



Council Chambers

November 27, 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.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the Economic Development and Community Development Committee report; add an additional Finance, Budget, & Audit Committee report; move the Hamilton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution to immediately follow approval of minutes. All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to accept the minutes of both the October 24, 2018 special meeting and the November 13, 2018 regular meeting as if read. All 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) Finance, Audit, and Budget (11/20/18) Re: City Finances

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

Mr. Bonsall stated Council had previously voted to allow Norwood Community Television (NCT) to keep Spectrum and Cincinnati Bell fees; a new refreshed agreement will be created. Mr. Moore stated he has received some information from NCT; he would like to know what other benefits and anything else Council wants to see in the agreement. Mr. Bonsall stated he would like to see video services about helping residents, but without any additional costs. Ms. Stevenson requested a list of itemized services that NCT provides to get a better understanding of their scope. Mrs. Laake stated she spoke with Tyler at NCT; he provided a draft ordinance to the Law Department. Mr. Moore stated the need to have Council and Committee meetings recorded and made available. Mr. Moore also stated that anyone who might want to do a show, or something similar, and get it on television, that the NCT crew enjoys doing that and they are happier with more content. He confirmed that the Law Department is working on the agreement. Mr. Breadon complimented Tyler on not turning away anyone who has requested assistance or to have an event recorded.

All present voted, "Yes."

2) Economic Development and Community Engagement Re: Goals

(removed from the agenda, as the report was previously approved)

3) Finance, Audit, and Budget (11/26/2018) Re: 2018 and 2019 Appropriations

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

Ms. Stevenson stated several funds were created for specific purposes, and asked for those who are over the funds to provide an understanding of the need for allocating those funds. Mr. Bonsall replied by stating the Safety-Service Director will be in attendance at the next meeting to answer questions, since he oversees most of those funds; he also stated that Mr. Clark wasn't able to attend the committee meetings but he did provide notification.

All present voted, "Yes."

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE PROJECT ID NO. 94224, THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SECTION AVE. BRIDGE OVER STATE ROUTE 562, AND

AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE OF OHIO NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

J) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

- 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO APPROVE "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATES FOR THE WATER FUND (50) TO COVER THE COST OF INVOICES FOR THE GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS FOR 2018 UP TO \$550,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Bonsall stated there has been an increase in the billing amount paid to Cincinnati; there is still an additional evaluation happening. Norwood is now getting billed monthly by Cincinnati Water Works. There have been more water breaks than normal, and Norwood has to pay for all water entering the city. It is important that residents notify the city if they notice a leak or water main break as soon as possible. Mr. Bonsall stated the state auditors wanted to see if this would balance out toward the end of the year; not enough was covered to pay the full amount. The appropriations cannot be changed above the certificate of estimated resources; they cannot appropriate more than what is expected in the fund. The only way to cover bills that are over what was expected is to do a "then and now." Mr. Bonsall assured everyone that work is being done to ensure the same issues do not occur next year; the bill is due to Cincinnati Water Works on December 6, 2018, so this has to be passed tonight or at a special meeting to avoid having to pay late fees.

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to hear the second and third readings of the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

Ms. Stevenson acknowledged this is a difficult topic; it is clear there are parallel processes at the city and state level. This is not a comfortable place to be in, but she is hopeful that with support from the state, a balance can be reached between the revenue coming in and the billing.

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

J) SECOND READING OF RESOLUTIONS

- 1) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

(resolution considered immediately following the approval of minutes)

Assistant Fire Chief McCabe introduced Ryan McEwan, the Assistant Director of the Hamilton County Emergency Management Homeland Security Agency. Mr. McEwan stated their role is to help the 44 jurisdictions in Hamilton County prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate disasters. The purpose of the mitigation planning is to interrupt the traditional disaster cycle; it allows everyone to work together to help Norwood prepare for disasters and for the emergency to be less impactful. Mr. McEwan stated this plan is required by the federal government and was first passed in Hamilton County in 2004. They started the planning process two years ago; the entire plan is around 900 pages in length and 10 pages are exclusive to Norwood. Mr. McEwan stated the list of projects in the plan are strategies; by listing the strategies in the plan, funding may become available at a 75/25 cost (75% paid with federal funding and the state picked up the other 25% in matching costs for reimbursements). This is the first time every jurisdiction in Hamilton County participated in the plan; 31 individuals who work or live in Norwood contributed to the plan. The plan can be updated as needed over the next five years. Mr. McEwan listed several examples of projects in Norwood: develop post-recovery ordinances, procuring generators and transfer switches for schools, public facilities, and medical facilities, and the retro-fitting and hardening of the fire station (for earthquake resilience).

Mr. Sanker asked about the rounds of mitigation funding; Mr. McEwan replied by stating each year the state releases pre-mitigation funds, which are relied upon on an annual basis. Ms. Stevenson thanked Mr. McEwan for coming to the meeting and asked about the 31 residents who were engaged in the survey; Mr. McEwan stated a survey was placed on several websites and they tried to get at least 300 residents in Hamilton County to complete the survey. Close to 2,000 surveys were completed; one of the questions asked in what community the respondent lived or worked. Ms. Stevenson asked about any specific ideas around ordinances that needed to be developed; Mr. McEwan mentioned the post-recovery ordinances dealing with post-recovery inspections and that his office can work with the fire department, public works, and law department. If Mr. McEwan is notified upon passage of ordinances, they can be added to the mitigation plan. Assistant Chief McCabe stated the post-recovery ordinance was his suggestion; when reflecting on the Norwood

flood, it became clear that the city needed a streamlined process to make repairs and to better track damage costs. Assistant Chief McCabe stated he represented Norwood in the planning process. Mr. Bonsall stated the items for Norwood seem reasonable and are things that need to be done; he thanked everyone involved in this process.

Ms. Stevenson stated the ordinance goal is a great idea and asked if the resources from the county include a template for an ordinance; Mr. McEwan stated there isn't a template but he can research it. Ms. Stevenson asked what it takes to submit changes; Mr. McEwan stated it is up to Norwood, since the Norwood Representative will bring something to EMA, who then takes it to the committee, and lets them know what has been suggested. EMA will then make the change to the plan and update it; once a year the county will reach out to each jurisdiction for updates on the status of the plan. This year, they also implemented a new on-line system for authorized users to review the plan and make suggestions. Mr. Bonsall stated he would like to see the Public Safety Committee eventually review the projects and goals listed in the plan. Mrs. Laake commented on the good work that is completed by the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency.

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to hear the second and third readings of the resolution. All present voted, "Yes."

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

K) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Bonsall stated it helps to have this done as soon as possible, since appropriations are being changed for this year; there are a few deadlines that need to be met.

Mr. Bonsall stated there is a long list of changes; this ordinance looks at keys to readjust at the end of the year. City and state auditors looked at expenses and payroll for each key and then made conservative changes based upon projections. Mr. Bonsall also added that nothing pressing is being impacted, and provided some details about specific changes. Mr. Thompson asked about the large decrease in TIFs; Mr. Bonsall replied by stating it was based on the property tax settlement sheet and the property taxes that are paid. Ms. Stevenson pointed out that the net effect to the general fund is zero. Mrs. Laake stated both of the appropriations ordinances have been reviewed by the fiscal agent from the state.

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

2) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

L) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

M) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Christopher Janowak, M.D.

