



Council Chambers

March 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 Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a Committee of the Whole report; add a Housing, Health, and Public Safety Committee report; add a Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee report; remove the appropriations ordinance; add a communication from Council to Officer Kyle Lackman. All members present voted, "Yes."

Mrs. Laake stated the notification about the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission meeting was not sent to the Clerk of Council's office, and was thus not communicated to anyone else; the meeting has been rescheduled for April 3, 2018, at 11:30am in Council Chambers. Mrs. Laake stated she will send future notifications to the Clerk of Council's office.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2018 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) Committee of the Whole: 03/19/2018

RE: Fabric recycling, discussions with Mayor and SSD about city issues, C9/VEBA/Retirees Healthcare Plan

Mrs. Laake stated she submitted the draft retiree healthcare plan to the Law Department and has not heard back from them yet.

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

2) Housing, Health, and Public Safety: 03/20/2018

RE: Building Permits and Inspections

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

3) Finance, Budget, and Audit: 03/22/2018

RE: Norwood Community Television Funding and 2018 Finances

Mr. Bonsall stated the committee discussed other items that were not reported out. Lights on the Norwood Lateral were discussed; they are waiting on the cost for LED light replacement and repair of some electric lines and will also evaluate whether the State should maintain the Norwood Lateral. Currently, Norwood receives \$50,000 a year for maintaining the Lateral. The committee discussed raising building and zoning fees by 30%; they have not been raised in 15 years. The committee will also be discussing how this puts Norwood in comparison to fees at other communities and if now is the right time for this change. The water rate increase was discussed; the Safety-Service Director will be sending a letter to Council regarding this matter.

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

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE "CITY WIDE STREET SALE" MAY 11-12, 2018, AND ABATING ALL PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE, as amended.

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance, as amended. All present voted, "Yes."

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

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

- 1) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORWOOD TAX CODE, ORDINANCE 1-2018, SECTIONS 182.03(F)(4) AND 182.05(S), TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Clark stated a letter was received by the Treasurer's office stating this would put Norwood in compliance with state law.

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

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

(removed from the agenda)

J) 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 stated Metro is still looking at dates for a meeting; she has received information about ridership and will share that with the rest of Council.

Mr. Sanker mentioned a topic that came up during a recent Housing, Health, and Public Safety Committee meeting; flippers buying houses. Mr. Sanker stated companies are buying houses in Norwood, doing a quick flip, and doing a good job flipping them; but there are others who are not and numerous problems are never reported. Mr. Sanker requested if anyone sees unusual renovation activities in their neighborhood with no permits posted, that it isn't a bad idea to call the Building Department to check or inspect it. Residents should be aware of a lot of activity and be sure to provide the address if calling it in; this protects the neighborhood as well as potential home buyers. Mrs. Laake stated Norwood contracts with Hamilton County for plumbing permits.

Mr. Sanker discussed House Bill 49; this directs that different profits within municipalities go to the State of Ohio first, but before the State of Ohio sends it back to municipalities, they collect a fee. Mr. Sanker stated this is another "money-grab" by the State of Ohio.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson announced a Parks, Recreation, Streets, and Infrastructure Committee meeting taking place April 3, 2018, at 7:00pm, in Council Chambers; an agenda will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Hanrahan stated she is happy to see money going to Norwood Community Television; she had a question regarding the Cincinnati Bell payments, how it happened, and how it can be prevented from happening again. Mr. Bonsall stated this wasn't a Finance Committee issue; in 2010 or 2011, there were various cable television providers. Cincinnati Bell invested in their infrastructure to provide cable television service in the city of Norwood; because of this investment, their fees being paid to Norwood then jumped up to \$58,000. Money from Cincinnati Bell was placed into the general fund, since there wasn't a designation, and it was not sent to PACE; everyone was made aware of this issue at the same time. Mr. Bonsall stated when Spectrum took over, they started sending only one check to the city of Norwood; they did not send a check to PACE, which they had done in the past. They will now be sending the check directly to PACE. Mr. Bonsall agrees the ordinance should be amended to be sure the money is sent directly to PACE. Mrs. Hanrahan stated more than \$115,000 has been placed into the general fund; Mr. Bonsall stated there are no plans to repay that money to PACE. Mrs. Laake stated she will contact the Law Department about drafting an ordinance to send future payments directly to PACE. Mr. Bonsall stated he sent a letter to the Auditor and Treasurer regarding the desire to see these funds sent directly to PACE.

Ms. Stevenson announced there will not be an Economic Development and Community Engagement Committee meeting in the month of April.

Mrs. Hanrahan announced a Housing, Health, and Public Safety Committee meeting taking place April 9, 2018, at 6:30pm, in Council Chambers; vacant properties will appear as the agenda item for discussion.

Mr. Bonsall asked for the Clerk of Council to send a letter to the Treasurer's office, requesting they provide a copy of the depository agreement with US Bank to members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Sanker confirmed with Mrs. Laake that the next Financial Planning and Supervision Commission meeting will take place on April 3, 2018, at 11:30am, in Council Chambers.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Council

Re: MADD's Award of Excellence

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file a copy of the letter, and to send the original to Officer Kyle Lackman. Mr. Sanker requested the letter to be sent in an envelope not requiring it to be folded. Mrs. Laake thanked the Clerk of Council for a well-written letter. All present voted, "Yes."

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

There were no absent members.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

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

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

Donna M. Laake
President of Council