sup>th</sup>. A letter of support is needed from the city to whatever non profit is asking for the money. If anyone knows of a group that may be interested he asked that they please let him know.

Mr. Geraci asked for the Clerk to write a letter to mayor and safety service director to have a report on nuisance ordinance added to mayor's administrative report each month so that we can get an idea on how it is working.

Mr. Bonsall thanked the people for a successful election season. Nearly 80K people who came to Norwood to vote early.

## **P) COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Victor Schneider, Mayor

Re: Mayor's Court Fines

The Clerk read the letter. 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.

2. James P. Stith, City Auditor

Re: October Monthly Reports

The Clerk read the letter. 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. John Murphy, Safety-Service Director

Re: New Accident/Injury Report Form

The Clerk read the letter. On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

4. Tim Molony, Treasurer

Re: Bank Reconciliation for September 2020

The Clerk read the letter. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

5. Letter from Elizabeth Hatchett

Re: Jerry Hof's Mural

The Clerk read the letter. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Mr. DiNardo asked what it would take for council to make an exception. Mr Garry the Assistant Law Director said he wasn't prepared to answer that question. Mr. Geraci thinks that sets a bad precedence. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

## **Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S**

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

## **R) ADJOURNMENT**

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