



Council Chambers

October 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 everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to acknowledge the recent passing of Dr. Kathy Sabo, Superintendent of Norwood City Schools; she will be sorely missed.

D) ROLL CALL

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

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to the agenda as follows: add a communication from Kelly Brown regarding September Financials and add a resolution regarding Halloween/Trick-or-Treat in the city of Norwood. All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Hanrahan, it was moved to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2019 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 reports of standing committees of Council.

I) SECOND/THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

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

J) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES

There were no introductory readings of ordinances.

INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

1) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

Mr. Bonsall confirmed this resolution is not creating new tax levies; this is a standard process in which the Hamilton County Auditor informs Norwood of the value of the current levies.

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes."

2) A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT TO BE THE DESIRE OF COUNCIL THAT HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT BE CELEBRATED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00PM AND 8:00PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019.

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

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

K) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

There were no administration reports.

L) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) John & Elise Cappella Re: Gem of the Highlands 5K

Mr. Cappella, of Forest Avenue, addressed Council with some updates regarding the upcoming Gem of the Highlands 5K; the event will take begin at Smith and Floral Avenues on November 2nd,

beginning at 9am, with a block party immediately following. The route of the 5K includes the general area of presidential streets and Floral Avenue in South Norwood. Mr. Cappella stated last year was the first Gem of the Highlands 5K; it was cold and the event has now been moved up by one week. In 2018, there were nearly 400 participants and the event raised almost \$10,000, which has been donated back to the community for park improvements. \$7,500 raised from the event last year went toward the funding of the installation of the new basketball hoops at Water Works Park. Mrs. Cappella stated they have exceeded the sponsorship goal expectations; Paycor has stepped up as a title sponsor and they are also promoting the event. This year, they are looking to get 800 participants; this is a family-friendly event and they are now offering a special family-4-pack pricing plan. Anyone interested in donating or participating in the 5K may visit www.NorwoodRun.com. Mrs. Cappella stated there are volunteers still needed for the event; they are looking to have this as a standing event the first Saturday of November every year.

M) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

N) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hanrahan mentioned an email Council received from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding bridges and overpasses; Mrs. Laake replied by saying she reached out and spoke with someone at ODOT. Mrs. Laake confirmed there are two bridges in question – Section Avenue and Wesley Avenue. The first part of the Section Avenue bridge, which goes over the railroad tracks, belongs to Norwood; the section over 562 is the responsibility of ODOT. The expansion joint connecting these two sections of the bridge has a gap, which is Norwood's responsibility to repair. With regard to Wesley Avenue, ODOT is responsible for major repairs; the current issue involves separating concrete, which is considered a minor repair and is Norwood's responsibility. Mrs. Laake shared this with Mayor Williams, and was told Mr. Geers, SSD, is aware of the issue and is looking into it. Mr. Bonsall stated he also reached out; ODOT sent this matter to Council because this matter was not receiving the proper attention. Mr. Bonsall stated a letter has been sent to the city for five years; the money is there for the repairs and he hopes the administration takes care of it quickly. Mrs. Laake stated she will follow-up on this matter.

Mr. Breadon stated there is street repair activity taking place on Section Avenue; a crew is currently working on the handicap curb cuts at Section and Ross Avenues.

Mrs. Hanrahan announced a requisition has been approved for the purchase of new playground equipment for Burwood Park. Mrs. Hanrahan thanked Mayor Williams and Mr. Geers for helping to make this happen; she also thanked Mr. Reeves with the Building Department for taking measurements at the park. Mrs. Hanrahan thanked the Norwood Fire Association for offering to help with the installation of the equipment. Some of the new equipment may be installed prior to the end of the year; the company offered to expedite the shipping at no extra charge. Mrs. Hanrahan asked for anyone else interested in volunteering to contact her at mhanrahan@norwoodohio.gov.

Mr. Bonsall congratulated Mrs. Hanrahan on the new park equipment for Burwood Park, and asked about the order status and professional installers; Mrs. Hanrahan replied by stating installers are included in the price and they will assist the other volunteers. Mr. Bonsall stated there is an event taking place at Burwood Park this Sunday, which would be a good time to share the upcoming park improvements. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she went to the meeting last week but wasn't aware that it has been cancelled or rescheduled. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she had a banner made to place at the park displaying the equipment that was purchased; she encouraged residents to contact members of Council if they are hosting meetings. Mr. Breadon also congratulated Mrs. Hanrahan and volunteered to assist with the installation.

Mr. Bonsall announced the "Dream Big at Burwood Park" event taking place October 13th, from 4pm – 6pm at Burwood Park; there will be activities for kids and a general neighborhood get-together. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she will not be able to attend the event at Burwood Park and she hopes the families she has worked with will be able to attend. Mrs. Hanrahan stated she would hate to see the pool at Burwood Park filled in; she would like to see the pool deck area moved back and a shelter to be added in the event the pool or water park reopen.

Mrs. Laake stated the Celebration of Life ceremony for Dr. Sabo is also taking place at 10am on October 13th at the Norwood Middle School.

Mr. Bonsall mentioned the Norwood Historic Home Tour and block party; tickets are currently \$10 each or two for \$15. Mr. Bonsall also mentioned Blink, which is taking place in Downtown Cincinnati Thursday – Sunday; more streets will be blocked this year in Cincinnati and the usage of public transportation is encouraged. Mr. Bonsall stated Metro's 4 bus will drop off riders at the Riverfront Transit Center (2nd Street); the cost is \$1.75 each way.

Mr. Sanker mentioned the freon removal and tire collection that is taking place Saturday and Sunday at Norwood Public Works.

O) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control Re: Aftermath Bar and Grill

Mrs. Laake confirmed emails were sent to the appropriate departments; the Health Department replied with no objections.

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All members present voted, Yes.”

2) Kelly Brown, Account Clerk Re: September Financials

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All members present voted, “Yes.”

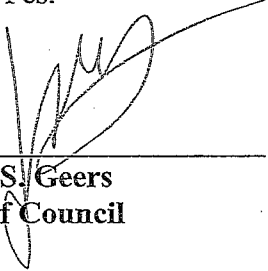
P) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBER/S

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to excuse Ms. Stevenson’s absence. All members present voted, “Yes.”

Mr. Bonsall requested that the previously deferred vote to override the vetoed resolution regarding six-month management of our water system by GCWW be added to the October 22nd meeting agenda.

Q) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Bonsall, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, “Yes.”



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Donna M. Laake
President of Council