

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
May 8, 2019

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday May 6, 2019 following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath, Chair
Bill Cost Jr
Jonathan Lang
Jeremy Blake
Mark Labutis for Ryan Bubb

We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 19-35** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to enter into a lease purchase agreement with Park National Bank for the lease-purchase of one EMS transport medic unit for the Division of Fire was considered.

Director Rhodes- after reviewing the needs of the Fire Department with the Chief and Nick Simmons we have all come to the conclusion with the additional fire station headed our way we need to buy another medic unit and that is what we are asking you to give us permission to do. Should this happen you will probably see the medic unit around November or December maybe first part of January.

Motion by Mr. Lang to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Mr. Blake- some of our vehicles are a lease/purchase agreement and the Finance committee just heard a piece being taken out of the budget stabilization so why are vehicles being purchased in various different ways.

Director Rhodes- that's a fair question, in the previous committee we felt that we had the dollars to just pay cash for it. We have done a good job watching our dollars this year and over the past couple of years we have built the rainy day fund up through fiscal responsibility and we feel comfortable to the cash out and paying for it and not paying any interest on it. We would like to do that with all of them but we can't. This one will follow the EMS legislation and have payments on it probably a four year payback.

Mr. Blake- do you still have your spreadsheet with the number of lease agreement vehicles we have?

Director Rhodes- yes, absolutely.

Mr. Blake- because we do have some Police vehicles that are on a lease agreement as well.

Director Rhodes- that is correct and what we hope to do is make our last payment on those next year. We hope to get another 6 next year which would mean that we have rotated in 20 vehicles and that is the number that the Chief and the Safety Director feel as though we need to have. With this addition it will be 14 and what we will come with next year will be 6 which brings us to 20.

Mr. Blake- can we get an updated copy of the spreadsheet?

Director Rhodes- yes

Mr. Rath- it is good to hear that you are thinking of the future and putting a plan together.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. **Resolution No. 19-36** authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service for the City of Newark, Ohio, to enter into a purchase agreement for the purchase of four police cruisers and two detective cars for the Division of Police was considered.

Director Rhodes- this just gives me the authority to enter into an agreement for purchase, without your vote I can't buy them.

Motion by Mr. Lang to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Mr. Rath- I will vote of this and support this but on an air of caution; do you remember when Dodge came out with new police vehicles and everybody ran to get them because they were the latest and greatest and nobody drives Dodge anymore because they were a maintenance nightmare. I hope that is not the case this time.

Director Rhodes- when they come in take a ride with an officer and see what you think.

Mr. Rath- I would absolutely love to so that.

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

3. **Resolution No. 19-37** regarding a buffer zone for the annexation of approximately 0.419 acres, more or less, located in Newark Township; and declaring an emergency was considered.

Director Sassen- these next four pieces of legislation all fit together, 2 resolutions and two ordinances. They are all before you as an emergency and they are all going to appear tonight on the agenda for Council pursuant to Rule 11 with the approval of Mr. Cost and Mr. Marmie. This relates to one parcel of property on Myrtle Ave which is

annexing into the city as an expedited II annexation. As a result we have a 20 day deadline to act on this legislation and today of our receipt and low and behold today is our 20th day. The first two resolutions are fairly ministerial, they are simply advising the property owner what services are available if the annexation goes through. The next two pieces of legislation you will notice are polar opposites of each other. The one is an ordinance objecting to the annexation and the other is an ordinance consenting to the annexation. You can vote yes on both of those in committee but you can't vote yes on both of those during Council. As you will recall from years past we are doing it this way because I think having both of these pieces of legislation before Council gives Council a meaningful opportunity to object if they are so inclined. If we were to do it simply as a consent and Council wanted to object I think that presents procedural hurdles. We are also here because I think this committee is within its' rights from a parliamentary procedure standpoint to vote on these four pieces of legislation but I also think that we according to the rules will need invoke rule 11 tonight with the change in the Council schedule I don't think that it was ever anyone's intent that a piece of legislation that is acted upon in committee be heard by Council the same night and that is why I will be asking Council to hear it tonight because we are obligated to but do by means of rule 11.

Mr. Fraizer- is this at the request of the property owner and are they the one that put the 20 day request in?

Director Sassen- it is an expedited II annexation, it is a single parcel of property that the property owner has requested to annex in but it is filed as an annexation II and those deadlines are set by statute.

Motion by Mr. Cost to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

4. **Resolution No. 19-38** adopting a statement indicating what services, if any, the City of Newark, Ohio, will provide for approximately 0.419 acres more or less located in Newark Township, a territory proposed for expedited II annexation, and declaring an emergency was considered.

Motion by Mr. Cost to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

5. **Ordinance No. 19-09** consenting to the annexation of certain territory, generally described as being approximately 0.419 acres, more or less, located in Newark Township, to the City of Newark, Ohio, and declaring an emergency was considered.

Motion by Mr. Cost to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

6. **Ordinance No. 19-10** objecting to the annexation of certain territory, generally described as being approximately 0.419 acres, more or less, located in Newark Township, to the City of Newark, Ohio, and declaring an emergency was considered.

Motion by Mr. Cost to send to full Council, second by Mr. Labutis

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

7. **Resolution No. 19-39** a final resolution in cooperation with ODOT for a project that consists of sidewalk reconstruction along the south side of Arlington Avenue between North Cedar Street and Heritage Middle School, including the addition/modification of curb, storm sewer, pavement markings, and signage, lying within the City of Newark and declaring an emergency was considered.

Brian Morehead- this is the project that Roger spoke about in Finance Committee, the Safe Routes to school project along Arlington. As he said there is about \$250,000.00 of storm water work that we are doing along with the installation of the curb and sidewalk in this neighborhood. The total amount of city funds due \$366,011.50 and again \$250,000.00 of that will come from the storm water utility fund and the remaining amount will come from our license plate permissive tax fund. ODOT needs this to be back to them on the 21st so I am asking for this to be past as an emergency at the meeting on the 20th.

Motion by Mr. Lang to send to full Council, second by Mr. Cost

Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Jeff Rath, Chair