



Council Chambers

December 10, 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, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Stevenson, Mrs. Hanrahan, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to the agenda as follows: following the approval of minutes, allow for a speaker and a presentation. All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) November 12, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to approve the minutes for the November 12, 2019 and November 26, 2019 meetings, as if read. All members present voted, "Yes."

2) November 26, 2019

(approved under previous motion)

SPEAKER / PRESENTATION

Ken Sanker

Re: Joe Sanker

Ken Sanker addressed Council about his brother, Joe, who has been a member of Norwood City Council for 20 years. Ken thanked Mayor Williams and Council for the ability to speak on behalf of the Sanker family. Ken stated his brother Joe's passion and dedication to this city have been an inspiration to many; Ken is going to miss walking in the Norwood Day Parade, parties hosted by Joe & his wife Jeanne, and swearing in ceremonies on New Year's Day. Ken also thanked Joe's wife, Jeanne, for sharing him with the citizens of Norwood. Ken thanked his brother Joe for serving the city of Norwood; he thanked the citizens of Norwood, on behalf of the Sanker family, for allowing Joe, and his father, former Mayor Joseph E. Sanker, for allowing them to serve the city of Norwood.

Mayor Williams recognized Mayor-elect Schneider in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Williams called Mr. and Mrs. Sanker forward, and then read a proclamation honoring Mr. Sanker, which declared December 10, 2019 as "Joseph W. Sanker Day" in the city of Norwood. Mr. Sanker received a standing ovation by all in Council Chambers.

Mr. Sanker recognized the other elected officials who are also attending their last Council meeting: Donna Laake, Marilyn Hanrahan, Leslie Stevenson, Andrew Clark, and Mayor Tom Williams. Mr. Sanker thanked all of his family and friends who were present in Council Chambers and stated he appreciates them being there. Mr. Sanker acknowledged that working together as a team makes things easier; not all of the decisions that have been made were popular, but he respects everyone who made the decisions. Mr. Sanker spoke highly of the Norwood Police Department, the Norwood Fire Department, Public Works, the Health Department, and the Community Center, and how they had to do the best with what they had. Mr. Sanker stated the city didn't always hire when departments wanted, but he also pointed out that they didn't lay off employees while he was on Council. Mr. Sanker thanked former Fire Chief Goodman; he was a great man and Mr. Sanker has a lot of respect for how he ran the Norwood Fire Department. Mr. Sanker closed by saying he loves the city and he wishes everyone the best.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to address Council on agenda items.

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Economic Development & Community Engagement: 12/5/2019

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

All members present voted, "Yes."

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM PLAN — RESIDENTIAL PLAN; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY, AND PERFORMANCE OF A CITY RESIDENTIAL PACE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY TRANSACTIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PETITIONS AND PLANS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OR PUBLIC SERVICES SUBMITTED BY THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY REQUESTING THAT THEIR PROPERTY BE ADDED TO THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ASSESSED FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH PLANS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY.

On a motion by Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to hear the third reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes."

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

- 2) ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to hear the third reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes."

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

J) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES

- 1) ORDINANCE AMENDING MULTIPLE FEES REFERRED TO IN NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1305.05 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF NORWOOD BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Hanrahan, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to table the ordinance to a time uncertain. All members present voted, "Yes."

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

Mrs. Laake stated this has been approved by the Financial Advisors; new copies of exhibit A were distributed to members of Council.

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

Mr. Bonsall stated this reflects several adjustments; this ordinance still reflects the end result of the Financial Recovery Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Sanker voted, "No," all other members voted, "Yes."

INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

There were no introductory readings of resolutions.

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Williams wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated he "is happy." Mayor Williams stated he has had conversations with the mayor-elect. Mayor Williams stated he supports Mr. Schneider and has confidence in him; Mayor Williams will do whatever is requested of him to assist Mr. Schneider.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1) **Tom McCabe** **Re: Fire Chief's Position Promotional Process**

Mr. McCabe addressed Council regarding the Fire Chief position; one year ago, Council passed an ordinance setting the pay and benefits for the Chief and Mr. McCabe expressed his concerns then. Mr. McCabe took the Chief's test and came in first; it is now 13 days beyond the 10-day mark of which the promotion should have been made. He provided a salary request to the Administration, which falls in line with the salary ordinance and Financial Recovery Plan. Mr. McCabe thanked Mr. Sanker for the comments made about Chief Goodman; Chief Goodman hired Mr. McCabe and he takes great pride in those comments. Dragging out the process is unfair to Mr. McCabe, his family, and the Norwood Fire Department.

2) Pastor Sonny James Re: Community

Mr. James, of Hopkins Avenue, address Council regarding the community. Mr. James congratulated those who stepped forward to represent the community; it has been a challenging year but we have to salute each other. Mr. James thanked everyone who lifted him in prayer. Mr. James thanked Mr. Sanker for always greeting him with professionalism.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Stevenson stated there were a lot of things that came through the Economic Development and Community Engagement Committee that were challenging; Ms. Stevenson offered words of encouragement as Council continues to move forward where development can happen. Ms. Stevenson discussed the opportunity to bring murals to Norwood; it was not reviewed well by the Planning Commission. Mr. Bonsall stated there was an application with the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding a mural on Carter Avenue at Lydia's House. Mr. Bonsall encourages the next Council to take up murals and to look at it very strongly.

Mr. Sanker stated the Highland Avenue paving and striping has been completed; be cautious, as drivers are now driving faster along Highland Avenue because of the smooth street.

