

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 20, 2021
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL – Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Fennell, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie

INVOCATION – Mark Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Susie Smith, 5th grade, Par Excellence Academy

CAUCUS - Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Ms. Hall, second by Mr. Blake, passed by acclamation

MINUTES of September 7, 2021 - Motion by to approve the September 7, 2021 Newark City Council Minutes as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same **Motion by Mr. Labutis, second by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation**

APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – **Received and filed no objections**

Service– **Received and filed no objections**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor, Stephen E. Johnson – Operating report for period ending August 31, 2021

City Engineer, Brian Morehead – Newark 2021-2022 Street Resurfacing Project B

Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator's Office – Income Tax Revenue Reports for period ending August 31, 2021

PROCLAMATION - Mayor Jeff Hall – September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber – Notification of Filing of Audit Report

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Transfer Application from YUV LLC, 1st FL & Patio, 1875 Cherry Valley Rd to Central City LLC, 1st FL & Patio, 1875 Cherry Valley Rd

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – New application for Franks & Sammies LLC, 34 S. 3rd St 1st floor, Newark, Oh

Spencer Barker – Licking County Courthouse Lighting Fundraising Kick-Off News Release

AEP Ohio – Letter of Notification Crooksville-North Newark 138-kV Transmission Rebuild Project (North Newark – Newark Center)

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Nikia Janik, 445 Moull Street – I'm here today to talk about the traffic on Moull St. I know we have \$1.6 million in the budget to work on the road system right now. I am requesting that we get speed bumps put in the area for the safety of our children. So far in the past 5 years, we've had a child hit on a bike on the crosswalk going to the elementary school. I live between Meadow St and King St. and the news media has clocked people going over 40 mph up and down Moull St. from Mt. Vernon Rd. to 21st St. It's become a big problem. I was also a combat medic and I was a pediatric nurse and I've seen the devastation of kids being hit by cars. It's really frustrating that people do not obey the speed limit. There are signs posted that say during school hours it's 20 mph, it's only 25mph on our roadway. I yelled at a guy that was driving really fast, because I can clock them between posts. I know if I'm going 20mph it takes me 6 seconds between light posts. I said it's a school zone, you're not going the speed limit, is what I yelled to him. He turned around to tell me he was only going 33 mph, which was 13 mile over the speed limit. I have filed numerous police reports with numerous license plates of people not obeying the speed limit up and down Moull St. There was a car accident 2 years ago, where a lady was going so fast that she took out one of our electric poles, she broke it in half she was speeding that fast on Moull St. My next door neighbor has a 15 year old son that walks to the High School on King Avenue, she makes him call her when he gets there every day to make sure that he got there safely and wasn't hit by a car. At 15 years old this child should be able to walk up and down the street safely. It is not safe up and down Moull St., I just want to make you guys aware of the traffic, and with them putting a gas station on 21st Street at the end of Moull people are going to speed even more and it's becoming ridiculous. The neighbor down Moull St after King Avenue actually had a sign posted in her yard, this is a neighborhood not a raceway and nobody cares or pays attention about the speed limit whether it's 20 or 25mph. Nobody's paying attention and nobody's doing anything about it. I just wanted to bring that to your attention.

Linda Mossholder, 224 Green Meadow Dr. – I'm back again to talk more about the American Rescue dollars. As you all know I've been here several different times requesting that at least consideration be given to things other than what has already been approved. I was here last time and one of the things I talked about was the fentanyl testing strips, they have been proven to save lives of people who are still active drug use. One of the things that the Homeless Outreach is requesting is \$4,100 for fentanyl testing strips and some carry out supplies. I'm assuming there's at least \$2 million left unless something has been allocated that I have not been made aware of. When I spoke last week I also talked about the people who have died of overdose in the county. I mentioned there were at least 47, 35 attributed to fentanyl. After the

