

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Thomas J. Simmons	Chairman
Robert W. Johnson	Vice Chairman
Gerald J. Isaacs	Member
Earl F. Gnan	Ex-Officio Member
Edward P. Schneider	Ex-Officio Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION)
 FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITY OF)
 NORWOOD AND THE CITY OF YOUNG AMERICA)
 TO BE KNOWN AS "NORWOOD-YOUNG AMERICA")
)

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
AND ORDER

A joint resolution of the Cities of Norwood and Young America requesting consolidation into a single new municipality was duly filed with the Secretary of the Minnesota Municipal Commission on the 2nd day of October, 1974. The matter came on for hearing on the 14th day of November, 1974 in the Central High School, Norwood, Minnesota. The hearing was conducted by Minnesota Municipal Commission Chairman, Thomas J. Simmons. Ex-Officio Members, Edward P. Schneider and Earl F. Gnan were also in attendance.

Evidence was then and there offered and received in support of the proposed consolidation. All parties desiring to be heard were heard.

After due and careful consideration of all the evidence received, together with all records, files, and being fully advised in the premises, the Minnesota Municipal Commission hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1.) That on October 2, 1974, the Minnesota Municipal Commission

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received a duly enacted joint resolution of the Cities of Norwood and Young America. Said resolution was proper in form, content and execution.

2.) The Municipal Commission duly convened a public hearing on the requested consolidation on November 14, 1974, after due notice and publication.

3. The Cities of Norwood and Young America abut. The degree of contiguity is sufficient to allow for the provision of efficient and economical municipal services by the requested consolidated city.

4.) The population of the cities is shown as follows:

	<u>Population</u> 1970	<u>Present</u> 1974	<u>Projected</u> 1980
Norwood	1058	1178	1300
Young America	611	813	800

5.) The quantity of land included in Norwood is approximately 1,344 acres and Young America has approximately 1,260 acres.

6.) The assessed valuation and mill rate trends for the years 1972, 1973, 1974 and 1975 are as follows:

<u>NORWOOD</u>			<u>YOUNG AMERICA</u>		
<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Rate in Mills</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Rate in Mills</u>
1972	429,640	107.99	1972	336,266	121.95
1973	1,508,301	34.85	1973	1,254,151	35.16
1974	1,584,274	40.60	1974	1,385,982	34.87
1975	1,612,180	---	1975	1,482,171	---

7.) The indebtedness, bonded debt and special assessments for the two cities are as follows:

<u>NORWOOD</u>		<u>Invested for Same Account</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Debt for Community Center:	\$45,000	\$15,814	\$29,186
Debt for Sanitary Sewer:	\$90,000	\$33,000	\$57,000
Debt for Water Treatment Plant	\$49,000	\$ 2,109	\$46,891
Clerk's Balance:	\$71,000		
<u>YOUNG AMERICA</u>			
Debt for Fire Truck:	\$1,000	\$ 00	\$ 1,000
Clerk's Balance:	\$82,000		

8.) The pattern of physical development in the two cities includes residential, industrial, commercial and institutional and is similar in nature. The commercial and industrial development is occurring in the center of the two communities which indicates a centralization of services between the two communities.

9.) Present governmental services being provided to the area include:

water and sewer service
fire and police protection
street improvements and maintenance
recreational facilities
ambulance service is provided
through joint ownership by
Norwood, Young America and
Hamburg

10.) There are no adjacent communities and there will be no effect on the adjacent school district.

11.) The proposed consolidation will effect a savings in governmental costs.

12.) Both cities agree the name of the proposed City should be "Norwood-Young America".

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1.) That a proceeding before the Minnesota Municipal Commission for the consolidation of the Cities of Norwood and Young America was properly initiated and pursuant to such initiation, was properly held.

2.) That all of the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 414 have been met and the Minnesota Municipal Commission has jurisdiction over said proceeding.

3.) That the Minnesota Municipal Commission should issue an order approving said consolidation and establish a date for an election thereon.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that the City of Norwood and the City of Young America shall be consolidated to form a city to be known as the City of "Norwood-Young America".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that the ordinances of each city shall continue in effect within the former boundaries until repealed by the governing body of the new City of "Norwood-Young America".

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that the population of the new City of "Norwood-Young America" shall be 1,991 persons for all purposes until the next federal or state census.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that the Secretary of the Minnesota Municipal Commission shall cause copies of this Order to be transmitted to the City Councils of the Cities of Norwood and Young America for their approval and adoption.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that a special election shall be held on the question of the consolidation of the Cities of Norwood and Young America on December 14, 1974; and that the city councils shall conduct the election in accordance with the law; that the ballots shall contain the words:

"Shall the consolidation of the City of
Norwood and the City of Young America
be approved"

_____ Yes

_____ No

that the election judges shall verify and transmit certificates to the Secretary of the Municipal Commission declaring the time and place of election, that they have canvassed the ballots cast and the number of votes cast "yes" and "no".

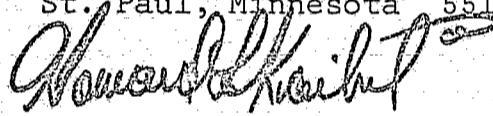
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that the Municipal Commission retain jurisdiction to order the first election of officers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that the Municipal Commission retain jurisdiction to consider requests for a special levy for increased costs pursuant to M.S. 414.01, Subd. 15.

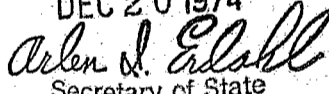
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that the Secretary of the Minnesota Municipal Commission shall cause copies of this Order to be mailed and filed as provided by law.

Dated this 26TH day of November, 1974

MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL COMMISSION
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Howard L. Kaibel, Jr.
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