

COUNCIL AGENDA

November 16, 2015

Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. - President Ellington called the Monday November 16, 2015 Newark City Council Meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – Mr. Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS

MINUTES- of November 2, 2015 Motion by Mr. Rath to approve the 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. Johnson. **Motion carried by acclamation**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance- **Received & Filed**

Service- **Received & Filed**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

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

Barb Jobses, Tax Administrator- Income Tax Revenue Report for the period ending October 31, 2015- **Received & Filed**

COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Moran- his comments regarding issues in Newark from the Council meeting of November 2, 2015- **Received & Filed**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St-would like to see Union Street paved and provided a weather update.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SECOND READING

By: Mr. Blake, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Rath

15-97 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

(100, General Fund: \$400.00- Donation for NFD Training; 100, General Fund: \$2,703.73-Summer Youth Program)

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution No. 15-97, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

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

15-100 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 116 UNION STREET.

Held for a Second Reading

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

15-101 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION A ANAEROBIC DIGESTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECTS. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10.02 (D) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, THIS CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DOES NOT REQUIRE COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Held for a Second Reading

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

15-102 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND DISAPPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION-EXPEDITE (**153 Compensated Absences-\$4,200.00: Payout Kathy Simons; 153 Compensated Absences-\$4,700.00: Payout Scott Luce; DISAPPROPRIATION 100 General Fund-\$5,707.92: Overtime & Salaries; 100 General Fund-\$5,707.92: Law Subscriptions**)

Motion by Mr. Blake to waive the two day reading rule on Resolution No. 15-102, second by Mrs. Floyd

Mr. Blake- this is dealing with some employee payouts and a request from Municipal Courts to expedite.

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

Motion by Mr. Blake to adopt Resolution No. 15-102, second by Mrs. Floyd

Motion passed by a vote of 10-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

William Butcher, 263 Union St- he would like to see the alley behind where he is get repaired and get fixed.

Paul Moran, 63 S 4th St- discussed bicycle safety and encouraged the use of sidewalks whenever possible and suggested the City improve and extend their sidewalks to prevent tragedies. He stated that Adidas has started a nationwide program to end Native American mascots. He also gave kudos to the City for the improvement to the railroad crossing on East Main Street.

Tim Waldron, 167 S 2nd St- he relayed his thoughts and feelings on the roundabouts being constructed downtown as well as citizens' comments on he has seen on Facebook. He stated that people are stating they aren't going to shop downtown Newark. He also stated that this is not what the taxpayers want and that the City should listen to them not their rich friends. He encouraged the City to stop construction. He also suggested removing the traffic lights for better traffic flow.

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Hall- Last Wednesday was Veteran's Day and I really want to extend kudos and compliments to the schools I went to. I went to Legend Elementary on Tuesday and they did an assembly to honor the Veterans then every other year they have the Veterans go to the classrooms. They honored them in a very nice way. Carson Elementary choir has written a song to try to end the violence in schools. They have a CD of it and they were honored to go to the State House and perform at the lower level. They also got a tour of the State house. The Veterans Service Committee for Licking County had a great Veterans Day ceremony at the 6th Street park, it may have been one of the best that they have done. It was a great turn out and I appreciate the community's support.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Cost- called for a Service Committee meeting for November 23rd.

Mrs. Floyd- I am going to disagree with what Mr. Waldron said. Those of you who get the Dispatch this was the picture that was on the front page of the Metro Section that shows the roundabout that is in front of the County Building. I remember when they first poured this that Mr. Moran said how big it was and that is the purpose. People are going to have to drive slowly around it. One of the things when they had those meetings determining the design was pedestrian safety. Those are wide streets to walk across even at the traffic lights. They are very wide streets to try to navigate. When you have narrower streets and two way traffic and it is one lane in each direction people drive more slowly on streets like that. I know some people aren't happy about it and I have argued with people at church about the roundabouts. It's not like the roundabouts in Columbus that are two lane and you have cars coming in from all directions. You are basically driving around the circle. There are no stop signs and no traffic lights, traffic will continue to flow. I am very excited about it. I think the new sidewalks and the new design will ultimately bring people downtown. It is a mess while it is being done, I understand all of that. I was at a meeting downtown at La Paloma where they were talking about where construction was now and where it is going to go then later that night I went to a Historic Hudson meeting where Brian Morehead explained what is going to happen with the two way on Hudson and Mt. Vernon and

how they are going to do the sewer separation. When your constituents ask you things you where things are going to go I am going to pass these cards out for Joe Hickman who is sort of the point man on this whole project downtown.

