

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
May 17, 2021

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, May 17, 2021 , following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Jeff Harris – Vice Chair
Spencer Barker
Jeremy Blake
Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. Consider **Resolution No.21-34** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF ON NEWARK CITY HALL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

City Engineer, Mr. Brian Morehead – I will speak on behalf of Director Rhodes, he submitted this legislation to you. It's pretty self explanatory, as the Mayor mentioned, one of the items that will be before Capital Improvements is to provide the funding for this so, David wanted to get on the agenda and move forward with this roof replacement.

Mr. Rath – Do you know why we aren't doing bids?

Mr. Morehead – I do not, no.

Law Director, Doug Sassen – I spoke with the Service Director before drafting this legislation. His concern in the request for the competitive bidding as well as the emergency is the status of the roof now and the leaks are causing additional damage to the building. If it's allowed to continue that structural damage is only going to get worse. You can walk around the 4th floor and you can see where it's stained the wall, where it's leaked down. You can see the stains in our new ceiling tiles in my office. The courtroom on the 3rd floor gets leaks in there. There have been times before the patches that Mr. Marmie talked about, where it was raining in there. It wasn't a leak, it was rain. So, the concern for the emergency and the reason for not doing competitive bidding is because of the desire to limit additional structural damage. Gill Roofing has done other work for us on additional buildings, I believe they did the fire station and police station, the Service Director is very satisfied with their work, thinks it's very reasonably priced. They've indicated they can begin the work fairly immediately and so that's why he's asking for the emergency clause.

Mr. Harris – Mr. Morehead, what kind of roof is that up there, is it rubber?

Mr. Morehead – Yes, it also has pebble ballast on it.

Motion to send to full council, second by Mr. Barker

Mr. Barker – Mr. Morehead, you might not know this we may have to follow up with Director Rhodes, but has the contractor already been talked to about a timeline on this? I know some contractors are having timeline issues. What's the timeline they may have given us for roof repairs?

Mr. Rath – Director Sassen said they would be available almost immediately.

Mr. Morehead – Yes, I don't know specifically.

Mr. Barker – Okay, I was just wondering.

Rochelle Volen-Smith, 237 Violet Ct. – I was wondering if it was going to be a complete replacement or if they were just going to use the same substance with simply a patch job.

Mr. Morehead – y understanding is they will be removing the old roof , and put on new.

Ms. Volen-Smith – So, it's not the same substance?

Mr. Morehead – It's also a rubber roof, but the existing roof is 50 some years old.

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath - Chair