

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

January 17, 2017  
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court  
Norwalk, Ohio

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Mr. Mushett moved to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Motion carried.

**MINUTES** Mr. Schumm moved to approve the January 3, 2017 and January 10, 2017 minutes as presented. Mr. Castle seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** – none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – none

**OFFICIAL REPORTS**

**MAYOR** – Mayor Duncan said that due to a glitch in the system thousands of NOPEC customers were notified that they were being switched back to Ohio Edison. He advised residents to do nothing at this time. He said next month they will automatically be switched back to NOPEC. He also asked that everyone call the new State Representative to inquire about the restoration of local government funds. Lastly, he encouraged all to join him in the Bicentennial beard growing contest.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR** – Mr. Wendt spoke about the drug problem currently plaguing the community. He said the City needs a sober living facility in which residents could get clean in the time falling between their arrest and court dates. He said that once the K9 units complete training the Police Department plans to mount their toughest campaign against drugs yet. Regarding the new Fire Station, he said the oversight committee met and provided some helpful feedback in relation to the design. He said this week the Administration will begin to discuss technology/communications needs with vendors and preliminary sight development. He said the Parks and Recreation Department will be focusing on selling corporate memberships to local businesses. Finally, he praised the Sanitation Department for their continued professionalism.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR** – no report

**LAW DIRECTOR** – no report

**ENGINEER** – Mr. Snyder said the Pleasant Street Lift Station Project is on track. He stated there are two projects currently out for bid. He said the handrail on the Westwind Drive/State Route 250 Project is set to be installed January 18, 2017. He concluded by saying the Public Works Department is currently working on a peer community sewer/water rate comparison. He said other cities pay thousands of dollars for such a study and the Public Works Department is doing it all in-house.

**APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICIALS** – Chief Light announced that Captain Mike Conney has been accepted into the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He said it is a professional development 10 week course and he is requesting permission from Council for the travel.

Mr. Euton asked if room and board are included. Chief Light said yes, everything is included with exception of uniforms which amounts to a few hundred dollars.

Mr. Mushett asked if they will need a substitute officer to fill in while he's gone and what the overall cost will be for the City. Chief Light said existing employees will be moved around to cover his shifts.

Mr. Schumm moved to approve the travel request. Mr. Castle seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Motion carried.

## **PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

#### Item No. 17-004

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE 2017 MILAN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AFTER BIDDING

Mr. Mushett moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Beck seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2017-001 adopted.

#### Item No. 17-005

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE 2017 JEFFERSON STREET LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AFTER BIDDING

Mr. Castle moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2017-002 adopted.

#### Item No. 17-007

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE 2017 MILAN AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT AFTER BIDDING

Mr. Mushett moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Beck seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2017-003 adopted.

## **NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### Item No. 17-008

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT 17-1

Mr. Castle moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Beck seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Resolution No. 2017-005 passed.

Chris Kromer, CFO of Borgers, Inc. was present and thanked Council for passing the resolution. He added that Borgers is looking forward to continuing their relationship with Norwalk.

Item No. 17-009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT 17-2

Heather Horowitz was present on behalf of New Horizons. She emphasized that the proposed project is an expansion and said New Horizons really wants to do business with Norwalk.

Mr. Wallace moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Castle seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Resolution No. 2017-006 passed.

Item No. 17-010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 549.08 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO FIRING RANGES

Mrs. Wilhelm moved that the clerk be instructed to read the legislation. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Mushett moved that the legislation be tabled and referred to the Safety Committee. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Motion carried.

Item No. 17-011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1165.01B OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO CONDITIONAL USES IN THE M-2 HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT

Mr. Beck moved that the clerk be instructed to read the legislation. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Motion carried.

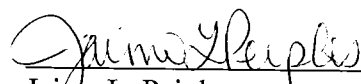
Mr. Mushett moved that the legislation be tabled and referred to the Planning Commission. Mr. Beck seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Schumm all voted in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Euton said the January 24, 2017 meeting will be cancelled. The next Council meeting will be a Safety Committee meeting followed by a Work Session on January 31, 2017.

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

  
Stephen E. Euton  
President Pro Tempore

  
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Clerk