



Council Chambers

May 8, 2018

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Ms. Leslie Stevenson, President Pro-Tem, presiding. The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stevenson requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the recent passing of Helen Jaspers – a long-time nurse at the Norwood Health Department, William Schmidt – a retired Norwood Police Officer, and Nestor Stroude – pastor at Word of Truth Ministries in Norwood.

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. Sanker, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the Housing, Health, and Public Safety Committee report, add the reading of a proclamation honoring Cumulus Radio to follow the approval of minutes, and add a letter from Mayor Williams requesting a Committee of the Whole meeting.

All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs. Hanrahan would like to defer the approval of the April 10, 2018 minutes until the next meeting, since members of Council were emailed another version just prior to the meeting. Mr. Bonsall stated a revised copy was sent out yesterday and he had some proposed edits, as well.

On a motion by Mrs. Hanrahan, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to defer acceptance of the April 10, 2018 minutes until the next meeting. All present voted, "Yes".

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting. All present voted, "Yes".

Mayor Williams sent a letter to Council, requesting that Mrs. Hanrahan read a proclamation honoring Cumulus Radio for their effort during the Norwood flood that took place August 28, 2016. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she became aware this was overlooked and worked with Mrs. Laake and Mayor Williams to thank Cumulus for their help during the flood. It is never too late to say "thank you;" Mrs. Hanrahan proceeded to thank Keith Mitchell, Dave Crawl, Tina Klemann, and Vinny Moses. The proclamation was read in its entirety by Mrs. Hanrahan. Keith Mitchell, Operations Manager, addressed Council and stated there were many others who assisted; he drove to Norwood that night and everyone pulled together on the air to do something right away. Mr. Mitchell stated Cumulus Radio is part of Norwood, they have been in Norwood for nine years, and announced they just signed a new lease; they are here to help and were thankful for the proclamation. Mr. Sanker also said "thank you" on behalf of the community; he appreciates their help to the citizens of Norwood and surrounding areas and that their offices are located in Norwood. Mr. Bonsall also expressed thanks and stated that not every radio station treated Norwood well during that time.

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to receive and file the letter written by Mayor Williams. 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) **Housing, Health, and Public Safety**
(report removed from agenda)

Re: Vacant properties

2) **Economic Development and Community Engagement**

Re: Committee goals

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

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

There were no third readings of ordinances.

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE CREATING THE RETIREE BENEFIT PROGRAM.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Sanker, it was moved to hear the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Sanker asked if the revised application forms should be attached when considering the ordinance; Mr. Moore replied by stating the revised application form can be added prior to having the first reading. Mr. Moore also stated the law department wasn't clear on the current status of this process; there were several drafts, then Council worked on the notification and forms, and they then communicated the notification of forms. Mr. Moore stated only having the first reading is a good idea; several other areas of clarity were addressed. Mr. Bonsall withdrew his original motion to hear the first reading; Mr. Sanker withdrew his second to the motion.

Mr. Bonsall then made a motion to substitute the current forms with the forms that were sent by Donna Laake via email, seconded by Mr. Sanker. All present voted, "Yes."

Mr. Bonsall made a motion to hear the first reading of the revised ordinance, seconded by Mr. Sanker. Mr. Thompson noted the wrong year appearing in section five on page two; it appears as March 1, 2018 but should be March 1, 2019. Mr. Bonsall withdrew his motion to hear the first reading of the revised ordinance; Mr. Sanker withdrew his second to the motion.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the ordinance to read 2019, instead of 2018, in section five on page two; all present voted, "Yes."

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was move to hear the first reading of the ordinance, as amended; all present voted, "Yes."

2) 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. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to hear the first reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes."

3) ORDINANCE TERMINATING VEBA PLAN AND TRUST AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

J) SECOND READING OF RESOLUTIONS

1) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES RECYCLING, INC. d/b/a SIMPLE RECYCLING.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to hear the second reading of the resolution.

Mr. Bonsall reminded everyone that this agreement will not cost the city any money; it will provide some small revenue to the city, based on the amount of collections.

All members present voted, "Yes."

J) INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

1) FINAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE HIGHWAY PROJECT USING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDS.

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

Mr. Bonsall asked Mr. Moore to explain the origin of this resolution; Mr. Moore replied by stating it covers the annual installment for the grant program this year and is needed to get money from the State of Ohio. Mr. Thompson asked about the money being 15 months ahead; Mr. Moore replied by stating this is a multi-year grant and project work is staggered. Not all of the projects are supposed to be completed in one year. Mr. Bonsall pointed out that Safe Routes to School funds are not used for road repairs; State Route 561 is in front of Norwood View and Sharpsburg. This is the second time Norwood has been awarded \$400,000; several items include pedestrian signals, speed humps, and school zone and warming signs. This project will include a lot of engineering work; about \$800,000 worth of project work will be completed this summer. Mr. Bonsall thanked Deb Robison and Donna Laake for their hard work on this project. Ms. Stevenson asked about the contract being transmitted and the need for a separate motion to address that action; Mr. Moore replied by stating this will be handled by the Clerk of Council's office.

