

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2016
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday January 19, 2016 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION – Mr. Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- William Butcher

CAUCUS

MINUTES of January 4, 2016- Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the minutes from December 21, 2015 Newark City Council Meeting 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. Johnson. **Motion carried by acclamation**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

Economic Development- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Hall- State of the City

City Auditor Stephen E Johnson- operating report for the period ending December 31, 2015 **Received & Filed**

Barb Jobses, City Tax Administrator- Income Tax Revenue Reports for the period ending December 31, 2015. **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Department of Liquor Control- transfer application going from Roots & Shoots LLC to Pataskala Flowers Ltd located at 57 Price Road. **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St- stated that he would like to see a Flint Festival come back.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Marmie

16-01 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 173 AND 175 ELMWOOD AVENUE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE RH-HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT, TO MFR – MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT

Referred to Planning Commission

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie

16-01 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS PARCEL # 054-233580-00.000, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, LOCATED AT 737 W. CHURCH ST., NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO PROCEED WITH A COMPLAINT FOR APPROPRIATION IN THE LICKING COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 16-01, second by Mr. Johnson

Mr. Rath- this has to do with taking a small parcel of property along with 16-02 and I will speak to them both at the same time, at the intersection of 30th and Church Street for intersection improvements.

Councilmembers corrected that the improvement is taking place at North 21st and Church not 30th.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie

16-02 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS PARCEL # 054-245358-00.000, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, LOCATED AT 225 N. 21ST ST., NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO PROCEED WITH A COMPLAINT FOR APPROPRIATION IN THE LICKING COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 16-02, second by Mr. Johnson

Mr. Rath- just for the record this is for improvements to the intersection of 21st and Church

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie

16-03 A FINAL RESOLUTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE INTERCHANGE OVER STATE ROUTE 16

Motion by Mr. Rath to waive the two day reading rule, second by Mr. Bubb

This resolution contains the emergency clause therefore there was no need to waive the two day reading rule.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 16-03, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

16-04 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR AN OHIO HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT AWARD FILED BY RWWL, LLC FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE IN DOWNTOWN NEWARK, OHIO

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

Mr. Blake Mr. President you informed me that there is a deadline related to this resolution

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

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution No. 16-04, second by Mr. Johnson

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

16-05 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- EXPEDITE

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

Mr. Marmie- these are all things that needed to be changed because of the end of the year and some things that were missed on our budget so in order to have these items in our budget they need to be expedited.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-05, second by Mr. Cost
Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Cost, Mr. Rath

16-06 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Held for a Second Reading

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Rath

16-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO ENTER INTO A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY

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

Mr. Marmie- this has to be expedited because there is a deadline to meet the application date.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-07, second by Mr. Johnson

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 293 Union St- he would like to see Union Street paved and the alley behind where he lives

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Hall- this past Sunday the City of Danville lost a Law Enforcement Officer. No matter where this happens it hits home but this was in our neighboring county. It sends chills through you when you think about how this occurred and what happened. Surely the upmost respect for the law enforcement offices in that line of duty as well as our firefighters that run into situations that is uncertain at times. He had roots in Licking County. He was a 2000 graduate of Newark High School. I want to extend our sincere condolences to his family and the Danville Police Department and of course the citizens with the City of Danville being a town of about 1,000 that is a large impact on the community.

Mr. Blake- he thanked Director Spurgeon for his help regarding an issue near a constituents business in his ward that reached out to him. He thanked the Mayor for his comments regarding the Newark Youth Council in the State of the City. I think that has been a great program since we have been working together as collaboration. This Thursday the Youth Council is going to learn about the Judicial Branch of our Government. We are going to visit with Judge Stansbury and learn about the Municipal Court. I am looking forward to that visit. Youth Council had a rough start its' first year but it continues to get better each year that we do it so I look forward to continued years with that. With Martin Luther King Day yesterday and several other community events happening this week and Denison is celebrating the work of Dr. King next Monday but I had a good opportunity over the holiday break to visit another non-violent leader while I was in India. I went to Mohandas Gundi's memorial service. It just reminds us that these two great leaders were change makers not only in their own nations but in the world. I think their examples of leadership and doing away with the politics of hatred, division and negativity that diversity is a good thing. No matter what religion, race, sexual orientation, whatever the difference is diversity is positive not negative. There is much going on in our popular media about different religions specifically the Muslim religion, there are differences and we should embrace difference not try to place people in certain categories. Doctor King and Gundi had similarities within each of their respective works and we should learn from their work. I look forward to a great year but I think that we need to remember those that are unfortunate and marginalize in our community with cold weather and the things that are happening there are people out there who are not getting food to eat and there are people out there who are homeless. I just want to recognize there are people in poverty and we need to work with our non-profit agencies to make sure services are provided.

