



Council Chambers

June 26, 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

Mrs. Laake requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Dan Romanello; Mr. Romanello was a member of Norwood City Council in the 1970's and 1980's, a very active member of the Kiwanis, and an active member of Holy Trinity Church.

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 commented on the new chairs in Council Chambers, and expressed her thanks to TriHealth for the chairs and other office furniture they donated to the city.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: move the ordinance regarding prohibited animals to be considered following the reports of standing committees and move the third reading of the ordinance creating a retiree benefit program to follow the consideration of all ordinances with introductory readings. Ms. Stevenson inquired about the representative from Benovations addressing Council; Mr. Bonsall then amended his motion to include the representative from Benovations to address Council following the approval of minutes and Mr. Clark agreed to amend his second. All members present voted, "Yes."

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to amend the agenda to add the Treasurer's report as a communication item. All present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting, as if read. All present voted, "Yes".

G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to address Council on agenda items.

I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There were no standing committee reports.

Mrs. Laake requested that Kevin Schlotman, Vice President of CAI Insurance Agency & Director of Employee Benefits, stand before Council to take questions and participate in a discussion about the retiree healthcare. Mrs. Laake began the discussion by asking Mr. Schlotman about the payment of claims for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018; Mr. Schlotman stated it has been difficult to reconcile and adjudicate claims for 2016 and 2017 due to duplicate submissions and submissions from providers. He apologized and stated their systems and methodologies have been a struggle to deal with regarding this process; some members did not receive their expected payments. Mr. Schlotman stated the audit of all paid and processed claims from 2016 and 2017 has been completed, reviewed, and sent to Mrs. Osterday in the Mayor's office; that funding request should resolve all 2016 and 2017 outstanding claims. Mr. Schlotman stated he had received confirmation this afternoon that the C9 and pharmacy claims submitted through June 2018 will be available on Monday. For a point of clarity, Mr. Schlotman stated his company adjudicates the claims for reimbursement to retirees; requests are sent to the city for funding and Benovations then issues checks to the retirees.

Mrs. Hanrahan stated she is a recipient of the plan and also has encountered issues getting paid. Mrs. Hanrahan stated that as a recipient and as a Councilperson, the customer service at Benovations has been a problem; she has heard and experienced the fact that Benovations does not return calls to members. Mrs. Hanrahan spoke of bills prior to 2016 that still have not been paid; she has not been able to get an answer regarding those payments. Mrs. Hanrahan also mentioned some confusion that exists regarding dental and

vision coming out of the Millennium plan. Retirees are being sent to collections because their claims are not being paid. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she called Benovations last year regarding the status of a claim; they couldn't find it in the computer and she was told they are "in the back in boxes" and that it couldn't be found. Mr. Schlotman stated that does not sound like the way things are handled, but appreciates any feedback from plan members.

Mrs. Laake asked about the administrative fees; Mr. Schlotman stated it is a fixed fee per retiree per month; the fee has remained the same since 2012 to help the city deal with their financial issues at that time. Mr. Sanker asked a series of questions and follow-up questions pertaining to fees, processing claims, and forms. Mr. Schlotman stated the monthly premium includes a stop-loss premium and monthly fees; there have been some system changes at Benovations between 2015 and 2018. He also stated that 95% of the normal claims submitted are done so electronically. Norwood retirees are submitting 95% of their claims via paper; that is outside their normal processing method. All of the claims are tracked and date-stamped upon Benovations receiving them. Mr. Schlotman stated one of the challenges of funds being made available is when his office receives boxes or envelopes "full of stuff" from the retirees; sorting through these materials takes time. They try to avoid over-paying the recipients, as they would then have to ask for the money back. There is a standard form that is made available for reimbursements; if the form is not included when paperwork is submitted, they are not sending the paperwork back to the retiree because the form is missing. Benovations tries to make it as easy as possible for the plan members and works with them. Mr. Bonsall asked about the boxes of claims that are yet to be processed; Mr. Schlotman stated he is unaware of boxes of claims that are yet to be processed and that everything submitted thus far for 2016 and 2017 has been processed.