Re: REVIVE Study

Dr. Christopher Janowak, a trauma surgeon with University of Cincinnati Medical Center, addressed Council about a REVIVE study; REVIVE stands for Reducing Exsanguination Via In-Vivo Expandable Foam. The research study is for trauma care in the greater Cincinnati region; the trial will last for one year, beginning in January 2019 and ending in January 2020. This will target severely injured patients; they arrive at the trauma center and are identified as patients who are dying from bleeding in their abdomen. The product, ResQFoam, will be sprayed into the abdomen and fill it, and temporizes bleeding. Dr. Janowak described the process and distributed an information sheet to all members of Council; a copy is on file in the Clerk of Council's office. Dr. Janowak stated the hope of the study is to enroll 40 patients nationwide at four hospitals. Dr. Janowak stated the use of this foam is "not a deviation of the normal plan of care." There is a bracelet available for those who prefer to opt out of this study; residents may call 558-6332 to receive an opt-out bracelet.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall discussed 2019 appropriations; it contains the same appropriations that were approved in the Fiscal Recovery Plan in March. Mr. Bonsall stated the Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee will work with the "gate keeper" of the funds regarding how they want to use the funds in 2019.

Mr. Thompson announced the Parks, Recreation, Streets, and Infrastructure Committee meeting will now take place at 6:15pm on November 29, 2018, in Council Chambers.

Ms. Stevenson inquired about the Law, Ordinance, and Human Resources Committee; she suggests the committee schedule time to meet this year. Ms. Stevenson would also like to address what happens when changes occur to a previously communicated meeting date and time; to be specific, identify ways to communicate the changed meeting date and time to those who may have heard the initial announcement at a televised Council meeting. Mr. Bonsall reminded anyone who wants to be notified of Council meetings or committee meetings, to request they are added to the Sunshine list, by contacting the Secretary to the Clerk of Council via email at council@norwood-ohio.com.

Mrs. Laake provided an update on the retiree healthcare; letters have been sent out with ballots. There will be a meeting held on December 4, 2018, at 7pm, to count the votes. Another bill has been received from Benovations; payment has been expedited so they can close the account. S & S Healthcare will mail a welcome letter and claim forms to all plan participants.

Mr. Bonsall announced Christmas Town will be taking place Saturday between 11:30am-6pm on Sherman Avenue and in the Norwood High School cafeteria.

Mr. Bonsall asked the Law Director about non-committee members attending committee meetings and actively participating; Mr. Moore replied by stating he sees no issues with all seven members of Council attending committee meetings if the committee is having a pre-arranged discussion, if they provided notice, and the public is allowed to attend. Mr. Moore also added that the committee cannot bind Council in any way. Mr. Bonsall thanked Mr. Moore for the feedback and then invited anyone who is interested, to attend the next Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee meeting.

Mrs. Hanrahan reminded residents of the service being provided by the Norwood Police Department during the holiday season; they will allow residents to have their packages shipped to the Norwood Police Department at 4701 Montgomery Road. They do ask that the packages are picked up within 48 hours.

Mr. Breadon announced that the former Quality Inn has been purchased by a different investor.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Breadon thanked the Tri-Health Revenue Cycle Department for collecting 1,872 canned and boxed food items and toiletry items and for also donating \$1,630 to the Zion Food Pantry.

Ms. Stevenson announced the next Economic Development and Community Engagement Committee meeting will take place at 7pm, on December 6, 2018, in Council Chambers.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control

Re: License Transfer for Marathon Station

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved receive and file the letter and to approve the transfer. All present voted, "Yes."

Mrs. Laake raised the issue of the next regularly scheduled Council meeting falling on Christmas Day, December 25, 2018, and asked Council's preference for scheduling a different meeting date; Mr. Bonsall recommends scheduling the meeting for December 18, 2018, in the event there are any additional appropriation changes.

2) Letter from Mayor Williams

Re: Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to receive and file the letter and to enter into executive session for the purposes stated in the letter (to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment). All present voted, "Yes."

Council entered Executive Session.

Council returned from Executive Session.

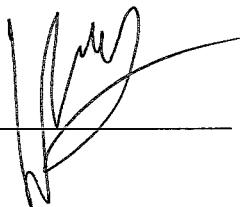
Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

There were no absent members.

R) ADJOURNMENT

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

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council

