



Norwood City Council Council Chambers November 10, 2015

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council of the City of Norwood met in regular session on November 10, 2015 at 7:30 PM in council chambers 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. Allen, Mr. Thornbury, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Mumper answered "present".

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

F) PUBLIC HEARING

G) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

H) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEM

I) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

K) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS RAY HAMILTON MOVING AND THE FINAL PLAN FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS RAY HAMILTON MOVING, COVERED BY THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY ZONE OVER THE VICINITY OF 4817 SECTION AVENUE IN SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION AVENUE AND THE NORWOOD LATERAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sanker, seconded by Ms. Allen, motioned to suspend the rules and hold three readings of the ordinance.

During discussion, Mr. Sanker stated Council should accept the recommendation of the planning commission and accept these plans. He made some discussion of the ongoing history of the project and the Public Hearing held during the Council meeting on 10/27/15.

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

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

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE-SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH NORWOOD DREAMS LLC, TO DONATE 2511 HIGHLAND AVENUE TO THE CITY NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Mumper asked Mayor Williams for his thoughts on this ordinance. Mayor Williams recommended that Council not accept the donation of this property. He cited environmental concerns, cost of maintenance for structures located on the property, and

other potential liabilities for the city as reasons for why it would be unwise to accept the donation.

In response to questions by Ms. Allen, Mr. Whittington, and Mr. Mumper, Law Director Brown and the Mayor made further comments.

Mr. Brown explained, the city has placed orders on the property for violations of code and the owner of the property has offered to donate the property to the city as a means to resolve current proceedings in Norwood Mayor's Court.

Mr. Brown gave additional background information including results of Phase I and Phase II environmental studies and made discussion of difficulties the city would face in providing for the security of the property from fire, theft, and other hazards.

Mayor Williams gave an explanation of the costs associated with the upkeep of this property. He urged caution in regard to the passage of this ordinance and stated his concern for additional hidden costs involved with the acquisition of this property.

Mr. Mumper, seconded by Ms. Allen, motioned to remove this ordinance from the agenda to a time indefinite.

Mr. Sanker asked if the property would be received under its current condition.

Mr. Brown stated there would be significant expense to correct issues previously discussed and it would be unlikely the owner would provide financial resources to do so.

All present voted "yes". The ordinance was removed.

INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS

L) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

M) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clark stated Realtors with Heart had raised enough funds to donate 2 AED's to non-profit organizations in Norwood. He asked for recommendations for whom the donations could be made.

Mr. Sanker informed Council of Norwood Christmas Town to be held on 12/5/15. Mayor Williams and President Laake also stated the opening of the Time Capsule removed from Norwood City Hall would be opened in conjunction with Christmas Town.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter From the Mayor

RE: Mayor's Court Fine

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

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

R) ADJOURNMENT

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



Kenneth J. Crawford
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council