



**CITY OF WORTHINGTON**  
**Worthington City Council Minutes**  
December 18, 2017

6550 N. High Street  
Worthington, Ohio  
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**CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance**

Worthington City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 18, 2017, in the John P. Coleman Council Chambers of the Louis J.R. Goorey Municipal Building, 6550 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. President Michael called the meeting to order at or about 7:30 PM

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rachael R. Dorothy, Douglas Foust, Scott Myers, David Norstrom, Douglas K. Smith, Michael C. Troper and Bonnie D. Michael

**Member(s) Absent:**

**Also present:** City Manager Matthew Greeson, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Director of Service & Engineering Dan Whited, Director of Planning & Building Lee Brown, Chief of Fire & EMS Scott Highley, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Police Jerry Strait, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress

There were eight visitors present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*President Michael invited all those in attendance to stand and join in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**VISITOR COMMENTS – No Visitor Comments**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Resolution No. 86-2017**

Expressing the Appreciation and Best Wishes of the Worthington City Council to Michael Troper for his Outstanding Service to the Community.

**Introduced by Mr. Foust.**

**MOTION**

Mr. Norstrom made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 86-2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 86-2017 carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

President Michael invited Mr. Troper to join her at the podium where she read Resolution No. 86-2017 in its entirety and presented him with a certified copy.

*Ms. Michael shared that she will miss serving with Mr. Troper on City Council. He has served this community well and he has been a pleasure to work with.*

City Manager Matt Greeson presented Mr. Troper with his nameplates from Council Chambers that were beautifully framed. He stated that it is just a small token given in appreciation for all of the hours that he has dedicated in service to this community.

*Mr. Troper thanked everyone for the recognition. He has had a great four years. It has been fun. He is sure that he will be back next year because there are a few more sidewalks that need attention. It has been a pleasure serving on City Council and he appreciates everyone's support.*

**Resolution No. 87-2017**

Expressing the Appreciation and Best Wishes of the Worthington City Council to David Norstrom for his Outstanding Service to the Community.

**Introduced by Mr. Troper.**

**MOTION**

Ms. Dorothy made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 87-2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Myers.

**The motion to adopt Resolution No. 87-2017 carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

President Michael invited Mr. Norstrom to join her at the podium where she read Resolution No. 87-2017 in its entirety and presented him with a certified copy.

*Ms. Michael thanked Mr. Norstrom for all of his service. They have served together for a long time. He has added a lot of great conversation and provided wonderful ideas for the community. It has all been greatly appreciated.*

*Mr. Greeson added his pleasure in serving alongside Mr. Norstrom. He presented him with his nameplates as just a small token and not enough for either of them in terms of all of the hours they have dedicated.*

*Mr. Norstrom shared that he will miss the debates with Mr. Myers. He has been working in some way or other for twenty two years with this City and he couldn't be prouder of the opportunities he has had to serve. He is not going anywhere. He and his wife have a beautiful home that they moved into five years ago. He thanked everyone. It has been fun but he is looking forward to being in the audience on occasion.*

*Mr. Myers thanked both Mr. Troper and Mr. Norstrom for their service. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with them. While in no way does he mean to slight Mr. Troper, Mr. Norstrom and he go way back so he does have to take a couple of parting shots before he leaves. Mr. Norstrom and Dave Foust are the reason he is on Council. There are days where he thanks them for that and days where he curses them for that. But they were the ones that first encouraged him to run. He has a confession to make. A percentage of the time that he disagrees with Mr. Norstrom, he really doesn't but he just really likes to get him going. It has been a great deal of fun going back and forth with him and he will miss that tremendously. He thanked him for not only being a fellow Council member, his first MPC Chairman, and also his friend and neighbor.*

*Mr. Foust thanked Mr. Norstrom as well. He has been his sidebar conversation, keeping his straight on many issues and challenging him on how he thinks and he is grateful for that. He thanked him.*

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

### Information Item(s)

*Mr. Greeson reiterated that it has been a pleasure working with both Mr. Troper and Mr. Norstrom. It has been an honor to serve them. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday!*

## **REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Mr. Foust commented that members started a dialog last week regarding the tax exempt status of a property. Despite members deciding not to proceed with an application to change the status on that it was a very active opening dialog. It has the potential of sending a message to the property owner that we could revisit it. We could act. Just talking about it, if noticed, could have an effect similar to if the action had been taken. From May of 2015 to present there has been a lot of talk about a couple of key development opportunities within the City. We have discussed possible amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. That conversation is a controversy onto itself, whether it was ever a consensus document in the first place, etc. Considering the changes coming up on the make-up of Council and the public dialog in recent years he would like to suggest that refining a strategy on UMCH be a top priority for early 2018. Just as we have bumped murals to the top of the list, he wants to see the same with this topic. The City was taken aback by the 2015 proposal and he doesn't want to see a repeat in 2018. He thinks we need a clear vision for the process of gathering public input by Council and identifying on behalf of the City what our hopes and aspirations are for future development. He just wants that on the record for the end of the year.*

*Mr. Norstrom shared that he appreciates Mr. Foust's comments on the subject since he was the one that raised the issue. It was as much to get the discussion going and he fully endorses advocating for that for next year.*

*Mr. Norstrom reported that COTA is in the process of hiring its new Executive Director. He will brief members on that process whenever it comes to a close. The newspaper had mostly correct information. They are continuing this coming month to interview. He shared that they have some great candidates and some great prospects.*

*Mr. Norstrom added that a few weeks ago when the MAC was before Council he had the opportunity to say that one of the best decisions that he has made since he has been on Council was hiring Jon Cook to be the Executive Director of the MAC. As he told Mr. Greeson earlier today, the best decision he made being on Council was hiring him ten years ago. He wants to make sure everyone understands that.*

*Mr. Troper wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked them for everything.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**                    Mr. Norstrom made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Troper.

**The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.**

President Michael declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ D. Kay Thress  
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2018.*

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael  
Council President