

December 28, 2011  
Council Chambers  
6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rath, Mr. Rhodes, Ms. Stare, Mr. Bubb, Mr. Ellington, Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Houdeshell, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Loomis

INVOCATION - Mrs. Floyd

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL FOR MEETING AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Councilmen Ryan T. Bubb, Doug Marmie, and David Rhodes have called for a special meeting of council to convene at 6:00 p.m. on December 28, 2011, in Council Chambers to discuss Ordinance No. 11-55, Ordinance No. 11-56, Ordinance No. 11-57, and Ordinance No. 11-58. Received and filed

Ordinance No. 11-55

BY: MR. MARMIE, MR. BUBB, MRS. FLOYD, MS. STARE, MR. RATH, MR. HOUESHELL, MRS. KENNEDY

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO DURING THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

**Mr. Marmie** - in discussing this ordinance with the mayor-elect there were a lot of questions still not able to be answered; it would probably be best for this ordinance to just go with a quarter of the year until they can figure out accurate numbers.

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Rhodes to change all the numbers to one-fourth of what they currently are as presented.

**Mr. Bubb** - some verification is needed and that would allow the new development director an opportunity to know what is going on and/or needed.

**Mr. Houdeshell** - questioned if this would affect the Brownfield Grant

**Mr. Marmie** - anything that needs additional funding, that could be handled by coming to finance committee.

**Mrs. Kennedy** - if there are adjustments to be made they will be made; we shouldn't have to put off a whole budget in order to have that happen. I will be voting no.

**Mrs. Loomis** - I'm going to vote yes because I'm not clear there has been any more conversation with HUD other than with the lead grant dropping the \$1,000,000 match down to \$750,000; we still get to keep our points on it but there is a fifty-fifty chance once they submit the budget revision and the salaries there won't be enough money to pay the people up there.

**Ms. Stare** - whether you approve this for a year or a quarter of a year things could change. I think we should approve it for a year and make changes as they come.

**Mr. Rath** - I see no reason why we should rush through and approve it for the entire year when we have the option to approve it for a quarter; it sounds like there are a lot of unanswered questions yet. I see no problem in taking time to digest this and will support the amendment.

**Mrs. Loomis** - I'm afraid of layoffs and afraid it's going to affect personnel salary dollars; I have a concern we could lose inspectors so will support this.

**Mr. Bubb** - thanked Aaron for stepping up to answer questions since there is no director

**Mr. Marmie** - thanked Aaron; the mayor-elect wants to make sure things are all in alignment and everybody's questions get answered and that it isn't just a bunch of adjustments later on. We have a new director who is going to go in there; I just think being fiscally responsible I should not pass something I know is incorrect. There are some numbers in there that are just not quantifiable.

**Mrs. Kennedy** - we've never had as professional a staff in the development office as we have had this year. The figures they came up with are probably the best I've seen and I would urge people to have trust. If these figures are wrong they will be adjusted. I'm for passing this budget and don't think we will accomplish anything by passing a quarterly budget that we can't accomplish by adjusting the figures as we go.

**Mr. Bain** - Mayor-elect Hall, which is better?

**Mayor-elect Hall** - I don't want anyone voting on something they don't understand. I have no problem with going to an interim budget of one-quarter. That grant budget is generated within that department because they know what they have.

**Mr. Bain** - I would go with the intuition and leadership of the mayor or mayor-elect. It's all a matter of semantics; budgets are all interim and always changing.

The vote to amend passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Rhodes to adopt the ordinance as amended, 10 yeas

Ordinance No. 11-56

BY: MR. MARMIE, MR. BUBB, MRS. FLOYD, MS. STARE, MR. HOUESHELL, MR. RATH

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Ellington to adopt Ordinance No. 11-56 carried by acclamation.

Ordinance No. 11-57

BY: MR. MARMIE, MR. BUBB, MRS. FLOYD, MS. STARE, MR. RATH, MR. HOUESHELL

**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, STATE OF OHIO, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012.**

**Mr. Marmie** - commended everyone for doing a good job in getting the budget together and everybody trying to get the answers I needed during the holidays. Overall this is a good budget, the only item I didn't agree with was the \$40,000 set aside for management fees for the Hollander pool.

Motion by Mrs. Kennedy, second by Mrs. Floyd to put \$15,000 in economic development as a line item.

**Mr. Marmie** - where does it fall if we don't have an economic development department? We don't have a department of code?

**Mr. Johnson** - it has to stay in the general fund.

**Mr. Marmie** - the mayor-elect has indicated he is going to do everything he can for economic development. Even if you put it into an account he wouldn't have to spend it. He has indicated he will do what he has to as far as economic development; he has \$100,000 in the unappropriated balance he can put forth wherever he so chooses in an account that is already in existence so I want to trust and believe him. He's going to do everything he can towards job creation and would still be in control of that \$15,000 whether you put it in economic development or the unappropriated balance.

**Mrs. Kennedy** - we have nothing budgeted for outreach for economic development

**Mr. Rath** - asked the opinion of Mr. Sassen and Mayor-elect Hall.

**Mr. Sassen** - it isn't a legal issue, I have nothing

**Mayor-elect Hall** - Mayor Diebold took the economic development department off the general fund because it was a cost saving measure. While putting together the budget and coming up with \$1,200,000 less dollars I cannot see where I could create a new line item. I wouldn't support this.

**Mrs. Floyd** - Stuart Moynihan just came before us and asked for money for economic development, which was voted down. If we have something that could be used to help economic development, we'd like to see job creation for our citizens. Therefore, I'd be in favor of it.

**Mayor Diebold** - was this money intended to come out of the JEDZ funds? The source of funding needs to be defined.

**Mrs. Kennedy** - according to the auditor we cannot designate JEDZ money.

**Mayor Diebold** - when we merged the community and economic development directorships and put them onto the grant side because the economic development director had no staff and we couldn't afford to do it through the general fund. The \$15,000 could be match money for a small business hoping to start up in Newark.

In the event there is a \$100,000 carry-over saved, if you don't approve the money to be set aside I would encourage Stuart to go to the first finance committee meeting and ask to have it set aside and explain why.

Motion to amend failed by the following vote: 3 yeas (Stare, Floyd, Kennedy) 7 nays (Marmie, Rath, Rhodes, Bubb, Ellington, Houdeshell, Loomis)

Motion by Mr. Marmie, second by Mrs. Floyd the ordinance be adopted carried by a vote of 10 - 0.

Ordinance No. 11-58

BY: MR. MARMIE, MR. BUBB, MRS. FLOYD, MS. STARE, MR. HOUDESHELL, MR. RATH

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-25, CHANGING THE FUNDING SOURCE OF ONE (1) ACCOUNT CLERK POSITION FROM APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT/DIVISION ACCOUNT/S.**

Motion by Mr. Ellington, second by Mr. Bubb to adopt Ordinance No. 11-58 passed by a vote of 10 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss motion by Mr. Rath, second by Mrs. Kennedy to adjourn. Motion carried by acclamation and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.