

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
May 4, 2020

The Service Committee met on YouTube streaming via Zoom on Monday, May 4, 2020 with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath
Jeff Harris
Jeremy Blake
Ryan Bubb
Spencer Barker

We wish to report:

1. Consider **Resolution No. 20-30** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT BIDS AND LEASE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING THAT SUCH PROPERTY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

Service Director Rhodes – This is the old crime lab located on Cherry Valley Rd. It's connected to the County Morgue. There are about 5 offices in there that I think we can rent to a business. I'm just looking for the authorization to do that. The back part of the building we are using for storage for the clerk's office and for anyone else who may need storage space.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0

2. Consider **Ordinance No. 20-17** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND A RESOLUTION AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Director of Law Sassen – It's our standard semi-annual update of approved ordinances, the reason for an emergency is because of publication deadlines that we must meet.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0

3. Consider **Resolution N0. 20-36** A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT. CONTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT AND RELATED WORK AT INTERSECTION OF SR 13 (4TH STREET) AND CR 132 (WEST MAIN STREET) WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Engineer Brian Morehead – This is standard legislation from ODOT. We have applied to ODOT for some safety funding to improve that intersection, the choice of the infrastructure is a roundabout there and 4th and Main, so this will allow us to move forward, keep the project on ODOT's books and accept the funding. We're currently in the design phase of it and over the course of the next 6 months or so, we'll have a little more detail on what it's going to look like and what the overall cost will be. The safety funding is a maximum of \$717,000 with this legislation. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Mr. Rath – You said the choice was a roundabout. May I ask who made that choice and was it for safety reasons, how did they come up with that?

Mr. Morehead – Prior to the choice, ODOT funded a safety study there. ODOT had a consultant that worked with the city, they looked at the traffic count, accidents etc. They came up with a list of different options, but the best solution was to do a roundabout.

Mr. Blake – Is there a picture of what that will look like for the whole 4th Street project that's been released on a website?

Mr. Morehead – There was a generically drawn picture back when we were doing the 4th Street public info meetings, but it's not totally accurate.

Mr. Blake – Will this roundabout be sufficient for semi's and larger traffic to go through?

Mr. Morehead – Absolutely, because we need to accommodate the traffic on the state route.

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

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0

Jeff Rath, Chair