Ms. Stevenson spoke about a Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee meeting regarding parks; over \$90,000 is left for parks. Ms. Stevenson asks the new administration to outline private investment within Norwood parks. Mrs. Laake added that ASAP Norwood is working in cooperation with the city of Covington regarding the revitalization of parks through a citizen-led effort; Covington utilized an environmental assessment of the parks.

Ms. Stevenson stated the Law Department made the Economic Development & Community Engagement Committee aware of a review council; the process of appointments made in the city is not always transparent. Ms. Stevenson suggested the consideration of being more diligent about making nominations with resumes, so that everyone is aware of the nominees' credentials.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Breadon stated it has been an honor to serve with Mr. Sanker, Mrs. Laake, and Mrs. Hanrahan. He recognized former Ward 4 Councilman John Mumper who was in attendance at the meeting; he considers Mr. Mumper a role model and thanked him for attending the meeting. Mr. Breadon stated not enough had been said about the leadership of Mayor Williams and the many years of service he has put in to the city of Norwood. Mr. Breadon stated Mayor Williams, Mrs. Laake, and Mr. Sanker have been role models and he considers them friends; he appreciates their service.

Mrs. Hanrahan stated this is not an easy job; what Mayor Williams, Mrs. Laake, and Mr. Sanker have done for so long is "amazing" and it is all appreciated.

Mr. Clark thanked Mrs. Laake for her years of service and for assisting with his campaign the first time he ran for Council. Those who are not here are not aware of the tough decisions that need to be made; the decisions are made for what is best for the city. Mr. Clark thanked Mayor Williams for his service. Mr. Clark stated Mr. Sanker has been a steady member of Council and has provided Council with guidance.

Mr. Bonsall stated he and Mayor Williams have "spared on so many items," but there was never a question of what he thought was best for Norwood; Mr. Bonsall appreciates Mayor Williams' decades of service to Norwood. Mr. Bonsall thanked Mrs. Laake for all that she has done; one would never know there is a difference in political parties when talking to her, as she is very helpful and will be missed. Mr. Bonsall thanked Joe S. Geers, Clerk of Council, for his diligent minutes, as they are "extremely helpful." Mr. Bonsall thanked Mr. Sanker for everything he and his family have done to support his candidacy and campaign, and for everything that he supports within the Norwood community. Mr. Bonsall stated Council is better because of Mrs. Hanrahan's presence; there is not a member of Council who works harder than Mrs. Hanrahan. Mr. Bonsall thanked Ms. Stevenson for everything she has done on the committees with which they both served. Mr. Bonsall stated he will miss Mr. Clark sitting next to him; he appreciates his steadfastness and looks forward to his family and church having more of him.

Mr. Sanker thanked everyone again; it has been fun and there have been had some sparring matches. It has been nice to see members of Council agree to disagree but still walk away as friends.

Mayor Williams wanted to speak again; Mrs. Laake called him "out of order," but still allowed him one last opportunity to speak. Mayor Williams thanked everyone for their comments.

Ms. Stevenson stated she appreciates Mrs. Laake's leadership; she is grateful for her example of how to chair a meeting. Ms. Stevenson offered thanks to voters and residents and also to those residents who supported the Ward Community Council Meetings.

Mr. Thompson stated it has been an honor to serve with everyone here; he considers everyone friends and wishes luck to those who are not returning next year.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Mayor Thomas F. Williams

Re: Mayor's Court Fines for November 2019

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

2) Joseph C. Geers, Service-Safety Director

Re: OPWC Grant and CDBG Funds

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

Mr. Sanker jokingly stated he always said Indian Mound Avenue would not be resurfaced until he was off Council. Mrs. Laake thanked Mr. Sanker for "taking one for the team."

All members present voted, "Yes."


P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

There were no absent members.

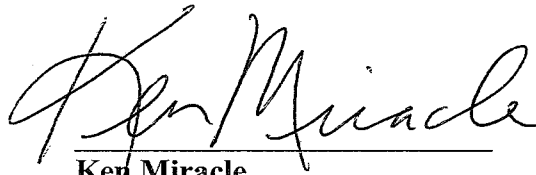
Mrs. Laake stated she moved to Norwood in 1975; Mayor Don Prues and Andy Conlon are responsible for getting her involved in politics. Mrs. Laake spoke about an incident at a heated Council Meeting in 1983, during which, Mayor Williams (then a member of the Norwood Police Department) reassured her of her safety and escorted her out of City Hall. Mrs. Laake stated politicians come and go, but the "worker bees" are doing a great job; she is tired of reading social media posts pertaining to city employees who haven't had raises in years and work with sub-par equipment. Mrs. Laake stated she appreciates the decorum that exists on Council, no matter the political party; she begs people to "be kind to each other" on social media. Mrs. Laake recognized former Councilman Mike Fulmer who was in attendance. Mrs. Laake recognized Mr. Bonsall for working hard on the Finance Committee. She recognized Mr. Clark as a steady influence. Mrs. Laake stated she enjoyed working with Mr. Thompson and his heart is in parks and open spaces. Mrs. Laake recognized Ms. Stevenson as being the first African American on Norwood City Council. Mrs. Laake recognized Mrs. Hanrahan as being the most prepared member of Council. Mrs. Laake recognized Mr. Sanker for always having a positive attitude and his willingness to help people. Mrs. Laake stated Mr. Breadon's heart is in the right place and he has always been supportive of the current administration. Mrs. Laake thanked Mr. Moore for the advice he has provided. Mrs. Laake extended an invitation to Joe S. Geers, Clerk of Council, to "hang out poolside" on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the summer (along with Mr. Sanker).

Q) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, "Yes."



Maria Williams
Clerk of Council



Ken Miracle
President of Council