



# Council Chambers

## May 22, 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 for those who were killed and injured during the school shooting that took place in Santa Fe, Texas.

### 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 Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the two public hearings (scheduled to take place on June 12, 2018) and move the consideration of the resolution honoring Helen Jaspers to immediately follow the amendment of the agenda. All members present voted, "Yes."

### F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#### 1) April 10, 2018

Mrs. Laake stated there were three sets of minutes submitted; the original set of minutes, a version with edits provided by Mrs. Hanrahan and Ms. Stevenson, and a version of Mr. Bonsall's edits to Mrs. Hanrahan's edits.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to approve the original version of minutes that were distributed for the April 10, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Stevenson stated she has some concerns; there is no process for interpretation. Ms. Stevenson asks that Council consider making an addition to the rules of Council to add more details to the minutes process. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she asked for the original minutes to be changed, as she didn't think they were clear and transparent. Mr. Thompson had a question about how quotes were represented in the minutes and asked about the possibility of utilizing footnotes for this particular set of minutes, and to identify the dialogue that took place in the footnote. Mr. Bonsall stated he looked back at previous sets of minutes and did not see any direct quotes during conversation; a request was made to clarify the minutes. Mr. Bonsall stated he had spoken about the quote to the Clerk of Council, who agreed that this had not been the typical fashion in which minutes are written. Mr. Bonsall stated anything said at Council meetings is recorded and videos are available for viewing on YouTube; additional comments were made, at which point, Mrs. Hanrahan called for a "point of order" on Mr. Bonsall's comments. Mr. Bonsall stated he thinks the original set of minutes is the most objective. Mr. Bonsall also agrees with Ms. Stevenson's comments about more discussion taking place before presenting an updated final version of minutes. Mr. Sanker stated he communicated to the Clerk of Council the idea of removing the quotes if it would allow for the approval of the minutes; if there is a different process to look at it in the future, Council should do so. Mr. Thompson clarified that he was not suggesting the addition of quotes in minutes going forward, but utilizing the quote as a footnote in this set of minutes could be a way to move forward with the approval of these minutes; he was not recommending more detailed minutes. Mrs. Hanrahan agreed to removing the quotation marks and to the addition of footnotes. Mrs. Laake discussed the possibility of meeting with the Law Department and the Clerk of Council to resolve matters like this again for future minutes; Mrs. Hanrahan agreed with Mrs. Laake and also noted that this doesn't happen often. Mrs. Hanrahan also stated things that were said in the third set of minutes did not happen and weren't said that way. Mr. Breadon stated he would be interested in hearing from Mr. Moore about the use of quotes in the minutes, following a potential meeting to discuss this matter. Ms. Stevenson stated there are on-line trainings about public meetings and public records and guidelines for note-taking; as long as action is captured, there is no need for granular level of detail. Ms. Stevenson suggested the idea of mirroring a cover sheet, similar to the ordinance/resolution cover sheet, to identify changes to the minutes, as a talking point during the meeting with the Law Department.

Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Clark, Ms. Stevenson, and Mr. Breadon voted, "Yes;" Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Hanrahan, and Mr. Sanker voted, "No." The motion carries by a vote of 4-3.

**2) May 8, 2018**

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting, as if read. All present voted, "Yes".

**G) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

(removed from the agenda)

**H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to address Council on agenda items.

**D) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

There were no standing committee reports.

**J) THIRD 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 third reading of the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes."

Mr. Sanker had several questions on this topic pertaining to the distribution of bags, if collections will take place every week, and the redistribution of bags; Mr. Bonsall replied by stating replacement bags will be tied to garbage can handles or the door knob of the resident's household. Ms. Stevenson stated she is looking forward to utilizing this new service.

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

**J) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

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

Mrs. Laake stated she had a conversation with Mayor Williams about these ordinances; he has stated there is confusion and uneasiness among plan members. Some plan members have received letters stating they are no longer covered under the plan. Mayor Williams is having discussions with Anna Mary, a member of the State Auditor team, clarifying that the current plan will go through the end of the calendar year. City leaders are hoping to meet with Benovations about plan members being paid and how much is owed; Mayor Williams wants to make sure all information is clarified. Ms. Stevenson asked for clarification on who sent letters to plan members; Mrs. Laake is assuming the letters were sent from Benovations to some, but not all, plan members. Mr. Sanker stated the city would have to notify our carriers of changes; if the city hasn't outlined a plan termination, then it should still continue on as normal. Mrs. Laake stated this is considered debt by the State Auditors and the plan is in effect until December 31, 2018. Mrs. Hanrahan is being contacted by members with questions on a regular basis and requests Benovations is asked to come to Council; for transparency, they must be here to answer questions from Council and retirees. Mrs. Hanrahan requested a letter to be sent to Norwood Auditor Jim Stith, inquiring about the amount of money that has been paid annually since 2000 to Benovations for administering the program.

