

## Personnel Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
June 5, 2024

There was a meeting of the Personnel Committee following Safety Committee in Council Chambers on June 3, 2024 with these members in attendance:

Jonathan Lang -Chair  
Bradley Chute- Vice Chair  
Jeff Rath (Sitting in for Mark Labutis)  
Bill Cost  
Colton Rine

We wish to Report:

1. **Ordinance No. 24-19** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 210 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Mr. Lang** – I actually brought this amendment, so I'll speak to it. It's pretty simple. As many would recall, we have legislation in place that currently requires any changes for elected officials to be made before petitions are due for those campaigns, for those terms. It was brought to my attention that there may be some ambiguity in our current law because it just says when petitions are due, and there's multiple deadlines for when petitions are due. As we all know, there's the partisan deadlines, usually around February. Then there's a deadline for petitions for an independent, which are later in August. I think the intent was always to ensure we had the salaries set before campaigns begin, which I think would be the first deadline. The partisan deadline in February. You'll see there's a deletion of considered because we don't need to say considered and enacted. We just need to say enacted by Council. Then there's the addition of partisan, where we say the deadline that Council has to enact the change prior to the partisan deadline. So, those are the two minor changes in this that I think will clarify and avoid any confusion going forward.

**Mr. Marmie** – I just want legal clarification from our Law Director indicating there's the three positions of Council President, Council At Large, and the ward seats. We had legislation in place that indicates that those salaries are going to be considered just based upon what the minimum OPERS is, and just want to make sure that this language in this legislation does not supersede that.

**Mr. Lang** – Law Director, I'd like to call your attention to the end of section 210a. The last line where you say if we don't make any changes, the compensation package for such position shall remain unchanged from then existing structure for the forthcoming term. So, if we have a structure in place, then that would continue.

**Tricia Moore, Law Director** – Correct.

**Mr. Lang** – Thank you.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Lang, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 5-0**

The Personnel Committee is adjourned

Jonathan Lang- Chair