

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 16, 2021
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Ellington called the meeting to order

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Jeff Harris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS - Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Ms. Hall and Mr. Labutis, Second by Mr. Blake Motion passed 8-0

Mr. Marmie moves to invoke Rule 11 for Resolution No. 21-52

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

RULE 11: Resolution No. 21-52 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Doug Sassen, Law Director – This gives Council the opportunity to participate in a process that is ongoing as a result of litigation regarding the opioid crisis in the State of Ohio. We have to take this step and the reason it is Rule 11 and an emergency is because it has to be approved for us to participate in that process and returned to the Ohio Attorney General, no later than August 20th. We have had the information in our possession really for less than a week. So, that's the basis for the emergency and the Rule 11, it's the first step in a multi -step process to potentially be able to participate in any settlement.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Blake

Mr. Lang – I will be abstaining from Resolution No. 21-52

Motion passed 7-0 with Mr. Lang abstaining

MINUTES of August 2, 2021 - Motion by to approve the August, 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. Barker, second by Mr. Harris, passed by acclamation**

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hall - Reappointing Mark Mauter, Chris Harkness, Kandee Engle and Adrienne Eskins

(alternate) to the Etna Corporate Park Joint Economic Development Zone 1 (ECP JEDZ1) Board. Their new two year terms will begin October 1, 2021 and will expire September 30, 2023.

Mayor Hall – This is for the JEDZ1, we do the JEDZ1 and JEDZ2 alternately every other year for their 2 year term. A few of these members do sit on both boards, Kandee Engle is a representative of Southwest Licking School District, she is the board president and I asked for the recommendation to fill that slot. Chris Harkness is with the County and Adrienne Eskins which is an alternate is a new person and they're all doing a good job and we certainly welcome everybody back on board.

Accepted by acclamation

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 July 31, 2021

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

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Linda Mossholder, 224 Green Meadow Dr. – The first thing I would like to do is invite members of the Council to attend the Overdose Awareness Day which is on August 30th. This is something to acknowledge all of the people who have died of overdoses in the County. There are some good speakers and it would be something that we would appreciate your attending. The other thing I would like to just follow up on is at the last meeting I inquired about the availability of rental assistance and was assured that there is some available. Since then I have basically contacted LEADS which has the majority of the money that's available for rental assistance. Unfortunately, this service is available, but there has not been any pushing out word that this money is available for people for rental assistance. I would just like to give you an example of the requirements. In order to provide assistance for LEADS, they require you to fill out a 3 page application online, make a copy of it, scan that copy and email it to them, or mail them a printed copy. A lot of people who need rental assistance do not have access to internet or computers. They allowed me to pick up some applications so I could actually hand them out to people, the application is about 5 or 6 pages long. So there are services out there to help people with rental assistance, but they are difficult to obtain. I talked to Nathan at LEADS and we are going to try to work out something where we can get people assistance in filling out an application because they have a lot of money and that money is going to go back if it is not spent. The other thing we're working on, is I'm working with Deb Tegtmeyer on actually having her outreach person come out to the homeless outreach at least one Saturday a month to meet with the people who are unsheltered. Homelessness needs to be verified, so that means they

have to go to wherever the person is staying and right now their office is not open, so we are working to try to help people access services. I just wanted to follow up on those items. Thank you.

Dave Lipstreu, 40 N. 40th Street – I just wanted to request that we get the traffic control signage re-installed on 40th Street since much of the work is substantially completed. Speeding is a big issue, so, speed limit signs, and a stop sign at the intersection of Cherry Valley and 40th Street. Thank you very much.

Brad Campbell, 6201 North Street – I was just looking to get involved with you guys. I was looking for a lateral promotion basically to get out of the food service and into civil service. With my prior service I have some credentials and I'd like to talk to you guys offline one on one or in a group, if that's okay. I'd like to focus on Native American History, Art and Trains. I feel like that's what brings people to Newark. Thank you.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

There are none this meeting

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

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

21-43 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Motion to adopt by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 8-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker

21-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND SELL CERTAIN SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Rath – This has the emergency clause so we can meet advertising deadlines

Motion passed 8-0

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

21-46 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Held 2 weeks for 2nd reading on September 7

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Brad Campbell, 6201 North Street – I think we each have resources that would benefit each other, I would like to talk more offline about that if we could.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Jeff Hall – Just a couple things. It's been a busy couple of weeks. We've got a new John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology at OSU Newark and the students are better off as a result of that, a \$32 million project. I took a tour of the facility the other day and it's phenomenal, it's unbelievable how nice that will be. Just to keep everything in mind, Founders Hall is going to go down for about an 18 month renovation now, it gives room to expand a little bit and that will be about a \$23 million renovation. We're a great academic society and it's great for kids to just keep learning. This past weekend the Midland Theatre had a re-open with Air Supply and I'd like to thank Nancy Anderson, she's retiring at the end of this month and she had 17 years with the Midland Theatre and 7 years as the Director. So, it was nice to hear good music and after a 1200 crowd sellout it was quite phenomenal in that place. Hartford Fair just ended and thanks to everybody up there, I go up there and have breakfast on Thursday morning with the Board and each year they do a phenomenal job and it's great for all the students and youth and everyone involved up there. We had our first female Eagle Scout this year. I went to the breakfast with Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts and I would like to congratulate Abby Kellett, she did a phenomenal job. Finally, the Chamber had their annual gala and all four businesses were Newark rooted that got awards. 1922 on The Square, was business of the year, the non-profit was the Boys and Girls Club, Lori Hubble of the Look Up Center was employee of the year and Jamie Wright was the Young Professional of the year.

Mr. Marmie – I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for two weeks.

Mr. Rath – I need to call a Service Committee meeting for two weeks.

Mr. Blake – It's been an exciting time working with a group of leaders. This Saturday there's a breakfast being hosted at the St. John's Church of Christ on West National Drive. The purpose of the breakfast is for homeowners. Marl Mauter will be presenting about services from his department, LEADS Community Action will be presenting about service available to homeowners and Habitat for Humanity will be giving a presentation. So, we're looking forward to getting resources connected to homeowners for home maintenance and home improvements and this is part of the neighborhood revitalization and the South Newark Civic Association has been a pilot project for this particular project. Everyone is welcome to attend. I would encourage those that don't even live in the south end, please come. There may be some information that is valuable to constituents in other areas, all of the programs are city wide not just confines to our area. It is happening in the south end and we're proud that it's happening there. It's at 9am at St. John's Church on Saturday and we'll be flipping pancakes and sausage and happy to have anyone there.

Mr. Bubb – I would like to recognize our incoming City Treasurer, Brad Feightner.

Mr. Lang – I just want to wish everyone a safe start to school, Newark City School starts on Thursday. So, take your time, slow down and there is a traffic diversion in the 5th Ward with the

roundabout near completion but not quite there yet. I'm told it will be a few more weeks, but hopefully not too long. But I just want to remind everybody take your time and watch out for those kids getting on and off those school busses and be patient in those lines with other parents, I'll be one of them out there taking their kids to school. So, just want to wish everybody a safe start to school.

President Ellington – Our next meeting will be September 7th, which is a Tuesday, the day after Labor Day. Committees will be at 5:45pm and Full Council at 7:00pm.

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

Don Ellington, President of Council