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

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

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

**K) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

**1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SIGN LETTER APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH THE UROLOGY GROUP REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the ordinance and to allow a representative with the Urology Group to address Council. All members present voted, "Yes."

Dan Scharff, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel for the Urology Group, stated the Urology Group isn't going anywhere and they plan on staying in Norwood. Mr. Scharff stated they are looking for a sale and lease back for the real estate. Mr. Thompson asked for an explanation of a sale and lease back. Mr. Scharff explained the Urology Group is leasing their building; the building is being sold to an unrelated party. The Urology Group recently signed a 10-year lease with two 5-year options to renew; rent checks will simply go to someone else. Mr. Bonsall asked about the percentage of the building that is office space versus medical space; Mr. Scharff replied by stating 2/3 of the space is medical space and 1/3 is office space. The first floor is the largest urological outpatient surgery center in the country; it is a very specialized building. Mrs. Hanrahan thanked Mr. Scharff for attending the meeting and stated Norwood appreciates having the Urology Group located in the city.

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

#### **K) INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS**

(resolution considered following the amendment of the agenda)

##### **1) RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HELEN M. JASPERS AND DECLARING MAY 22, 2018, "HELEN M. JASPERS DAY."**

Mrs. Laake invited members of Mrs. Jaspers' family to stand before Council for the reading of the resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the resolution, with the first reading in its entirety. All members present voted, "Yes."

Mr. Sanker stated Mrs. Jaspers was, "no bigger than a minute, but had a heart as big as gold." She will be remembered for her service to the city, her church, and the community. Mrs. Laake stated Mrs. Jaspers was her mentor and an amazing person; Mrs. Jaspers encouraged Mrs. Laake to become a public health nurse and then Norwood's Health Commissioner. Mrs. Laake wanted to make sure the family was recognized for the care they gave to Mrs. Jaspers. Signed copies of the resolution were prepared and distributed to members of Mrs. Jaspers' family.

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to pass the resolution and give copies to Mrs. Jaspers' family. All present voted, "Yes."

#### **L) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

There were no administration reports.

#### **M) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

There were no other requests to address Council.

#### **N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **O) NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bonsall mentioned the public hearing for the 2019 Tax Budget, which will take place on June 12<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Stith will put the proposed plan online this weekend. A Finance Committee meeting will also be scheduled to discuss the Tax Budget; the Tax Budget will mirror the Financial Recovery Plan. Mr. Bonsall stated anyone can request to be added to the sunshine list by calling the Clerk of Council's office at 458-4594.

Mr. Sanker asked about the American Legion's Memorial Day celebration, which usually takes place at Victory Park on Memorial Day; Mrs. Laake stated it is taking place but is unaware of the time. The Clerk of Council's office will send a notice of the date, time, and location to everyone once details are confirmed.

Mrs. Laake discussed the playground build taking place at Northwoods Park on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Will DeLuca will be providing doughnuts and coffee for the event and his cousin will allow access to his water, which is next to the park. Ms. Stevenson asked if there are enough volunteers; Mrs. Laake stated there are never too many volunteers, since they will be assembling the equipment and installing curbs for mulch around the existing and new playground equipment. Mrs. Laake continued by thanking other individuals for their donations to this event: the Mound Café for BBQ, coleslaw, and macaroni and cheese; Klosterman for the buns; LaRosa's for the pizza; and Andy Bolgzds for providing music. Cincinnati Children's has been very impressed by what has gone on in the Norwood community; Mrs. Laake applauded the community for their volunteer efforts.

#### **P) COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **1) Letter from Ohio Liquor Control      Re: New liquor license for 2631 Edmondson Rd**

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

**2) Letter from Mayor Williams**

**Re: Norwood Mayor's Court report for April 2018**


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

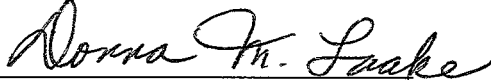
**Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S**

There were no absent members.

**R) ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to adjourn. Mr. Breadon voted, "No,"  
all others present voted, "Yes."

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph S. Geers  
Clerk of Council

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna M. Laake  
President of Council