



# Norwood City Council Council Chambers November 25, 2014

## A) CALL TO ORDER

The Norwood City Council met in a regular session at 7:30 PM on 11/25/2014 with Donna Laake 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. Whittington, Ms. Allan, Mr. Thornbury, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Mumper answered present. Mr. Clark was not in attendance.

## E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

## F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes from November 11, 2014

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

## G) PUBLIC HEARING

Reliant Hospital Norwood, 4953 Section Ave, located in a Heavy Manufacturing District (M-2) with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay, presenting for review both the preliminary and final plans.

The Public Hearing Opened. No one spoke in favor of the project.

Mr. James Bonsall who resides at 4536 Forest Ave. spoke against the project. He stated that he was not opposed to the hospital and recognized the positive impact it would have on the community, but he was not in favor of the plans presented due to a lack of connectivity to the sidewalks. Mr. Bonsall reiterated the importance of being accessible to pedestrians and asked Council and the Developer to reconsider plans to include sidewalk connectivity.

The Public Hearing Closed.

## H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

## I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

## J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAN FOR RELIANT HOSPITAL NORWOOD LOCATED AT 4953 SECTION AVE.

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Whittington, motioned to suspend the rules and hold all 3 readings of the ordinance.

During discussion, Ms. Allan asked for the developer to respond to the issue raised by Mr. Bonsall during the public hearing.

Rusty Myers, a representative of Reliant Hospital stated that he believed there would be no objection to including connections to the sidewalks on the part of the developer.

Ms. Allan and Council discussed the possibility of amending the ordinance and plans to include sidewalk connectivity. Mr. Sanker suggested that the best course of action would be to send a letter to the developer requesting sidewalk connectivity.

Mr. Thornbury and Mr. Whittington amended the motion to include a letter from the Clerk of Council to the developer requesting the project include appropriate pedestrian access and connections to the sidewalks.

All present voted "yes". Three readings were held.

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Ms. Allan, motioned to pass the ordinance. All present voted "yes". The ordinance passed.

**K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

1. Letter from the Mayor

RE: Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Williams was not in attendance.

**L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Bill Thomas and Brett Viers addressed Council regarding issues with the Building Department. Mr. Thomas spoke out and was very critical of the department and administration. These gentlemen are owners of an apartment building at 4431 Allison Ave. Mr. Thomas read a letter he sent to City Council which is also on file in the Clerk of Council's office. He made further remarks that echoed and expounded upon issues raised in the letter.

Ms. Allan stated that she felt the property owners had been a positive part of the neighborhood and stated that she supported them. President Laake stated that she had been in touch with Mr. Thomas and that her preference is to work through the Mayor to resolve any issues.

**M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Sanker stated the road projects at Edmonson Rd. and Crown Ave. are completed or in the final stages of completion.

Mr. Sanker informed Council that the digging on Montgomery Rd. is part of a project to replace gas lines.

Mr. Sanker complimented the Tree Board for the improvements made at Park Ave.

Mr. Sanker updated Council the paperwork to create the Norwood Storm Water District had been filed and the city will be in compliance with the County in January.

**N) NEW BUSINESS**

President Laake stated she had received a response from State Senator Kearney which stated he was considering introducing a bill to name Montgomery Rd. within the city of Norwood after Carl Linder. Mr. Thornbury stated a response from the city was unnecessary as this effort is part of a lame duck legislative effort and the city could make that change without the input of the statehouse. Mr. Mumper stated that he had called Sen. Kearney and informed him that the preference of Council was to name streets after Norwood residents and citizens. Mr. Mumper stated he was in agreement with Mr. Thornbury that a response was unnecessary.

Mr. Sanker reminded Council of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Norwood Christmas Town on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 8 PM on Elm Ave. and the Norwood Middle School Fieldhouse.

Mr. Sanker wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving on behalf of City Council and encouraged people to keep the less fortunate in mind.

**O) COMMUNICATIONS**

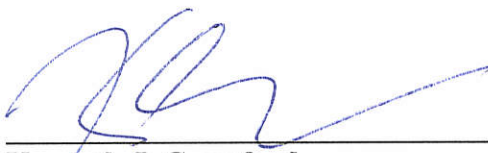
**P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S**

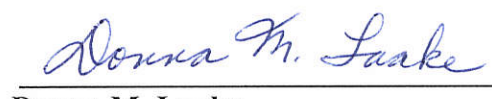
Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Breadon, motioned to excuse the absent member.

All present voted "yes". The member was excused.

**Q) ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Breadon, motioned to adjourn. All present voted "yes". The meeting adjourned.

  
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**Kenneth J. Crawford**  
Clerk of Council

  
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**Donna M. Laake**  
President of Council