

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 3, 2019

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Tuesday September 3, 2019 Newark City Council Meeting to order

ROLL CALL- Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost, Mr. Fraizer, Ms. Hall, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

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

MINUTES of August 19, 2019 Motion by Mr. Labutis to approve the August 19, 2019 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. Fraizer. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Hall- to present a proclamation for River Round Up.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Cost, Rath, Fraizer, Lang

19-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 890.03, 890.051, 890.062, 890.063, 890.07, 890.10 AND ENACTING SECTIONS 890.141, 890.23, 890.24, 890.25, 890.26, 890.27, 890.28, 890.281, 890.29, 890.30, 890.31, 890.32, 890.33, 890.34, 890.35, 890.36, 890.37, AND 890.38 OF CHAPTER 890 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK OHIO REGARDING THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES

Motion by Ms. Hall to adopt Ordinance No. 19-17, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Marmie, Lang, Rath, Cost

19-57 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (**100 General Fund-\$497.76: Overtime NFD; 100 General Fund: \$2115.63: Overtime**)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 19-57, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Marmie, Cost, Rath, Lang

19-59 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (**100 General Fund-\$1000.00 Donation: PTSD Training NFD**)

Held for a second reading

By: Rath, Cost, Lang

19-60 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 for a second reading

By: Rath, Cost, Marmie, Lang

19-61 A RESOLUTION OF CONSENT AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF GUARDRAIL END TREATMENTS ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEMS ROUTES THROUGH NEWARK, ST RT 16, ST RT 79 AND ST RT 13.

Held for a second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Dwayne Anderson, 914 Empire Dr- at the last Council meeting a man was talking about Home Depot and the condition of the retention pond. I got a chance to go look at it and it is terrible. He stated that more trash cans are needed on the bike path. I walk from Rotary Park across the expressway and then back and there is only one trash can in that mile and a quarter. He addressed Jeremy Blake about a conversation he stated they had at the Sparta. He then stated that he wanted to clear up some things that were printed in The Advocate first regarding the number of tickets Mr. Blake stated he has had.

President Ellington- let's not make this personal if you have a comment about the city that's fine

Dwayne Anderson- ok, it is more than that; you have told the Advocate that there are 522 children in Licking County JFS Children's Services it made it sound like there were that many in Newark and it's not it is that many in Licking County total. You also stated that we have good community organizations which we do. JFS, United Way, Salvation Army, Coalition of Housing. Deb Tegtmeyer is the executive Director of Coalition of Housing, which started in 1992 and Deb took over in 1995 her budget was \$25,000.00 today it is 2.7 million. All of these organizations do a great job of handing out but not curing the problem. I would suggest to Council or whoever that they go take a course in problem solving because it sticks out like a sore thumb what is causing poverty, homelessness and addiction. I would like to know from Council who that is running for office has taken money from the unions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Director Baum- there will be another neighborhood community cleanup on September 7th. It will serve the south west side of the city, specifically it will run from S 6th St to 21st St south of West Main Street to the city's' edge. Each household will be allowed to take materials to the dumpster; household hazardous waste will not be accepted. Businesses will not be included. It starts at 8:00 A.M. and will go until 12 P.M. It is a free service and if you have something that needs picked up please call Community Development and make an appointment you get a 15 minute window so please have it ready when they get there. This is obviously a sign of another collaboration by myself, Director Rhodes and Mark Mauter involving Parks Department employees, Community Development and Property Maintenance. I am going to give a plug to Tim Hickman and Joe Paul without them this just doesn't work. I can't say enough about how hard they work and what a great job they do. That leads me to my next item.

President Ellington- do they need to bring the items somewhere are do they put it at the curb?

Director Baum- if they need a pickup they can call and make that arrangement otherwise they will be traveling down the streets. Melissa sent out 1040 notices to residents in this area so they have been notified by mail. Home Depot was asked about; they currently receive no tax credits, they agreed to remediate the pond and the growth around the fence and through the fence. There is a contract already put together it has been sent to their corporate office. They allege that they can't sign a contract

here locally it has to go to corporate. With that in mind if they don't act on remediation in a reasonable amount of time Property Maintenance is prepared to fine them for not acting on it when they have agreed to.

