



Council Chambers

May 10, 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. Blair, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: move the communication from the Norwood Drug and Alcohol Coalition to immediately follow the approval of minutes. All members present voted, "Yes".

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion from Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to accept the minutes of the April 26, 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

There were no committee reports.

I) SECOND/THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES

- 1) 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. Sanker, seconded by Mr. Mumper, it was moved to hear the second reading of the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

- 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND THE CITY OF CINCINNATI FOR CONTINUING USE OF PROPERTY FOR A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN 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."

Mr. Sanker stated this addresses the city's communications tower. According to the original agreement that was made with the city of Cincinnati, before modifications can be made, approval must be granted via the passage of this ordinance. Mr. Moore also stated the equipment needs to be upgraded and it must come to Council for approval.

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

- 2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY –OWNED REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Sanker had questions for Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore stated this is done periodically; Council will have to pass another resolution containing the details of items being auctioned and how the auction will run.

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

administered to Norwood students regarding drug use. Ms. Robison stated the statistics show a downward trend in drug and alcohol usage among teens; it is encouraging that those numbers have gone down. One of the surprising numbers involved “friend disapproval,” which increased from 56% up to 79%. Ms. Robison feels that some of the things the Coalition is doing are having a positive impact; it is important to look at prevention with young people. Angela Pancella thanked Mr. Bonsall for attending a recent planning retreat for the coalition, and then pointed out several resources provided in the packet that are available to Norwood residents. Ms. Pancella stated the Norwood Drug and Alcohol Coalition has a Facebook page; liking and sharing the Facebook page will help get their name out more in the community. Ms. Pancella also announced the new web-site address: www.drugfreenorwood.org. There is currently a grant matching donations 2-for-1; she invited residents and members of Council to participate in their membership campaign. Mr. Sanker asked about the frequency of the survey. Mr. Robison stated the survey is administered every two years; it is completed nationally and has been administered in Norwood since 2006. The charts and graphs show a comparison covering a ten year period in Norwood. Mr. Mumper asked about the absence of heroin in the survey results. Ms. Robison stated only .6% of the respondents admitted to trying or using heroin. If they can address the issue with other drugs, the hope is it won't progress to using heroin. Mr. Blair thanked Ms. Robison and Ms. Pancella for addressing Council and thanked the Norwood Drug and Alcohol Coalition for working on this matter. Ms. Robison stated that connections to anything in the community give young people something to do, which discourages drug usage. She also informed council and residents that there are ways to get involved other than attending meetings. The average age for first time drug or alcohol usage is around thirteen years old. Mr. Sanker stated convincing kids at a young age that drugs and alcohol are not the way to go, gives them a fighting chance and steers them in the right direction as they get older. Mrs. Laake also noted that Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center now provides families with a lock-box for prescription drugs. Ms. Robison closed their presentation by saying Lieutenant Ron Murphy with the Norwood Police Department has been a great partner with this program.

2. Letter from Mayor Williams

Re: Mayor's Court Fines

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, and seconded by Mrs. Stickley, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Mr. Mumper noted that the report includes multiple pages again.

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

There were no absent members.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Clark, it was moved to adjourn. All present voted, “Yes”.

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

Donna M. Laake
President of Council