



# Council Chambers

## October 22, 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, and Mr. Sanker; Mr. Breadon was absent.

### E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to the agenda as follows: add an ordinance regarding a Cincinnati Bell Telephone services agreement, add a Economic Development & Community Engagement Committee report, add a letter from Tim Molony regarding bank reconciliations, and move the letter requesting executive session to appear as the final communication. All members present voted, "Yes."

### F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting, as if read. Ms. Stevenson abstained; all other members present voted, "Yes."

### 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: 10/22/2019

##### Re: CRA Commercial Application for 4557 Montgomery Road and 2087 Sherman Avenue

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

Ms. Stevenson asked for Peter Ventura, Jr. to provide details of this project to Council. Mr. Ventura stated he, along with his wife, have purchased the former Fidelity Federal building at Sherman and Montgomery; he plans to renovate the building with an event venue space on the first floor and business tenants on the remaining floors. Mr. Ventura would like to begin the project in the next several months; he will be investing around \$2.3 million into the building. The project could create 60-70 jobs. Mr. Sanker asked about the office space on the second and third floors; Mr. Ventura replied by confirming the remaining floors will be Class A office space and will house a mix of clients. Mrs. Hanrahan asked about the banquet hall rental space; Mr. Ventura replied by stating the rental space would be available to the public, with majority of the events taking place in the evening. Mrs. Hanrahan stated an event center is needed in the city of Norwood. Ms. Stevenson thanked Mr. Ventura for attending the committee meeting as well as the Council meeting; the CRA will be discussed further at the November Economic Development & Community Engagement Committee meeting. Mr. Ventura stated it has been nice dealing with everyone in the city of Norwood.

All members present voted, "Yes."

### I) SECOND/THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second or third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

### J) INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

There were no introductory readings of resolutions.

### INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES

#### 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SIGN EXHIBIT "A", ADDENDUM #01570710 TO SERVICES AGREEMENT #01570659 BETWEEN CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY LLC., AND THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 5-2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Laake stated there was an email discussing the matter between TA Brown and Anna Mary Thomas; the price is still cheaper than the previous year. The Financial Advisors have no problems with this expense; the current server is not sufficient enough and additional firewalls are needed.

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

#### **K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

There were no administration reports.

#### **L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

##### **1) Mary C. Miller and Angela Pancella                      Re: Update on "Norwood Together"**

Ms. Miller, of Hopkins Avenue, provided Council with an update on Norwood Together (formerly Norwood Quality of Life Implementation Team); a flyer was distributed to all members of Council in which the events from the previous year were highlighted (a copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's office). Ms. Miller stated the organization now has an office at Xavier University; they are in the process of working on bylaws. Norwood Together has had tables set up at Off Pike Market, the Gem of the Highlands 5K, and the Historic Home Tour to inform residents of the organization; they will roll out a new website after the holidays. Norwood Together will hold a community meeting at Xavier University on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm; there will be additional strategic planning meetings taking place in November. Anyone attending the meeting should park in the alumni building parking lot; all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Bonsall congratulated the group on everything they have accomplished since February and he thanked them for providing Council with an update. Mr. Bonsall also thanked all of those who have volunteered for the various events that have taken place thus far.

##### **2) Dana Boll                      Re: Zumbiel Site – maintain pedestrian right of way & greenspace/gateway**

Ms. Boll, of Elsmere Avenue, addressed Council regarding maintaining pedestrian right of way at the former Zumbiel site and the greenspace and gateway involving that development. Ms. Boll, Lead Facilitator with Keep Norwood Cool, spoke about the developer of the site once claiming employees at the development will have the ability to walk to/from the site; currently, the development is fenced off and there is no way for anyone to utilize the sidewalk that empties onto Wesley Avenue. Ms. Boll stated that Keep Norwood Cool is proposing: the developer maintains the right of way as a green parameter to connect the Harris Avenue neighborhood and north Norwood to Wesley Avenue; that the developer sponsor a 30-year plan for the gateway, funding replacement trees and that the plan is professionally designed with community input; that there are no additional parking pads; and that all future proposals should include points of view from the Lateral, the street, and from the hillside.

Mrs. Laake confirmed that Council has taken no action regarding vacating the street; the Mayor and Service-Safety Director told the developer they could remove the roadway and sidewalk, but if no development takes place, the developer is to restore the property to its previous condition. Ms. Boll stated she believes this area is larger than Norwood's section of Wasson Way.

Mr. Bonsall confirmed the site has a PUD overlay; a public hearing will have to take place before any type of development or construction begins. Ms. Stevenson thanked Ms. Boll for coming to the meeting and addressing Council; the developer identified having a walking path. Ms. Stevenson stated the Law Department is savvy with "claw back" agreements. Mr. Moore confirmed the property is a PUD; the city owns a chunk of the land. Mr. Moore requested if anyone else would like to share their thoughts about this property or development agreements, that they send a letter or attend a meeting.

#### **M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mrs. Laake provided an update on the Safe Routes to School grant; the flashing lights have been installed around Norwood View Elementary School. Mrs. Laake also stated the process to install the new basketball hoops at Water Works Park will begin next Monday.

Mrs. Hanrahan provided an update on Burwood Park; she has received positive feedback regarding the new park equipment that has been purchased. She met with the Norwood Fire Association about installing the equipment; she thanked them and stated this will save the city some money.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to table the vote to override Mayor Williams' veto of the RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PROPOSAL FROM GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD'S WATER SYSTEM FOR SIX MONTHS until the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Thompson stated this was originally delayed because of the hope to have everyone present for the vote. The motion died, due to no second.

On a motion by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to table the veto override indefinitely. The motion died, due to no second.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to table the matter until the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. All members present voted, "Yes."

#### **N) NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Hanrahan mentioned a letter she received from Ms. Stevenson regarding a rat problem; MSD is willing to bait the sewers and will start baiting them immediately. There were questions regarding storm

drains; MSD does not bait storm drains. Mrs. Hanrahan stated MSD is trying to find out where the issue is occurring and are in need of physical addresses to share with MSD; addresses may be emailed to mhanrahan@norwoodohio.gov. Ms. Stevenson thanked the residents who brought this matter to the attention of Council.

Mr. Bonsall thanked the residents who attended the Wasson Way tree planting; around 70 trees were planted. Mr. Bonsall thanked Sam Martinez with Sunbelt Rentals for his assistance; this will look great for the upcoming ribbon cutting. Mrs. Laake stated the OKI Board awarded \$6 million to Wasson Way.

Mrs. Hanrahan provided an update on the purchase of new police vehicles; there was an opportunity to purchase a used low-mileage vehicle. This vehicle was purchased by the Police using drug fund money. The two new vehicles that were ordered for the Police are part of a transmission recall; Norwood could have three new cars on the roads soon. Mr. Bonsall thanked Mrs. Hanrahan for her assistance with the purchase of the used vehicle.

Ms. Stevenson announced the last Ward 1 Community Council meeting of the year will take place October 24<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8pm at the United Dairy Farmers building at 4001 Montgomery Road (the former Kruse Hardware building). Ms. Stevenson encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.

Mr. Sanker reminded everyone about the Gem of the Highlands 5K taking place at 9am on November 2<sup>nd</sup>; there is still time to register. The funds from the event go back to the city. Mary C. Miller also noted there will be a clean-up taking place beginning at 8am, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at Smith and Floral Avenues.

Mrs. Laake provided an update on the ESID (Energy Special Improvement District); Ohio has adopted a residential program that covers energy efficiency improvements in homes. This matter will come to Council for approval, but probably not until the end of November.

#### O) COMMUNICATIONS

**1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control                      Re: Donna's Carryout**

On a motion by Mrs. Hanrahan, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to object to the license transfer. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she opposes this license transfer; she shared a news article with all members of Council regarding this location previously being closed. She still has the same concerns with this location; they have had 153 police runs during a 2-year period. Mrs. Hanrahan believes it is the same owners.

Mr. Moore stated Council can make a motion to file an objection; the Division of Liquor Control will then schedule a hearing. Norwood will present a case at the hearing; this will be a more difficult case if there are different owners. Ms. Stevenson confirmed an email was sent from the Clerk of Council's office to all city departments on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

All members present voted, "Yes."

**2) Mayor Thomas F. Williams                      Re: Mayor's Court Fines for September 2019**

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

**3) Tim Molony, Treasurer                      Re: Bank Reconciliations for August & September 2019**

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

**4) Mayor Thomas F. Williams                      Re: Executive Session**

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to enter into executive session to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, and for all Councilmembers, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Laake, the Clerk of Council, and members of the Administration and their bargaining representatives to remain in Council Chambers for executive session. All members present voted, "Yes."

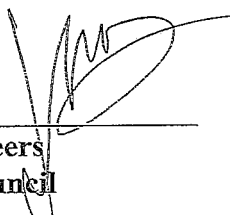
On roll call out of executive session, all members present voted, "Yes."


#### P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to excuse Mr. Breadon's absence. All members present voted, "Yes."

#### Q) ADJOURNMENT

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

  
Joseph S. Geers  
Clerk of Council

  
~~Donna M. Laake~~ LESLIE STEVENSON  
President of Council PRO TEM