



Norwood City Council Council Chambers January 14, 2014

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in a regular session on 1/14/2014 at 7:30 PM with Mr. Steve Thornbury presiding. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, Mr. Breadon, Mr. Clark, Mr. Whittington, Ms. Allan, Mr. Thornbury, Mr. Sanker, & Mr. Mumper answered present.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Mr. Thornbury informed Council of a letter from the Building Dept. requesting a public hearing in regard to a zoning change from general business district to central business district for the Central Park Site and placement of PUD zoning over the sites of Central Park, the former Zumbiel Packaging, and the former U.S. Playing Card Site.

Mr. Thornbury recommended that the letter be included as the first letter of communications regarding this matter.

Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Clark moved that the letter be accepted as such.

All present voted "Yes".

Mr. Thornbury also spoke in regard to the passing of William T. Cosgrove. Mr. Cosgrove was a former council member, president of council, and vice mayor of the City of Norwood who served the city faithfully for many years.

Mr. Thornbury invited Mr. Mumper to speak about Mr. Cosgrove. Mr. Mumper spoke at length about the high quality of Mr. Cosgrove's character and described him as a "class gentleman", "a great guy", and as "being very positive, friendly, and a man who always took the high road".

Mr. Sanker also spoke and described Mr. Cosgrove as a "gentleman's gentleman who was a friend to everyone and took the city to heart".

Mr. Thornbury also spoke about Mr. Cosgrove and shared a press release from a speech that Mr. Cosgrove gave in 2007 at the Cincinnati Public Library. The press release gave a summary of Mr. Cosgrove's extraordinary service to his country during World War II where he was captured and held as a Prisoner of War by Nazi Germany. Mr. Cosgrove served from 1943 to 1946 in the U.S. Army 84th infantry division where he attained the rank of private first class. Mr. Cosgrove received a Purple Heart and European Theater Ribbon for his gallant service.

Mr. Thornbury asked for council to observe a moment of silence in memory of William T. Cosgrove. All present bowed their heads.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. January 1, 2014

Mr. Sanker asked for an amendment of the minutes under the section referring to committee assignments. Mr. Sanker wanted it recorded that he had previously submitted a list of committee assignments with fewer committees, but more members of council assigned to those committees.

Mr. Clark seconded that the minutes would be accepted with that amendment.

All presented voted yes and the amended minutes were accepted.

2. December 18, 2013

Mr. Clark moved that the minutes be approved and was seconded by Mr. Breadon.

During discussion, Mr. Mumper stated that he was under the assumption that there would be additional sets of minutes to discuss at this meeting and inquired as to why they were not on the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Crawford informed Council that there were approximately 7 or 8 additional sets of minutes and that they were not included on the agenda, because his office was still researching the minutes to verify that they had not been previously approved and that in consultation with President Laake decided to move any additional minutes to the meeting on 1/28/14.

Mr. Mumper asked if Mr. Crawford had been in contact with the previous Clerk of Council. Mr. Crawford answered that he had not.

All present voted "Yes" and the minutes for 12/18/2013 were accepted.

G) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

H) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

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I) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Mayor Williams RE: Misc.

Mayor Williams was not in attendance, because of personal illness.

J) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

K) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Thornbury informed Council of a C-9 Trust Committee Meeting on 1/20/14 at 7:00 PM and that the Community Development Meetings would be resumed on the first Monday of the month as they had previously been held beginning on Monday February 3, 2013 at 5:30 PM.

L) NEW BUSINESS

M) COMMUNICATIONS

1 – Letter from Gerry Stoker RE: Public Hearing for the Zoning Change from General Business District to Central Business District for the Central Park Site and Placement of PUD Zoning over the sites of Central Park, The Former Zumbiel Packaging, and the Former U.S. Playing Card Facility.

Mr. Thornbury informed Council that Public Hearing had been set and publicized for Tuesday 1/21/2014 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers.

Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Mumper moved to accept the letter and scheduled time for the hearing on 1/21/2014 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers.

All present voted “Yes”.

1. Letter from Mayor Williams RE: Tree Board- Wolf

Mr. Mumper moved to accept the letter and thanked Mr. Joe Wolf for his willingness to serve on the Tree Board. Mr. Sanker seconded the motion.

All Present voted “Yes” confirming the appointment of Mr. Joe Wolf to the Norwood Tree Board for a term expiring on 12/31/2016.

2. Letter from Mayor Williams RE: Tree Board- Prues

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon moved to accept the letter and approve the appointment.

All Present voted “Yes” confirming the appointment of Ms. Linda Prues to the Norwood Tree Board for a term expiring on 12/31/2016.

3. Letter from Mayor Williams RE: Board of Health- Hammond

Mr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. Clark moved to accept the letter and approve the appointment.

All Present voted “Yes” confirming the appointment of Ms. Kathy Hammond to the Norwood Board of Health for a term expiring on 12/31/2018.

4. Letter from Mayor Williams RE: Civil Service Commission- Williams

Mr. Mumper motioned to accept the letter and appointment of Gordon Williams to the Norwood Civil Service Commission and thanked Mr. Williams for his willingness to serve. Mr. Breadon seconded the motion.

All Present voted “Yes” confirming the appointment of Mr. Gordon Williams to the Norwood Civil Service Commission for a term expiring on 12/31/2019.

5. Letter from Mayor Williams RE: Board of Zoning Appeals- Suer

Mr. Sanker motioned to accept the letter and appointment of Mr. Bernie Suer to the Board of Zoning Appeals and thanked Mr. Suer for his willingness to serve. Mr. Mumper seconded the motion.

All Present voted “Yes” confirming the appointment of Mr. Bernie Suer to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring on 12/31/2018.

6. Letter from Mayor Williams RE: Tax Board of Appeals

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon moved to accept the letter and appointment of Mr. John Hanrahan to the Tax Board of Appeals.

All Present voted “Yes” confirming the appointment of Mr. John Hanrahan to the Tax Board of Appeals for a term expiring on 12/31/2016.

7. Letter from Mayor Williams RE: Mayor's Court Fines

Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Allan moved to accept the report from the Mayor's Office concerning Mayor's Court Fines.

All Present voted "Yes" and the letter and report were accepted.

8. Letter From Chuck Barlow RE: Monthly Earnings Tax Report

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Breadon moved to accept the report from Mr. Chuck Barlow concerning the Monthly Earnings Tax Report.

All Present voted "Yes" and the letter and report were accepted.

9. Letter From Josh Berkowitz RE: Law Directors Annual Report

Law Director Berkowitz read a report summarizing the work of the Law Department and fines collected by Mayor's Court for the year 2013.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Berkowitz and his office for the "great work" they do on the behalf of the city.

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Clark moved to accept and file the report.

All Present voted "Yes" and the report was accepted.

N) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Sanker moved to excuse the absence of President of Council Laake.

All members present voted "Yes".

O) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting.

All members present voted "Yes" and the meeting was adjourned.

Kenneth J. Crawford
Clerk of Council

Donna M. Laake
President of Council