



NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL
Norwood Community Center
1810 Courtland Ave- Bottom Floor
Norwood, OH 45212
October 27, 2020
7:30 p.m.

A) CALL TO ORDER

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular 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

Roll was called. Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Gabbard, Mr. Geraci, Mr. Kelsch, Mr. DiNardo, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Breadon were all present. The Clerk of Council was not present and so Mr. Breadon acted as Clerk Pro Tempore.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

The President noted amendments needed to the agenda as follows: Item I, remove parks rec and public spaces committee report. On motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to amend the agenda as stated. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

None

G) PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

John Moore who lives at 2432 Hudson Avenue addressed the council. He represents a group of residents who completed the micro park at the corner of Floral and Hudson. The project was several months in the making and was presented to the parks and recreation committee and then city council earlier in the year. The project was completed over the weekend and he suggests that people stop by the project at 2301 Hudson Avenue.

Pastor Sonny James addressed the council next. He lives at 1830 Hopkins Avenue. Sends his prayers to people and families suffering from Covid 19. He has become aware of the mental effects of dealing with racial issues causes. At the last council meeting he had a difficult time and he acknowledged a few council members who have done a good job in supporting him and people like him. He believes that outbursts from people like him are not surprising until racial issues are addressed. He challenged council to address the issues that affect African American people and mental health issues.

I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

None

J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NORWOOD ARTS BOARD

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk Pro Tempore did

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the third reading. On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

2) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1321 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW MURALS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD(A)

On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to table the ordinance. Mr. Geraci wanted the issue to be put forward to the voters since it has been so divisive in the community. Mr. Bonsall suggests that council vote no on this motion because council was voted in by the residents and if the ordinance does not pass he believes it will end up on the ballot at some point. Mr. DiNardo asked about the ballot process and the Law Director advised that the council member could put it on the ballot themselves or registered voters could get enough signatures to put the matter or a challenge on the ballot. Mr. Geraci is concerned that all residents should have a voice and not just those in their own districts or the ones that voted for city council. Mr. Kelsch agrees that all residents should have a voice. Roll was called. All members except for Mr. Geraci, Mr. Kelsch and Mr. Breadon voted no. Motion failed.

On motion by Thompson, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk Pro Tempore did the third reading of the ordinance. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Bonsall suggested that perhaps next year that the issue be looked at for neighborhood business districts but that at this point it is better to get this matter off the agenda. Mr. Gabbard praised the committee for doing a good job on the topic and he apologized for not doing the best job that he could have done with it but he committed to doing better. Roll was called. Mr. Gabbard, Mr. Geraci Mr Kelsch and Mr. Breadon voted no. All other members present voted yes. Motion failed.

3) ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1321 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW MURALS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD(B)

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Dinardo, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk Pro Tempore did the third reading of the ordinance. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted yes except for Mr. Breadon. Motion passed.

K) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to have the second and third reading. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. The Clerk Pro Tempore did the second and third readings of the resolution. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to pass the resolution. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

2) ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 567 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CHRONIC NUISANCES" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to have the second and third reading of the ordinance. Mr. Kelsch noted that the ordinance is aimed at resolving the nuisance property problem in Norwood and that the committee spent a considerable amount of time to get right. He urged council to vote yes. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk Pro Tempore did the second and third reading of the ordinance. On motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF MONTGOMERY ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. DiNardo asked the Mayor to give information about the ordinance. Per the Mayor, the ordinance allows the city to take advantage of more than 100K to make improvements to Montgomery Road. Mr. Thompson asked if the issue was time sensitive. The Mayor said it is better to get it done sooner rather than later. Mr. DiNardo and Mr. Thompson amended their motions to have all three readings done. The Mayor noted that this money is for road repair and not changes. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk Pro Tempore did all three readings of the ordinance. On motion by

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Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

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

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. DiNardo noted that this ordinance is time sensitive because it is required to pay the school district. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk Pro Tempore did all three readings. On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

3) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF COVID RELIEF FUNDS TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF NORWOOD FOR PAYROLL EXPENSES INCURRED FOR COVID-RELATED MANPOWER FROM MARCH 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 30, 2020

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed. The Clerk Pro Tempore did all three readings. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to pass the resolution. Roll was called. All members present voted yes. Motion passed.

4) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A TAX FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson it was moved to refer this resolution to the committee of the whole. Mr. Bonsall is concerned that perhaps this levy could or should be replaced by a different levy. He asked why this levy is marked for the primary in 2021 when issues are not normally referred to primary. The Mayor said that normally these issues are put on in the primary to see if there is a challenge. Mr. DiNardo stated then that it appears that there is time to vote on this issue in order to get it on the ballot for the primary. The Mayor noted that this resolution is a preliminary step to get the issue to the auditor to get advice. He suggests sending the matter to the committee of the whole after the county provides information. The Law Director says that the county will do the calculations as to how much will actually be raised by the proposed levy. Mr. Bonsall indicated that since there was a committee of the whole meeting coming up quickly that waiting until then should be fine. Mr. Breadon supported voting yes. Roll was called. Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Gabbard and Mr. Thompson voted yes. All other members present voted no. Motion failed.

On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the resolution. Mr. DiNardo noted that he thought it should still go to committee of the whole also. Mr. Bonsall indicated he would be voting no because he thought that more discussion should be had. Mr. Geraci noted that he would be voting yes because discussion could still be had. Roll was called. All members present voted yes except for Mr. Bonsall. The Clerk Pro Tempore did all three readings of the resolution. On motion by Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Geraci, it was moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Bonsall noted that he believes that council should be more strategic in these matter and should utilize the committees further especially since there have been considerable surpluses in recent year. Mr. DiNardo confirmed that the resolution only assists to get information on the rates that would come back. Roll was called. All members present except for Mr. Bonsall voted no.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Geraci asked to set a law and ordinance committee meeting for November 9th at 7:30.

Mr. Kelsch thanked mayor and safety service director for providing information about the Elm street project.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall thanked the organizers and volunteers of the Norwood Home Tour and wished them the best in future events.

Mr. Breadon asked to set a streets and infrastructure committee meeting November 2 at 6:30 in council chambers to discuss Carthage and Quatman Avenues traffic calming. He encouraged residents to appear. Mr. Kelsch asked about adding streets planning to the agenda. Breadon said yes.

The President of Council set a committee of the whole meeting for November 4 at 6 pm at the community center.

Mr. Gabbard placed the Pond Realty PUD into economic development committee. He also asked to call a meeting for that committee on November 4 after the committee of the whole meeting.

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Mr. Geraci thanked public works for helping with some problem trees on his street.

Mr. Gabbard asked if it was possible to allow public works to rent equipment needed to knock down limbs near streets.

Mr. Bonsall asked for the issue of tax levies to be added to committee of the whole.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

None

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

None

Q) ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Roll was called. All members present except for Mr. Geraci voted yes. Motion passed.