

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 16, 2016

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M.- President Ellington called the Tuesday February 16, 2016 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION – Mrs. Floyd

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS- Motion by Mr. Marmie to excuse Mr. Johnson, second by Mrs. Floyd. Motion carried by acclamation.

MINUTES of February 1, 2016-Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the minutes from February 1, 2016 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**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Stephen E Johnson, City Auditor- operating report for the period ending January 31, 2016. - **Received & Filed**

Barb Jobes, City Tax Administrator- Income Tax Revenue Reports for the period ending January 31, 2016. - **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Ohio Division of Liquor Control- transfer application from Marie Renee LLC to Newark BBQ LLC at 5 N 3rd St- **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St- thanked the Street Department and congratulated them on a good job with the snow removal.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Rath

16-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR AN AWARD OF FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 FUNDING UNDER THE OHIO EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-08, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Cost, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Rath

16-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES (DOWNTOWN SEWER SEPARATION) AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 16-10, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Rath

16-11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARD FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-11, second by Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Fraizer, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Cost, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Rath

16-12 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION- CI

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-12, second by Mr. Bubb

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

16-13 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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

Mr. Marmie- this is some final money to get appropriated for the ATV

Motion to waive the two day reading rule passed by a vote of 9-0.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-13, second by Mr. Rath

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

16-14 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT AWARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Held for a Second Reading

By: Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

16-15 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Held for a Second Reading

By: Mr. Rath, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Marmie

16-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A MASTER LAND REUTILIZATION AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO FACILITATE THE RECLAMATION, REUTILIZATION, AND REHABILITATION OF VACANT, ABANDONED, TAX-FORECLOSED REAL PROPERTY

Held for a Second Reading

By: Mr. Rath, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Marmie

16-17 A RESOLUTION GRANTING A TEMPORARY EASEMENT AT PARCEL # 054-286500-02.000, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, LOCATED AT EVANS BOULEVARD, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO BETWEEN THE THOMAS J. EVANS FOUNDATION AND THE CITY OF NEWARK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Mr. Rath to adopt Resolution No. 16-17, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

16-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PAY BILLS ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-18, second by Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Rath

16-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PAY BILLS ON BEHALF OF THE UTILITIES SUPERINTENDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Marmie to adopt Resolution No. 16-19, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 9-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St- would like to see his street and alley paved come spring/summer months and would still like to see a Flint Festival downtown and have an old stop light for his apartment.

MISCELLANEOUS

Director Sassen- I would like the record to note the passing of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia probably one of the most polarizing figures any one of us know. It is interesting that his death comes in at what is probably going to be the most hostile presidential election year of any of our memories but if you take nothing away from Antonin Scalia you should recognize the close friendship he had with Ruth Badar Ginsburg and realize if nothing else we can all agree to disagree but we don't have to be disagreeable. We should also tonight note the passing of Lester Johnston who very few of us up here probably remember Lester coming to Council and holding us to task. Mr. Johnston was probably the original watch dog of Newark City Council and the budget. One thing he was prepared. He was opinionated but he was always prepared. He was always very polite to me even when he was making it clear that he thought that I was a complete and total idiot. Nonetheless amongst Lester's many accomplishments besides being a Pear Harbor survivor is that he leaves his bride of 71 years behind which I think is pretty impressive.

President Ellington- I did a few stints on the school board and Lester paid us a few visits, I remember Lester well and you are right he certainly had his facts straight. He was always a nice guy.

Mr. Cost- I would like to welcome Mrs. Floyd back to Council, it's nice to see you here again.

Mrs. Floyd- I am glad to be back

Mr. Fraizer- I do have some comments, I did my homework and looked into the Licking County Land Reutilization Corporation. After committee the other night I wanted to make sure that the agreement was up to the standards as the city should and that we were gaining some level of control in the affair. So in reviewing it the limit of the scope of it is vacant, abandoned and tax foreclosed real property. With that limited scope it really allows us to make sure that it is blight that is corrected and not development or some sort of biases major in which you could go into this as a corporation and try to have winners and losers. This really is meant to bring the county together to clean up blight not only in our community but in surrounding communities as well. It also is to provide such support and cooperation as necessary and permissible to accomplish the shared goal of economic and housing development. By looking into economic and housing development this cooperation has the means in order to take blight and delineate whether they want to acquire, maintain, depose of, rehabilitate and or demolish for the public welfare. With the right of first acquisition that is written into the contract the city has the ability to supersede the LCLRC. I am trying to make sure I get the name right because it is a mouthful. With the allocations of cost the city will receive a first distribution of reimbursement for the protocols that are adhered to in the agreement. The municipality can receive funds from the sale for future use as well. Overall I think the agreement is excellent and we can look at a new mechanism in which we can improve our blighted homes in our community and surrounding communities. I hope that we can continue to make progress in our community and that this is just one of many mechanisms to get us through that time. Welcome back Carol Floyd.

Mr. Marmie- called a Finance Committee meeting. I would like to extend a large gratitude a thank you to Director Rhodes and his crews even though we have not had as much snow this year anytime we have something like we had last night it is taxing on an individual and individuals that were out there plowing and I am greatly appreciative of what they did. I'm sure it wasn't easy. I too would like to extend my condolences for Lester. I truly do remember him coming in here, he had a mannerism that you didn't feel like you were being yelled at but you knew that you were being scolded. He was one of the first individuals who were successful with a referendum in the City of Newark. He got his troops together, he was organized and he did it the right way. He didn't just stand there and pound his fist on the pedestal and say this is what he wanted; he went after it and did it in the right manner. He will be missed. It was always a pleasure to hear him talk however it was intimidating whenever you saw him sitting in the crowd because you knew he was going to say something. I want to welcome back Mrs. Floyd. I don't even think you were gone long, it is remarkable. Glad you are back

Mr. Rath- welcomed Mrs. Floyd back called a Service Committee meeting

Mr. Blake- I think that over the weekend many of read a well written news article about our Police Chief. He spoke at the Think Tank on Poverty meeting this last Saturday and I think some of the endeavors that he is looking at wanting to change or to be supported and hopefully he is able to have discussions with the correct individuals to make certain things happen regarding drug addiction in our community regarding people that are willing to take that step and want to make a difference in their own lives and how our police officers and our police department can help them in that regards. I want to make a shout out to our chief and I want to say publicly that I am supportive of the efforts he is doing and hopefully in the future we will see something that will be a real program that will be unique for us in the State of Ohio.

President Ellington- I would also like to thank Director Rhodes, I know that he had all of his staff out and I think he had anybody that had a plow that could drive a plow from Streets, Water Department, Engineering and the Cemetery department. They were all out this morning hitting it, so thank you for your effort on that. There will be no meeting next Monday because it is a five Monday month. Monday the 29th leap year committees will meet at 5:30 P.M. in this room and then City Council will meet on Monday March 7th at 7:00 P.M. also right here in this room.

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