

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
February 21, 2024

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on February 20, 2024, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Dustin Neely – Vice Chair
Bill Cost Jr.
Beth Bline
Doug Marmie sitting in for Bradley Chute

We wish to report:

- 1. Ordinance No. 24-09** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 15 MESSIMER DRIVE AND 55 SCHAFFNER DRIVE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY , OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #054-216684-00.000 AND PARCEL TAX ID #054-216684-00.003 FROM THAT OF GO- GENERAL OFFICE AND MFH- MULTI-FAMILY HIGH RISE ZONING DISTRICT TO MFR-MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Brian Morehead, City Engineer - This piece of legislation comes to you because of an application we received from the property owner to change the zoning. I don't have a lot of details, but my understanding is they wish to build a multi-family residential building on this property.

Motion by Ms. Bline to send to full Council, Second by Mr. Marmie, Motion passed 5-0

- 2. Ordinance No. 24-10** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 359 THORNWOOD DRIVE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID#054-216606-00.000 FROM THAT OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - RL - LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO AD- AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Mr. Morehead - This is an application that came from the new owners of this property , again, not a lot of details at this point, but my understanding is they want to build some sort of wedding venue at the rear of the property which has a large amount of land and a pond.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Neely, Second by Ms. Bline

Mr. Rath - I will lend an opinion on this at this time, I know this will go on to Planning Commission in hopes they come up with a compromise, but to zone this piece of property Agricultural District basically for the purpose of a wedding venue does not jive in my book, not only that, but every piece of property surrounding this is Residential Low Density, there isn't and Agricultural piece of property within a mile of this piece of property, it is without a doubt the definition of spot zoning, but hopefully we can get this on to Planning Commission and they can talk with the planners and come up with some sort of compromise. As it stands now, I personally will not be supporting this, but with that being said I still think we need to pass it on to Planning Commission and let them have the discussion.

Motion passed 5-0

3. Resolution No. 24-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mr. Morehead - I'll quickly go through the projects we have listed there are a street maintenance project, which would be a street resurfacing project for the year, we have a curb maintenance project replacing some curb ramps and sidewalk that we are finishing up plans on at this point as well, Waterworks Road and Horns hill Road intersection we'll be building a roundabout and doing a dam/spillway all in the same project there, so just wrapping up the plans on that and getting it ready to get out to bid. Waterworks Road bridge repair, we are going to finish the plans on that, but we will bid that late in the fall so that work will take place next summer instead. Moving on to the next project, we have our storm water utilities small drainage project, we have a few small projects that we are considering putting out to bid. Then finally, we are working with Owens Corning on replacement of the Riverside Drive bridge, it will be a joint project with Owens Corning, jointly funded with them. I'll probably be back to you with some additional legislation in the coming weeks as we further develop that, but the idea is to get this out to bid in the summer and complete it in 2024.

Mr. Rath - I know it's February, when do you plan to send out the 2024 anticipated paving list? What's your earliest?

Mr. Morehead - I'm not there yet. In the next two months, how about that?

Mr. Rath - that's a reasonable expectation.

Ms. Bline - Is it okay to send you suggestions for some paving opportunities?

Mr. Morehead - Yes, I have carried over some that have been sent in the past, but if you've got some new ones that you want to have me look at, I'd be glad to do that.

Motion to send to full Council by Ms. Bline, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair