

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

September 27, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court  
Norwalk, Ohio

**WORK SESSION/SPECIAL SESSION**

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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, Deb Lucal, and Samantha Wilhelm. Steve Schumm was absent.

Mayor Rob Duncan, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Finance Director Diane Eschen, Safety Service Director Dan Wendt, Public Works Director Josh Snyder, Superintendent Joe Lindenberger, Fire Chief John Soisson, and Police Chief Dave Light, were also present.

*Item No. 16-090*

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REVOLVING LOAN FUND AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY LIFE COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, INC.

WSOS Director Ben Kenney was present and gave an overview of the legislation. He said the application was for a \$50,100 loan for Family Life Counseling and Psychiatric Services, Inc. to purchase the building located at 34 Woodlawn Avenue. He explained the building itself costs \$79,900 and the remainder will fund paving the parking lot, interior IT work and a sign. He said the counseling center would be hiring three employees, two counselors and one support person.

Mrs. Lucal asked when the center plans to open. Mr. Kenney replied as soon as possible and pointed out that they already have a presence in the area.

Mr. Mushett questioned the 20-year payback term. Mr. Kenney said you match the term to the asset which in this case is real estate. He added that it matches the bank loan.

Mr. Castle said he has worked extensively with this group and their response time has typically been within 30 minutes.

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

Mr. Castle explained *Item No. 16-091*. He said there will be an event October 2<sup>nd</sup> emphasizing the heroin and opiate abuse epidemic. The event will include a recovery walk and resource fair.

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**SPECIAL SESSION**

*Item No. 16-091*

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AS A DAY OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWALK

Mr. Mushett moved to adopt the resolution. Mrs. Lucal seconded. All members voted in favor. Resolution 2016-044 adopted.

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Mrs. Eschen gave a presentation detailing historical financial information for the City a copy of which is on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Euton discussed plans for the next Work Session. He said he plans to discuss information that has been discussed in previous Finance Committee meetings. In addition, he would like to review social media legislation. Mr. O'Hara said that to change or add to the Council Rules would require a motion and a vote at a Regular Session.

Mr. Lindenberger presented a summer recap for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Niki Hotchkiss, 3 Maple Street was present and requested a copy of the financial presentation. Mrs. Eschen said she can pick up a copy at City Hall.

Jeff Phillips, 289 East Main Street was present to express his dissatisfaction with a sign that was placed on the property of his rental located at 154 Benedict Avenue. He said the "NO PARKING" sign was placed in the middle of his driveway. He said that there are other locations in town where the same situation is not being enforced. Mr. Wendt said he is aware of the situation and he feels the right decision has been made in this instance in that the no parking sign was placed in the tree lawn and not in a driveway. Mr. Euton asked if he is aware of other locations not being enforced. Mr. Wendt said the location in question is a busy intersection. He said the other locations don't pose the same level of concern. In addition, he said there were several citizen complaints about 154 Benedict Avenue. Mr. O'Hara said that there are ordinances preventing parking both on a tree lawn and within 30 feet of a stop sign. Mr. Euton suggested Mr. Phillips make an appointment with Mr. Wendt and Mr. O'Hara to discuss the issue. Mr. Euton asked who was responsible for placement or removal of the sign. Mr. O'Hara said that is the responsibility of the Safety/Service Director.

Ken Pass, 69 Monroe Street, Monroeville was present and wished to discuss the heroin epidemic in Huron County. He said he himself is in recovery and he is interested in helping others with their recovery. He said that he is part of a group of people who will be walking the streets to find addicts who are afraid to ask for help. He said the group will be wearing bright yellow shirts and they plan to call Adult Protective Services when they find people who need help.

Mr. Euton said that October 4, 2016 will be a Regular Session of Council.

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

  
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Stephen E. Euton – Council President

  
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Jaime L. Peiples – Council Clerk