

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
June 7, 2021

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, June 7, 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 **Ordinance No. 21-19** AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS HORNS HILL ROAD (LOCATED BETWEEN THE ADDRESSES OF 1700 HORNS HILL ROAD) PARCEL TAX ID # 058-286682-01.000 AND 058-286194-00.000, BEING 55.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Mr. Rath – I had a conversation this afternoon with the attorney representing Mr. Layman, who is making this request, she was not able to attend tonight due to a prior commitment, but will available for questions in the future should we have any.

Mr. Doug Sassen, Law Director – This is the final step in the process of this annexation. This went before council before it went back to the County Commissioner’s, this is just the final step and actually accepting this property into the city that we’ve already consented to the annexation.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Bubb, motion passed 5-0

2. Consider **Ordinance No. 21-20** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS MULTIPLE PARCELS LOCATED ON WEST MAIN STREET, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO , FROM THAT OF GC-GENERAL COMMERCIAL, LC-LIMITED COMMERCIAL, LI- LIMIT4ED INDUSTRIAL, AND RH-SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE (HIGH DENSITY) DISTRICTS TO DC-DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Mr. David Rhodes, Service Director – As always, I ask that you pass this on to the Planning Commission to get an opinion and then to council.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Harris

Mr. Rath – Just for curiosity sake can you speak to the location of the parcels.

Director Rhodes – Yes, this encompasses the property now known as Newark Station and the properties across the street from that.

Mr. Barker – I will be abstaining from this vote because I’m involved in the Newark Station project.

Mr. Blake – Director Rhodes, we’ve had a few instances this year where there’s concern about people getting notified when we’ve had zoning changes with the gas station and whatnot. I’m curious with us having multiple properties in the zoning district, what’s the notification process to notify residents.

Mr. Doug Sassen, Law Director – Most of the properties involved in this re-zoning are parties to the application, either themselves or through their representative, they're all in agreement with it. There are others that would abut to those properties that are not part of the re-zoning and the notification there is regular mail to anyone within 300 feet of the re-zone.

Mr. Rath – Just to cut to the chase on this, you would notify the property owners and then they would have the responsibility to notify the property residents.

Director Sassen – The notification goes to the property owner. What the property owner does with that is up to the property owner. If it's a rental, it's up to them if they want to advise the tenant. The properties being re-zoned, the applicants are aware and in agreement with this, the abutting properties that aren't being re-zoned will receive notice also.

Mr. Lang – Just to make a further comment to that, under the new policy in respect to the Facebook page, our clerk, Janine, will be posting everything to the Facebook page, so I would recommend to Mr. Blake, you could post to your Facebook page to further share with constituents, but that will help get the message out as well.

Director Sassen – Just as a clarification, it will come back to council here in two weeks, then it goes to Planning Commission and there's a Public Hearing at Planning Commission, which is published in the newspaper and I assume will be on the Facebook page as well, then when it comes back from Planning Commission there is another Public Hearing on this issue, so another opportunity for citizen comments and that constitutes a second reading.

Mr. Blake – Is 300 feet for this notification the same as it would be if you were using a single piece of property?

Director Sassen – The line would be kind of weird because you would have to go all around different points of this because it includes more than one property.

Motion passed 4-0 with one abstaining

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath - Chair