

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
November 22, 2022

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on November 21, 2022, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair  
Jeff Harris – Vice Chair  
Spencer Barker  
Beth Bline  
Ms. Hottinger

### We wish to report:

1. **Resolution No. 22-107** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOFING SYSTEM ON THE INFLUENT PUMP STATION AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

**Roger Loomis, Water Administrator** - This is just to authorize to advertise for bids, we're going to be using the same firm for design that did the Ice Rink earlier this year. It's an engineering firm that does the design work then oversees the construction.

**Mr. Rath** - If we're advertising for bids, how do we know who we're using?

**Mr. Loomis** - It's a design build. So the design firm will accept the bids and they will manage the contract for us. We do not know who we're going to be hiring yet, but it will be a design build.

**Motion to be by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline to send to full council, motion passed 5-0**

2. **Ordinance No. 22-46** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 225 HUDSON AVENUE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #054-270048-00.000 FROM THAT OF DC- DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICT TO HB - HIGH INTENSITY BUSINESS DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

**Mr. Rath** - Is there anyone here to speak about this? The leasee of the property requested this.

**Colton Rine, 394 Clarendon St.** - This is for the tattoo parlor on the corner of St. Clair. He is a really responsible fellow so I trust that he will move forward.

**Mr. Rath** - Do we have a motion? Did you have a question?

**Rochelle Volen-Smith, 237 Violet Ct.** - That area was just deemed the Downtown Business District, I am surprised they are changing the status of it already. Why is the city changing the designation already?

**Mr. Rath** - Zoning change requests do not come from the City. They come from property owner, or in this case, the leasee of the property. They never come from the City. It comes to the City for us to either approve or disapprove.

**Ms. Volen-Smith** - What's it being leased for?

**Mr. Rath** - A tattoo and Art Studio.

**This issue will die for a lack of motion.**

3. **Resolution No. 22-109** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO PROCEED WITH THE STEPS NECESSARY TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF WEST MAIN STREET BETWEEN 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AS HERBERT J. MURPHY JR. WAY

**David Rhodes, City Service Director** - We thought this is a very appropriate way to recognize Mr. Murphy and all he has done in the community, you could talk about transitional housing, or about renewing Kiwanis baseball field many years ago, it just doesn't end with his giving to the community and particularly people in need. It's kind of a nice way to recognize that. His family has owned the building across the street since the 1850's.

**Motion to send to full council by Ms. Hottinger, second by Ms. Bline. Motion passed 5-0**

**Mr. Rath** - I will go back to Ordinance No. 22-46, I have spoken with Cody myself and been to visit the property, I think he's a great guy, he's got a great plan, but changing the zoning in that particular place for what he wants to do might be fine and dandy because he's a great guy, but there's nothing to protect that property from putting in a bowling alley or movie theater or other type of high density business if that zoning was called for. So anytime I make a zoning decision I, for lack of a better, term, plan on that business failing and look to see what could possibly come in after that and that is just inappropriate for that property.

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair