



CERTIFICATION

I Joseph S. Geers, Clerk of Council, certify this is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 14-2017. This Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Norwood, Ohio in a Regular session held 8/8/17 Special _____
Clerk of Council

Resolution No. 14 20 17

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF NORWOOD'S OPPOSITION TO THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION AS TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County announced a tentative agreement regarding the future management of the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) on July 26, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwood pays in excess of \$5,000,000 per year for sewer services provided by the Metropolitan Sewer District, on behalf of thousands of both residential and commercial users, making it a large ratepayer; and

WHEREAS, there has been a large increase in the population of Hamilton County outside the Cincinnati city limits served by the Metropolitan Sewer District relative to inside the Cincinnati city limits, from 42% to 63%, since the Metropolitan Sewer District was established some 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, despite the proportional decrease in the population of the City of Cincinnati relative to the rest of Hamilton County, the tentative management agreement does not include any city, village, or township representative membership on the managing board of the Metropolitan Sewer District, other than that of the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, significant questions as to the fiscal propriety of numerous expenditures by the City of Cincinnati in managing MSD remain, pending the release of an audit by the Auditor of State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement requires changes in Ohio public employee pension law to accommodate the agreement's provisions regarding the pension treatment of current MSD workers becoming employees of the County rather than employees of the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, this Council is concerned that such changes may ultimately weaken the health of the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS);

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Norwood:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Norwood is opposed to the tentative agreement for the future management of the Metropolitan Sewer District and requests that Cincinnati City Council, the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, and the Legislature of the State of Ohio vote against the tentative agreement and any legislation needed to implement the tentative agreement.

SECTION 2. The Council directs the Clerk of Council to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Council of the City of Cincinnati, to the Hamilton County Commission, and to the Ohio General Assembly.

SECTION 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency resolution and a measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare and shall go into effect forthwith, so that it can be communicated promptly to the public entities referred to in Section 2.

PASSED

August 8, 2017
Date

Donna M. Laake

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President of Council

ATTEST:

Joseph S. Geers, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this resolution was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the 8th day of August, 2017 in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing resolution was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the day of AUGUST, 2017.

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

APPROVED _____

8/9/17
Date

Thomas F. Williams
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

Joseph S. Geers , the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was published in the

_____ on _____ and _____.
(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)

Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

1st Reading _____
Date

2nd Reading _____
Date

3rd Reading _____
Date

All 3 Readings 8/8/17
Date

Tabled _____
Date

Vetoed _____
Date