



Norwood City Council Council Chambers June 22, 2010

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Ms. Jane Grote 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 were present: Mr. Moore, Mr. Thornbury, Mrs. Laake, Mr. Mumper, Mr. Gabbard, and Mr. Sanker. Mr. Schneider was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mrs. Laake, it was moved to add two reports from the Community Development Committee under reports of standing committees, and a communication from Bernie Naegele as communication #2. All members present voted, "Yes."

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thornbury, it was moved to approve the minutes of May 25, 2010 and June 8, 2010 as if read. All members present voted, "Yes."

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests.

H) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1. Community Development Committee RE: Christ Hospital Signage

Committee Chair Mr. Gabbard read the report to council regarding Christ Hospital taking over the Mayfield Spinal Hospital space. On a motion by Mrs. Laake, seconded by Mr. Sanker, it was moved to receive and file the report. Mr. Gabbard stated that Christ Hospital is taking over the Mayfield Clinic at Cornerstone. The staff will remain the same as will the procedures performed there. Christ Hospital is simply taking over the facility. The signage on I-71 will give them exposure. There is vacant space on the second floor that they hope to fill with other spinal surgery services. All members present voted, "Yes."

2. Committee of the Whole RE: Long Term Financial Planning

Committee Chair Mrs. Laake read the report to council regarding the discussion about revenue generating ideas and decreasing expenditures. The Committee directed the Mayor to speak with the bargaining units and directed the Auditor to change appropriations by putting overtime into separate keys. On a motion by Mrs. Laake, seconded by Mr. Thornbury, it was moved to receive and file the report. All members present voted, "Yes."

3. Community Development Committee RE: City Limits Laundry and Tanning

Committee Chair Mr. Gabbard read the report to council that the committee directed the Law Department to write a draft ordinance for a Community Reinvestment Area for City Limits Laundry and Tanning. On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Sanker, it was moved to receive and file the report. Mr. Moore said that the company plans to use the old Napa Auto Parts site on Montgomery Rd. They brought renderings of what they want the building to look like with landscaping and improvements. The idea is to improve that part of Montgomery Road. They hope

to have a draft agreement for the first meeting in July. Mrs. Laake asked if the plans included the Midwest Music site. Mr. Moore answered that it does not. All members present voted, "Yes."

D) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2010, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Thornbury, it was moved to have a first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Moore stated that as he glanced at the appropriations changes without adding everything up, it seems to be designed to curb health care and payroll costs. He thinks it is actually increasing appropriations by about \$100,000 and asked Mr. Stith to comment. Mr. Stith responded that the first of six payments on health care were paid and now we know what the whole year will cost. When the initial calculations in the budget were done, they took 2009 costs and increased them by 21%. Mr. Stith stated that actual averages are about 27%. This has to do with a combination of the following: people adding on dependents, some departments decreased the number of people on the plan and there was an increase of up to fifty-five percent in some departments. Mr. Stith stated that the average for the general fund increase for health insurance was 27.19%. To accommodate these changes, this amount was pulled out of each key and then they decreased the personnel key by that amount. They then pulled the old version of the health insurance out of the personnel key leaving just salaries and other costs. Then they had to increase amount of the appropriations in the health care key equivalent to amount of increase in each key. Mr. Stith has a breakdown of the numbers in his office as discussed in the Finance Committee. He stated that from 2009-2010, there was an increase of 27.19%. Mr. Moore asked by what amount the payroll was increased. Mr. Stith answered that the increase was around \$100,000 from all keys, not just the general fund. Mr. Moore asked how much the increase for the general fund is. Mr. Stith stated that he would have to add it up and he can get the information from the spreadsheet for them later. Mr. Moore said that according to one projection he saw on earnings tax, we should have only \$50,000 to carry over to next year. He inquired if we have enough to pass this. Mr. Stith stated that given current projections as published on the Certificate of Estimated Resources, this still fits in the projected certificate. Mr. Moore asked when the certificate was filed. Mr. Stith answered that the current certificate was filed in April of this year. In May, the certificate was re-projected through the end of the year in a meeting with the Mayor and the Tax Commissioner. The Mayor, Tax Commissioner and the Auditor were all about the same when comparing their projections. Mr. Stith stated that because of these new projections, the Certificate of Estimated Resources was updated and the appropriations changes being requested were used to do this. Mr. Moore inquired as to what the update was used to do. Mr. Moore further stated that Mr. Stith had told him that he doesn't know how much this increases the appropriations, but he's using specific estimates. Mr. Moore thinks he must have numbers explaining how much this increases appropriations. Mr. Stith stated that he did not say he didn't know the numbers he just did not have them in front of him. Mr. Stith stated that the spreadsheet is 20 pages long and they all tie together and it calculates the totals. The changes were checked against the Certificate of Estimated Resources, and the calculations put in for appropriations will flag red if they exceed the certificate that was filed in April. He further stated that a new certificate had been modified with the numbers for May and will be filed and sent to the State. Mr. Stith reiterated that he does not have the numbers written down here because of the size of the spreadsheet used to calculate them. Mr. Moore asked if the health insurance costs will change. Mr. Stith stated that the payments are known through June 2010 and that changes may occur as staffing changes, but the amount will be fixed for the rest of the year. Mr. Sanker asked Mr. Stith if we have set policies for single with spouse, or a family plan, or whatever regarding plans. He also asked if we have fixed pricing for each type of coverage. Mr. Stith replied that all health care plans and payments are managed through the Treasurer. Mr. Stith's understanding is that the city offers a cafeteria plan where the employees have a choice of plans. Each employee pays the difference for more expensive plans. Mr. Sanker asked why the subsidy for separation pay was increased. He thought that separation pay might be an item they could reduce. Mr. Stith stated that the leaving of a particular individual who was a long

