

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

August 9, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

WORK SESSION

Council President Steve Euton called the Work Session to order. The following members were present: Steve Euton, Chris Mushett, Kelly Beck, Chris Castle, David Wallace, Steve Schumm, Deb Lucal, and Samantha Wilhelm.

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 present.

Mr. O'Hara requested that Item No. 16-073 be removed from the agenda due to an error at the Police Department. He explained that they initially thought a purchase order had not been cut but one has since been discovered and the legislation is no longer needed.

Item No. 16-067

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 181.06 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES

Mr. O'Hara said that this legislation is to amend section 181.06 of the Norwalk Codified Ordinances which pertains to residents of the City who work in other jurisdictions outside the City. He said currently residents are provided with a credit against their Norwalk tax equal to the amount they pay in the other jurisdiction up to the amount of their Norwalk tax obligation. He said the purpose of this legislation is to amend the tax credit to limit it to 50% of what the current tax credit would be.

Mr. Beck asked if this is in line with what other Cities are doing. Mayor Duncan said yes, it is a current trend. Mrs. Eschen said that out of 240 cities that have an income tax, 140 of them still give 100% credit. Mr. Beck asked if there is any fear of detracting people from moving into the City if they work elsewhere. Mrs. Eschen said there is no way to measure that.

Mr. Mushett asked what the state of the finances are going into 2017 as far as projected revenue goes. Mrs. Eschen said she doesn't expect any increase in revenue, however she does expect an increase in expenditures.

Mr. Beck asked how much money this will generate. Mrs. Eschen said based on 2014 figures it is estimated to be around \$415,000. She said that would bring in around \$275,000 to the General Fund and \$70,000 each to Sanitation and General Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. Wallace clarified that this is to force people who are currently not paying for City services due to the tax credit to pay. He cited services including snow plowing, trash pick-up, and Police and Fire protection.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next regular session.

Item No. 16-074

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF A LIST OF ESTIMATED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2016 SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT OBJECTIONS

Mr. Snyder explained that this is annual legislation. He said the 2016 Sidewalk Program is complete and this is a notice that the City will be posting invoices. Mr. Euton asked what quadrant is slated for 2017. Mr. Snyder replied the Northwest quadrant.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next regular session.

Item No. 16-075

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2015-057 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eschen Explained this is a supplemental to the General Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$29,906 which consists of \$23,906 for property acquisition and professional services for the Milan Avenue Corridor Project and \$6,000 for additional needed for paving the Ernsthausem Parking Lot.

Mr. Mushett asked if the lot paving was an unforeseen project or if it came in way over the estimated cost. Mr. Snyder explained that when General Services excavated they found there was 1½ inches of asphalt on top of clay which doesn't provide for good drainage. He said they placed a grid of drainage pipes and put in a proper stone base with a 3" mat where they initially thought they would only need 1½" overlay.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next regular session.

Item No. 16-076

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2015-057

Mrs. Eschen said this is the second half of the annual subsidy provided from the General Fund to the Police and Fire Pension Funds. She said \$69,950 goes to the Police Pension Fund and \$106,100 to the Fire Pension Fund.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next regular session.

Item No. 16-077

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

Mrs. Eschen explained this is requesting a line item transfer from the Paving City Lot Complex to the Paving Ernsthausem Lot. She reminded Council that part of that line item was used for the new generator. She said this would empty that line item out completely. She said the increased cost to pave that section of the parking lot was \$14,000. Mr. Beck asked what the initial cost was expected to be. Mrs. Eschen said \$30,000.

Mr. Euton asked if the City Hall Lot Complex will be included in the 2017 budget. Mrs. Eschen said she thinks they will try to include paving at least part of the City Hall Lot Complex in the 2017 budget.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next regular session.

Mr. Schumm complimented the Mayor and the City of Norwalk on the Ohio Flags of Honor event. He said it was a fabulous program.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Beck moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss possible real estate transaction with no business after. Mrs. Lucal seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Steve E. Euton – Council President

Jaime L. Peiples – Council Clerk