

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 17, 2018

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday September 17, 2018 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Blake

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS

MINUTES of September 4, 2018 Motion by Mr. Labutis to approve the September 4, 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. Cost. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

Capital Improvements- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Stephen Johnson, City Auditor- operating report for the period ending August 31, 2018. - **Received & Filed**

Barb Jobes, City Tax Administrator- income tax reports for the period ending August 31, 2018. - **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

ACLU, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation- letter regarding Section 648.14 of Newark's Codified Ordinances with respect to panhandling - **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

John Sweeny, 727 Garfield Ave- stated a complaint about a cockroach infestation at Wilson St, owner of the property is Steve Inlow

Elizabeth Livingston, tenant at 102 Wilson St- stated a complaint about the property owned by Steve Inlow infested with cockroaches.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Marmie, Cost, Rath, Fraizer, Lang, Labutis

18-31 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$255,532.37 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DIVISION WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTAINENCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Ordinance No. 18-31, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Marmie, Cost, Rath, Fraizer, Lang

18-32 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000.00 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING OUTSTANDING BOND ANTICIPATION NOTED PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAIN AND SERVICE LINES NOT LIMITED TO, HYDRANTS, VALVES AND FITTINGS; AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR OTHER WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Ordinance No. 18-32, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Marmie, Cost, Rath, Fraizer, Lang, Labutis

18-70 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (100 General Fund-\$1,730.00: Copier Payoff; 100 General Fund-\$625.00: Fire Safety Supplies; 209 Hotel/Motel Bed Tax Fund-\$ 27,000.00: Bed Tax)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 18-70, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Marmie, Cost, Rath, Fraizer, Lang

18-72 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution No. 18-72, second by Mr. Fraizer

Mr. Marmie- there is a deadline that we have to meet to file this with the County Auditor.

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-72 by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Rath, Cost, Labutis, Fraizer

18-73 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF ONE LADDER TRUCK FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF FIRE

Motion by Mr. Rath to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution No. 18-73, second by Mr. Fraizer

Mr. Rath- in order for this legislation to keep pace with the finance legislation that we passed earlier this evening we need to expedite this.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-73 by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Rath, Marmie, Cost, Lang, Labutis, Fraizer

18-74 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: Marmie, Lang, Cost, Rath

18-75 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Expedite (424 TIF Fund-\$12,012.26: Proceeds to NCSD; 422 Debt Service Fund-\$1,000.00: Issuance Fee; 100 General Fund \$ 20,000.00: Impound Service)

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

Mr. Marmie- there are debt payments that need to be made immediately so we need to expedite this.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 18-75, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Rath, Cost, Labutis, Lang, Fraizer

18-76 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- CI Expedite (335 Capital Improvements-\$364,015.00: Street & Expressway Lighting Project)

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

Mr. Lang- we need to get the equipment ordered so we can complete the project during this building season.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Lang to adopt Resolution No. 18-76, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Rochelle Bolen Smith, 237 Violet Ct- discussed the article in the Advocate over the weekend about St. Vincent deciding to not to serve certain members of the population based on religious grounds. She believes that this creates an emergency in terms of serving the homeless population. I found that our city has decided to only do this on an emergency basis and I consider this an emergency. I think that we need to brain storm about the various options, I have ideas of my own and I would like to see this addressed.

Paul Moran, 63 N 4th St- stated that he has noticed more and more downtown businesses closing. He stated that the homeless situation has boomed downtown and that there should be a committee to work with these people to get them back on their feet.

MISCELLANEOUS

Director Mauter- announced the Soup Luncheon that will be held on Friday September 21st from 11:00-1:00 cost is \$5.00 and the funds raised goes to Safe Trick or Treat on the Square.

Director Baum- I participated in and represented the Mayor in a group loosely termed Coalition for the homeless. Director Sassen, Council person Blake, representatives from the United Way, Jeff Gill from the Church of Christ, Licking County Coalition for Housing, Chief Connell and his deputies, Darrell Evans, Chris Barbudo representing the Sherriff, Bill Powell from the Veteran's Association and Scott Hayes who has done work with both the addicted inmates and the homeless were all present at this meeting as well. We got together and basically talked and listened but the non-profits are doing some good things. They are a little unorganized and maybe if we could help them get organized I think that they would be able to do great things but they are doing a lot with very little. The homeless problem is a puzzle, it is multi-faceted but I believe that for example Scott Hayes has a fantastic idea to help address the during the day issue with some churches volunteering some meals, washers, dryers and showers. I think this is all good stuff. I think that it should be encouraged and supported however and where ever we can. If you do get the opportunity to participate in

this or support it please speak well of it because I think that they are doing great things and we need to help a little bit but more or less provide some structure.