Mr. Stith stated no dollar figure has been sent to the Auditor's office yet, as to latest requested payment amount. Mr. Stith reviewed some financial numbers regarding the C9: in 2016, nothing was paid; in 2017, \$582,431.52 was paid; in 2018 so far, \$96,699 has been paid. Mr. Stith stated the invoices can be pulled to identify the plan year for each of the reimbursements. Mr. Bonsall stated he is hoping to continue conversations with Benovations to get members paid for plan years 2016-2018; it is up to the city to make sure that every retiree gets paid everything that is owed to them. Mr. Schlotman stated the most important thing is to make sure the plan members get paid; he also noted that the administrative fee is \$32 per enrolled retiree per month. Mrs. Hanrahan asked about the number of enrollees; Mr. Stith confirmed there were 123 enrolled retirees. Mrs. Laake noted that the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission met earlier in the day and they are looking forward to getting this matter resolved. Mrs. Laake also stated this topic is on their radar and they want to get all of the city's bills paid.

Mr. Thompson asked a question regarding the latest invoice, and once paid, if it will bring the city up to date with claims, through Monday; Mr. Schlotman confirmed that to be correct and added that members have up to two years from the date of service to submit a claim. Mr. Sanker asked about the process for entering a claim, invoicing it, and sending it to the city; Mr. Schlotman stated a processing time of 15 days for paper claims and that the claims are usually submitted by the retirees and not their physician's office. Ms. Stevenson stated for the purpose of clarification, that a member has two years from the date of service to submit a claim, and that Benovations, in the worst case, could take up to 45 days to process a claim; thus, implying that there could be a window of up to two years and 45 days from the date of service to receive a reimbursement for a claim. Ms. Stevenson then asked if there is anything in the agreement regarding the 45 days or if it is routine process; Mr. Schlotman stated that is the routine process and he doesn't believe there is anything in the contract that identifies a certain number of days to process claims. Mrs. Hanrahan asked if Council could receive a copy of the agreement between Benovations and the city; Mr. Schlotman confirmed the contract can be shared with Council. Ms. Stevenson asked about those plan participants who have submitted requests but still have not received the money owed to them; Mr. Schlotman stated he will leave his business card and those individuals may contact him directly if they have submitted the information already to their office and have not yet heard a response. Mr. Clark asked about plan members being told to wait to submit claims and if they may now submit them; Mr. Schlotman confirmed that they may now submit their claims. Mrs. Hanrahan asked about claims that are beyond the two year window that have not yet been paid and if the claims will still be accepted if the receipts were lost or misplaced; Mr. Schlotman stated that any claims beyond two years will have to be evaluated and then presented to the city for guidance, since it is the city's money to reimburse.

Mr. Bonsall asked about claims submitted in 2014 or 2015, but because nothing was paid in 2016, they didn't have the 45-60 day window to make the payment; Mr. Schlotman raised the question of whether or not the claims were received, and stated everything that was received has been paid. Ms. Stevenson asked if there is a way to send retirees a letter regarding the ability to file and submit claims; Mr. Schlotman stated they can consider sending a letter. Mrs. Laake stated it is best to wait until plan members receive their latest payments to identify what, if anything, is missing. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she was told not to file anymore claims and to wait until any confusion is cleared up. Mr. Sanker asked about claims that are pending from 2015 and if the supporting documentation is still even available at Benovations; Mr. Schlotman stated anything not received in a timely fashion is denied. He will investigate this, but they do

try to limit the amount of private information that is lying around. Mr. Bonsall also asked about the 2015 claims and if there is any record of them being paid; Mr. Schlotman replied by confirming there is a record of payment and everything is date stamped and then entered into the system. Mrs. Laake thanked Mr. Schlotman for attending and engaging in this discussion with Council.

J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE CREATING THE RETIREE BENEFIT PROGRAM (as amended).

(Ordinance considered following the introductory readings of ordinances)

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

Mr. Bonsall stated this will fulfill Council's promise that the retirees are taken care of in a fair way.

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

J) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE DENYING THE REQUEST FOR A ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT TO ADD "MARKET GARDENS" AS A PERMITTED OR CONDITIONAL USE IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to hear the second reading of the ordinance.

Mr. Thompson apologized for not being present for the first reading; he was out of town. Mr. Thompson stated he doesn't agree with the ordinance or the suggestion by the Planning Commission. Mr. Thompson stated Norwood needs to have an open mind with regard to businesses wanting to come into the city. This company wants to purchase a plot of land for the purpose of growing and harvesting plants; the plot has been empty for seven years. Mr. Thompson stated there is no reason for denying this request; he will be voting "no" on the second reading of this ordinance and asks other members to also consider voting this way. Mrs. Hanrahan stated a letter was sent to the Building Department asking for their reason for opposing to this change, but their reply was very generic.

Mr. Sanker and Mr. Breadon voted, "Yes," while all other members present voted "No." With a vote of 2-5, the motion fails.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to place this matter into Economic Development and Community Engagement committee.

Mr. Bonsall stated Council has to act on this matter; in order for Council to override the Planning Commission's recommendation, they must pass an ordinance with six of the seven Council members voting in favor of overriding the Planning Commission. Mr. Clark requested that Mr. Stoker or a member of the Planning Commission be invited to attend the meeting. Mr. Moore stated this is an unusual situation; there is usually a draft ordinance prepared for voting a different way. If Council wants to reconsider this and reverse the decision of the Planning Commission, then he recommends placing it in committee. Mr. Moore also requested that Mr. Orosz is invited to attend the committee meeting, as he is knowledgeable on market-gardens. Mr. Bonsall suggested the possibility of placing the matter into the Housing Committee. Ms. Stevenson shared some information from the applicant; they requested that this not go into committee, since it could get stuck there. The applicant has participated in drafting a protocol for the city of Cincinnati; Council should consider passing something that is broad but simple. Ms. Stevenson stated this will allow an opportunity for Council to provide some protocol and conditions and give guidance to Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Mrs. Hanrahan stated she has no objection to the matter being placed in the Housing Committee. Ms. Stevenson asked Mrs. Hanrahan if she would allow that meeting to be video recorded; Mrs. Hanrahan stated she didn't know, but everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Ms. Stevenson stated she rejects the findings that were provided and recommends the matter be placed into Committee of the Whole, where Council can move forward with their ideas.

Mr. Thompson agreed to amend his motion to place the matter into Committee of the Whole; Mr. Clark agreed to amend his second. All present voted, "Yes."

K) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Mr. Thompson asked about the two ordinances with and without the emergency clause; Mrs. Laake stated if one doesn't pass, Council will move on to the next one. Ms. Stevenson asked for clarity on the vote count needed to pass an ordinance with and without the emergency clause; Mrs. Laake stated the ordinances with the emergency clause require six votes to suspend the rules and five votes are needed to pass. Mrs. Laake stated the ordinances without the emergency clause require six votes to suspend the rules and four votes are needed to pass. The ordinances with the emergency clause go into effect right away and are not subject to voter referendum.

On a motion by Mrs. Hanrahan, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to remove ordinance 3 and ordinance 4 from the agenda; these ordinances do not have the emergency clause.

Mrs. Hanrahan stated she would like for Council to carefully consider what they are doing, and asks that they vote for the creation of the new plan and to keep the emergency clause in the other two ordinances. Mrs. Hanrahan stated that Mayor Williams said he wouldn't sign the new plan if Council voted to pass it. Mrs. Hanrahan stated that if the ordinance creating a new plan is passed, it could happen that Mayor Williams would not sign the ordinance and then the retirees would have no benefits. Mrs. Laake stated she received a text message from Mayor Williams saying he would sign the ordinance creating the new plan if Mr. Schlotman is telling the truth and when his office receives both invoices. Mrs. Hanrahan believes that removing the emergency clause on the ordinances was done to manipulate the vote count. Mrs. Hanrahan asks for Council to vote for the ordinances keeping the emergency clause, and to keep the old plans until the new plan is signed by Mayor Williams.

