

**NORWALK CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

July 5, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court  
Norwalk, Ohio

REGULAR SESSION

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Council President Steve Euton called the meeting to order. Father Paul Schreiner offered the prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following council members were present: Chris Mushett, Chris Castle, Steve Euton, Samantha Wilhelm, Kelly Beck, Steve Schumm, Deb Lucal, and David Wallace.

Mayor Rob Duncan, Finance Director Diane Eschen, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Safety/Service Director Dan Wendt, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Mr. Mushett moved to remove *Item No. 16-059* from the table and place it on the agenda. Mr. Castle seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Beck moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Wallace seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** Mr. Schumm moved to approve the June 21, 2016 and June 28, 2016 minutes as presented. Mrs. Lucal seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** The clerk stated that she received a liquor license request from Gemminis Inc, DBA Casa Bravos, 203 Cline Street. She added that Chief Light has no objection to this request.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Mrs. Wilhelm said that there will be a Safety Committee meeting July 19, 2016 at 6 pm in the City Hall Conference Room. She said that Police Chief Dave Light, Fire Chief John Soisson, Dan Wendt, and Mayor Duncan will be attending.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**MAYOR** Mr. Wendt spoke on behalf of Mayor Duncan. He said that the Mayor would like to thank everyone who contributed to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. He asked that Council take the time to read through the list of contributors published in the newspaper and thank those who helped to make the event possible.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR** Mr. Wendt stated that Captains Hunt and Beers offered inspection and fire protection at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show. He said that core samples have been taken for the new Fire Station. In Park and Recreation, he said the Baines Park concession stand will be painted this week. The only cost will be \$60 for supplies thanks to volunteer painters. He said Veterans Memorial Park will be hosting a kids fishing derby, a 5K race, and a disc golf tournament this Saturday. Lastly, he announced the public forums that will run Thursdays from July 14-August 11 at the Ernsthausen Community Room at 7 pm. He reviewed the various topics that will be discussed and encouraged Council to attend and bring friends.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR** – no report

**LAW DIRECTOR** Mr. O'Hara said that the resolution passed June 7, 2016 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with a Regional Council of Governments requires the City to appoint a delegate and an alternate. He said Mayor Duncan has designated Diane Eschen as the delegate and Michelle Reeder as the alternate. He requested a motion from Council to approve the appointments.

Mr. Castle moved to approve the appointments made by Mayor Duncan . Mr. Mushett seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER** Mr. Snyder said that the pole bases are in place on the Westwind Drive/Route 250 project and work will begin on the retaining wall this week. He advised Council that the intersection at Pleasant Street and Washington Street would be closed Wednesday, July 06, 2016 to make a critical connection and a bend in the forced main. He said the Pleasant Street Lift Station has received the concrete precast building, the generator and large electrical panels. He said the Wooster/Marshall Sewer Separation Phase 5 Project is complete and the Rosedale Waterline project is to follow. He added that the Street Resurfacing Project is about 90% complete, the sidewalk program is about 80% complete, and the 750,000 gallon water tower is sandblasted and primed on the inside and will be painted in the next couple of weeks. He directed Council to the City's FaceBook page for the most recent updates.

Mr. Wallace asked if the streets will be widened on Rosedale Boulevard. Mr. Snyder said no, rolled curb will be placed around the islands to permit vehicles to drive on them without breaking the curb.

**APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICIALS – none**

**PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL** Robert Ward from the Huron County Veterans Service Office was present to discuss the upcoming Ohio Flags of Honor event. The event runs August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> at Shady Lane Memorial Park. He gave a brief overview of the event and encouraged Council to reach out to their constituents and encourage attendance and participation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – none**

**SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

*Item No. 16-059*

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVIES ON THE CURRENT TAX DUPLICATE WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF SUCH LIMITATION FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

Mr. Mushett moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Beck seconded. Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, Mr. Schumm, and Mr. Wallace voted yes. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, and Mr. Beck voted no. Motion failed.

Mrs. Wilhelm asked if the minutes could show that votes were inadvertently cast in favor of the ordinance. Mr. Euton explained that the meeting is recorded and the minutes are merely a summary of events. Mr. Schumm was adamant that he did not want it to go on record that he voted in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Schumm moved to reconsider the ordinance. Mr. Castle seconded. All members voted in favor except Mr. Beck who voted no. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilhelm moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Beck seconded. All members voted against. Motion failed.

Members of Council who initially voted in favor of the ordinance wished to have it on record that their votes were unintentionally cast in favor of the ordinance.

## **NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### Item No. 16-064

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD B. HOPKINS AND PAULA HOPKINS FOR THE SALE OF CITY SANITARY SEWER SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS

Mrs. Wilhelm moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Beck seconded. All members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2016-031 adopted.

### Item No. 16-068

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRELANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Castle moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Wallace seconded. All members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2016-032 adopted.

### Item No. 16-069a

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVIES ON THE CURRENT TAX DUPLICATE WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORWALK AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF SUCH LIMITATION FOR CURRENT EXPENSES

Mr. Beck moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Mushett seconded. All members voted in favor. Resolution No. 2016-033 adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Euton stated that there will be a Finance Committee meeting July 12, 2016 in the City Hall Conference Room at 6 pm followed by a Work Session.

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

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Stephen E. Euton  
President

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Jaime L. Peiples  
Clerk