

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

January 30, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

WORK SESSION

Council President Pro Tempore Samantha Wilhelm called the meeting to order. The following Council members were present: Samantha Wilhelm, Steve Schumm, Dave Wallace, Chris Castle, Jordy Horowitz, Bryan Lamb, and Deb Lucal. Stephen Euton was absent.

Mayor Rob Duncan, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Finance Director Michelle Reeder, Safety/Service Director Dan Wendt, Zoning Inspector Mitch Loughton, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Joe Lindenberger, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

NEW LEGISLATION

Item No. 18-015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE CITY OF NORWALK THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A 0.65 REPLACEMENT LEVY WITH A DECREASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING AN AQUATIC CENTER PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.19 (H)

Mayor Duncan explained that *Item No. 18-015* and *Item No. 18-016* both apply to a new aquatic levy which would be a replacement with a decrease. The Mayor distributed copies of a powerpoint presentation, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 18-016

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION BY LEVIES ON THE CURRENT TAX DUPLICATE WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, AND THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A REPLACEMENT TAX WITH A DECREASE IN EXCESS OF SUCH LIMITATION FOR MAINTAINING AND OPERATING AN AQUATIC CENTER FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 18-018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2017-047 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Reeder said this legislation is to appropriate funds for the Brownfields Grant. She added that there is no City match.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 18-020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A SMALL CITY PROJECT GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Snyder said this is the third time applying for the Small City Project Program. He said if the City is awarded the grant, \$600,000 would be our share which would not be due until 2023 at the earliest. He said the funds would go toward the West Main Street Improvement Project.

Mrs. Wilhelm asked when the City would be notified of the outcome. Mr. Snyder said he should know by the fall.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 18-021

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2018 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. O'Hara said changes have been made at the State level and the purpose of this legislation is for the City to catch up.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Item No. 18-022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NEW HORIZONS BAKING CO.

Mayor Duncan said that the Business Development Committee met on January 26th, 2018 and unanimously recommended approval of the Job Creation Grant Agreement with New Horizons Baking Co. New Horizons CFO John Allen said that potential growth would require expansion amounting in upwards of \$4 million. He said there will be 18 jobs added with an annual payroll of as much as \$770,000.

Mr. Schumm and Mr. Lamb both expressed their hopefulness for the expansion.

Council members agreed to place this item on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS - none

ADJOURNMENT – The Work Session was adjourned.

SPECIAL REGULAR SESSION

Council President Pro Tempore Samantha Wilhelm called the meeting to order. The following Council members were present: Samantha Wilhelm, Steve Schumm, Dave Wallace, Chris Castle, Jordy Horowitz, Bryan Lamb, and Deb Lucal. Stephen Euton was absent.

Mayor Rob Duncan, Law Director Stu O'Hara, Finance Director Michelle Reeder, Safety/Service Director Dan Wendt, Zoning Inspector Mitch Loughton, Parks and Recreation Superintendent Joe Lindenberger, and Public Works Director Josh Snyder were also in attendance.

Item No. 18-022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NEW HORIZONS BAKING CO.

Mr. Castle moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mr. Castle, Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Lucal, and Mr. Horowitz voted in favor. Resolution No. 2018-008 passed.

Item No. 18-015

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HURON COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE CITY OF NORWALK THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A 0.65 REPLACEMENT LEVY WITH A DECREASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING AN AQUATIC CENTER PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.19 (H)

Mr. Schumm moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Horowitz seconded. Mr. Castle, Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Lucal, and Mr. Horowitz voted in favor. Resolution No. 2018-009 passed.

Item No. 18-016

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


Mr. Wallace moved to amend Section 2 to read "six and one-half cents" and remove the second "be levied" in Section 6. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mr. Castle, Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Lucal, and Mr. Horowitz voted in favor. Motion carried.

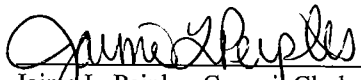
Mr. Wallace moved to suspend the rules requiring two readings of an ordinance. Mr. Castle seconded. Mr. Castle, Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Lucal, and Mr. Horowitz voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Castle moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mr. Castle, Mrs. Wilhelm, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Lucal, and Mr. Horowitz voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2018-004 adopted.

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


Stephen E. Euton, President of Council


Jaime L. Peiples, Council Clerk