



Council Chambers

March 22, 2016

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mrs. Donna Laake presiding. The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) PRAYER

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Stickley, Mrs. Hanrahan, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Mumper. Mr. Blair was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the Resolution Expressing Support for the Formation of Multi-Department Heroin Abuse Response Team (HART), add an ordinance to change appropriations for 2016, and add a letter from Clayton Fite regarding Norwood parks. All members present voted, "Yes".

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion from Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Stickley, it was moved to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting, as if read. All present voted, "Yes".

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests to address Council on agenda items.

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Finance, Budget, and Audit: 3/15/16

Re: 2016 Appropriations

Mr. Sanker stated several individuals are in attendance to address Council regarding the following items from the report: cruisers, police and fire radios, and Duke Energy.

Police Chief Kramer addressed Council on the purchase of new cruisers. He acknowledged meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss the purchase of new police cruisers. Chief Kramer thanked Kevin Meinking, who works in the garage at Public Works, for keeping the cruisers running to the best of his ability. Chief Kramer stated he gave Finance Committee a proposal for the purchase of new cruisers with payments not taking effect until 2017; he was told at the Finance Committee meeting that the city can't afford new cruisers. He is not sure how his department will manage without any new cars this year. The city hasn't purchased new cars in seven years; used cars from other municipalities were purchased most recently. Chief Kramer's proposal was for the purchase of four new cruisers, but stated they can get by with three. He is requesting Council to find a way to purchase the new cruisers this year; he may have to double or triple officers in a cruiser, which could have an impact on the delivery of service and response time.

Tom McCabe, with the Norwood Fire Department, and Phillip Cintron, with the Norwood Police Department, addressed Council on the purchase of new radios for the Police and Fire Departments. The current quote is around \$455,000; Motorola has offered a 20% price break. The first payment will not be due until 2017. Upgrading the entire system at this time will save the city over \$100,000, as opposed to waiting until they are forced to transition to the new system. Mr. McCabe is asking Council to allow the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract with Motorola; Mr. Cintron stated this offer expires March 25, 2016. Mr. McCabe stated the radios are mission-critical pieces of equipment and are needed for safety; for safety purposes, everyone should be utilizing the same radio equipment model. Mr. McCabe stated these radios will meet current state and national radio compliance. Mrs. Hanrahan asked about the longevity of the radios. Mr. McCabe stated 12 years is a reasonable expectation. The current radios used by the Fire Department were purchased with a grant and the Police Department radios were paid for by a donation made by Mr. Carl Lindner. If the new radios are paid off in seven years, there would be no payments for the remaining 5-6 years of usage. Mr. Cintron discussed the process of radio parts and repairs needing to be made to the current equipment. Mrs. Stickley asked about insurance coverage for the radios in the event they break or are damaged. Mr. McCabe stated there is typically a warranty system for the first few years.

Ryan Winkler, with Duke Energy, addressed council about an energy audit of the City Hall building and the Fire Department building. The total cost of the project is around \$52,000; Duke will cover around \$33,000 of the costs with incentives. The total cost to the city will be around \$17,000. The estimated annual savings to Norwood will be around \$18,000-\$19,000, and will have cash-positive of around \$100. The purchase of new light bulbs is also covered under this plan for the next five years. Mr. Sanker asked about the analytical process. Mr. Winkler explained that both buildings were inventoried room by room; it was noted how many watts per fixture and how many hours per week the lights are on in each room. Mr. Winkler stated some light fixtures may need to be replaced. Mr. Sanker asked if an extension could be granted, in the event a decision isn't made to pursue this program by the end of the month. Mr. Winkler stated he would need to get approval for an extension, if one was requested. Mr. Sanker asked about a quarterly or semi-annual payment program. Mr. Winkler wasn't sure of a payment process other than annual payments or lump sum. Mr. Bonsall asked about the confidence in the savings. Mr. Winkler stated the savings will be dependent upon the accuracy of the data provided to him. Mr. Winkler thanked Council for their time and consideration.

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to accept the committee report. All present voted, "Yes."

I) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

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

On a motion from Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to hear the second reading of the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

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

On a motion from Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to hear the second reading of the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion from Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mrs. Stickley, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear three readings of the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

On a motion from Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1. Aftab Pureval** Re: Candidate for Hamilton County Clerk of Courts
Mr. Pureval introduced himself as a candidate for the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts and provided a brief overview of his background and experience.
- 2. Pastor Sonny James** Re: Community Preparing for Summer
Mr. James said he is honored for every opportunity to greet members of council. He commended the Norwood Police Department on their handling of a recent late-night disturbance; he continued by saying we need them and they are doing a great job. Mr. James encouraged members of council to attend the prayer over the city. He also reminded council of his 13-point plan, which he has also shared with another community that is 10 hours away.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Sanker brought up the items that were mentioned in the Finance Committee report; Council needs to consider moving forward on several of the items previously discussed. With regard to the radios, the payment plan is 3, 5, or 7 years; he recommends the 7-year payment plan. Mr. Sanker is not aware of any penalties for paying them off early. The other option is to wait until the radios need to be purchased, but noted the price will be higher and the 20% discount will no longer apply. With regard to Duke's bulb replacement program, Duke will pay 60% of the costs. With regard to new cruisers, Mr. Sanker does not believe four could be purchased at this time; no matter how many vehicles are purchased, Council would have to enter into a leasing contract with payments not beginning until 2017. Mr. Sanker asked Mr. Moore a question regarding the use of a purchase order for a leasing contract for cruisers. Mr. Moore wasn't sure about issuing a purchase order before signing a contract, but did state an ordinance would be required before the contract can be signed, because the dollar amount is over \$50,000. Chief Kramer

