

COUNCIL AGENDA

March 20, 2017

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday March 20, 2017 Newark City Council meeting to order.

ROLL CALL- Mr. Fraizer, Ms. Hall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rolletta, Mr. Blake, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd

INVOCATION – Mrs. Floyd

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Ellington

CAUCUS

MINUTES of March 6, 2017 Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the March 6, 2017 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**

Economic Development- **Received & Filed**

Capital Improvement- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Stephen Johnson, City Auditor- operating report for the period ending February 28, 2017- **Received & Filed**

Barb Jobs, City Tax Administrator- income tax revenue report for the period ending February 28, 2017- **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control- transfer applications from Freight Sales Inc to Engelfield Inc at 900 N 21st St, 224 Union St, 1175 W Church St and 999 East Main St- **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Marmie, Johnson, Cost, Floyd, Fraizer, Rath

17-11 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
(621 Water Dept Fund-\$50,000.00: Vehicles)

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 17-11, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Johnson, Cost, Floyd, Fraizer, Marmie, Rath

17-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HEARTLAND BANK FOR THE REFURBISHMENT AND REHABILITATION OF ONE FIRE APPARATUS FOR THE DIVISION OF FIRE

Motion by Mr. Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 17-13, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Marmie, Floyd, Cost, Rath, Johnson

17-14 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- EXPEDITE (153, Comp Absences Fund-\$62,650.00 Payout O'Brien; 621, Water Dept Fund- \$4,676.00 Payout Tammi Gall)

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

Mr. Marmie- we have some payouts to do and we need to expedite this in order to get the monies to the employees as soon as possible.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 17-14, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Marmie, Floyd, Cost, Rath, Johnson

17-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OF OHIO 2017 NATUREWORKS GRANT.

Held for a second reading

By: Marmie, Floyd, Cost, Rath, Johnson

17-16 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 a second reading

By: Blake, Floyd, Cost, Rath, Johnson

17-17 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT AWARD FILED BY THE LICKING COUNTY FOUNDATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE LOUIS SULLIVAN BANK BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN NEWARK, OHIO.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution 17-17 since the emergency clause was included in Section 4, second by Mr. Fraizer

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Blake, Floyd, Cost, Rath, Johnson, Marmie, Fraizer

17-18 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO SECURE THE RETURN OF THE BABE RUTH WORLD SERIES TO DON EDWARDS PARK

Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution 17-18, second by Mr. Johnson

Mr. Blake-during the committee meeting there was testimony from Mr. Frollick that there was an April 1st deadline with the Licking County Foundation so if we can adopt this tonight I think that will help their efforts.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution No. 17-18, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Cost, Floyd, Rath, Johnson, Marmie, Fraizer

17-19 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- CI (335, Capital Improvement Fund-\$13,762.00 Machinery & Equipment)

Held for a second reading

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Fraizer- I am very excited where this legislation is going as far as Babe Ruth and the fire apparatus and putting our priorities straight which is reinvesting in our community and attracting people to Newark. I had the pleasure last weekend of volunteering with HHCA to put a community garden in the North Street Park. It was a transformation over two and half hours that went from vacant asphalt to raised beds with dirt and irrigation. The next step is the planting and the harvesting. On March 22nd the Newark Vision Plan is coming up, I welcome everybody to come from 6-8 and put in your thoughts. You can fill out a survey which Jeremy put on Facebook as well, hopefully we can come up with a good vision together.

Mr. Johnson- I think it would be wonderful if we could have the Babe Ruth World Series back. I went to the Oakridge Boys concert at the Midland last weekend and it was outstanding, the Midland has wonderful programs.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee meeting. I want to commend Director Rhodes and the folks in his Street Department, I think that the pre-treatment with the last couple of go arounds we have had with in climate weather have been beneficial. I know when I drove through the Newark streets those couple of days and then when I got out of Newark while driving to work the streets in Newark city were fantastic compared to the others since they were treated with brine. I want to commend both Newark High basketball teams. They had a fantastic season, what a run. It created a lot of excitement for the City of Newark. I think there are more good things to come in the future. The girls met up with quite a competitor, they were incredible. I give credit to the other team but our girls were very good.

Mr. Rath- I know the Oakridge Boys were in town on Saturday night but I was down at a couple of different events at Barrel and Boar as well as 31 West. Downtown was packed but I was still able to find a parking space. Off of what Mr. Fraizer said we are attracting people to downtown, we are doing that. I know that we have gotten some grants for our parks lately and I'd love to see us get another grant for our parks because we are behind the times in providing for our community and attracting people with the absence of a dog parks. It is a relatively inexpensive and easy thing to implement. The biggest part is finding the space and with all the parks that we have it shouldn't be that difficult. I would like to see a dog park.

