

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2020
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL - Mr. Fennell, Ms. Hall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS - Motion made by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Fennell, second by Mr. Blake. Motion carried by acclamation.

MINUTES of March 2, 2020 - Motion by Mr. Labutis to approve the March 2, 2020 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, second by Mr. Barker. **Motion carried by acclamation**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance **Received & Filed**

Service **Received & Filed**

Capital Improvements **Received & Filed**

Personnel **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Stephen E Johnson, City Auditor- operating report for the period ending February 29, 2020 **Received and Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Hall – to present proclamation: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency – Division of Surface Water Public Notice Etna Crest Blvd Etna OH **Received and Filed**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency – Public Notice and Draft Plan Approve long term control plan phase II **Received and Filed**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency - Division of Surface Water Public Notice Beach Rd New Albany OH **Received and Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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

20-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC/EQUIPMENT OPERATOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, DIVISION OF STREET MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-10 by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Lang

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

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

20-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DEPARTMENT OF SERVICE, DIVISION OF PARKS AND CEMETERY BY CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKER**, AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 20-11 by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Barker

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

20-12 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS SW CORNER OF THORNWOOD DRIVE AND JAMES ROAD (Parcel Tax Id#: 054-216696-00.000, 054-218136-00.000 AND 054-218136-00.001), CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF LB – LIMITED INTENSITY BUSINESS DISTRICT AND LI – LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, TO MFR – MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Referred to planning commission.

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

20-13 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE THE SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND THE NEWARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ATTACHED HERETO TO CLARIFY PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES ESTABLISHED IN EXISTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS AND REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENTS

Held for a second reading on April 6, 2020

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

20-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY RANGE OF THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Marmie

Mr. Bubb – this will put everything in place so that this position can be filled.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 9-0.

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-14 by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Marmie

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

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

20-11 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(100 General Fund-218,309.00-OPT; 16,740.00-Maint Bldg Grounds)

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-11 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

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

20-13 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(335 Cap Improv Fund-50,000.00-used fire truck)

Motion to adopt Resolution 20-13 by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Rath

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

20-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2020 MARKED SUV'S FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE.

Held for a second reading on April 6, 2020

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

20-16 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – EXPEDITE

(100 General Fund-8,000.00 Overtime)

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

Mr. Marmie – this is overtime dollars we need to get in to the funds.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 9-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-16 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

20-17 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(335 Capital Improvement Fund-250,000.00 Paving)

Motion to waive the two day reading rule by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Rath – our Engineer has told us that he needs to know what money he has to spend in order to know what roads get paved. Spring is rapidly approaching so we need to send the message as to what finances are available as soon as possible.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 9-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-17 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Labutis

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath

20-18 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

(100 General Fund-119,000.00 Police Vehicles; 150,000.00 OPT Paving)

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

Mr. Marmie – with 20-17 being expedited, this has to be expedited or we won't have the funds for 17.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 9-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 20-18 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Rath

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

20-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Held for a second reading on April 6, 2020

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hall – update on corona virus – on a conference call with the board of health and mayors throughout the county and some first responders. Joe Ebel had no new news that you haven't heard. There are no

confirmed cases in this county yet but they are preparing for what will likely be a first case. They are putting in for supplies; they are answering a lot of questions. Governor has talked about no voting tomorrow, pushed back to June date. In this building our priority is to keep our employees healthy. Tax preparation is not in person anymore. Tax returns can be dropped on the west side of the building. We anticipate the IRS extending that date from April 15 but they have not declared that date. We are taking a look at our high risk employees and seeing if they can work from home. We have some that have young children so some are making adjustments. We have the technology so we have some things we can do. There's going to be a delay in finances, cash flow timing. This is tax collection time.

Mr. Marmie – as far as collections, approximately what percentage do we have?

Mayor Hall – I can't answer that but I will talk to Barb tomorrow. People are still employed so income tax will still happen so that is good. I'll keep you updated.

Mr. Blake – has there been any discussions about water shut offs.

Mayor Hall – they did a press release out of the water department is that we will keep the water on. It doesn't mean that folks don't still have to pay eventually, it will accrue, and the water will not be free. Water department is closed but there is a walk up window along with online pay. Marcia put out a nice press release and the judges are going to try to post pone trials to reduce foot traffic. Side door to city hall probation will be open so that visitors can go down without coming through the lobby. I'm happy with the city with what they are doing with the situation.

Mr Harris – looks like we are going to be voting tomorrow.

Mr. Lang – keep an eye on that overnight. Yost made comments today allowing us to meet digitally, we are looking in to that so hopefully in 3 weeks we will not all be sitting here but doing a digital meeting open to the public.

Mr. Marmie – called a Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Rath – called a Service committee meeting. I would like to give a shout out to some of the local businesses. The Dairy Aisles are offering free lunches from 11 – 12 during the week. The Dank House, a great example of stepping up and being a leader, they have opened up their parking lot to the local food trucks and will have their beer for pickup and delivery. A great way for a company to make the best out of a situation.

President Ellington – Next meeting will possibly be April 6, not sure if it will be here or virtually, we will be letting you know when we have it figured out and make sure that it is available to the public, watch the advocate of the local radio stations, we will have some sort of an announcement if we don't have it here.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion adjourn. Passed by acclamation.