meeting was over, there was no response to what I said. So when I left I said, it can't possibly be that people don't care that people are dying and that a simple thing like a fentanyl testing strip could keep someone from dying. So, I'm not going to jump to that conclusion, what I am going to ask is, is there stigma that is preventing this money from being used for this? What I mean by stigma is, people who are still actively using substances, are they assuming that this is their choice? That they like being a substance abuser? Are we assuming that they don't want treatment? Approximately 70% of people who are seeking treatment cannot get in for various reasons. It could be they don't have health insurance, there's not treatment facilities available or it could be just that the treatment that is available is not going to meet their needs. Substance abuse is a brain disease. People do not choose addiction. People who use substances, some use them sporadically, some use them all the time, but we can prevent people from dying. I know Mr. Blake is taking steps to get an outreach person to work with some of the people and hopefully that can assist some people in getting into treatment, but until they can get there we need to keep them alive, dead people cannot access treatment. I don't think \$4,100 in the scheme of \$9.2 million is a large ask. If anyone would like to see the request I've made, I have some copies of that. Again, I would like to ask the administration to please at least consider this small request out of the whole of \$9.2 million.

Gisele James, Par Excellence Academy Superintendent – We are a community school in Newark, Ohio, we are the only community school in Newark, Ohio and we want to thank you for your gracious support of the Par Excellence Academy. Because we are a community school, we're the most underfunded school in the district, so your support for us will mean a lot to our students as far as our building repairs, curriculum and other things that we're always in need of as a community school and I just wanted to graciously thank you for supporting us with that and what can I say, when I have that support from the community it means a lot to the staff and students and it will benefit the community. Thank you.

President Ellington – Thank you. Your student that was just here did a nice job on the pledge.

Margaret Bailey-Beltran, 279 Darlene Dr. – I guess I am kind of a walking billboard, but I am here to express gratitude and enthusiasm for the Licking County Pickle ball Players. Also, I wanted all of you to realize too, that the facility that you are going to do is going to benefit the whole community. I think you've talked to older members of the community on this, but as time goes by, this is a facility that will be used by the whole community age wise. From middle school students to senior citizens, that whole age group at some point in the coming years will probably use that facility. So, I just want to express that you might think you are only doing this for the senior citizens at this time, but it is for everyone. The other thing is, you've asked the players to show their support by financial things and I think we do have some donors. I know I've got my dentist to donate. We are having a pickle ball demo day, which will be this coming Saturday at the Canal Market. The Canal Market is having their home décor and garden show drawing people there and there is a parking lot near there that we are going to set up a court and net and show you exactly what pickle ball is like. So, for those who have never heard of it, we're going to do a demonstration for you and it's supposed to be a nice day, so we're hopeful there. Then we're also going to encourage you to go eat at Moe's because they are going to give us 20% donation on food purchases and that's more than 10% which most benefits are, so

this is going to be 20% so that's great. So, I just wanted to let you know how thankful and enthused we are with this upcoming facility.

President Ellington – What time is that Saturday?

Ms. Bailey-Beltran – It is from 10:00am – 3:00pm Saturday and the demo will be that entire time.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Bubb, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Lang

21-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER, BY CREATING THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF UTILITIES OPERATION SUPERVISOR AND CUSTOMER SERVICES COORDINATOR WITHIN THE DIVISION AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE, AND ESTABLISHING ALL OTHER POSITIONS WITHIN THE DIVISION.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 9-0

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker

21-26 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 1991 CHERRY VALLEY ROAD, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF MFC-MULTI-FAMILY CONDO DISTRICT TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE – RH – HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Referred to Planning Commission

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Labutis

21-27 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 2023 CHERRY VALLEY ROAD, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF MFR – MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE – RH – HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Referred to Planning Commission

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-28 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANBTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE

PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF BURIAL OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC, CABLE AND TELEPHONE LINES, INCLUDING EASEMENT ACQUISITION AND ALLEY REPAIRS, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang, motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-29 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW 4TH AND MAIN ROUNDABOUT, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang, motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-30 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,550,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ROAD, BRIDGE AND BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-31 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ICE RINK ROOF REPLACEMENT, AND ALL APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-32 AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING FOUR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Marmie – I would just like to make a point of the fact in order for the other ones to be effective this has to be passed in order to consolidate them and get the rate we are anticipating.