Mr. Stith stated the Fiscal Emergency Plan allows for one retiree plan or the other, and not all of them. Placing all of the plans on the books doesn't fit within the plan that was approved by Council and the Commission. Mr. Bonsall urges Council to maintain the two ordinances without the emergency clause on the agenda; they should be kept to see what happens. Mr. Bonsall stated he has talked with Mayor Williams, who is a recipient of the plan, and he doesn't want to see anything happen that will negatively impact the retirees. Mr. Bonsall stated there is nothing that says Council cannot have at least readings on both ordinances.

Mr. Thompson commented on Mr. Stith's comments and the effective dates of the plan; Mr. Stith replied by stating the Fiscal Emergency Plan does have future years in it and it then will not match for 2019 if ordinances aren't properly passed. Mrs. Laake stated there is no emergency clause in the ordinance that created the new plan. Mr. Sanker stated Council could reinstate the old plan with ordinances in the worst case scenario; the intent of this Council is not to have no retiree plan. Mrs. Hanrahan stated it isn't right to take a chance of taking away benefits without the new plan in place; it isn't fair and the retirees want guarantees. Mr. Moore stated he has spoken to Mayor Williams; Mayor Williams' concern was to not get rid of the old plans until knowing that Benovations will pay the claims that are out standing. Mr. Moore stated that if Mrs. Hanrahan's concern is that Mayor Williams will only veto the ordinance creating a new plan and let the appears go through, that, "the Mayor would never do that." Mr. Moore stated that if Mayor Williams would veto one, he would have to veto them all; Mrs. Laake agreed with Mr. Moore's statement.

Mr. Breadon stated no one wants to do wrong by the retirees; he also stated Mrs. Hanrahan did well in representing the retirees. Mr. Sanker asked about the \$32 per person per month fee that Benovations currently charges, and the impact if that plan is repealed; Mr. Stith stated that State Auditors anticipate a two year period of paying those fees following the repeal of the current plan. Mr. Sanker asked about the catastrophic premium and the administrative fees; Mr. Stith stated the large premium would probably stop in January, 2019, and the \$32 fee is per unit (a unit = retiree and spouse).

Mrs. Hanrahan and Mr. Sanker voted, "Yes," while all other members present voted "No." With a vote of 2-5, the motion fails.

- 1) **ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 66-2000, AS AMENDED, WHICH PROVIDED FOR HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR RETIREES, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NO LONGER EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY DUE TO DISABILITY, AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAD COMPLETED A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF TWENTY (20) YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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. Mrs. Hanrahan voted, "No," while all other members present voted "Yes."

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Hanrahan voted, "No," while all other members voted, "Yes." With a vote of 5-2, the motion passes.

- 2) **ORDINANCE TERMINATING VEVA PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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. Mrs. Hanrahan voted, "No," while all other members present voted "Yes."

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Hanrahan voted, "No," while all other members voted, "Yes." With a vote of 5-2, the motion passes.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to remove ordinance 3 and ordinance 4 from the agenda. Mr. Bonsall stated the other two ordinances had passed, so these additional ordinances are no longer needed.

Mrs. Hanrahan voted, "No," while all other members present voted "Yes."

3) ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 66-2000, AS AMENDED, WHICH PROVIDED FOR HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR RETIREES, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NO LONGER EMPLOYED WITH THE CITY DUE TO DISABILITY, AND EMPLOYEES WHO HAD COMPLETED A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF TWENTY (20) YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE.

(removed under the previous motion)

4) ORDINANCE TERMINATING VEVA PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT.

(removed under the previous motion)

5) ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, ENTITLED "PROHIBITED ANIMALS", AS AMENDED.

(Ordinance considered immediately following the discussion with Mr. Schlotman)

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

Ms. Stevenson asked if anyone could speak to this ordinance, as there was no cover sheet attached; Mrs. Laake stated she asked the Law Department to draft this ordinance and this was citizen driven. The changes in this section addresses the concerns of a resident who owns chickens, and also owns rabbits, but was told they could no longer keep their pet rabbits, as pet rabbits are prohibited in the city of Norwood. Mrs. Laake stated Mr. Moore looked at something similar in Cincinnati and adjusted it to be "Norwood appropriate." The amendment to this section keeps with the same standards that have been applied to chickens; residents are permitted to have up to four rabbits. There is not a license required for rabbits but their conditions can be inspected if a complaint is filed. Ms. Stevenson asked why there is not a permit fee; Mrs. Laake stated the Health Department did not want there to be permits for pet rabbits.

