



Council Chambers

April 26, 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, Mr. Blair, Mrs. Hanrahan, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Mumper.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Sanker, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add the 2016 Appropriations ordinance, add a communication regarding Lime Fresh liquor license transfer, add the Finance & Claims Committee report, and move the YMCA communication to immediately follow the approval of minutes. All members present voted, "Yes".

Mrs. Laake congratulated Mrs. Stickley on the birth of her daughter. Mrs. Stickley stated that her daughter, Drew Grace, was born April 15th and is doing "absolutely perfect."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion from Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to accept the minutes of the April 12, 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, Claims, and Audit: 4/25/2016

Re: 2016 Appropriations

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to accept the committee report.

Mr. Sanker requested the Clerk of Council to modify the Committee Report cover sheet.

All present voted, "Yes."

I) SECOND/THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances requiring a second or third reading.

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT, WITHOUT FORMAL ADVERTISING OR BIDDING, WITH PROFESSIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Joe Geers, Service-Safety Director, and Cole Hazenfield, with Professional Telecommunications Services Inc., addressed Council regarding the ordinance. Mr. Geers stated the city lost the voicemail system server on April 3; they have been working on an upgrade for the past three weeks. The current system is eight years old and only carried a five year warranty. The price to replace the server with the current vendor is around \$70,000. A decision was made not to extend the current maintenance contract. Under the new contract the city will receive all new equipment, a backup server, and wifi in every city building; all will be completed at current pricing. The city will save additional money when other services with the current vendor are switched to the new vendor in April 2017. Mr. Hazenfield said an audit was completed to save Norwood money by looking at bills for the current services. Support will be provided for the next five years. Mr. Sanker asked a question about the preventative scope to make sure a down server doesn't happen again; he also asked if this was caused by a power surge. Mr. Hazenfield stated the server issue was linked to the wind storm; there was nothing for the server to "fail over." With the new system, a server will be located at City Hall and at the Fire Department; if

one goes down the other will act as a backup. Mrs. Stickley asked about the five year warranty. Mr. Hazenfield stated the warranty includes five years of system and hardware coverage; after five years, the system will be owned by the city. This system will have the capacity to store 550 hours of voicemails on each server. Mr. Bonsall thanked Mr. Geers and Mr. Hazenfield for their work on this matter; he also added that those at the Senior Center will like the new wifi. Mr. Geers stated web-cams can now be added to monitor the parks; the system will have the capacity to be upgraded. On a motion from Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

- 2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

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

Mrs. Laake stated the deadline to request a November ballot initiative to the Hamilton County Board of Elections is 4pm on August 10. Mr. Moore stated he has received a copy of an agreement from one of the potential suppliers and he will forward a copy to members of Council.

- 3) ORDINANCE REPEALING NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 761 REGULATING TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS.

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

Mr. Clark asked the Law Director who requested this ordinance. Mr. Moore stated a new business in Rookwood has requested this to grant permission to tattoo permanent make-up; the State of Ohio currently has a regulation, therefore, this chapter is no longer required.

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

- 4) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF RESOLUTIONS

- 1) RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MIL LIMITATION AND TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY TO CAUSE THE NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY LAW ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN EIGHT (8) MIL RENEWAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Sanker reminded everyone this is a renewal of the existing levy used to help with operating expenses. Even though this will appear on the ballot in November, it will not generate funds until 2017.

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

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administrative reports.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Pastor Sonny James Re: Community

Mr. James congratulated Mrs. Stickley on the birth of her daughter. He then reminded members of Council of his 13-point plan; school will be out for the summer in less than 30 days. Mr. James encouraged Council to always be inclusive, and made them aware of a new initiative called "Stopping the Violence and Start the Healing." He applauded the YMCA on the gymnastics incentive.

Michelle Glover Re: (did not complete a form to address Council)

Ms. Glover, of Cypress Way, asked permission to address Council; she did not complete a form requesting to address Council prior to the meeting. Mrs. Laake asked Ms. Glover if her comments were a follow-up to comments made by Mr. James, which Ms. Glover confirmed. When it was discovered that Ms. Glover's comments were not a follow-up to those made by Mr. James, Mrs. Laake asked Ms. Glover to end her address to Council.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Laake had received a request from Mr. Stith regarding a public hearing for the tax budget; it is scheduled for the Council meeting on June 14, 2016.

Mr. Bonsall mentioned a "High-Five Parade," which is sponsored by Woven Oak. This will be a 1.3 mile route around West Norwood, the Norwood Community Center, and Millcrest Park; it will take place Friday at 5pm. He invited all citizens to show up and show their support. Additional details are posted on Next Door Norwood.

Mr. Mumper commented on the condition of Water Works 4 baseball field; he remembers this being the worst field in Norwood but it is now the nicest. He complimented Norwood Public Works on the work completed to improve this baseball field.

Mr. Clark announced a Hope Over Heroin organizational meeting taking place at Cameron Avenue Church of God at 6:30pm on May 3, 2016. Community involvement and donations for this program have been overwhelming. The next prayer over the city will take place on May 7, at 1pm, on the steps of Norwood City Hall.

Mrs. Laake commented on Mr. Sanker, Mr. Mumper, Mr. Geers (SSD), and Mr. Geers (Clerk of Council) taking part in Holy Trinity's annual Variety Show during the previous weekend.

Mr. Sanker announced that Jerry Osterman and Sharon Hobbs are back at the Senior Center on a part-time basis until a permanent replacement is found.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from YMCA

Re: YMCA Gymnastics Center

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to receive and file the letter and to allow representatives from the YMCA to provide a brief presentation. All present voted, "Yes." Emily Daley, Gymnastics Coordinator at the Blue Ash YMCA, addressed Council regarding the location of a gymnastics center at the Norwood YMCA. Mrs. Daley informed Council about the last time she was in Council Chambers, when she was 16 years old, and Council recognized the Norwood YMCA Gymnastics Team, of which she was a member; it was obvious that Norwood celebrates the achievements of the community. Mrs. Daley reviewed the packets that were distributed to members of Council (a copy of the packet is on file in the Clerk of Council's office). Mrs. Daley explained how the YMCA is working with others in the community to accommodate some of the non-gymnastic programs; the mission of the YMCA will step outside of their walls. Additionally, Xavier University has expressed an interest in partnering with the gymnastics space. With regard to a time-line, Mrs. Daley stated equipment will be installed and moved in early summer, with the grand opening taking place around the Summer Olympics. The YMCA would appreciate a Resolution passed by Council, in support of the gymnastics program at the Norwood YMCA.

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to have a Resolution drafted by the Law Department in support of the YMCA and their gymnastics endeavor. All present voted, "Yes."

2. Letter from Dusty Rhodes, Auditor

Re: Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to receive and file the letter.

Mr. Sanker stated this is the second step to a resolution Council passed a few months ago, requesting the County Auditor to provide these figures.

Mr. Mumper stated the second page gives an explanation of what the levy is about; this levy was originally passed when General Motors left Norwood.

All present voted, "Yes."

3. Letter from Ohio Division of Liquor Control Re: Lime Fresh Grill dba Ruby Tuesday

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to receive and file the letter with no objections to the liquor license transfer.

All present voted, "Yes."

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

There were no absent members.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

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

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

Donna M. Laake
President of Council