



# Council Chambers

## January 8, 2019 ~ 7:30pm

### 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

Mrs. Laake requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Police Officer Dale Woods, of Colerain Township.

### D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Mr. Bonsall, Mr. Clark, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Stevenson, Mrs. Hanrahan, Mr. Sanker, and Mr. Breadon.

### E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. Bonsall, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a communication from the Tax Commissioner regarding an earnings tax report and to remove the minutes for December 11, 2018. All members present voted, "Yes."

### F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to accept the minutes of both the December 21, 2018 meeting and the December 26, 2018 meeting as if read. Ms. Stevenson abstained; all others 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 reports of standing committees.

### I) SECOND/THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second or third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

### J) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no introductory readings of ordinances or resolutions.

### K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to allow Mr. Moore to present the Law Department Annual Report under Administration Reports. All present voted, "Yes."

Mr. Moore listed several areas of law that have come through the Law Department: home rule, municipal law, criminal law and procedures, public records, real estate, labor law, zoning, contracts, taxation, HIPAA, civil rights, election law, and matters involving the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> amendments. Questions are posed to the Law Department that are very generic in nature or are very detailed. Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Garry for helping to resolve issues. TA Brown, Secretary to the Law Department, only works 1/3 of his time as the secretary; Mr. Brown also handles technical support for the city. Mr. Moore is grateful for both Mr. Brown and Mr. Garry. Mrs. Laake commented on the phenomenal help that was provided to her by the Law Department with regard to the retiree healthcare plan; she appreciates the guidance they were able to provide. Mr. Sanker commends the work that has been completed by the Law Department.

### L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mrs. Laake reviewed the process, standards, and expectations for addressing Council.

#### 1) Cyndi Tincher

#### Re: Fire Department

Mrs. Tincher, of Warren Avenue, addressed Council on the topic of the Norwood Fire Department; she supports the Norwood Fire Department. Mrs. Tincher stated she is here to find out if the Mayor, Safety-Service Director, or other members of Council knew about the email that was sent to Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley. Mrs. Tincher believes this was an abuse of power, she believes that the head of the Finance Committee should step down, and asks Council to investigate the matter.

**2) Amy Wolfinbarger**

**Re: Our City**

Ms. Wolfinbarger, of Carthage Avenue, addressed Council about several issues facing the city. Ms. Wolfinbarger stated she supports the Norwood Fire Department; she is concerned about the city considering shutting down city services. Ms. Wolfinbarger is aware that state and federal funding has been cut, but she would like to see Council and other elected officials being more innovative and forward thinking; they have to start working on creative ways to move Norwood forward.

**3) Pastor Sonny James**

**Re: Community**

Mr. James, of Hopkins Avenue, addressed Council regarding issues facing the community. Mr. James started by expressing his condolences to the family and friends of the officer who recently passed away. Mr. James stated members of Council have an obligation to the citizens. Mr. James spoke of the residents who came out in support of the Norwood Fire Department the day before, in front of City Hall. Mr. James demanded the immediate resignation of any who feels the need to hide or "sugar coat" a matter involving a member of Council; he believes the individual should apologize and resign, as well. Mr. Thompson engaged in a conversation with Mr. James regarding the standard to which elected officials are being held; Mr. Thompson stated nothing illegal took place and it was a medical 911 call that is being referenced.

**M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ms. Stevenson stated the Norwood Chamber of Commerce has been notified and invited to participate in the partnership with the Quality of Life Inclusion Action Team and the Economic Development and Community Engagement committee; the welcome bags will be distributed to new residents and will provide local businesses the opportunity to donate, sponsor, or help distribute. Since the invitation was sent, there have been over 300 new residents in Norwood.

Mrs. Laake stated the administrative committee for retirees is in place and will hold their first meeting on Thursday. They are preparing a letter to send to new and former plan recipients with the application; most people are happy with the new plan.

Mr. Sanker reminded residents that the leaf pickup has concluded, but there are still residents raking their leaves to the curb. Public Works is no longer picking up the leaves; he recommends residents to bag the leaves or place them in trash cans for Rumpke to pick up on their scheduled trash day. Mrs. Laake stated yard waste bags can be picked up at the Health Department at no cost to Norwood residents.

**N) NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Hanrahan referenced the email that was sent to Mayor Cranley. Norwood is in Fiscal Emergency, and Council is responsible for looking at costs and all options; looking at all options, obtaining information, and doing cost analysis is appropriate action for members of Council. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she is unaware of talks with Mayor Cranley about shared fire service; this proposal has created distrust throughout the community, and she does not like the way it happened.

Mrs. Hanrahan asked Mr. Moore about the process of amending the Standing Rules of Council to address confidentiality while in executive session; Mr. Moore replied by stating the matter would have to first be discussed in Law and Ordinance Committee before being voted on by Council. Mr. Moore also stated one member of Council on their own cannot waive client/attorney privilege; it does make sense to add provisions regarding executive session within the Standing Rules of Council.

On a motion by Mrs. Hanrahan, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to place the matter of executive session confidentiality into the Law and Ordinance Committee. Mr. Bonsall voted, "No." All other members present voted, "Yes."

Mr. Sanker announced a Law and Ordinance Committee meeting to take place January 15, 2019, in Council Chambers; the time is yet to be determined. The agenda will consist of changes to the Standing Rules of Council - executive session confidentiality and amending minutes.

**O) COMMUNICATIONS**

**1) Letter from Alana Smith**

**Re: Request for Resolution**

Mr. Moore stated Ms. Smith came to City Hall to get the form used by Council and department heads and submitted it to Council. Mr. Thompson stated he can confirm the concern raised by Ms. Smith about the condition of Grandview Place.

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

**2) Ohio Liquor Control**

**Re: Ohio CVS Stores LLC DBA CVS Pharmacy 6111**

Ms. Stevenson asked for the Clerk of Council to confirm with the Secretary to the Clerk of Council whether any correspondence was received from the departments, prior to acting on the correspondence.

