



**Norwood City Council
Council Chambers
January 28, 2014
7:30pm**

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in a regular session on 1/28/2014 at 7:30 PM. 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, and Mr. Mumper answered present.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from January 14, 2014
Minutes from December 10, 2013
Minutes from October 22, 2013
Minutes from August 13, 2013

Four sets of minutes were presented for the approval of Council.

Kenneth Crawford, the current Clerk of Council, prepared the minutes of the meeting on January 14, 2014.

Joseph S. Geers; who served as Clerk of Council for 2012-2013, prepared the minutes of the meetings for December 10, 2013, October 22, 2013 and August 13, 2013.

President Laake informed council that there would be additional sets of minutes in the future. Mr. Crawford stated that his intention is to place a few sets of old minutes on the agenda for the next several meetings until they are caught up.

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Clark, moved that all of the minutes be accepted.

All present voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

G) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

H) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REZONE PARCELS WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED BY NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE SOUTH, WESLEY AVENUE TO THE WEST, STATE ROUTE 561 TO THE NORTH, AND FOREST AVENUE TO THE EAST, NORWOOD, OHIO 45212 FROM A “HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT” (M-2) TO THAT OF A “HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT)” (M-2 (PUD) ZONE)

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Clark moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. All present voted “yes” and the first reading was held.

2. ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO PLACE A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY ZONE OVER PARCEL NUMBER 651-0019-125 (FORMER UNITED STATES PLAYING CARD FACILITY)

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Thornbury moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. All present voted “yes” and the first reading was held.

3. ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REZONE CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED BY NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE NORTH, SMITH ROAD TO THE WEST, PARK AVENUE TO THE SOUTH, AND FOREST AVENUE TO THE EAST, NORWOOD, OHIO 45212 FROM A “HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT” (M-2) ZONE TO THAT OF A “CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT)” (CBD-PUD) ZONE)

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Clark, moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. All present voted “yes” and the first reading was held.

INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS

I) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Mayor Williams RE: Misc.

Mayor Williams was not in attendance.

2. James Stith RE: Addressing council

Mr. Stith presented the preliminary Auditor’s Report for 2013.

In Summary:

Mr. Stith gave a detailed overview of City expenses, debts, and revenues for 2013 as well as projections for 2014 and 2015.

Mr. Stith informed council that Encumbrances for 2013 totaled \$1,138,215. With expenses and encumbrances, the City of Norwood finished 2013 negative \$1,067,032.

Mr. Stith stated that the beginning of 2014 certificate of estimated resource has \$17,443,678 available for 2014 General Fund Appropriations. This is a decrease of \$1,056,073 from the total expenses and encumbrances excluding bond-refinancing amounts from 2013. This decrease is due to the encumbered amounts carried forward from 2013 and decreased revenue from local government funds.

In recap, Mr. Stith informed council that the City has continued to spend more money than it has available and that this situation cannot continue. Mr. Stith strongly advised Council of a \$1,775,000 municipal bond that must be repaid April 1, 2015. He advised council that without further cuts in City spending it would not be possible to repay or refinance the bond and continue to meet other City obligations.

Mr. Stith informed Council that local government funding has decreased faster than revenue has increased from development within the city. In order to meet the projected budget deficits, the City would have to experience a taxable payroll increase of \$100,000,000. Mr. Stith advised that projected increases in payroll would not meet that estimate.

J) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

K) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Thornbury summarized discussion from the previous Council Meeting on 1/21/2014 in regards to the ordinances presented at the Meeting on 1/28/2014 to alter the zoning for Central Park, U.S. Playing Card, and Zumbiel Packaging. Mr. Thornbury stated the ordinances were simply a mechanism to allow Council and the City to take greater involvement in regard to future development at those sites. The purpose is to allow greater flexibility and control in regards to the types of projects that may come forward. Mr. Thornbury stated that if residents have any specific questions they should contact the Law Department or their Councilperson.

Mr. Sanker further remarked on Mr. Thornbury's statements by clarifying the specific properties involved and explained that a PUD overlay does not necessarily remove the possibility of manufacturing at those sites.

L) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sanker remarked on the recent cold weather and precipitation affecting the city and informed Council that the salt supplies on hand is sufficient to meet City needs. Mr. Sanker also spoke of the great effort made by Public Works to clear the snow and that it was "disconcerting" to see residents shovel snow from their driveways into city streets. He advised that it would be much wiser for residents to pile the snow rather than push it into the street.

President Laake praised the efforts of Public Works to repair a broken water main while enduring such difficult conditions.

M) COMMUNICATIONS

Letter From Chuck Barlow

RE: Monthly Earnings Tax Report

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Ms. Allan moved that the letter be accepted and filed. All present voted "yes" and the letter was accepted.

N) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

No members were absent.

O) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. All present voted "yes" and the meeting adjourned.

Kenneth J. Crawford
Clerk of Council

Donna M. Laake
President of Council