

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

August 29, 2017  
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court  
Norwalk, Ohio

**WORK SESSION**

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Council President Steve Euton called the meeting to order. The following Council members were present: Steve Euton, Chris Mushett, Samantha Wilhelm, Chris Castle, Steve Schumm, Dave Wallace, and Deb Lucal.

Mayor Rob Duncan, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Assistant Finance Director Michelle Reeder, Fire Chief John Soisson, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

Dr. Dave Heidelberg, 4 Victoria Circle was present to speak about a recent experience he had with the Norwalk Police Department. He explained that his car was taken without his permission while he was out of town. He commended Officer Hayden Service for his professionalism and calming influence. He also expressed gratitude to Officer Tim Skinner for his help in filling out the police report. He said they both acted well beyond the scope of their job. Last, he praised Police Chief Dave Light for his outstanding training, education, and community interaction.

**NEW LEGISLATION**

*Item No. 17-074*

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF A LIST OF ESTIMATED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2017 SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT OBJECTIONS

Mr. Snyder said this is annual legislation that allows them to take assessments to the County to be placed on tax bills.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

*Item No. 17-076*

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

Mayor Duncan said this is the legislation that Diane Eschen explained at a previous meeting.

Mr. Mushett asked if these funds that are leftover or if certain projects are being cancelled or postponed. Mrs. Reeder said only the JLG Lift and the curb replacement are cancelled projects. The remainder consists of leftover funds.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

*Item No. 17-077*

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Mr. Snyder explained this to be legislation for the 2018 project which is the Old State Road Phase 3. He said this is the section between Akron Road and Cleveland Road.

Mr. Euton asked if this would include the same concrete and curb as the other section. Mr. Snyder said yes. Mr. Euton asked if there are plans for a traffic signal at the intersection of State Route 20 and Old State Road. Mr. Snyder said no traffic signal is planned at this time.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-078

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN FY 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Chief Soisson spoke about his experience with applying for this grant over the years. He said he has gotten some indications that the 2016 application is being seriously considered. He added that if the grant is awarded to Norwalk it will require a 10% match which amounts to \$3,400.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-079

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR A BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT IF AWARDED

Chief Soisson explained that this grant is a result of research that shows that cancer can be caused by the permeation of benzene into the skin. He said Workers' Compensation is now covering certain identified cancers for firefighters. He listed a large extractor, particulate hoods, and gloves as the items that have been applied for. If the grant is awarded, he said there will be a 5/1 match which amounts to \$1,731.50.

Mr. Mushett asked if the City can really get all of the listed items for only \$10,389.00. Chief Soisson said yes and listed the prices of each.

Mr. Schumm asked if it is common for fire departments to share extractors. Chief Soisson said no, it is basically a glorified washing machine that is anchored two feet into the ground.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-080

A RESOLUTION THANKING KELLY BECK FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NORWALK

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 17-081

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

Mrs. Reeder explained the supplemental.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Euton addressed the vacant Council position. He asked if Council members wished to act at this meeting and consider the two applicants or continue to solicit applications. Mr. Castle said he would like to wait one more week. Mrs. Lucal agreed. Council members agreed to make the deadline for applications Friday, September 1, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Mr. Schumm asked if Mayor Duncan had an update on the former Eagle Gas station. Mayor Duncan said he has spoken to the interested company. He said they are not going to pursue it at this time. He said Mr. Snyder has added it to the list for the Brownfield grant. Mr. Schumm requested a list of properties that are being considered. Mr. Snyder agreed to supply the list.

Mr. Wallace praised the community for the remarkable support ACT has received in reference to the Texas flooding.

Mr. Schumm asked Chief Soisson for an update on the new fire station. Chief Soisson said there is a preconstruction meeting September 6, 2017. He said they will work on scheduling and lay out timelines at that time. Mr. Euton asked if a date has been set for the ground breaking. Chief Soisson said no. Mayor Duncan said they generally wait until the contractor places their sign at the site.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no new business to discuss the work session was adjourned.

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## SPECIAL REGULAR SESSION

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Council President Steve Euton called the special regular session to order. The following Council members were present: Steve Euton, Chris Mushett, Samantha Wilhelm, Chris Castle, Steve Schumm, Dave Wallace, and Deb Lucal.

Mayor Rob Duncan, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Assistant Finance Director Michelle Reeder, Fire Chief John Soisson, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

## NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### Item No. 17-073

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. Castle seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Castle, Mr. Mushett, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. The legislation was read.

Mr. Mushett moved to remove *Item No. 17-073* from the table. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Castle, Mr. Mushett, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Castle moved to accept the declaration of emergency as stated in Section 3. Mr. Mushett seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Castle, Mr. Mushett, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilhelm moved to adopt the ordinance. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Castle, Mr. Mushett, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2017-029 adopted.


Item No. 17-079

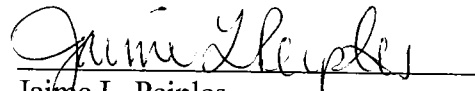
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Mr. Mushett moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Castle, Mr. Mushett, and Mrs. Wilhelm voted in favor. Resolution No. 2017-039 passed.

**SECOND READINGS**

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

  
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Stephen E. Euton  
President

  
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Jaime L. Peiples  
Clerk