



Council Chambers

May 24, 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, and Mr. Sanker; Mr. Mumper was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Stickley, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a Housing, Health, and Recreation Committee report and add a communication from Robert Gatto. All members present voted, "Yes".

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion from Mrs. Stickley, seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to accept the minutes of the May 10, 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) Housing, Health, & Recreation: 5/23/16 Re: Bee-hiving, Norwood Head Shop, Building Inspections, and Front Yard Structures

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

I) 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. Bonsall, seconded by Mrs. Stickley, it was moved to hear the third reading of the ordinance. All present voted, "Yes."

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

SECOND READING OF RESOLUTIONS

- 1) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW GYMNASTICS PROGRAM AT THE RICHARD E. LINDNER YMCA

On a motion from Mr. Stickley, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to hear the second reading of the resolution. All present voted, "Yes."

J) INTRODUCTORY READINGS OF ORDINANCES

There were no introductory readings of ordinances or resolutions.

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Cynthia Zurowick & Jeff Jording Re: Traffic on Forest Avenue

Ms. Zurowick and Mr. Jording, residents of Forest Avenue, addressed Council regarding their concerns of traffic along Forest Avenue. They distributed a map of South Norwood to members of Council, highlighting 4-way stop intersections. Ms. Zurowick is concerned about speeding on Forest Avenue and has had no response to messages left with the city. Ms. Zurowick owns a radar gun and has captured

speeds on Forest Avenue as fast as 71 mph; the average speed of drivers on Forest Avenue is 40-45 mph. Neighbors have placed their houses on the market and others have moved because of this ongoing issue. The concern is not about the number of cars, but rather, the speed at which the cars are being driven. They are not looking for a traffic light to be installed or an illuminated sign displaying the speed; they are requesting a 4-way stop at the intersection of Forest and Madison Avenues.

Pastor Sonny James

Re: Community

Mr. James attended the Housing, Health, and Recreation Committee meeting and commended the Council members in attendance at the meeting and Mrs. Hanrahan for her running of the meeting. He also applauded Mrs. Stickley's comment at the meeting about receiving feedback from Norwood residents. Mr. James mentioned the event taking place at the Norwood YMCA on May 27, from 12pm – 6pm; he encourages Norwood residents to support the event. Mr. James also thanked the numerous businesses who have made food donations for the event. Mr. James also called for Norwood Youth Day on June 21 and July 19.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bonsall thanked those who addressed Council regarding the issue of speeding on Forest Avenue and he acknowledged their concerns. Mr. Bonsall then placed the matter of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Madison and Forest Avenues into the Public Safety, Streets, and Infrastructure Committee. Mrs. Hanrahan requested the Clerk of Council to obtain a copy of Mr. Stoker's employment contract for the Housing, Health, & Recreation Committee.

Mr. Clark announced the next prayer over the city will take place on June 4, at 1pm, at the Norwood Plaza parking lot. Mr. Clark also mentioned the next Hope Over Heroin volunteer meeting will take place on June 13, at 6:30pm, at Trinity Pentecostal Church.

Mr. Bonsall stated that Norwood has had a declining population for the past 6 decades. According to census data, Norwood's population grew by 2.7% from 2014 to 2015; he is excited about more residents moving into Norwood. Mr. Bonsall also mentioned a cook-out taking place at Vineyard Central (Cleveland & Carter Avenues) on May 28, from 4pm-6pm; it will be a great time to show up and meet neighbors.

Mr. Sanker announced a Finance Committee meeting taking place May 26, at 6pm in Council Chambers.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Robert Gatto

Re: Appointment of a Council Member to C-9 Trust Board

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, and seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to receive and file the letter and to take names into consideration for a Council appointment to the board. All present voted, "Yes."

P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

On a motion by Mr. Sanker, and seconded by Mr. Blair, it was moved to excuse Mr. Mumper's absence. All present voted, "Yes."

Q) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Clark, 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