stated there isn't a deadline on the purchase of the cruisers; the cost is around \$50,000 for each Ford Explorer, which includes fully equipping the vehicle with light bars and dividers. Mr. Bonsall asked about other vehicle options. Chief Kramer stated the Ford Explorer is more reliable than the Dodge Charger and a sedan isn't worth the cost difference. Mr. Mumper reminded Council about the large bond payment taking place in the next week or two; this large payment will not be made in 2017. He also discussed 500 new jobs coming to Norwood and added that CDK is starting June 1st. Mr. Mumper also mentioned the jobs that are coming to Rookwood Tower that aren't in yet. Mr. Mumper recommended the purchase of 2 cruisers, the radios, and the Duke bulb replacement program. Mr. Bonsall agreed with the items Mr. Mumper recommended. Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Mumper stated they do not like spending money before it is here, but noted several of these items are needed for safety purposes. Mr. Sanker reminded Council about the \$1,000,000+ in other payments that must be made in 2017 to catch up some bills from 2016. He does believe the radios and cruisers are necessary to continue to provide the types of services Norwood residents are accustomed to. He also recommends purchasing two cruisers; the payments for the cruisers will have to be placed into the budget next year, and work backward from there. Mrs. Laake suggested a special meeting to be scheduled to pass an ordinance to enter into a contract for the purchase of the radios. Mr. Moore's opinion is that the Motorola contract is not binding without an ordinance or resolution passed by Council. Mr. McCabe confirmed that a copy of a resolution or ordinance is required for the contract. Mrs. Hanrahan requested the attendance of Mr. Stith if a special meeting is called; she would like to hear his opinion on these purchases.

Council took a 5 minute recess and then reconvened.

Mrs. Laake contacted Mr. Stith during the recess; he will not be able to attend a special meeting. Per Mrs. Laake, Mr. Stith noted the C9 Trust and police and fire pension funds are still in arrears; if something would come across his desk, he couldn't sign it because funds are have not been appropriated. Mr. Mumper requested the Law Department to prepare an ordinance for the lease-purchase of the radios. On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to set a special Council meeting for Thursday, March 24, at 6:30pm in Council Chambers, for the purpose of considering the ordinance for radios. All present voted, "Yes."

Mrs. Laake attended a meeting at the YMCA, regarding the topic of making the Norwood YMCA a gymnastics location. She suggested they make a presentation at a future Council meeting.

Mr. Sanker asked about the Duke proposal and the need to allow the Safety-Service Director to make arrangements for payment options. On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to authorize the Safety-Service Director to pursue the Duke Bulb Replacement Program. All present voted, "Yes."

Mr. Bonsall stated he met with Angela Pancella, who works with the Norwood Drug Coalition. They will hold a steering committee meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm; all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Mumper stated he attended the Hope Over Heroin meeting at Cameron Avenue Church of God; they are looking for an outside venue to host an event in August or September. The group will address Council at a future meeting.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clark announced the next prayer over the city will take place on April 2, 2016, at 1pm. He also discussed the Hope Over Heroin program; they connect heroin addicts with resources to help them stay clean.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Police Chief Kramer Re: Addressing Council

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, and seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read. All present voted, "Yes."

2. Letter from Liquor Control Re: License Transfer from Jimmy's Tap Room to "The Wood Bar"

Mr. Bonsall asked what happens if Council does nothing. Mr. Moore responded by saying Council can object and make a case. Mrs. Laake explained the reason for sending letters to the Police, Fire, Building, and Water departments; none of these departments had objections.

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All present voted, "Yes."

3. Letter from Clayton Fite Re: Parks

Mr. Mumper commented on the removal of the basketball hoops in parks; they were constantly in need of being replaced due to the fact they were repeatedly damaged. Mrs. Laake stated the hoops at Northwoods Park were removed because of neighbor complaints and concerns. Mr. Clark also commented on the corn-hole boards that were stolen from Water Works Park.

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, and seconded by Mr. Mumper, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All present voted, "Yes."

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to excuse the absence of Mr. Blair. All present voted, "Yes".

Mrs. Laake reminded everyone of the special meeting taking place Thursday, March 24, at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mrs. Stickley, it was moved to adjourn. All present voted, "Yes".

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

Donna M. Laake
President of Council