



**Norwood City Council
Council Chambers
April 22, 2014**

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in Regular Session on April 22, 2014 at 7:30 PM with Donna Laake presiding. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) 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

1. Minutes from April 8, 2014

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Whittington, motioned to accept the minutes as read. All present voted "yes". The minutes were accepted.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE "CITY WIDE STREET SALE" AND ABATEMENT OF ALL PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE, AS AMENDED.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Mumper, motioned to have the third reading.

All present voted "yes". The third reading was held.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Mumper, motioned to pass the ordinance.

All present voted "yes". The ordinance passed.

J) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Tom Williams delivered a report to Council. He discussed the high quality of Norwood Knothole Day and praised the children and volunteers in attendance. The Mayor also discussed the practice of monthly billing by the water dept. This is a new practice by the department that is being slowly phased in to avoid problems. Residents will also be able to pay their bills online. This is all part of a movement to aid the city and provide better service to residents. The Mayor also discussed the relationship between the city and Metro regarding the reorganization of bus stops in Norwood.

K) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Amanda Laswell who resides at 5419 Rolston Ave. spoke to Council about the Dale Rd. Drive-Thru and the negative impact it has on her neighborhood. Ms. Laswell provided Council with a detailed description of the issues associated with the Drive-Thru as well as detailed recommendations for how to improve and mitigate the impact of the Drive-Thru.

Members of Council, Law Director Berkowitz, and Mayor Williams all responded to Ms. Laswell about her concerns. The conversation was positive and Ms. Laswell was thanked for the level of detail in her recommendations and quality of her presentation.

During discussion, Council and the Administration shared many of the same concerns of Ms. Laswell and spoke of their efforts to mitigate them. The Mayor said that he would speak to the Chief of Police and Building Dept. about becoming more involved with the Drive-Thru and Neighborhood.

L) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Sanker reminded Council and the Community that the dates for the City Wide Yard Sale are May 16 and 17, 2014.

Mr. Thornbury spoke about the meeting date for the Community Development Meeting. The Community Development Meeting will hold meetings on the first Monday of each month if there are items to be discussed. The next meeting will be on May 5, 2014.

M) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thornbury brought up a program through the Health Dept. to collect unused drugs from the community. The Health Dept. in cooperation with the Police Dept. are holding a "Drug Turn In" on 4/26/14 from 10:00 AM to 2 PM.

Mr. Thornbury also informed Council of a luncheon for Veterans held by the Knights of Columbus at Holy Trinity Church on 4/26/2014. The event also included a tribute to former Vice Mayor and Member of Council William T. Cosgrove.

N) COMMUNICATIONS

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

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Mumper, motioned to accept and file the letter.

All present voted "yes". The letter was accepted.

O) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

P) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Clark motioned to adjourn.

All present voted "yes". The meeting adjourned.



Kenneth J. Crawford
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council