

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

July 11, 2017  
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court  
Norwalk, Ohio

**WORK SESSION**

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Council President Pro Tempore Chris Mushett called the meeting to order. The following Council members were present: Chris Mushett, Kelly Beck, Chris Castle, Steve Schumm, Dave Wallace, and Deb Lucal. Steve Euton was absent for family obligations. Samantha Wilhelm was absent for work purposes.

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

*Item No. 17-061*

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 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING A FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. O'Hara explained that this legislation is to put a .9-mill renewal levy for the Fire Department on the ballot in November. He said this is the second step which will send the issue to the voters for determination.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

*Item No. 17-062*

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE FHWA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUND

Mrs. Eschen said the City has been awarded a \$100,000 grant for the Safe Routes to School program. She said this legislation is to create the fund.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

*Item No. 17-063*

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE FY 18 INTENSIVE SUPERVISION GRANT FUND

Mrs. Eschen explained that the Municipal Court has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$61,121.50 which will be effective from July 31, 2017 to December 31, 2017. She said the other half will be included in the 2018 budget and will go to June 30, 2018.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

*Item No. 17-064*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-045 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Eschen explained the various funds that require supplemental appropriations for the 2017 budget amending Ordinance 2016-045.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-065

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-045

Mrs. Eschen read through the fund transfers listed in sections 1-7 of the resolution.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

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Chief Light was present to request permission for Tacy Bond to travel to the annual ALERT (Alert Public Safety Solutions) users conference which is being held in Orlando, Florida this year from October 1-5, 2017. He said the first two years the conferences were held in Columbus, Ohio and Ashville, North Carolina. He explained that ALERT's second office is in Florida, therefore they have chosen Florida for this year's location. Further, he said that Tacy Bond has attended the conference every year and has worked closely with ALERT and our local EMA / 911 coordinator to make necessary changes throughout Huron County to keep the system running smoothly. He said she picks up valuable information each year that she brings back to Huron County and shares with the three other dispatch centers. He added that he has reserved the funds in the Police Training budget to cover the following travel expenses:

Registration: \$500.00 (includes meals/classes) \*\*Covered by a grant\*\*  
Airfare: \$200 (if booked soon)  
Hotel: \$761 (including taxes if booked before August 1<sup>st</sup>)

Mr. Schumm asked if the Sheriff's Department is included in this program. Chief Light said yes they are on the same system.

Mr. Schumm moved to approve travel for Tacy Bond. Mr. Castle seconded. Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Castle voted in favor. Motion carried.


**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

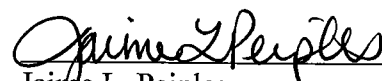
**NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Wallace requested an update on the hiring of a 24<sup>th</sup> Police Officer. Mr. Wendt said that 2 officers will be sworn in on July 20, 2017 in the Police Training Room.

Mr. Mushett pointed out that *Item No. 17-066* was pulled from the agenda by the Administration.

Mr. Wallace made a motion to move into Executive Session for the discussion of personnel with no business after. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Castle, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Beck, Mr. Schumm, and Mrs. Lucal voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

  
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Stephen E. Euton  
President

  
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Jaine L. Peiples  
Clerk