



## Norwood City Council Council Chambers August 25, 2015

### A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in a regular session on August 25, 2015 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, Mr. Thornbury, and Mr. Sanker answered "present".

### E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROPERTY INVESTMENT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISQFT, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was put forward to be added to the agenda.

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Whittington, motioned to amend the agenda as stated. All present voted "yes". The agenda was amended.

### F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Minutes from July 14, 2015

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Breadon, 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

### I) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

#### SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

### J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Ms. Allen joined the meeting.

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

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Breadon, motioned to suspend the rules and hold three readings. All present voted "yes". Three readings were held.

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

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROPERTY INVESTMENT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISQFT, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Clark motioned to suspend the rules and to hold the first reading in its entirety and the second and third readings by caption only.

Mr. Brown provided a detailed explanation of the ordinance. Mayor Williams described the operation of ISQFT and stated that he believed there is tremendous opportunity for growth and positive economic benefit for Norwood.

Mr. Whittington inquired as to the location of where the company would operate. Mayor Williams stated the new office building under construction at Rookwood would serve as the site for ISQFT. The Mayor gave additional details regarding construction plans.

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

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

#### **INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS**

1. A RESOLUTIONS DECLARING IT TO BE THE DESIRE OF COUNCIL THAT HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT BE CELEBRATED BETWEEN HE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

Mr. Thornbury, seconded by Mr. Clark, motioned to hold the first reading. All present voted "yes". The first reading was held.

#### **K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

1. Letter from the Mayor RE: Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Williams addressed Council on a number of items. He reminded Council of efforts made at the Williams Ave. Community Garden, the Time Capsule removed from the cornerstone of City Hall, and answered a variety of questions regarding community events. Mayor Williams also stated that UDF has taken steps to begin renovations on a property located at the Corner of Williams Ave. and Montgomery Rd. The location is meant to serve as a training center for UDF. Mayor Williams also discussed operation of the City Water Department and procedures to ensure the safety of the city water supply.

Law Director Brown also updated Council on the state of the Quality Inn Hotel. He informed Council the hotel remains closed and would continue to do so.

#### **L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Dr. Paul Sohi who resides at 71 E. Hollister, addressed Council in regard to his intention to stand for public office next year.

#### **M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **N) NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Sanker informed Council of the passing of Jerry Geselbracht, a former member of City Council. Mr. Sanker also acknowledged the passing of Al Boehme, a well-known and active member of the Norwood community.

#### **O) COMMUNICATIONS**

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


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

#### **P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S**

Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Thornbury, motioned to excuse the absent member. All present voted "yes". Mr. Mumper was excused.

#### **Q) ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Breadon, 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