

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

July 18, 2017
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

REGULAR SESSION

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

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. Schumm moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES Mr. Wallace moved to approve the June 20, June 27, July 3, and July 11, 2017 minutes as presented. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mr. Euton said there will be an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

MAYOR – Mayor Duncan reported on the recent Borgers and O'Reilly's Auto Parts ribbon cutting ceremonies. He applauded the Hope Not Heroin event that occurred Saturday, July 15. He thanked Boyscout Troops 208 and 218 for their help in cleaning up the Huron County Fairgrounds following the July 4th celebration. Lastly, he distributed the Planning Commission's list of suggested improvements for 2017.

Planning Commission Chair Jennie Hipp was present and discussed possible options for the beautification of City entrances.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mr. Wendt invited Council members to attend a Local Government Ethics Training on September 27, 2017. He recognized Patrol Officer Chris Kelley for his disciplined decision to call off a recent police chase to preserve public safety. He announced that Officers Kramer and Fulton will be sworn in as full time patrol officers on Thursday, July 20th at 8 am in the Police Training Room. He discussed the donation of over 300 mosquito dunks to the City. He said bids for the new Fire Station will be opened at the August 4th Board of Control meeting. He spoke about the health insurance deficit and said the Administration will be meeting with Burns Consulting to discuss options. Finally, he said Pete Welch from Huron County Solid Waste Management District will attend the next meeting to answer questions about the Solid Waste Management District Plan.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – Mrs. Eschen presented Council members with the current status of operating funds per request from Mr. Wallace. A copy of the presentation is on file with the clerk. Mr. Wallace thanked Mrs. Eschen for the information.

LAW DIRECTOR – no report

ENGINEER – Mr. Snyder said the roadway portion of Milan Avenue from Main Street to the St. Paul parking lot is paved and awaiting the topcoat. He said from the parking lot to St. Mary’s Street is next to be done and the final phase will be the section from St. Mary’s Street to League Street. He said the Jefferson Street Lift Station physical portion of the project is 90% complete but the electrical panel is yet to be installed and tied into the generator. The Pleasant Street Lift Station project is wrapping up work on the park. He said a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled once General Services completes all of the finishing touches.

Mr. Wallace asked if cul-de-sacs are to be maintained by the City or residents. Mr. Snyder said residents have typically maintained them. He said cul-de-sacs are paved now to eliminate the maintenance issue.

Mr. Schumm referred to the Planning Commission’s list of suggested improvements and asked about the legal dispute preventing the City from constructing a connector road from Milan Avenue to the railroad right-of-way. Mr. Snyder explained that the City initially had federal money to install a road and couldn’t clear title for portions of the land that abut State Route 250. Mr. O’Hara added that there are two segments in dispute.

APPOINTED OR ELECTED OFFICIALS

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Wallace made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a public official. Mrs. Lucal seconded. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Session reconvened.

Mr. Castle made a motion to appoint Michelle Reeder to the position of Finance Director effective September 1, 2017 commencing at Class 4 of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2015-054. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Euton thanked both Council members and the Administration for the time and consideration that went into the appointment of a new Finance Director.

SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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. Mushett moved to amend the legislation to read \$.09 instead of \$.03 in Section 2. Mr. Castle seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Mushett moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Resolution No. 2017-031 passed.

Item No. 17-062

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE FHWA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUND

Mr. Castle moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Beck seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Resolution No. 2017-032 passed.

Item No. 17-063

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE FY 18 INTENSIVE SUPERVISION GRANT FUND

Mr. Beck moved to pass the resolution. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Resolution No. 2017-033 passed.

Item No. 17-064

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

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

Mr. Beck moved to suspend the rules requiring two readings of an ordinance. Mr. Castle seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Mushett moved to accept the declaration of emergency as stated in Section 9. Mr. Beck seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Mushett moved to adopt the ordinance. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2017-026 adopted.

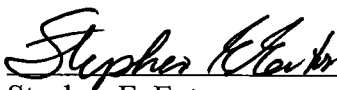
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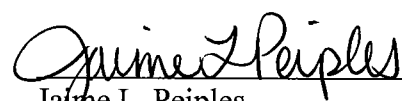
A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2016-045

Mr. Wallace moved to pass the resolution. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Beck, Mr. Mushett, Mr. Schumm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Castle, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Resolution No. 2017-034 passed.

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Euton said that there will be a Work Session on July 25, 2017.

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


Stephen E. Euton
President


Jayne L. Peiples
Clerk