



Norwood City Council Council Chambers January 13, 2015

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in a regular session on January 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM with 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. Clark, Mr. Whittington, Ms. Allan, Mr. Thornbury, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Mumper answered present. Mr. Breadon was not in attendance.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

A letter regarding Mayor's Court fines was presented to Council to be added to the Agenda. Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Mumper, motioned to amend the Agenda to include the letter. 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

I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

During discussion, Mr. Sanker explained the purpose of this ordinance is to account for payments for new police cruisers and for an influx of new funding for environmental cleanup.

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

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Whittington, motioned to pass the ordinance. All present voted "yes". The ordinance passed.

2. ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN VEHICLES TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF SUCH VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Ms. Allan, motioned to suspend the rules and hold all 3 readings of the ordinance.

During discussion, Mr. Mumper informed Council that these vehicles were seized by the Norwood Police Dept. Drug Unit.

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

Mr. Whittington, seconded by Mr. Clark, motioned to pass the ordinance. All present voted "yes". The ordinance passed.

3. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONSENT TO HAVE THE STATE OF OHIO DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION INSPECT BRIDGES OWNED BY THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

During discussion, Mr. Mumper informed Council that the inspection would be at zero cost to the city. Mr. Sanker provided further explanation. He stated it would only apply to the one railroad bridge overpass crossing over Hopkins Ave.

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.

INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF TAXES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 321.34 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Sanker provided an explanation of the ordinance. The County Auditor collects property tax on behalf of the city and disburses it back only a few times per year. This resolution allows the city to collect those property taxes on a regular basis. This is of benefit to the city's finances as it allows for increased cash flow.

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

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Clark, motioned to pass the resolution. All present voted "yes". The resolution passed.

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Sanker asked Law Director Berkowitz for an update on the Quality Inn Hotel. Mr. Berkowitz stated the hotel remains closed and the city is currently in litigation to resolve the legal issues surrounding the hotel. Mr. Berkowitz stated he is optimistic the matter will be resolved in 2015.

Ms. Allan asked for an update regarding the Committee appointed by the Mayor to address the rental property certification program. President Laake stated little progress has been made.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thornbury called a Community Development Meeting for Tuesday 2/3/15 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers. The representatives from the Wasson Way Project will provide an update at the meeting.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Mayor

RE: Mayors Court Fines

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Ms. Allan, motioned to accept and file the letter. Mr. Mumper also thanked Clerk Andy Conlon for a job well done. All present voted "yes". The letter was accepted.

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Allan, motioned to excuse the absent member. All present voted "yes". Mr. Breadon was excused.

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