

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 2, 2018

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday July, 2, 2018 Newark City Council Meeting to order

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

Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion carried by acclamation

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS- Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion carried by acclamation.

Reconsider Ordinance 18-16 in Miscellaneous

18-16 AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROPERTIES IN AND ABUTTING FAIRWAY ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND ALONG HORNS HILL ROAD BY UPGRADING THE EXISTING SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND INSTALLING A NEW GRAVITY SEWER SYSTEM AND THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Law Director Sassen- also under caucus is referenced Ordinance 18-16 which if you recall was tabled two weeks ago to date certain which is today for the purpose of allowing citizens in the affected area to lodge objections to the assessment if they want. If have received two objections and have determined that we need to create an equalization board to allow those citizens the opportunity to express their objections and then that board will make a report to Council with regards to the project. As a result obviously we are going to need more time before Council can consider Ordinance 18-16. I have discussed this with Mr. Marmie and Mr. Rath and they are going to be asking Council on that basis to table 18-16 indefinitely.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to table Ordinance 18-16 to an unspecified time, second by Mr. Rath

Motion to table passed by a vote of 8-0-1 (Mr. Bubb abstaining)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion carried by acclamation.

MINUTES of June 18, 2018 Motion by Mr. Fraizer to approve the June 18, 2018 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. Labutis. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Service- **Received & Filed**

Capital Improvement- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Barb Jobses, City Income Tax Administrator- income tax revenue report for the period ending June 15, 2018. - **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Kim Beam, 91 E North St- stated complaints regarding Newark Police Officers that escorted her out of the Licking County Administration Building and stated that they did not have the authority to do so as well as being escorted out of the Safety Director's office and City Hall.

Dave Downey, 231 John Reese Parkway Pataskala- I'm here on behalf of Newark Kiwanis and want to thank the City of Newark for their tremendous efforts with our Strawberry Festival. Thanks to Service Director Rhodes, Mayor, Buster

Prince and the Street Department and I would like to remind everybody that the money we raise goes directly to Camp O'Bannon we support them with \$25,000.00 every year just from the Strawberry Festival. He presented the Mayor with a check for \$6,800.00 for the Wells Park renovations.

Dave Anderson, 914 B Empire Dr- he requested the 2017 Fire Department Budget and Expenses based on the proposed fire station and the financing of the firefighters and equipment.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Marmie, Cost, Labutis, Rath

18-49 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (**100 General Fund-\$2,000.00: Donation for Mural on Church St**)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 18-49, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Rath, Cost, Labutis, Marmie

18-50 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) SNOW PLOW TRUCKS FOR USE IN THE DIVISION OF STREETS

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 18-50, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Rath, Cost, Labutis, Marmie

18-51 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 NEW, HIGH-EFFICIENCY STREET LIGHTING THROUGH THE U.S. COMMUNITIES PURCHASING PROGRAM

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 18-51, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Rath, Cost, Marmie

18-52 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO RELEASE THE LIEN PREVIOUSLY PLACED AGAINST THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT AND KNOWN AS 444 WOODS AVENUE, NEWARK, OHIO.

Held for a second reading

By: Cost, Marmie

18-53 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- **CI (335 Capt Imp Fund-\$100,000.00: Street Paving; 335 Capt Imp Fund-\$49,000.00: Professional Services)**

Held for a second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Rachelle Bolen Smith, 237 Violet Ct- asked Council to do a resolution of support condemning the Trump Administration Immigration Policy of Separating Children from their Families. She read a proposed resolution from Representative Dan Ramos.

Daniel Crawford, 163 S 2nd Street- he stated that he was in support of the resolution Mrs. Smith spoke of but suggested that it is more local and not reference the Democratic Party. He stated that he would be in favor as a taxpayer to pay for more patrolling where children/students are at whether they are private or public schools. He is in support of those who came to speak about keeping their students safe but he doesn't feel that closing the foot bridge is the right way to do that.

MISCELLANEOUS

Director Sassen- I would like to clarify two issues Ms. Beam commented on, first of all my relationship with Ms. Beam dates back to 2010 not 2011. More importantly I don't want anyone up here to be of the understanding that the Newark Police Department doesn't have jurisdiction in the county building. Newark Police Department every building, every square inch of property within the political boundaries of the City of Newark and we have cooperation agreements with other departments so under certain circumstances they have jurisdiction beyond those political boundaries. So when she stated that the Newark Police Department doesn't have jurisdiction in the county building that is completely untrue.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Rath- Dave I just wanted to congratulate you on another successful great festival this year. Thank you also for the check, we appreciate that. I want to thank you and the Kiwanis for their generosity for working with me to get a group of kids that are special to me some tickets, they had a ball. He called for a Service Committee Meeting.

Mr. Blake- I want to wish everyone a happy Independence Day it is our country's 242 birthday. I hope people take time to reflect on our history but also celebrate where we are with our freedoms and things we are allowed that other citizens of the world aren't. Thank you Dave for the check to Wells Park. That park is in my Ward and I know that it is heavily used and the renovations that are being done are very much appreciated. I want to thank everybody who spoke here tonight either at committee or Council on various issues. One of the things that we celebrate this week with the Fourth of July is the courage to speak in our public venues before our public bodies.

Mr. Cost- I think that the discussion tonight was very good, there was a lot of good information. I would be in favor of looking at more enforcement in the areas that were discussed; I think that would be helpful, I know there are needs just like that all over the city. I think we could look at those areas and see what could be done. Also as a full disclosure a discussion about a sidewalk going south of the new bridge started the day that we cut the ribbon. When we walked off that bridge and across the walkway we found ourselves in a grassy knoll and that is being addressed and dealt with to see what we can do to make that happen. It is from the bridge down to Heartland bank on the west side going south.

Mr. Fennell- I wanted to thank everyone who spoke tonight. The bridge in question is in the 7th Ward and it is clear that something needs to happen but there is trouble on both sides of that bridge. I don't believe right now that closing the bridge is the answer but I am more than happy to have a town hall to continue the discussion and continue to work with the parish. It is clear something needs to happen and I really want to be a part of that discussion so I think we need to continue to work together and continue that conversation.

Mr. Fraizer- I want to congratulate the administration on the progress they are making on Fory Park and Everett Park. They have been some substantial work done by the Licking County Foundation and other foundations and it really is a marked improvement for our community. It is something to be proud of. As far as the Pearl Street Bridge is concerned, I use the bridge when I bicycle down to the UDF with my wife, we live in that area and we use the bridge and we like to use it. With that being said having incidents where children are involved with weapons and drug activity and open air drug markets on a bridge should absolutely be addressed by this body and by this community and we absolutely have to do something about it; whether it is more discussion, more patrols, temporary closing something has to be done to break the trend that is going on there. I think that is absolutely a priority for our community as well as addressing the response of our safety forces to that area. When it comes to immigration I have a very unique perspective when it comes to immigration. I have a family member who has been working for I.C.E. for 35 years and I think genuinely the media misses the fact of the individuals who work for Immigration Custom Enforcement side of it that actually do care about the people that they are working with and they actually do try to do what is best for them. When it comes to the resolution we typically don't do non-binding resolutions because it is a little bit too political for us and it costs us money and we want to focus on what the work of the city is. Thank you for bringing that forward today but I wouldn't support a non-binding resolution especially one written by the Democratic Nation Committee.

Ms. Hall- I want to wish everyone a safe Fourth of July.

President Ellington- thank you for your attention tonight, City Hall will be closed Fourth of July. The next meetings are on Monday July 16th. Committees will be at 5:45 P.M. and Council at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT