

NORWALK CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES

April 3, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Municipal Court
Norwalk, Ohio

REGULAR SESSION

Council President Stephen Euton called the meeting to order. Pastor Nicole Cooper offered the prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Council members were present: Stephen Euton, Samantha Wilhelm, Deb Lucal, Steve Schumm, Jordy Horowitz, Chris Castle, Bryan Lamb, and Dave Wallace.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mr. Wallace moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES Mr. Schumm moved to approve the March 20, 2018 and March 27, 2018 minutes as presented. Mr. Horowitz seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OFFICIAL REPORTS

MAYOR – Mayor Duncan announced that Officer Dave Ditz/Leutenant Colonel Ditz returned from his 6th and final deployment overseas. He thanked Officer Ditz for his service. Next, the Mayor said the Lions Club has honored the following members of the safety forces: Police Officer of the Year Hayden Service, Reserve Officer of the Year Al King, and Firefighters of the year Leutenant Curt Stang and Captain Aaron Lynch. Lastly, Mayor Duncan said through his business visits he is hearing that local businesses are either steady with employment or adding employees. He added that Bill and Erin Dotson have opened a new business titled “Be Strong Uniform & Learning Center” on Benedict Avenue.

SERVICE DIRECTOR – Mr. Wendt discussed changes with the Huron County Transfer Station Solid Waste District. He announced that Limited Spring Pickup is next week and said the Compost Facility is already open. In Park & Recreation, he said the big fans are to be installed in the Aquatic Center in late April or early May. He said there have been more than 600 applications for 24-hour access. He announced that the City has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from Huron County Fund for an outdoor shower and foot sprayer near the sand pit. Lastly, he spoke about a ribbon cutting event for the Splash Pad.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – no report

LAW DIRECTOR – no report

ENGINEER – Mr. Snyder said that with the recent weather, contractors schedules are changing daily. He suggested that Council members refer their constituents to the Facebook page for updates and closures.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

Scott Ford, 33 Fruen Street was present to support the legislation for the TAP Grant to pave the trail. He said it is currently a "trail of trash" and the City should seize the opportunity to get involved with the trail which would connect the Reservoir to Ernsthause.

Joe Missler, 8 Par Court is the Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Firelands Rails to Trails. He said the trail is a wise investment and added that trails improve property values.

Vince Thompson, 76 Christie Avenue said he is also in favor of the trail and the eventual connection of northern and southern Huron County.

Mr. Loughton reminded Council members that the Auditor's Auction is to be held at the Sheriff's Office on Monday, April 9th at 10:30 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Mr. Castle moved to remove *Item No. 18-010* and *Item No. 18-012* from the table and place them on the agenda. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Motion carried.

Item No. 18-010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY ENACTING CHAPTER 1168 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF A TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS DISTRICT

Mr. Horowitz moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2018-011 adopted.

Item No. 18-012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY ENACTING CHAPTER 1169 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO THE CREATION OF A COMMERCIAL AMUSEMENT BUSINESS DISTRICT

Mr. Wallace moved to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Castle seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Ordinance No. 2018-012 adopted.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 18-017

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

Mrs. Wilhelm moved to pass the resolution. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Resolution No. 2018-019 passed.

Item No. 18-033

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH WATERSOURCE, LLC

Mr. Schumm moved to pass the resolution. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Resolution No. 2018-020 passed.

Item No. 18-034

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES

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

Item No. 18-035

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY CAUSING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS FOR THE 2019 CITY SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Mr. Wallace asked Mr. Snyder if it is possible to let the contractors know on future projects how much the City has to work with. Mr. Snyder said that would be difficult because the sidewalk program is not a uniform job. He added that it would not be fair for the City to ask that of contractors.

Mr. Wallace asked if the Administration had any suggestions for future budgeting. Mayor Duncan said the Administration plans to increase the amount in the budget next year.

Mr. Wallace asked what would prevent the bidders from coming in high on future projects. Mr. Euton said the purpose of the resolution is to gather information for the next cycle and then the geography would be revised if the amount is too high. Mr. Snyder said he won't know more until the inspector measures the quantities.

Mr. Horowitz asked how the decision is made as to which sidewalks are priority. Mr. Snyder explained the rotation of quadrants.

Mr. Castle moved to pass the resolution. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Resolution No. 2018-021 passed.

Item No. 18-037

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A "DO NOT KNOCK REGISTRY" IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHAPTER 719 OF THE NORWALK CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND ENACTING SECTION 719.16 IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF

Mr. Schumm moved that the clerk be instructed to read the legislation. Mrs. Lucal seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted yes. Mr. Horowitz voted no. The legislation was read.

Item No. 18-039

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

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

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

Mrs. Wilhelm moved to accept the declaration of emergency as stated in Section 3. Mr. Castle seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Schumm, and Mr. Castle voted yes. Mr. Lamb, Mr. Horowitz, and Mr. Wallace voted no. Pursuant to R.C. 705.18, due to the defeat of the emergency clause, the legislation is defeated.

Item No. 18-040

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND DIRECTING COOPERATION OF THE CITY WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE MATTER OF A HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWALK

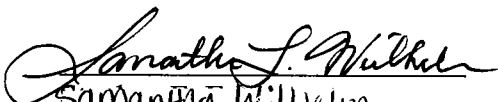
Mr. Castle moved to pass the resolution. Mr. Wallace seconded. Mrs. Wilhelm, Mrs. Lucal, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Schumm, Mr. Horowitz, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wallace voted in favor. Resolution No. 2018-022 passed.


NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Euton asked Mrs. Reeder to schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee on either the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of the month.

Mrs. Lucal requested an update on RITA. Mrs. Reeder agreed to gather that information.

Mayor Duncan introduced Matthew Higgins, a 7th grader at Trinity Christian Academy who was present to observe.

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

 4/17/18
Samantha Wilhelm
Council President Pro-Tempore


Jaime L. Peiples
Council Clerk