Motion passed 9-0

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Lang, Mr. Rath, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie

21-48 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PARKNATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS MOWER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE

Motion to adopt by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker

Mr. Lang - I would like to make a motion to amend 21-48 and replace it with 21-48-A, when this originally came through the Capital Improvements Committee it was drafted with the assumption we would need to do competitive bidding, the discussion we had in Capital Improvements Committee, the Law Director was made aware we could get the equipment with the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program which does not require competitive bidding, so the Law Director drafted 21-48-A for this.

Motion to amend passed 9-0; Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Lang, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang

21-50 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Replacement of LIC CR 803 1.16 (SFN4561430) bridge, which carries Granville Road over Log Pond Run Diversion Channel in the City of Newark.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. , Second by Mr. Labutis, motion passed 9-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-53 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HEREINAFTER NAMED ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED WITHIN NEWARK'S FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Labutis, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Mr. Labutis, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-54 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUMIT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) A ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS/ACTION PLAN ALONG WITH AN APPLICATION FOR FY 2022 FEDERAL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG), AS REQUIRED BY 24 CFR PART 91.220, FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS RELATED TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Held 2 weeks

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

21-55 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

21-56 Expedite APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$75,000.00 (Overtime)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive 2 day reading rule, second by Mr. Barker

Mr. Marmie – We need to expedite this it is for overtime dollars that the Fire Department is in need of and did not have in the current budget.

Motion to waive passed 9-0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker

21-57 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Held 2 weeks

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker

21-58 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LICKING COUNTY COUNTYWIDE ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN.

Held 2 weeks

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

Human Resources Director, Bill Spurgeon – Thank you for your passing and support of Ordinance 21-21. Many of us here know there is a changing of our guard here in the building and many in the audience and watching at home may not know. Doug Sassen has been a friend, mentor and sage counsel for a number of administrations, I certainly have benefited from his wise advice, when I

became Human Resource Director Doug was really kind and answered my questions. I want to welcome Trisha, but certainly want to thank Doug Sassen publicly for his service to our great city and wish him well.

Assistant law Director, Trisha Moore – I echo what Mr. Spurgeon said. I've worked for Doug for the past 16 years, he's been an amazing boss and an amazing leader. I know I have big shoes to fill and I look forward to the challenge. He has done great things for the city and I'm appreciative of that, as a citizen. Secondly, I want to give condolences, I don't know how many have followed Macy's mended heart. I've been following her on Facebook for a while and the family's journey and her courage which was just amazing, so I want to pass my condolences onto her family. Also, fatalities are up in our county, so please be mindful when you are out there because we have quite a few fatalities.

Mayor Hall – I can probably expand on that just a pinch. On 161 they do have a safety corridor they put in and there will be no tolerance at all for texting and driving, I want everyone to be aware of that. Those things happen because of fatalities in the county and when they do go up you're going to see more state trooper and more things to help them enforce safer driving, so I would encourage everyone to do that, it's not good to be known as a county with a lot of accidents. We need to get our driving under control. I'd also like to thank Doug Sassen and Steve Johnson, both of them will be retiring on the 30th of this month and have both spent an enormous amount of time and work in this city and we are a better city because of that and all of the changes they've done and they will be missed and their replacements I'm sure will do a great job, they've got great staffs and it's because of their great credentials they did such a great job. They'll be missed, I think they're both looking forward to retirement. As we see neither are here tonight, but I'll say Thanks again to both of them for all of their efforts.

Mr. Rath – First, I want to say to Nikia thanks for coming in and expressing your concerns about Moull Street. It has been a point of concern for a while now and I hope we can find a way to tamper down the speeding in that area. I don't know if speed bumps are the answer, but even if we could mention the idea of temporary speed bumps that we take up in winter time, that could be a part time resolution. I'd like to say thank you to Brian Morehead and the Engineer's Department for putting out the B List of roads to be started in Spring of 2022. It's a great list, I've been on Council for a long time and can't remember when we've done this much paving in a very long time, so I am very excited about that. I also wanted to add condolences to a member of our community who has contributed significantly over the years and that's Jim Matheny. If you don't know who he is he is the gentleman who organized the Light The Nite car show that was held here a couple weeks ago, along with other car shows, but particularly that one that helps light the courthouse lights, I'm sure Mr. Barker will have something to say about that as well. He was also a neighbor, so he will be missed. Thank you to Steve Johnson and Doug Sassen for their service over the years, I've always appreciated their input and professionalism, I'm sure their replacements will be professional.