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

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Sgt. Tim Buchanan

Re: Police Department Topics

Sgt. Buchanan and Chief Kramer addressed Council regarding several Police Department topics. Sgt. Buchanan thanked Council for welcoming him at the last meeting; the input provided via email following the meeting was invaluable. Sgt. Buchanan thanked Mrs. Hanrahan for riding along with officers; Mrs. Hanrahan recommended this to other members of Council, thanked Sgt. Buchanan for the opportunity, and stated it was eye-opening. Sgt. Buchanan shared some department statistics for the month of April; he also stated they are one step further in the hiring process for new police officers. Chief Kramer stated he will send names to the Safety-Service Director for conditional offers of employment; the candidates will still need to pass several additional evaluations. Sgt. Buchanan spoke about Officer Dan Riffle, who has joined the investigative team as a detective and was instrumental in helping to solve a bank robbery. Mrs. Hanrahan once again requested that Council is made aware of promotions and swearing in ceremonies, as members may like to attend. Mr. Sanker asked a question about the disposal of old medications; Sgt. Buchanan stated those can be turned in at the Police Station at any time, as there is a drop-box available for this purpose.

Chief Kramer thanked Sgt. Buchanan for his passion in developing dialogue with Council. Chief Kramer spoke of Officer Dave Dungan and how he showed great initiative in utilizing Norwood Police Association funds to purchase home security cameras for residents who have had issues in their neighborhood. Chief Kramer spoke about the comparison in drug overdoses between 2017 and 2018. There were 57 overdose runs through May 8, 2017, with a total of seven overdose deaths in 2017. So far in 2018, there have been 39 overdose runs and five overdose deaths. Chief Kramer stated there are not enough officers to reestablish a drug unit, when asked by Mr. Bonsall, and also stated the deterrent no longer exists to scare off drug dealers. Chief Kramer stated the plan is to bring that unit back when the staffing numbers allow. Mr. Bonsall stated staffing is a concern and more officers on the street is always a good thing. Mr. Bonsall asked Chief Kramer about the ratio of leadership to officers on the street; Chief Kramer replied by stating there are currently 15 supervisors with 24 police officers. They are currently eight officers short. Chief Kramer stated it may appear top-heavy but they are currently light on the bottom; he has talked to the Mayor about an audit to make sure they are within best-practices. Mr. Sanker asked about the drug overdoses and if it isn't their first time, does Hamilton County intervene with rehab services; Chief Kramer was unaware of the County involvement but will double-check. Mr. Sanker asked about the Seven Hills tragedy and the confidence of our 911; Chief Kramer replied by stating he is confident that the communication is both strong and good between dispatchers and officers.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall stated Mrs. Laake scheduled a public hearing on June 12, 2018, at 7:30pm, to discuss the 2019 Tax Budget; he will work with the Auditor with plans present the 2019 Tax Budget to the Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee and then to Council.

Mrs. Hanrahan reminded everyone of the City-Wide Street Sale taking place May 11th and May 12th; she encouraged everyone to support the Senior Center and their sale. A list of addresses participating in the sale can be found on the Clerk of Council's webpage.

Mr. Bonsall wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day; we appreciate all that mothers do in raising the next generation.

Mr. Sanker referenced the moment of silence that was held earlier in the meeting. Helen Jaspers was a long-time nurse at the Norwood Health Department; she displayed nothing but concern and compassion for those she assisted and will be missed. William Schmidt was a Norwood Police Officer who always looked to enforce traffic violations; he was a great officer. Ms. Stevenson stated that Mrs. Laake indicated a resolution for Mrs. Jaspers will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Breadon stated he had attended the Holy Trinity Variety Show; Mr. Breadon congratulated Mr. Sanker, Mr. Mumper, and Mr. Geers on their talented performance. Mr. Bonsall stated he also attended the show and mentioned several other city employees who performed in the show; it was fantastic and entertaining and encourages everyone to attend the performance next year. 2019 will mark the 50th anniversary show; the show is an annual tradition that began at St. Elizabeth's.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Mayor Williams

Re: Request Committee of the Whole Meeting

Mrs. Hanrahan stated she is unable to attend the meeting the Mayor requested for May 24, 2018; she recommended changing the meeting date to May 23, 2018. Mr. Bonsall expressed his excitement about hearing Mayor Williams' plans for 911 dispatch.

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to receive and file the letter and to reply back to the Mayor requesting a new meeting date. All present voted, "Yes."

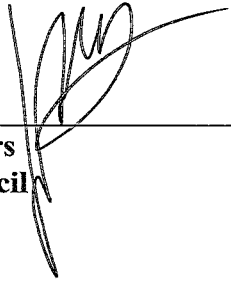
P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

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


Ms. Stevenson thanked everyone and expressed her gratitude for Mrs. Laake.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

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



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council