Mr. Rolletta- I would like to take a couple of comments to talk about why I didn't run for re-election. I haven't really public spoken about that. I had always planned on running for re-election but between the need to continue my education and pursue my career goals and most importantly making time for loved ones I knew I wouldn't have the time to run a campaign this year. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the people of the 4th Ward for over three years now and the night that I was elected to this office was a very proud moment for my family. I remember my late grandfather Alex Rolletta Jr. standing right up here with me as I was sworn in. Those are moments that I will cherish for the rest of my life, I really will. As a City Councilman and as a candidate I worked very hard and it often took many, many hours and as many of you all know when someone runs for office it usually takes their whole family to be behind them and supportive. My family has been behind me every step of the way and I am very thankful for that and this year I want to make sure that I am doing everything I can to make sure I'm making time for them. I've also started on my master's degree in administration and I am also very proud to say that I was offered an excellent full time position with a local non-profit that does great work in our community so it looks like I will be very, very busy this year. Over the course of my term I have invested a lot of my time into trying to be the best public servant that I can be. Serving on this Council takes a lot of time and dedication if you are going to do a good job and I feel as going forward I will not have the same amount of time to dedicate to this position that I once had. Because of this I have decided that I will resign from serving on this Council. It has been a very terribly difficult decision for me to make but I feel it is the right decision to make for the people of the 4th Ward. It is very important to me that the 4th Ward have someone with adequate time to represent them effectively. I will be handing my letter of resignation to the Mayor after the meeting tonight and I will be actively involved with the process of selecting a great person to fill out the remainder of my term. I want to thank my fellow Council members and I want to thank everyone that has supported me has a Council member and most importantly I would like to thank the residents of the 4th Ward for giving me this opportunity to serve them. Thank you.

President Ellington- thank you Mr. Rolletta, I am shocked, we will miss you.

Mr. Rolletta- thank you, I appreciate that.

Mr. Blake- I need to call an Economic Development Committee meeting for the 27th. Bob Williams from the Licking County Park District is going to come and give a presentation. Alex your service reminds me that we all really have a privilege. Out of the thousands of people we all represent each of us has a responsibility and a duty to the citizens of Newark. Those of us sitting up here on this diocese have a unique honor and privilege to serve the people. It takes a special person, all of us to step up and run for elected office. Even today some of us are running unopposed but it is like the person who steps up and runs and not just sits at their home and complain and make easy tweets and Facebook posts isn't easy. To actually get involved I honor you for doing that especially in your 20's. We need more millennials and

young people to get involved so I honor you when I thank you for your service for doing that. I want to personally thank you for your work on the legislation to make our community more welcoming and accepting with the LGBT legislation. You were with me on the very beginning with that and also giving second chances to returning citizens with the ban the box legislation. You helped me a great deal with that. Those are two significant pieces of legislation that we worked on together and I appreciate your help with that. All of us have different styles and leadership approaches but ultimately we are elected to do what is right and come together on Monday night to cast our votes. It has been an honor and a privilege to know you as a friend and I look forward to continuing that and even working with you more.

Mr. Cost- Alex thank you for your service, we hope that you will stay involved and we still see you about.

Mrs. Floyd- I went to the girls' basketball game and I just want to say that they didn't quit. They were up against a really tough opponent. The 6'3 Cummings girl was very dynamic but our girls stuck with it, they never quit, they kept fighting even though they stayed down. I think that there is a future there and like Doug said it was a fun year for Newark High basketball. There is a block watch meeting Thursday at 6:00 at the GMP Hall. As Mark said the Newark Vision meeting for 2028 at Twenty One West on the 22nd from 6-8 P.M. I think the more citizens that represent a variety of the community not just those of us who are legislators or involved in the administration in the city but average citizens I think that will be helpful in terms of planning for the future. As far as downtown I love to see parking places full. I think that we have a problem when there are lots of parking spaces available if that's the case that means there isn't a whole lot of business going on. There is so much going on at the Midland and I have heard very few complaints and they have to park fairly far away and now they have to walk a long way around the fences to get to the Midland yet they are more than happy to do so because of the type of entertainment the Midland brings to Newark. Alex it has been a real pleasure to work with you. I have really enjoyed you being a part of this body of legislators. I think you have been great for the 4th Ward. I know people who have lived in the 4th Ward who have talked about you answering their phone calls and taking care of their problems and that is what it is all about, people want to feel they can contact their Council member and have something done. I want to wish you all the luck in the world with both your master's degree and your career.

Mr. Fraizer- I need to call a Public Safety Meeting

President Ellington- I want to add to Mrs. Floyd and Mr. Rath, I went to the Mental Health Association event at the Midland Friday night and it was also jammed packed so downtown is moving right along. It is great to see. Our next committee meeting will be March 27th at 5:30 and our next City Council meeting will be Monday April 3rd at 7:00.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mr. Cost, second by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried by acclamation. 7:23 P.M.