



**Norwood City Council
Council Chambers
April 14, 2015**

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in a regular session on 4/18/2015 at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers with Donna Laake presiding. The meeting began with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the memory of Kelsie Crow.

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

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

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes from February 24, 2015

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Clark, motioned to approve the minutes. All present voted "yes". The minutes were approved.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1. Community Development Report

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Clark, motioned to accept the report.

During discussion, Mr. Sanker provided an in-depth explanation of the TREX transfer process regarding liquor license in the state of Ohio. He stated that he was not in support of the use of TREX transfers as discussed in the Community Development Report. Mr. Sanker also stated that he would vote "no" when called on to accept the report.

On roll call, Mr. Breadon, Mr. Clark, Mr. Thornbury, and Mr. Mumper voted "yes". Mr. Sanker voted "no". The report was accepted.

**I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES
SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES
INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS**

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Letter from the Law Director RE: Resignation

Mr. Berkowitz informed Council that he is resigning his position as the Law Director of the City of Norwood effective April 14, 2015. Mr. Berkowitz also removed himself for consideration to be elected as Law Director for the City of Norwood during the 2015 election. Mr. Berkowitz informed Council that he has been appointed as a Judge in the

Hamilton County Municipal Court. He thanked the City of Norwood and city officials for the wonderful experience of serving as the Law Director.

Council thanked Mr. Berkowitz for his service and congratulated him on his new appointment.

2. Letter from the Mayor

RE: Miscellaneous Business.

Mayor Williams congratulated Mr. Berkowitz on his appointment and thanked him for his service. The Mayor spoke at length regarding the high quality of service provided by Mr. Berkowitz and graciously complimented for his collaboration and legal guidance.

Mayor Williams reported on Norwood Knothole Day, the Williams Ave. Community Garden, and the Pigs & Pins Fundraiser. He complimented all involved with these items and praised their hard work.

The Mayor informed Council of the city received the full allotment of Community Block Development Grant funds applied for. Mayor Williams also informed Council of an effort by Metro to relocate and eliminate bus stops in Norwood. He reported the Norwood Police Department has also posted a notice that it is seeking to hire additional police officers.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1. Margaret Wehmeyer who resides at 4241 Allison St. addressed Council and complimented Mr. Berkowitz on his appointment as a judge for the Hamilton County Municipal Court. She also made comments regarding a Heroin summit at Northern Kentucky University.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Sanker informed Council of efforts made by Public Works to repair potholes.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sanker reminded Council that tax day is April 15 and that returns are due on that date.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Mayor

RE: Mayors Court Fines

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

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon, motioned to excuse Mr. Whittington and Ms. Allen. All present voted "yes". The absent members were excused.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

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



Kenneth J. Crawford
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council