Mayor Hall- just to expand upon what Safety Director Baum said we are having a lot of conversations; we have good non-profits in the community they specialize in a lot of areas of helping the needs of those throughout the community. There has been a lot of discussion at the Downtown Newark Association with the property owners and business owners. I will be involved with some non-profit heads that will be touring some facilities in Columbus who are addressing the needs of the homeless. Sometimes we take larger models and down size them to fit in the city of Newark. We are working on it; it's not going to happen overnight. Winter is coming and we have compassion for that so we will do what we can. More details to follow.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Rath- called a Service Committee Meeting

Mr. Blake- I first want to say Mr. Sweeney and Ms. Livingston. We talked earlier on the phone and I did get your email message regarding the pictures and the videos of what is happening at 97 Wilson Street. Since then I did get some further information from our Health Commissioner who is Joe Ebel whose department has been working on trying to address the issue. I understand that another inspection is going to happen tomorrow morning at 10:00 at that property. I know that there is a lot of frustration with the issue because you are living there and there are things going on. I am pleased to hear that our Property Maintenance and Health Department are working on it. There are several entities involved that want to do good and correct the issue to the best solution. Just hold on a little longer. I want to say thank you to Doug Past, I want to give him accolades because he and the County Prosecutor Bill Hayes brought that Coalition of Housing group together that Director Baum spoke about. I think that one of the biggest messages I got out of it was that this isn't a legal issue this is a compassion issue. I think that it was important to hear that because there were prosecutors, law enforcement, social services and other interested there. We have tent cities along the river; it's not just a downtown Newark thing. I think if they, as in the social services agency were to provide some sort of coordinated information where at someone like myself or other volunteers could give to a homeless person that helps us let them know they can get a hot lunch, a shower and a haircut at Scott Hayes's facility or that they can receive other services at particular locations. There are a lot of services but to just be able to easily provide that information I think is where we need to go. Ultimately I think that we need more beds. I think that there is a physical structure to this that I think we need ultimately but right now the immediate need is giving information to the right people and that outreach is important. I know there are a lot of good people with good will wanting to do so. We just have to keep working on it.

Mr. Fraizer- I want to thank the administration for coordinating with the HHCA there was an RV that was long term parked on Hudson Ave and they checked up on it and got it corrected. Licking County Transit is meeting this Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. I recommend anybody who is interested in transportation in Newark and the County to attend that. I want to thank the Chief as well as the administration on the investment of the new ladder truck as well as the ongoing efforts with the expressway. As far as homelessness one thing is definite it is a lot more visible and a lot more present downtown than I have seen it in years. Whatever we can do to help with that through the Economic Development Department as well as facilitating a way out of homelessness. It is one thing to treat it and it is one thing to solve it. One of the most inspiring things that I heard was when we sat in Washington D.C. with a homeless man who had just met with Barack Obama to talk about homelessness and he was wearing a suit and he said that anybody can be homeless I used to work for the Federal Government and here I am.

Mr. Labutis- I wanted to thank Pastor Wynn of Trinity AME Church they hosted prayers for peace on 9/11 that I was able to attend. It was a great night. I would like to welcome Save a Warrior it is a program in Newark for Veterans and first responders that are living with PTSD. It is a 5 day program that they can go through. They had a ribbon cutting this past week and for more information on that organization you can go to their website at saveawarrior.org. It seemed like a fantastic facility but also a very important program.

Mr. Lang- I would like to echo Mr. Labutis's comments on the service at Trinity AME. I would like to congratulate Chief Connor I was really happy to see Resolution 18-73 pass tonight, I know that you are excited to get that fire truck into the fleet and I would like to commend the work that you guys are doing to be able to

outfit that without needed a whole lot more appropriations from us. Mr. Moran I was excited to tour the buildings as well, it is great to see the Courthouse complete. I would also like to thank Mr. Rath and Mr. Cost for joining me at Legend Elementary. We got invite to come back I guess they didn't get enough of us last year they wanted us to come back and talk to the 3rd graders. All of those watching on You Tube I really appreciated all the engagement from the 3rd graders they were really a fun bunch. It was really nice to go and talk to them about city government. Hopefully they learned a thing or two and will have us back next year.

President Ellington- thank you to everyone for coming and watching. Committees will meet Monday October 1st at 5:45 P.M. and Council will meet at 7:00 P.M. on October 1st as well.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Labutis. Motion carried by acclamation.