Mr. Barker – I would like to echo my thanks to Steve and Doug, my quick time to get on council 2 years ago, I spent some time with both of them to get me up to speed and I greatly appreciated that. AS

Councilman Rath mentioned, we had a huge loss for our community, for other organizations in the community as well, but in downtown Newark Lite the Nite Cruise In was probably one of the best rated cruise ins in the county if not the state. I know as a little kid, Jim Matheny has organized that show for the courthouse lighting committee for at least the last 25 plus years. I knew when I got there that day something was wrong because he was not there. I did not learn until later that evening that he had passed that morning. The show will go on. People have asked me that question, is it still going to happen, yes it's still going to happen. That show is too important to the courthouse lighting committee as well as downtown Newark and the businesses in downtown Newark and the citizens of our community as a whole to have that show stop. So, it is not going to stop. We will do it, continue doing it in memory of Jim Matheny as well. Also, as Assistant Law Director Moore said, my prayers go out to Macy's family, I read that this morning and that was not an easy read to wake up to.

Mr. Blake – I want to give my thanks and appreciation to both Doug Sassen and Steve Johnson. When I first got on council, one of the first cups of coffee I had was with each of them, Steve, obviously understanding City finances and understanding better the process of things and with Doug, just wanting to understand the process of introducing resolutions and ordinances and he was also our parliamentarian, so his opinion and leadership were very valued, so best of luck to both of them. I also want to continue on with some thank you's, since I was last here we've had several different constituent concerns and I just want to give a shout out to, in Director Rhodes' office, Tina Scott, she's helped on several different issues with street lights, Lindsey Brighton in the Storm Water Office and Director of Safety Hickman have been very helpful on some storm water issues from different residents, also Joyce, has helped with some property maintenance issues that have come up with some residents in my area, so I appreciate both of your staffs. I also wanted to thank you both, South 4th Street is not opened yet, but if you drive down there, the lighting, the light poles and lights are just beautiful. South 4th Street looks really nice with the lights that are down there. Lastly, I'll just say that serving here on council, and I serve on the Main Place board and also BHP board, the stigma that Ms. Mossholder talked about related to drug and substance abuse in our community, it most definitely is real. Some people don't really understand and some people need to have some understanding related to the stigma associated to the people that are suffering from drug addiction and substance abuse. I'll just put an announcement out, everyone will get an invitation to this, but, in October BHP will be opening up our urgent care center on East Main Street in the old KP Hall. Council will get an email invitation about that opening ceremony, but we're excited to open that and I've talked to different law enforcement and firefighters and they're excited to have that urgent care center opened. It's a place for them to take people instead of always taking them to the hospital, so it's an exciting step for us to take.

Mr. Bubb – Two items this evening. First, I want to wish Doug and Steve the best in their retirement. I hope they enjoy their years out of city government. Secondly, I want to thank the water office. They did something nice here this past week. There was a business out on the west end that had a really nice landscaping job, but little did they know that it was over a curb box for the water department.

Some repairs needed to be done and they went out of their way instead of just tearing it up, they did extra excavating and kind of went under it and saved the bed and it was a really nice gesture and I really appreciate them doing that and taking the extra time. It was a good example of the service they give to citizens so I wanted to thank them for that.

Mr. Fennell – I would also like to congratulate Steve Johnson and Doug Sassen on their retirement. I know that sitting next to Doug for quite a few years here, it's been great to have such an incredible expert next to me on council and he will be missed, but I look forward to working with Tricia and her service as well. I also want to make an announcement that Newark Pride is happening on October 2nd at the Canal market District, it's free and open to everyone. I hope everyone can stop by and enjoy themselves.

