

Council Chambers

November 26, 2019 ~ 7:30pm

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 Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Sanker, it was moved to the agenda as follows: remove the November 12th meeting minutes, remove ordinance 2 for third readings as it appears on the agenda and replace it with the replacement valve program ordinance, add "and declaring an emergency" at the end of the first introductory reading ordinance regarding the Energy Special Improvement District, and move that ordinance to immediately follow Committee Reports. All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) November 12, 2019 (*removed from the agenda*)

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, Budget, & Audit: 11/26/2019

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to receive and file the report. Ms. Stevenson suggested amending the report to change the word "approved" to "considered" within the committee report. Mr. Bonsall agreed to the amendment with his motion, as did Mr. Thompson in amending his second to the motion.

All members present voted, "Yes."

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH VENTURA COMMONS LLC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO SIGN "EXHIBIT 1," PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND THE CITY OF CINCINNATI TO MAINTAIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD WATER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

J) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES

1) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM PLAN — RESIDENTIAL PLAN; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY, AND PERFORMANCE OF A CITY RESIDENTIAL PACE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY TRANSACTIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE TOLEDO-

LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PETITIONS AND PLANS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OR PUBLIC SERVICES SUBMITTED BY THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY REQUESTING THAT THEIR PROPERTY BE ADDED TO THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ASSESSED FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH PLANS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(ordinance was considered immediately following the reports of standing committees of Council)

Mrs. Laake invited Chris Jones to address Council and provide an overview of the program. Mr. Jones addressed Council regarding the Ohio Energy Special Improvement District (ESID) Program Plan; there have been two commercial properties where the ESID had been utilized within Norwood. The residential ESID program will allow for single-family homeowners to use PACE financing; this funding may be utilized for energy efficiency improvements, such as solar panels, windows, insulation, and HVAC. The plan will allow for the state-wide administrator to approve each of the homeowner petitions on a daily or weekly basis. This is provided at no risk to the city and there are consumer protections in place. Renovate America is the private funder of the financing for this program. To qualify, homeowners must have a credit score of at least 620 or above. Ohio will be the fourth state to institute this type of program.

Mr. Sanker asked about how residents get the forms to apply, who decides what projects qualify, and inspects the improvements; Mr. Jones replied by stating the program is "contractor driven," but homeowners will have to call an 800-number for the loan. There has to be an energy savings component with the improvements, which is documented by the contractor. The Toledo Port Authority reviews those types of things on a homeowner-by-homeowner basis. All contractors are pre-registered and approved through an application process; Renovate America does make homeowner follow-up calls and spot-checks.

Mr. Thompson asked about the process of repaying the loan; Mr. Jones replied by stating once the improvements are completed, the cost will appear on the tax bill for terms that were previously agreed upon. The first payment will be due the first year of the next tax assessment year. Those term of the loan may go up to the life span of the item that was installed /purchased; the longer the term, the higher the interest rate. Mr. Jones stated Renovate America will purchase the bonds that are issued by the Toledo Port Authority, which are then loaned to consumers at a rate of 3% - 9%. There is no urgency to pass this tonight.

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

2) **ORDINANCE AMENDING MULTIPLE FEES REFERRED TO IN NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1305.05 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF NORWOOD BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

New copies were distributed to members of Council, correcting printing errors appearing on several of the tables. Mr. Bonsall referenced several errors on this version, as well.

On a motion by Mrs. Hanrahan, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to remove from the agenda and defer to the December 10, 2019 meeting agenda.

All members present voted, "Yes."

INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

There were no introductory readings of resolutions.

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There were no other requests to address Council.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Stevenson asked if the OKI letter had been forwarded on to the newly elected Council members; Mr. Geers confirmed it has not yet been forwarded, as he did not yet have the email addresses for all of those newly elected members. Mrs. Laake stated she has already explained this matter with the Mayor-elect and President of Council-elect, as well as the meeting dates and times; they may reach out to see who is interested in serving on the board and attending the meetings.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Breadon announced the Norwood Police Department is allowing for residents to have packages shipped to their office between November 29th and December 31st; they may be shipped to 4701 Montgomery Road.

Ms. Stevenson mentioned the recently reinstated 3' parking distance from private driveways; the Norwood Police website does not include the revision with the new ordinance language. Ms. Stevenson

requested the Clerk of Council send a letter to the Norwood Police Department regarding this update being made on their website.

Mrs. Laake reached out to members of Council to seek clarification on a second Council meeting for the month of December; there will not be a Council meeting taking place on December 24th. Ms. Stevenson suggested wrapping up any business at the December 10th meeting. Mrs. Hanrahan mentioned possibly having follow-up meetings to pass the fees ordinance, if it isn't passed at the December 10th meeting.

Mr. Sanker mentioned a recent major money laundering and drug bust that took place in Cincinnati; Norwood was part of the undercover operation. Mr. Sanker commended the Norwood Police Department on the work and support they provided.

Mr. Bonsall announced Norwood Christmas Town will be taking place December 7th, from 11am – 6pm, along Elm Avenue and at the Norwood Middle School Field House. There will be a tree lighting at City Hall with a performance by the Holy Trinity Choir.

Mr. Sanker stated Highland Avenue resurfacing is moving along; paving from the corporation line to the railroad tracks has been completed. Curbing has been completed between the railroad tracks and Marion Avenue.

Mr. Breadon stated he has received calls asking about leaf pick-up; Norwood Public Woks will be around to pick up the leaves, and he suggests residents getting the leaves out to the curb prior to December 1st. Mrs. Laake reminded residents they may also get yard waste bags for free at the Norwood Health Department. Mr. Bonsall reviewed the official leaf pick-up schedule for everyone, which is structured around garbage pick-up dates. Mr. Thompson stated he received complaint calls about leaves being placed in front of driveways; it would be nice if residents not block neighbors' driveways with piles of leaves.

Ms. Stevenson referenced the language for vacancy permit fees, which needs to be revised; she recommended the matter to be referred to the Finance, Budget, & Audit Committee, so that they may recommend any subsequent appropriations to include any revenue generated by that specific fee.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1) **Ohio Division of Liquor Control** **Re: Betta's**

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

2) **Ohio Division of Liquor Control** **Re: Edge Inn**

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

3) **Jean Tolbert** **Re: e-PHAB**

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

Mrs. Laake stated there is a move across the country to look at continuous quality improvement across all phases of public health; this is a very long process. There are around 14 health districts in Ohio with this accreditation; she is proud of the Norwood Health Department for taking on this goal. Mrs. Laake stated this doesn't collect any additional money, it just proves that the Norwood Health Department is a functional and accredited Health Department.

Mr. Bonsall stated the Health Department will need a full-time Health Commissioner. Mrs. Laake stated she had asked Mrs. Tolbert about how much money has been saved since Dr. Frank Perrino stopped accepting a stipend as the Health Commissioner; that has saved the city around \$380,000.

All members present voted, Yes."

4) **Duke Energy** **Re: Application for decrease in rates**

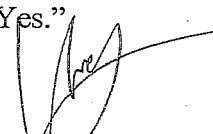
On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Ms. Stevenson, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All members present voted, Yes."

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

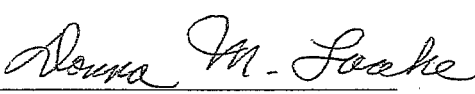
There were no absent members.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

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



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council