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

K) INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

There were no introductory readings of resolutions.

L) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1) Keith Moore, Law Director

Re: Recent "resident" at Millcrest Park & other matters

Mr. Moore stated that all back-taxes have been paid on city owned properties; the State Auditors approved this payment.

Mr. Moore thanked TA Brown for the new chairs in Council Chambers.

Mr. Moore then spoke about a letter he sent to Council regarding a registered sex offender living at Lower Millcrest Park. The media was contacted; the practice of his office has been to review the list of addresses for sex offenders in Norwood with Norwood detectives. Mr. Moore spoke about the state law and sex offenders' distance from schools; Norwood also has laws about sex offenders not living within 1,000 feet of parks. Probation officers have been educated of Norwood's laws with regard to restrictions. The Norwood Police found the man's tent but he was not in the area; all of his belongings were taken to the Norwood Police Department and a letter was left for him regarding not being able to live near a park in Norwood. The individual showed up three days later to collect his stuff. He has a pending charge for not registering his address; he is no longer in Norwood. Mr. Moore thanked everyone who was involved: Mr. Garry, Detective Dan Riffle, Auxiliary Police Lieutenant Bud Rich, Police Officer William Dossenback, Sergeant Dave Lewis, and Sergeant Kim Brucker.

M) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Virginia Wallace

Re: C9 Renovations

Mrs. Wallace rescinded her request to address Council.

Clint Kersting and Andrew Seni Re: Provide Deferred Comp Services to Norwood employees

Mr. Kersting and Mr. Seni, financial planners with Midwest Financial Partners, addressed Council regarding deferred compensation options for Norwood employees. Mr. Kersting stated Norwood employees reached out to them and asked about helping with a deferred compensation plan with Norwood; the employees have expressed customer service as being an issue. Deferred compensation is the city's version of a 401(k) and costs the city nothing to offer to the employees; they currently have the Ohio Deferred Compensation (ODC) plan, which is a state-run program. Mr. Kersting stated employees utilizing their service would pay for this out of their fees; they are at the meeting seeking guidance from Council. They are not looking to replace ODC, only to allow city employees another option. Mr. Moore stated if this work is through the Auditor's office, they would need an agreement; if it is through the employees directly on an individual basis, he is unsure, and deferred to Mr. Stith. Mr. Stith stated a

meeting could be set up to review plan options; this would be the employee's choice to stay with ODC or to switch. Mr. Stith stated this could be as simple as placing pamphlets out for employees; he will look at what employees could legally do on their own. Ms. Stevenson thanked Mr. Kersting and Mr. Seni for following up on the recommendation of city employees and addressing Council on this matter. Mr. Kersting stated they currently offer this benefit to employees of Norwood City Schools.

Pastor Sonny James

Re: Community

Mr. James, of Hopkins Avenue, stated he sent an email to all members of Council regarding the Youth Mental Health Training; 34 individuals have already signed up for the training. Mr. James also spoke about the Norwood Quality of Life Plan; he is excited to see people coming together to talk. Mr. James stated he has been coming to Council meetings for several years; we have to continue to challenge the status quo. Mr. James stated he likes to see that Council members "have a heart and some guts" to speak on both sides of an issue.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hanrahan stated the residents on Jefferson Avenue are very happy that the flooding issue has been fixed; she has been working with Mr. Cark on that flooding problem. Mr. Breadon added to the discussion by saying an old Norwood sign was found in the drain. Mr. Bonsall also praised Mrs. Hanrahan and Mr. Clark for their attention in helping to resolve the flooding issue on Jefferson. Mr. Bonsall stated this repair was paid for out of the storm water drainage fees on our property tax bills; he would like to look into these funds also being utilized to repair Elm Avenue and Maple Avenue flooding. Mr. Bonsall stated he would like to be able to do more; possibly look into utilizing those fees for infrastructure repairs. Mrs. Hanrahan stated residents on Jefferson Avenue have been having flood problems for years, but Council wasn't aware of it; Mrs. Hanrahan urged residents to call members of Council to make them aware of issues like this.

