

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
December 7, 2020

The Service Committee met via Zoom on Monday, December 7, 2020 with these members in attendance:

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

We wish to report:

1. Consider **Resolution No. 20-92 Emergency** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR NECESSARY ALTERATIONS AND UPGRADES TO NEWARK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Service Director Rhodes – We’ve had several discussions with Councilmen Marmie, Blake and some others about making council chambers alterations. We engaged North Point Architecture and they’re plans I’ll get it out to all council members. We’re talking about expanding council chambers out about 6 feet to where the walkway is, expanding the front of the building which would allow us to put the security personnel out there. We would have to do some stairs and glass work, but it’s something we could do pretty quickly, hence, the emergency because we are using COVID money for this.
Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Barker to send to full council
Mr. Blake – Just a point of clarification, were we going to use Rule 11 on this tonight?
Director Rhodes – I had hoped to. The intent was to just have discussion in committee and then use Rule 11.
Mr. Rath – My apologies, I was not aware of that.
Mr. Marmie – We definitely do need to use Rule 11 on this. I want to thank Jeremy on the technology side he’s been able to give a lot of information and great suggestions. These modifications are being made so it’s more friendly for COVID where we need to have separation or need to use technology. It’s directly related to COVID and that chambers are COVID friendly.
Mr. Rath – so, Mr. Marmie and Mr. Blake you are both comfortable with using Rule 11 on this tonight.
Mr. Marmie – Yes
Mr. Blake – Yes
Mr. Bubb – Thank you for the clarification, for the record I will withdraw my motion.
Mr. Lang – Just a quick question for Director Rhodes, do you have a general idea how much we will be spending on this?
Director Rhodes – When I get those numbers I will share them with council and they should be forthcoming pretty quickly.
Mr. Lang – Do you have a ballpark at all?
Director Rhodes – I’d hate to give a ballpark right now. In the next couple of days I will have that for you.
Mr. Blake – I just want to thank Mr. Marmie and Mr. Rhodes, I think everyone will be pleased with what’s going to happen here. Having some television screens on the side walls of council chambers and accessibility during this whole pandemic will be easier for the public to participate and after the pandemic we’ll be able to use the technology for city meetings. So I think it’ a wise investment and everyone will be pleased when it’s finished.
Mr. Rath – I see our new Safety Director has joined us and I want to say welcome.

2. Consider **Resolution No. 20-93** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES (UV DISINFECTION UPGRADE PROJECT) AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN.

Roger Loomis – Water Administrator – This is just an authorization to enter into a loan. It's one of 5 pieces of legislation on this. We already established the rates and the ordinance for the engineering contract. The engineering for this is about finished. We need to enter into a loan agreement with OWDA, we'll submit the application in February and enter into the loan in about July. Bids will be coming in around June and construction must be done before disinfection season of 2023. The loan will be about \$3.5 million and this is just the authorization for us to enter into that loan.

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

3. Consider **Ordinance No. 20-42** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 2811 RIVER ROAD, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RL – LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Mr. Rath - As a procedural reminder, if this is sent forward to council it will go to Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation then back to council for a public hearing and a vote

Brian Morehead- City Engineer – This ordinance and 20-43, 20-44 are all separate properties submitted by a developer to be changed to Planned Unit Development and so should be considered together. There is a Preliminary Development Plan along with this, that plan is in the clerks office and the engineering office. This will go to council for a first reading then be referred to Planning Commission.

Mr. Blake – Is the information in an electronic format? I haven't seen it can you send it to all council members?

Mr. Morehead – I believe it is, It's a pretty large file but I will try to email it out.

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

4. Consider **Ordinance No. 20-43** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 2738 RIVER ROAD, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RL – LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

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

5. Consider **Ordinance No. 20-44** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 2550 RIVER ROAD, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RL – LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

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6. Other items at the discretion of the chair.

Jeff Rath - Chair