



# NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Norwood Community Center  
1810 Courtland Ave., ground floor  
Tuesday, December 29, 2020  
7:30 pm

## A) CALL TO ORDER

## B) PRAYER

## C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council for the City of Norwood met in special session on the above date with Mr. Ken Miracle Presiding as President. The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## D) ROLL CALL

On the roll call the following members answered present: Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Gabbard, Mr. Geraci, Mr. Kelsch, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Breadon. Mr. DiNardo not present initially but came in late.

## E) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NORWOOD SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH ADVERTISING VEHICLES, INC. D/B/A ADSPOSURE FOR THE SUPPLY OF CERTAIN DIGITAL AND STATIC SIGNAGE

On motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mr. Gabbard, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present (excluding Mr. DiNardo who had not arrived at the meeting yet) voted yes. Motion passed. On motion by Mr. Gabbard, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present (excluding Mr. DiNardo who had not arrived at the meeting yet) voted yes. Motion passed.

## F) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

None

## G) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. Bonsall noted that these are appropriations changes needed before the end of year. Specifically mentions the payment for the water study. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

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2) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORWOOD TO PURCHASE, AND USE, "EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY POLICY" THROUGH PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL (PEP)

Mr. Bonsall asked for the Law Director to speak on the resolution. The Law Director noted that some employees need to be bonded under Ohio Law. The city has determined that another option would be to instead have an insurance policy covering those employees. It is cleaner. Mr. Geraci asked who would pay for the insurance and the Law Director stated that it would be the city. Mr. Bonsall asked if there was an emergency need for this to be passed. The Law Director said that there was no urgency. The Mayor noted that these bonds are not new and that the insurance policy is likely going to save the city money.

On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. DiNardo it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Breadon asked why a bond is needed. The Law Director noted that the positions are ones that are of trust and could cost the city money by absconding with funds. This is protection against that. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk did the first reading.

3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO IMPROVE HERITAGE PARK, JUST SOUTH OF THE NORWOOD MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. Geraci asked law department to find out if an ordinance is needed to advertise for bids. He'd prefer an ordinance that has information about who has the bid and how much it would cost. The Law Director said that he didn't know if one was needed for bids but that it is best practice to have council approve the process ahead of time. Mr. Kelsch noted that this was not done through the parks committee but that he read communication from the Mayor's assistant and he thinks this project is a good idea. He asked the Mayor about the extent of the project. The Mayor noted that it is a city park and a small project. There will be a small seating area for people and some landscape. It is in dire need of improvement and due to Covid concerns they are hoping to get this done as soon as possible. The grant money received will cover the costs.

Mr. Geraci is concerned that the language of the ordinance gives the administration permission to enter into a contract allowing them to move forward with contracts without coming before the council. The Mayor noted that this language is standard language and practice for these kinds of ordinances. The Law Director noted that he has seen ordinances that were split into two – one to advertise for bids and another to enter into a contract. This language was done since this was a small contract but noted that they can separate that out for this contract. Mr. Bonsall noted that he would like to see these kinds of ordinances have a dollar amount cap but since this project is being done with grant money he is not concerned. He would like to see council more involved in choosing projects in the future. Mr. Geraci noted that the request for the ordinance does specifically state "enter into a contract". He just doesn't want this ordinance to set a precedent for entering into contracts without seeing numbers. Mr. Thompson agreed with Mr. Geraci. Mr. Gabbard asked the Mayor if council could get plans for the park. The Mayor agreed. He also noted that he understands that the council is requesting a high level of communication and that he will advise his team that whenever possible they will request that these kinds of ordinances be split into two. Mr. Geraci noted for people watching that if they wanted to put in a bid, they should do so. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk did all three readings.

On motion by Mr. Breadon , seconded by Mr Kelsch, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

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**G) COMMUNICATIONS**

1) Mayor Victor Schneider

**Re:** Appointment-Civil Service Commission- Marty Kroell  
On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Mr. Bonsall noted that he thought this was a great appointment. Mr. Breadon corrected the pronunciation of the appointee's name. Roll was called. All members voted yes. Motion passed.

**H) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S**

None

**I) ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes. Motion passed.

