

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL

December 20, 2011
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

REGULAR SESSION

Council President Steve Euton called the Regular Session to order. Father Mueller offered the prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council members were present: Chris Mushett, Scott Krichbaum, Charles Furey, Robert Carleton, Steve Euton, Dwight Tkach, Shane Penrose and Harry Brady.

Mayor Sue Lesch, Public Works Director Josh Snyder, Law Director Stuart O'Hara, Safety/Service Director Linda Hebert, Finance Director Diane Eschen, Zoning Officer Allison Hodson and Fire Chief Shawn Dickerson were also present.

Mr. Furey moved to accept the amended agenda which includes *Item No. 11-131*. This item was inadvertently left off the agenda but was discussed at last week's Work Session. Mr. Carleton seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES Mr. Brady moved to approve the December 6, 2011 and December 13, 2011 minutes as presented. Mr. Krichbaum seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS The clerk read a memo dated December 16, 2011 from the Planning Commission recommending approval for *Item No. 11-128*.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - none

OFFICIAL REPORTS

MAYOR Lesch distributed and reviewed a memo to Council dated December 20, 2011 regarding final project updates. The memo is on file with the clerk.

Mayor Lesch expressed her appreciation and gratitude for the thirty-one years of service from the retiring Safety/Service Director Linda Hebert.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – No report

FINANCE DIRECTOR – No report

LAW DIRECTOR - No report

ENGINEERING – No report

APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICIALS - None

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Mr. Tkach moved to remove *Item No. 11-128* from the table and place it on the agenda. Mr. Carleton seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Item No. 11-128

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXERCISE AN OPTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Carleton moved to accept the emergency as outlined in Section 2. Mr. Furey seconded. Mayor Lesch introduced the Fire Station Blue Ribbon Committee that were in attendance. She thanked them for their efforts and said the City is fortunate to have great leaders in the community. With a motion and second on the table to accept the declaration of emergency, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Carleton moved to adopt the legislation. Mr. Penrose seconded. All members voted in favor. ORDINANCE NO. 11-053 ADOPTED.

Item No. 11-130a

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 105.02, 105.03, 105.04 AND 105.05 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-SUBDIVIDING OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, OHIO, INTO WARDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 731.06(A) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

Mr. Mushett moved to adopt the legislation. Mr. Brady seconded. All members voted in favor. ORDINANCE NO. 11-054 ADOPTED.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 11-131

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NORWALK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION TO SELL PROPERTY NOT REQUIRED FOR CITY PURPOSES AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF

Mr. Brady moved that the clerk be instructed to read the legislation. Mr. Krichbaum seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Tkach moved to table and refer the item to the Planning Commission. Mr. Furey seconded. Mayor Lesch thanked Humane Society Director Bonnie Albright and the Project Leadership Group for the work that they have done towards the establishment of a future dog park. With a motion and second on the table to and refer the item to the Planning Commission, all members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Item No. 11-132

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK, OHIO AND NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER

Mr. Furey moved to adopt the legislation. Mr. Carleton seconded. All members voted in favor.
RESOLUTION NO. 11-070 ADOPTED.

Item No. 11-133

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-051 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Mushett moved that the clerk be instructed to read the legislation. Mr. Krichbaum seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Carleton moved to suspend the rules requiring two readings of an ordinance. Mr. Penrose seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Brady moved to accept the declaration of emergency as outlined in section 2. Mr. Krichbaum seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Tkach moved to adopt the legislation. Mr. Penrose seconded. All members voted in favor.
ORDINANCE NO. 11-055 ADOPTED.

Item No. 11-134a

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A LINE ITEM TRANSFER WITHIN THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mr. Furey moved to adopt the legislation. Mr. Brady seconded. All members voted in favor.
RESOLUTION NO. 11-071 ADOPTED.

Item No. 11-136

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STORM WATER UTILITY FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT THEREOF

Mr. Krichbaum moved to adopt the legislation. Mr. Carleton seconded. All members voted in favor.
RESOLUTION NO. 11-072 ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS Mr. Euton said Council will not meet next week. The next meeting of Council will begin with an organizational meeting on January 3, 2012. He said on January 10, 2012 a training session will be held for Council members.

Mr. Euton thanked those that will be leaving Council and wished them well.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Steve Euton – Council President

Lisa Hivnor – Council Clerk