Mr. Harris – I want to wish Doug and Steve a happy retirement, I hope things go well for them. I want to thank Susie Smith for coming in and saying the pledge tonight. On Moull Street, I'd like to get together with you after the meeting and try to get some ideas and figure out what's going on with that. I also want to thank Brian Morehead and all the engineer guys, there was a gas leak a couple Friday's ago up on Mt. Vernon Rd. and I called them because we needed to shut down State Route 13 and they helped me get the right signs out on the highway and helped to detour traffic, so I wanted to thank those guys for stepping in there and helping us with that.

Mr. Labutis – I too would like to wish Steve and Doug the best on their retirements and thank them for their years of service and the exemplary service that they've had. Also, Nikia I would like to meet with you also, with Mr. Harris and myself and I want to thank you for coming in and sharing that information.

Mr. Lang – First, I will congratulate and thank Doug and Steve for their many years of service, they will be missed. Tricia, I look forward to working with you, you've been doing the work already and I think you'll fill the shoes just fine. I want to thank the Service Department and the Licking County Parks District for the upgrades on the bike paths. As somebody who walks those paths in and around campus, it was really nice to have some much needed repairs. I actually saw a guy out there rollerblading where you could not have roller bladed without seriously injuring yourself a few weeks ago and he looked pretty pleased that now he can do a full loop. King rd. With the new roundabout and the design there with it being right only, I know we've had some concerns. I wanted to thank the police department, Chief McKee, Deputy Chief Riley for doing some targeted enforcement out there. I also wanted to thank Brian Morehead and Nick Shultz for working on updates signage and I think we're going to get some road paint to help re-direct traffic, they also put out a nice blast on social media to help remind people of the intended traffic flow. Linda, thank you for sharing everything you've shared tonight, if you could send me the request you've sent and if you have any information about how that fits into the ARP guidelines that would be helpful as well and I can certainly follow up with the Mayor.

President Ellington – If you would also send that to Janine she will get it to everyone too.

Mr. Marmie – I first need to call a Finance Committee meeting for two weeks. I'll start by thanking the Mayor for his proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness. It did hit my family last night when we

heard the news about Macy, so not only cancer, but any childhood illness that takes the lives of our young children, you just realize how precious life is when you see that happen to a child and the family, I can only imagine. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and any family going through a battle with that kind of childhood awareness. My heart goes out to them. Next, I want to echo what Mr. Lang said about King Rd. I really appreciate the communication, I know he and I both received numerous emails and texts about that and just appreciate the fact that the administration got right on it and the police department came through and did some things, I think communication is the key to making sure that works and I think sticking through with the fact that we need to keep that a right hand turn only and just making sure that folks are aware of it. I think the first thing is education. I think a lot of folks don't even pay attention to those signs, they were just used to their old habits of turning left. Finally, I want to thank Director Sassen and Auditor Johnson for their many years of service, not only in their current positions, but just to the citizens, I know that they had other positions prior and just the service that they have given to our community it's definitely note worthy. I know we have benefited from both of them here in the City of Newark, working in this building and can't thank them enough. They're not only great at their job, but they're just great men. And you just can't help but like both of them, enjoy talking with them and I think for a lot of individuals, that's a good testament. It's not going to stay on their tombstone that they were a great law director, they're great human being, great fathers, they're great husbands and I'm just glad that I got to know them and that they were part of my life.

President Ellington – I'd also like to add my thanks to Director Sassen and Auditor Johnson, I've worked with them for almost 18 years and I've personally benefitted from their counsel and felt they've done a perfect job, but when you want to retire and do something else I can understand that too. I'll certainly miss them, but I wish them a lot of joy in their retirement. I'd like to thank all of you this evening for paying attention, you've been a great crowd tonight, very nice and very quiet when you should be, so it's been great. Our next meeting will be October 4th, 5:45pm will be Committees, 7:00pm will be Full Council.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bubb, seconded by Mr. Labutis , passed by acclamation

Don Ellington, President of Council