Mayor Hall- we had a very busy Friday night, there were a lot of Model T's downtown it was great that they chose our area to rondeau, it looks like the weather is going to be good through this weekend not only do we have high school football, Friday night is the cemetery walk it is a very neat event at our own Cedar Hill Cemetery. It starts at 6:00 and I believe that it features notable women of our county. It is acted by actors of Licking County Players. We have River Round Up Saturday and the 34th annual Lite the Night car show is Saturday also which helps fund the lighting of the courthouse. Coming up is United Way Week of Caring. There will be a lot of volunteerism efforts starting Friday kick off

is at 11:30 at Canal Market District. There are a lot of activities planned next week. I appreciate everyone's help to make the community a better place.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee Meeting

Mr. Rath- called a Service Committee Meeting

Mr. Blake- I think that there is greatness that we live in a country that we do where we are able to express ourselves the way we do, Mr. Anderson I don't remember the conversation that we had, we had a disagreement in presidential candidates then we did I just don't remember the conversation. Regarding your comment on the 522 that was from John Fischer saying that at the end of December 31' 2018 there were 522 children in care with the Department of Job and Family Services I think that you are referring to a guest column that I wrote there. I quoted the number correctly in the column. I do agree with you the social services in our community do a great job but they do need to have some central coordination providing better services. Many of our citizens have to travel across our city going to the Health Department, going to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and going to downtown so we do need to have more centralized intake process in dealing with our social services. The thing that I wanted to mention tonight to Council was that I had a really good experience with Assistant Fire Chief Decker, Captain Bolte and the guys at station 1; Friday night I was able to do a ride along with the Fire Department and got to see some medic runs where I saw a heart attack, stroke and an attempted suicide. I got to see the seriousness of what they guys have to deal with on a day to day basis. It reinforced my appreciation for what they do on the 24/7 basis in our community.

Mr. Cost- I want to reinforce something that the Mayor said, Friday night was phenomenal. It was so nice to see downtown that busy. It was nice to see all the activity and people really enjoying everything downtown. The Model T thing was big. It was an incredible night. There was also the STEM project around the square that night. One issue that came up was about who we have taken contributions from and a list of our expenditures they are public record and if anybody is curious can be found at the Board of Elections.

Mr. Fraizer- to follow up on that comment it is actually available on line you can go to Licking County Board of Elections search and find everybody's campaign finance report. I want to thank the Mayor and the administration on Everett Park seeing that opening and seeing the progress that we have made and the investment that we have in our community is and the beautification we have been doing is inspiring. I also want to thank the administration, Barbara Gilkes, Service Department and Parks Department on North Street Park. We have our first HHCA meeting on the 12th at the GMP Hall at 7:00 P.M. Another item, when it comes to the Fire Department and the \$1,000.00 funding designation on 19-59 for training on PTSD for the Fire Department. It is part of those calls that happen addressing and giving an outlet for our first responders to address the things that they see and encourage them to make sure that they get any help that is required and be an advocate for them as well. I am excited for River Round Up on Saturday and the 25 years of trying to make Licking County improved. I want to thank the administration for the community clean up that continues to be a success thank you for organizing it and doing your part to clean up the streets of Newark.

Ms. Hall- asked Director Baum about whether empty paint cans could be disposed of during the community cleanup.

Director Baum- I believe that would be considered hazardous materials.

Ms. Hall- even if it is dry?

Director Baum- that would be a question for Community Development.

Mr. Labutis- I wanted to take a moment to thank the administration and everyone that was involved with the Newark Skate Park opening. We heard that there were people there from Lancaster, Powell and when I was leaving I ran into a man from Mansfield and he was excited to be there. I know as Council we deal with issues and try to legislate around those yes there are issues we understand that but there is also a lot of good happening in the city as well.

Mr. Lang- I want to thank the administration for all the work that has been done on the fire station. I think it has been an extremely transparent process. I recall sitting down with Director Rhodes it feels like almost a year ago now but there have been multiple opportunities for all of us on Council to Director Rhodes, Director Baum, and the Fire Chief to ask all of the questions that we want to ask. We could ask question about how we are going to fund, where we are going to put it, why we want to put it there, how traffic is going to work, to me it has been a very well vetted process. I appreciate the opportunity to come observe the bid opening, Mr. Cost and I were able to observe that and the Board of Controls meeting where we actually sat down and went through the contract and the Board of Control approved all of the different options that we are going to move forward with. I would like to thank the Finance Committee for moving it forward, obviously being the representative for the 5th Ward where this fire station will be I have a vested interest in this station and I feel like it is going to do a lot of good to serve the folks on the west end who in some of the areas was looking at 10 plus minutes on average to get to those areas of town. Mr. Anderson I appreciate your question I think that it is a relevant one on an evening where our collective bargaining agreement contracts were brought up multiple times in the Finance Committee as kind of a rationale for not supporting or having further questions. I have not received any money from the unions. Again you can go on line and find that information out as to who has received money from the

unions I do think that it is a relevant question when we talk about the fire station and those issues get brought up. I want to thank the administration I think that we have very well vetted this station out. I think that there has been many, many opportunities to sit down with the Chief and ask direct questions but tonight it was sort of pretended like we hadn't asked those questions or had that discussion before it was a little bit disingenuous.

President Ellington- I think all of you for coming and your comments. The next meetings will be Monday September 16th committees start at 5:45 P.M. and Council at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mr. Cost to adjourn, second by Mr. Fraizer. Motion carried by acclamation