



Council Chambers

September 11, 2018

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.

Mrs. Laake requested a moment of silence in recognition of the 17th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001 and all of the lives that were lost and the many who were injured, and for the lives that were lost and injured in the recent shooting that took place in downtown Cincinnati.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add the communication from Mr. Stith regarding the estimated revenue projections. All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs. Laake thanked Mr. Geers for doing a good job with the minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting, as if read. All present voted, "Yes".

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Pastor Sonny James Re: Economic Development & Community Engagement Committee Meeting
Mr. James, of Hopkins Avenue, addressed Council regarding the Economic Development and Community Engagement Committee meeting, which he recently attended. Mr. James stated he was pleased to see Ms. Stevenson address residents who may have complicated emotional issues; the committee meeting displayed how we as a city and a community can grow and "stand against the status quo." Mr. James addressed the importance of making transparency a priority; this was the first time he had seen members not in agreement with one another but still able to sit together. Mr. James wanted to publicly thank the committee members and their efforts.

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Economic Development & Community Engagement: 9/6/18 Re: Committee Goals

Ms. Stevenson spoke of the need to create more engagement and is considering having meetings more frequently with different break-out topics. Ms. Stevenson wanted to solicit more feedback from residents, and stated she can be reached by phone or email. Mrs. Laake addressed the "Welcome to Norwood" concept, and stated she serves on the Board for the Chamber of Commerce; she will try to push the matter along for Ms. Stevenson.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All present voted, "Yes."

I) SECOND/THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

There were no second or third readings of ordinances.

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

There were no introductory readings of ordinances.

INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

2) A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT TO BE THE DESIRE OF COUNCIL THAT THE HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT BE CELEBRATED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M AND 8:00 P.M ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the resolution, with the first reading in its entirety and the second and third readings by caption only. All members present voted, "Yes."

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

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Pastor Sonny James Re: Community

Mr. James, of Hopkins Avenue, addressed Council on the topic of community. Mr. James stated he is excited about the potential for growth and change; this Council is the most cohesive group he has seen working together since he has been issuing challenges to the city. Mr. James stated mental health issues impact innocent people; there are a lot of hidden issues within the community. Mr. James encouraged everyone in the city to be inclusive and not single people out; people in the community have great ideas and vision. Mr. James also encouraged leadership in the city to communicate with residents and get back with them; let's continue to talk with everyone. Mr. James spoke of the free First Aid Mental Health Training that is taking place at the Norwood YMCA on September 22nd, from 10am – 6pm; Chipotle is donating lunch. Mr. James stated there are currently 46 individuals interested in attending the event; 30 attendees are required to offer the class, and Mr. James' preference is for majority of the attendees to be Norwood residents. Mr. Clark and Ms. Stevenson were thanked for their efforts to help advertise this event in the past. Mr. James provided his contact information: pastorsonnyjames@gmail.com or (513)487-8843.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Laake provided an update on the retiree healthcare; some additional 2016 and 2017 bills have been processed. A check should be cut soon and sent to Benovations for some remaining 2016 and 2017 health and C9 reimbursements. Benovations has been asked for a 2-month extension for the Millennium Plan, beyond the November 1st renewal date; Benovations will still work with the retirees to process the claims for two more years. Mrs. Laake stated she has obtained a list of names and addresses of current plan members to mail them information about the new program. Mrs. Laake is also getting names from the plan members and from Mayor Williams regarding the members for the review committee.

Mrs. Laake mentioned the TREX transfer for CVS; the attorney representing CVS emailed the Law Department asking the status of the transfer. The attorney was informed that Council has requested their presence at a meeting to address the issue; Mrs. Laake will follow-up, as no CVS representative was in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Breadon discussed the traffic issues around Norwood View School. Dr. Sabo, Superintendent of Norwood City Schools, has instructed the school resource officer and Norwood Police Officers about directing one-way traffic during drop-off and pick-up times only. Mr. Breadon thanked Dr. Sabo, the school resource officer, and the Norwood Police; this change is working and it is appreciated. Mrs. Laake stated she placed Chief Kramer in touch with the Norwood School Board about some other issues regarding traffic flow around the schools.

Mr. Bonsall announced the Simple Recycling contract in the city of Norwood will begin October 1st; residents will be notified through flyers and postcards about the bags and the program. Simple Recycling is soft recycling, which includes clothing, shoes, books, purses, toys, and other items; it is provided at no cost to the city or the residents and the city continues to receive incentives through the Hamilton County Recycling Program. Mr. Bonsall stated this will help to reduce the amount of items going to landfills; the Administration and Law Department have been very helpful in this process.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Breadon announced he will be unable to attend the next Council meeting.

Mr. Sanker reflected on the events of September 11, 2001; a Council meeting was scheduled for that night and discussion took place on whether to cancel or not. It was a solemn meeting and solemn time for the country; everyone in the country came together and "everyone was a patriot." Lately, this has become tarnished and people have forgotten what bonded us all together; things have taken a turn for the worse. Mr. Sanker agrees with Mr. James about this Council working well together, and everyone respects one another. Mr. Sanker stated he hopes that locally, we can continue to be people who are cooperative and set an example for the rest of the country; we need to get back to "that respect for this flag, for the country, and for our fellow man."

Mrs. Laake spoke about the CCIC/PIN (Preventing Injuries In Norwood) Home Safety Day taking place September 22nd; flyers were distributed to all members of Council. Anyone who has children younger than 5 years of age can call 517-HOME for a bundle of safety products installed by trained individuals. Anyone interested in volunteering may also call 517-HOME. There is an installer and an educator sent to each home. Mrs. Laake stated the volunteers will meet at the Norwood Community Center around 8am; they will go around installing items in homes from 9am until noon.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Jim Stith, Norwood Auditor Re: Estimated Revenue Projections

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Mr. Sanker stated there is a decrease in revenue from 2018 to 2019; two major contributors are building permit fees from a decline in construction and the reimbursement from the SAFER grant, which the city will no longer receive. Mrs. Laake stated the Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee and the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission will look at the projections as well; the financial auditors need to work on policies and procedures before looking at the capital improvements. Mr. Bonsall stated he will get with Mr. Thompson about working on drafting something for a capital improvements plan sooner, rather than later.


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

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

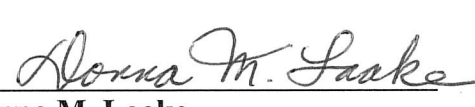
There were no absent members.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, "Yes."



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council