Mr. Breadon publicly thanked TriHealth for the donation of chairs to the city.

Mr. Thompson announced a Parks, Recreation, Streets, and Infrastructure Committee meeting will take place on July 11, 2018, at 7:00pm, in Council Chambers.

On a motion by Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to invite representatives from TriHealth to attend an upcoming Council meeting and to have a resolution drafted to thank them for the office furniture. Mrs. Laake will talk with Mr. Brown about his contacts with TriHealth regarding their attendance at a meeting. All present voted, "Yes."

Ms. Stevenson asked Council to consider drafting a letter of support for Queen City Clay; she will also get with the Law Department to further discuss this matter once she gets more information. This was formally reported out by the Economic Development and Community Engagement Committee; she would like to see Council supporting this business coming to Norwood.

Ms. Stevenson announced there will not be an Economic Development and Community Engagement Committee meeting in the month of July. Ms. Stevenson also spoke about the Quality of Life Planning Committee; there were about 70 residents who attended the report-out meeting session that took place on June 30th. This project is supported by the Economic Development and Community Engagement Committee.

Mr. Bonsall announced the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's presentation of A Midsummer Night's Dream on June 30, 2018, at 7:00pm, at Northwoods Park; he thanked Maddie Regan, Production Manager with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, for bringing this event to Norwood and also thanked Norwood Public Works for the support they are providing for this event.

Ms. Stevenson stated several residents have expressed some concerns about trees and gutters; in one situation, gutters are not cleaned out and are overflowing, which is over-watering their garden. In another situation, a resident has expressed concern that there are invasive trees that are a threat to their yard. Ms. Stevenson asked if there are initiatives in place to help residents navigate those issues, other than calling city departments; Mrs. Laake stated that residents are permitted to trim back trees that are hanging over their property. Mrs. Lake also suggested having a discussion with the neighbor.

Mr. Bonsall acknowledged Lieutenant Mark Rankin with the Norwood Police Department, and his presentation at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting regarding 911. Ms. Stevenson asked Lt. Rankin about edits to the calculations and other details; Mr. Rankin stated he had underestimated the cost of the switch. Cincinnati Bell is getting out of the PSAP business; this means Norwood has to disband the dispatch center and contact with someone else or purchase new PSAP equipment. Lt. Rankin stated the new PSAP equipment is superior to what Norwood currently has; based on preliminary numbers, the cost will be an even exchange to upgrade to state of the art software. Ms. Stevenson asked about the timing of the savings; Lt. Rankin stated spreading out the purchase of the equipment and the support and maintenance of the equipment will keep costs the same. Once the equipment is paid off, the costs

dramatically drop; it is a much more technologically advanced system but the costs are much less. Lt. Rankin clarified that if Norwood decides to keep the 911 dispatch center, there will be no additional costs needed. Ms. Stevenson thanked Lt. Rankin for the clarification. Mrs. Laake thanked Lt. Rankin for everything he is doing to help with the reduction in costs. Mr. Bonsall asked Lt. Rankin about the meeting that took place in Amberly Village; Lt. Rankin stated the Hamilton County PSAP Director invited all PSAPs in the region to a centralized point to discuss PSAP standards and statistics. The meeting was nothing more than an opportunity to advise everyone about PSAP standards set forth by the State of Ohio. Lt. Rankin stated Norwood's 911 is "crushing" the standards.

Mr. Sanker reminded everyone of the 4th of July fireworks and celebration taking place at Shea Stadium; it is a nice event. Mr. Sanker thanked the sponsors and fireworks committee for all of their work in putting on this event. Mr. Breadon spoke about the process of kids writing essays, and one of them will be selected and awarded the task of starting the fireworks.

Ms. Stevenson requested permission to exit Council Chambers.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Tim Molony, Treasurer Re: Treasurer's Report (April and May 2018)

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

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

There were no absent members.

R) ADJOURNMENT

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

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

Donna M. Laake
President of Council