



Norwood City Council Council Chambers December 9, 2014

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in a regular session on December 9, 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

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

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

A report from the committee of Finance and Claims was brought before Council to be added to the agenda. Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Clark, motioned to amend the agenda to include the report. All present voted "yes". The agenda was amended.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Mr. Sanker delivered a report from the committee of Finance and Claims. A copy of the report is on file in the Clerk of Councils Office.

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Thornbury, motioned to accept the report. All present voted "yes". The report was accepted.

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Thornbury, motioned to suspend the rules and hold 2 readings of the ordinance.

During discussion, Mr. Sanker explained that an appropriations ordinance must be passed by the end of the year in order for the city to operate in 2015. He provided additional background regarding city finances and cited information listed in the report from the Committee of Finance and Claims. He stated that having a permanent plan (which can be amended in the future) for department heads to be aware of will improve the operation of the city.

Auditor Stith made similar remarks to Mr. Sanker. He emphasized that there will be a need for changes as things occur over the next year, but this will be an improved planning aide for city department heads. Mr. Stith gave a brief overview of city finances. In short, the city is still behind, but making solid progress at paying down debt. The city still faces tremendous fiscal challenges moving forward.

Ms. Allan thanked the committee for their hard work and that it was encouraging to hear that progress is being made.

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

2. ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2015

Mr. Mumper stated the heading should be amended to include the term “and Declaring an Emergency”. Mr. Mumper, seconded by Ms. Allan motioned to amend the title of the ordinance. All present voted “yes”. The title of the ordinance was amended.

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Mumper, motioned to suspend the rules and hold 2 readings of the ordinance. All present voted “yes”. Two readings were held.

3. ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Sanker explained the purpose of the ordinance is to move funds between budget keys in order to account for costs and other year end business.

All present voted “yes”. Three readings were held.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Mumper, motioned to pass the ordinance. All present voted “yes”. The ordinance passed.

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chris Adams the Executive Director of Stepping Stones addressed Council regarding the acquisition of United Cerebral Palsy by Stepping Stones. Stepping Stones will continue operating services at the UCP facility built at the old Holy Trinity School site on Drex Ave. Mr. Adams shared the history of Stepping Stones and the details of the operation. Stepping Stones provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities and is excited to be part of the Norwood Community. Council was invited to tour the facility at Drex Ave.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thornbury reminded Council the Norwood Historical Society will be holding its annual Holiday Celebration at the McCullough House at Linder Park. He praised the high quality of the event and shared details of the event.

Mr. Clark complimented the Recreation Department and Norwood Business Womens’ Association for all of their hard work on another successful Norwood Christmas Town.

Mr. Clark also stated the Norwood Star is having a contest for best Christmas lights and the deadline for entry is December 21.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Chuck Barlow

RE: Earnings Tax Report

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

Mr. Sanker stated this letter corroborates with the report from Finance and Claims and that the increased collection of earning tax has helped to reduce the city’s debt.

All present voted “yes”. The letter was accepted.

2. Letter from the Mayor

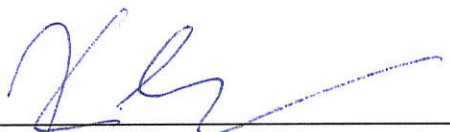
RE: Mayor’s Court Fines

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Mumper, motioned to accept and file the letter. All present voted “yes”. The letter was accepted.

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

Q) ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mumper, 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