

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
April 16, 2024

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on April 15, 2024, following the Finance Committee with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Dustin Neely – Vice Chair
Bill Cost Jr.
Beth Bline
Bradley Chute

We wish to report:

1. **Ordinance No. 24-15** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 417 GARFIELD AVENUE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID# 054-196872-00.000, FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RH – HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT TO TFR – TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Brian Morehead – This is a request that came in from the property owner. Just a request to change zoning from single-family residence district to two-family residence district. He wishes to convert the house to be able to have a two-family residence district.

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

2. **Resolution No. 24-39** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HEATH AND THE LICKING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR PHASE ONE OF THE THORNWOOD DRIVE-FAYE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Morehead – This is an intergovernmental agreement. The city of Heath is in on this. This would be the section of Thornwood Dr. between the railroad tracks to the south, north of Faye Dr. including Faye Dr. intersection and the east side of Thornwood Dr is in the city of Heath, so that's why the city of Heath is in on this intergovernmental agreement. All this work and the administration of \$4,000,000.00 through the governor's Silicon Heartland Funding is coming through the Licking County TID. So, that's the reason why we have the intergovernmental agreement to basically, the TID will be the overall management of the project. We will be doing a good portion of that with the TID, and the city of Heath will actually not have a lot of involvement with the project at all. There have been some of the

work being done within the right way that's currently in Heath there. If there are any questions I would be glad to try to answer them. It's quite a convoluted and confusing way to spend money, but this is the way it's prescribed through the state of Ohio. We wish to be able to use this \$4,000,000.00 in the most expedient manner that we can.

Mr. Rath - Does that cover the bond?

Mr. Morehead – We got some preliminary cost estimates right now. Yes, we think it will. I would ask that both of these intergovernmental agreements be expedited and passed on the first reading without objection. It would help move the projects along.

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

3. **Resolution No. 24-40** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LICKING COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF HEATH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THORNWOOD DRIVE KNOWN AS THE THORNWOOD DRIVE PROJECT

Mr. Morehead – This is very similar although it is more wide arching. This covers, we're actually in the beginning of the design for the rest of Thornwood and Faye Dr. up to River Rd. This would cover that section of the project. When we originally started talking about some of the costs, and some of the estimating that went into the project, we're very early, but Newark, Heath, and Licking County Commissioners, and the TID have developed this intergovernmental agreement. Basically, it would provide some additional funding over and above the federal funding that is there and the percentages are allocated there in the agreement. The County Commissioners provided an additional 1.5 million dollars in funding. Up to 1.5 million dollars. City of Heath would provide up to \$750,000.00. City of Newark would provide up to \$150,000.00. So, we're calling this a backstop agreement. So, after all the federal and state funding is used up, if there is additional local funding needed, this would be the agreement that would direct that.

Mr. Rath – Have you determined a pack for Thornwood yet?

Mr. Morehead – Not yet. This agreement would not come in to play for a couple years.

Motion to send to full Council as an expedited item by Mr. Chute, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting stands adjourned