Mr. Fraizer- I had a great opportunity helping this week with the HHCA chicken noodle dinner. Over \$2,000.00 was raised and the money is still being counted as far as what is coming in from the chicken and noodles and the auction. It was a great event and a great turn out. We really look forward to seeing what that will impact in the residential neighborhood of Historical Hudson and so that coupled with development project that is going on Mount Vernon and

Hudson as well as the downtown project and making those two areas together the opportunity is certainly vast for the improvement in that entire area. I echo the five areas the Mayor pointed out of safety, neighborhood improvement, economic development, local schools and efficient and effective government all ambitious goals and all dead on for what the City of Newark needs to be doing and so I thank the administration. He called a Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Johnson- I had the opportunity on Saturday to go over to the Doctor Martin Luther King Center in Columbus and listen to the speeches of 26 kids from grades 1st to 6th dealing with the subject "Would Dr. King say this is Community or Chaos?" and I will tell you that those 26 kids from grades 1st to 6th did a wonderful job talking about bringing community together. It was really outstanding and gives me great hope and faith in the future of our world because there are kids that understand. They all wrote their own speeches. The kids from 1st to 3rd grade had two minutes and the other grades had three minutes. The first little boy lost his speech and he cried and cried then they let him come back and he gave one of the best speeches we heard all day long, his name was Isaac and I will say he will probably be President of the United States someday. I would hope maybe sometime we could consider something like that in our community because it really was wonderful and it involves the kids. Mayor I thank you for your comments tonight, I am pleased to be here.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee meeting. I also want to comment as far as the State of the City I like the five areas which we are concentrating on. I agree with William in what he said about paving of the streets although I don't know if I agree with the paving of the alleys I think that our priorities are the streets. We can make improvements with the alley ways but we definitely need to increase the paving number of our streets to make our neighborhoods better and also to help as far as economic development. I think good roads and infrastructure would definitely help that out. In addition I would that we work to make it less expensive for citizens to live, work and raise a family in Newark. That is what I see on a daily basis is that folks are crying out that it is getting more and more expensive for the little things. We know that the price of everything continues to increase although inflation has pretty much been stagnate but when taxes or anything along those lines goes up it causes a huge burden then they spend less money on things in the community and then if it makes it more expensive to live in a community they choose to live elsewhere. I want to make sure we maintain that lower level of cost for our citizens. I want to mention one of our very own in this community and it was mentioned in the paper and stated that Coach John Connizzaro is being recognized on Thursday but it is Friday. I will have the honor of attending Coach Cannizzaro being inducted into the Ohio High School Hall of Fame. He has numerous records that no one else even comes close to with his personal record of 6 State Championship, numerous victories at the regional and district level that aren't even touched by any other school. I want to congratulate Coach Cannizzaro in his accomplishments not only in the victories but also what he has done to help kids get to the next level, some of them may not have even attended college if it hadn't been for the fact that somebody looked at them and helped them with funding because of their abilities with athletics. He continues to always support education. His first priority keeping grades up and if they are you can play but if they're not then you need to go home instead of practice. He has done a great job training men and making sure they are good citizens not only for our community but when they are elsewhere representing our community. I hope that if you see him out sometime you will congratulate him.

Mr. Rath- called for a Service Committee meeting. Mayor I appreciate your State of the State, City and your incitement and leadership. I am also excited about where Newark is going. I had the opportunity to attend the Downtown Newark Association After Hours meeting tonight along with Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd and Mr. Blake. They are very excited about what is going on in Newark and about the downtown area. They have some new developments coming out that I think are going to do well in promoting the city. They have the new Final Fridays schedule out and I saw some things on there coming back from last year that I really liked and I'm excited about that as well.

President Ellington- Monday January 25th Committees will meet at 5:30 in this room and the next Council meeting is February 1st at 7:00 also in this room.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Cost. Motion carried by acclamation 7:37 P.M.