

## COUNCIL MINUTES

May 18, 2020

On YouTube streaming via Zoom

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, Ms. Hall, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang

**INVOCATION** – Mr. Labutis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- President Ellington

**CAUCUS** - President Ellington

**MINUTES of May 4, 2020** - Motion by to approve the May 4, 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 **Motion to approve by Mr. Labutis , second by Mr. Barker carried by acclamation**

### APPOINTMENTS

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance **Received & Filed with no objections**

Service **Received & Filed with no objections**

Safety – **Received & Filed with no objections**

Capital Improvements – **Received & Filed with no objections**

Personnel – **Received & Filed with no objections**

#### REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

**City Auditor, Stephen E. Johnson** – Operating report for period ending April 30, 2020

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

#### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

**By: Mr. Bubb**

**20-16** AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION AND STATING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE LICKING COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT

**Held for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 6-1-2020**

**By: Mr. Rath**

**20-17** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND REOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Motion to approve by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Mr. Rath** – This is a standard that we do every year, it's an emergency to meet publishing deadlines

**Motion passed 10-0**

#### RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

**By: Mr. Rath**

**20-25** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Labutis**

**Motion passed 10-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-27** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

**(100 General Fund-\$23,125.00:Vehicle Maintenance)**

**Motion to approve by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed 10-0**

**By: Mr. Rath**

**20-28** A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT. EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF THE INLET APRON AND CUT OFF WALL ON SFN 4501233. THIS WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AS PART OF PID 113225, LIC-SR16-23.68.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Mr. Bubb**

**Motion passed 10-0**

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-29** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021 OHIO TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAMS: SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (step), THE IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (IDEP), AND THE DRUGGED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (DDEP)

**Held for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 6-1-20**

**By: Mr. Rath**

**20-30** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND LEASE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL USE

**Held for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 6-1-20**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-31** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION **(100 General Fund - \$240 – Medical Supplies)(100 General Fund-\$4,464-Advertising)**  
**(100 General Fund-\$18,777-Salaries,PERS,Workers Comp, Medicare, Health Insurance)**

**Held for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 6-1-20**

**By: Mr. Lang**

**20-32** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
**(335 Capital Improvement Fund-\$6,413.18 – Maintenance of Streets Projects)**

**Held for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 6-1-20**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-33 Expedite A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (661 Sewer Fund-\$60,074 – Intra-Gov't Payment; 669 Storm Water Utility Fund- \$30,000-Intra Gov't Payment) (153 Comp Abs Fund- \$27,500-Payout for retiring firefighter Rex Flowers)**

**Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive the 2 day reading, second by Mr. Rath**

**Motion passed 10-0**

**Motion to approve by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang**

**Motion passed 10-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie**

**20-34 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM**

**Held for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 6-1-20**

**By: Mr. Rath**

**20-36 A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT. CONSTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT AND RELATED WORK AT INTERSECTION OF SR 13 (4<sup>TH</sup> STREET) AND CR 132 (WEST MAIN STREET) WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Motion to approve by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Barker**

**Mr. Rath** – This reason this is an emergency is because of ODOT deadlines

**Motion passed 10-0**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mayor Hall** – I want to thank everyone in the community. Its' encouraging the restaurants have outdoor dining and indoor dining will open up on Thursday. I just ask that everyone have patience and respect for each other. I also want to congratulate the Newark-Licking County Port Authority. They've reached a milestone of 25 years. They took over when the Air Force Base moved out and have done a great job at public-private partnership. We had a Zoom meeting this morning between founding/early and current board members. They actually had a drink of tomato juice, which happens to be the official juice of the State of Ohio. Port Authority provides 800 plus jobs and keeps growing.

**Mr. Marmie** – I need to call a Finance Committee Meeting for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mr. Rath** – I will call a Service Committee Meeting for June 1<sup>st</sup>. I did watch the Port Authority Meeting this morning on Facebook and wanted to say congratulations. I want to say a special thank you to Director Baum and Director Rhodes. I had a safety issue that was brought to my attention over the weekend in my ward and they attacked it with fervor and I appreciate the response.

**Mr. Barker** – I would like to thank Director Baum as well, we touched base this week after I had a concern raised by a citizen regarding masks and Newark Police. We got that resolved. I want to thank the Mayor's Secretary, Jennifer Bubb. We had a great talk about the city website and making sure we have our COVID information from the Licking County Health Department available.

**Mr. Blake** – Since many people in the community have lost jobs or wages due to this Pandemic, I want to remind everyone there is assistance available for help with rent. I had a good conversation with Joh Fisher of Licking County Department of Job and Family Services and if anyone needs assistance with their rent, the number to call is 670-8706. If you know anyone who is struggling during this time and needs a service like this they can call. The second place that is the Licking County Coalition for Care, Melissa Anderson, they will give assistance with rent or groceries. I want to send out a notice that we are going to have a virtual block watch meeting tomorrow night. The Rugg Avenue area is going to have a virtual meeting tomorrow night at 6:30pm. I will also call a Rules Committee Meeting for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mr. Bubb** – I have two items this evening. First, I want to remind Council Members to encourage constituents to fill out the 2020 census information. You can go to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) to fill out that information. It's important for Newark as we look at the years ahead. It's my understanding right now that Newark and Buckeye Lake are lagging in Licking County in

terms of reporting. It's vital that we get the citizens to do this. It's a very quick process. I wanted to encourage that. Second, I want to thank Chad Brown from the Licking County Health Department, he's done a great job. They've really had a tough job this past couple of month's day in and day out and I really appreciate their work. Chad, who is the new director, has done a wonderful job.

**Mr. Fennell** – As the state reopens I would like to echo some of the sentiments that have been expressed this evening that everyone be patient and kind to each other during this time. Make sure you're thinking of the individuals who are at high risk when you go out and make sure you're reaching out to help people in your neighborhood as much as you can. I need to thank Director Rhodes for his help during the flooding that we had. Debris washed up along the banks of the creek that goes under the bridge on Hudson Ave. and he and his crew went out there and cleaned it up. I really appreciate that.

**Ms. Hall** – I want to thank Director Rhodes for setting me up here tonight, it works great and I'm so happy that we can meet like this. I would also like to thank the Health Department. I know they've had it rough, but they stay in touch. Take care.

**Mr. Labutis** – I wanted to thank Director Rhodes as well. We've had a few issues with some roads that needed repair in the 4<sup>th</sup> ward and he and his team were able to help with that.

**President Ellington** – Thanks for hanging in there with us. I know it's not easy doing this virtually, we certainly appreciate you watching. One of these days we'll be back to Council Chambers. I know our next meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> will be a virtual meeting. We will be talking about in the Rules Committee, what we need to do after the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and we'll come up with some type of consensus. Everyone stay safe.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Barker. Motion passed by acclamation.**