Mr. Guthrie- I appreciate the fact that Curtis brought up Paris and also that the Mayor brought up the Veterans Day ceremony at the 6th St Park. It was very nice as it always is but it seems like it is a little nicer every year but maybe that is just your patriot spirit coming out. I want to share something, many of you I think Don you know Steve & Linda Linham that now live in the villages of Florida. Steve sent me this brochure and I am going to share it with the Mayor. Our city may be planning something and it makes no difference what my position is on the roundabouts they are here to stay. Sanford County Florida put out this nice brochure basically teaching people how to use roundabouts and what the cautions are. The city may already have a plan like this to disseminate to the voters around the city but I will let you pass that along to the folks that are involved in it. The only other thing that I wanted to say and I know that everybody wants to sort of stay above the political fray and I understand that but I did want to say that I had mentioned the mail piece that was done against Mr. Rolletta and then I found out because one of my Republican friends called and told me that there was a robo call was done while we were actually sitting here together 2 weeks ago that basically said the same thing that the mail piece did. I just want to say that it is sort of an all-time low for Newark City politics. It is sad. I have seen these at the State level and at the national level but I have never seen it happen locally. Basically we hid behind a state party, sent them money, whatever to do this but it is sad. I have always discouraged negative campaigns but I guess they are here to stay right here in the City of Newark. It is a shame and I was hoping that more people would have quite frankly spoken out on it two weeks ago because even though one might say that it is political and we don't talk politics in here the fact is that this is our community and Mr. Rolletta is our colleague. It is just a shame that it had to happen.

Mr. Marmie- called for a Rules Committee meeting. First I will have to agree with Mr. Guthrie whether you voted for the roundabouts or like myself did not vote for the roundabouts it doesn't matter they are here and we just need to get engaged in the fact that they are going to be here. We need to move forward with it. I thought that it was interesting that we had one person up here talking about discrimination because of a school mascot and I hope that they never get to the Yankees because that would just be a tragedy then we have another gentleman spouting out rich friends, rich friends which is pure discrimination. I hope that we think about what we say, we think about what is going on and we try to do the best we can moving forward. It is easy to look in the rear view mirror and be very critical but what we need to be doing is looking out the windshield at where we are headed and what we need to do moving forward. I don't know if the answer is saying that the Utica Redskins are being discriminatory because no one in that school that is there today or the parents or faculty had anything to do with that mascot so there is no discrimination intended there, just as there isn't with the Heath Bulldogs or the Newark Wildcats discriminating against Bulldogs or Wildcats. I really don't think that is the intent of any of this. Politically correct, yes. If you want to be politically correct there was a Christmas song saying you can't say anything, you can't say silent night when you are singing Silent Night because you are discriminating against the deaf because they can't hear. Where does it end? Where does this discrimination with words end? I hope that the roundabouts will be a positive aspect of Newark. I'm not going to say that I told you so, I didn't vote for it or anything like that in the fact of being spiteful. It is what it is, we are moving forward, and we are going to have roundabouts in Newark. Safeties, making sure people know how to utilize roundabouts, great. Is it going to help the downtown businesses? Let's hope so. Anything that can help downtown businesses is going to be great. Carol and I were upstairs before the meeting reminiscing about how I did all of our shopping downtown, that's how it was but times have changed. We can't turn back time but can we make downtown Newark a memory for some other generation? That is what we are trying to do. It's not going to be the same memory as my memory but it might be different, it might be better.

Mr. Rath- it brings to mind my favorite quote and that is 48.7 % of all statistics are made up on the spot and if you didn't catch that I will say it again 56.2 % of all statistics are made up on the spot. The misinformation that is being thrown around here tonight is just amazing to me because apparently we don't discuss those kinds of things at Council. Mr. Moran I will tell you that I will caution you to encouraging people to using bicycles on the sidewalks. It is against the law. It is against the law for a reason, it is unsafe. We do have some vehicle bicycle statistics but I don't know them and I'm not going to make them up but I would wager that a majority of those are caused by people riding bicycles not obeying

traffic laws and so we are not going to build wider sidewalks so they can break the law.

Mr. Blake- called for a Finance Committee

Mr. Bubb- I wanted to thank everybody that was involved in the Haunted Jail tour this past fall. From my understanding it was a large success for Newark and even bigger plans for next year. I want to remind everybody that next Friday night is the annual lighting of the Courthouse starting at 5:30 P.M. and hope to see everyone there.

President Ellington- I believe the haunted jail collected more than \$90,000. How great for its first year. The next committee meeting will be the 23rd of November at 5:30 P.M. The next Council meeting will be December 7th at 7:00 P.M. all here in this room.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mr. Cost. Motion carried by acclamation. 7:32