time employee caused that change. This person is that last one scheduled to leave this year. Mr. Stith stated that the buyout caused a \$58,000 increase over the amount that was budgeted. The budget started off with \$300,000 and that amount was paid out to others. This increased amount is needed for this person. Mr. Stith also noted that these changes do not need to be passed tonight. Mr. Mumper asked for a list of those who are leaving this year. Mr. Stith said he can provide a list of the five who left. Mr. Stith asked Mr. Mumper to clarify what information he wants for Mr. Stith to provide. Mr. Mumper stated that he wanted the separation costs. On the previous motion, all members present voted, "Yes."

2. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORWOOD TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEAN OHIO REVITALIZATION FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Sanker, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mrs. Laake asked that in section five it says a local match will be provided and she would like to know what amount that is and where it will come from. Ms. Grote said that the Mayor can answer that. The Mayor stated that the developer will pay that. Mrs. Laake said that she just wanted to check on that and have it on the record. All members present voted, "Yes." On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Laake, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes."

INTRODUCTORY READING OF RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CLEAN OHIO REVITALIZATION FUND (CORF) FORMER NORECO PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT 4953 SECTION ROAD WHICH WILL INCORPORATE MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGIES THAT MAXIMIZE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NEW CONSTRUCTION.

On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Laake, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes." On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Mumper, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes."

J. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. The Mayor

RE: Miscellaneous Business

The Mayor announced that the Montgomery Road project is moving along. They laid the finish coat and then it rained. The State mandates markings the way they are right now. The engineers wanted to know if we had any complaints. There was a concern of businesses losing parking, but they will not lose any, and there will be constant flow in that single lane.

The Norwood Lateral mowing is done. Now they are cleaning the berm. Trimming and cutting back the hill has begun and staying on top of it will avoid an excessive amount of work like there was a year ago.

The Mayor reminded council that thirty years ago today, the city lost Bobby Plogeman in a fire. The Mayor himself worked the case and it was determined to be aggravated arson. The Mayor stated that Bobby was off work and heard of a working fire and he went to help his fellow firefighters.

Mrs. Laake stated that she has received the Integrys letter and she has received a lot of calls. She said she was surprised at the two different options, she didn't remember that. The Mayor stated that that letter was prepared for him and that Chris Brown reviewed it and took things out. The Mayor said that he's not happy with the set up. He thinks that understanding within the public is low. Integrys is going to make money so they should do the work. People have asked him why council took this action. The Mayor stated to them that a past council decided to let the voters vote on it. He's been asked when that happened. He thinks Integrys's support of the city is low and the letter is confusing. He has said over and over that administration is not doing anything on this.

Mrs. Laake said that a couple of council meetings ago, the mayor talked about a meeting in August being put together for the Development Department. She asked if HCDC is invited. The Mayor answered that they will probably be invited, but they will not be running it. He wants to have different agencies, port authority and developers. He wants to open it up for different speakers. The mayor stated that it's moving along

but notices haven't gone out yet. The meeting is tentatively set for August 11, 2010. He stated that he has been asked about a city Economic Development Director. The Mayor stated that unless we have the urge to spend more money, we are doing ok. Gerry Stoker is doing a good job working with Norco. He intends to keep on the same course we have been on.

2. The Auditor

RE: Financial Issues

Mr. Stith announced that the May 2010 auditor's report is published and will be updated on the site this week. It was sent to council today via e-mail. He has been working on the 2011 Tax Budget for the public hearing on July 13, 2010 to be published online and posted on or about July 2, 2010. He has been working with the Tax Commissioner and the Mayor as well as having discussions with the Finance Committee.

K) OTHER REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There were no requests.

L) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

M) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Laake said that yesterday during the storm we had a large tree on Indian Mound fell over. She was pleased with how quickly the city responded to close off the street and prepared to cut down the tree. The only hold up was from Duke Energy to restore power. Several Public Works employees cut down the tree in about an hour and a half. She would like to send a letter to Public Works thanking them for coordination of the tree removal on Indian Mound.

Ms. Grote said that she would like to remind council and the citizens of the Fourth of July fireworks. Gates open at 6:30 pm with activities for kids, including zoo animals. The fireworks would start at dark. This is not paid for by the city, but funded by Mr. Linder. There is no cost for admission. Ms. Grote invited everyone to please join us at Shea Stadium for fireworks.

N) COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Health Department RE: 2009 Annual Report to the Community
On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Sanker, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All members present voted, "Yes."

2. Letter from Bernie Naegele RE: Application Fees
On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Laake, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Mr. Moore requested that the Law Department provide a written opinion about this issue to be shared with council and the civil service commission. All members present voted, "Yes."

O) EXCUSES ABSENT MEMBERS

On a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Laake, it was moved to excuse the absent member from the meeting. All members present voted, "Yes."

P) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Mumper, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, "Yes."

Cassandra Brown
Clerk of Council

Jane M. Grote
President of Council