

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
November 4, 2024

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on November 4, 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. 24-41** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 278 SOUTH 24TH STREET, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #054-223428-00.000 FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE - RH - HIGH DENSITY ZONING DISTRICT TO TFR - TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Brian Morehead, Chief Engineer - It's a request for a zoning change from single family residence to two family residence district. My understanding is the property owner wants to convert his house and garage into a duplex.

Mr. Rath - Okay, this will be passed on to the planning commission as soon as we vote it through, for a recommendation and then back to us. Any questions from the committee?

Mr. Cost – Are there any other duplexes in that area?

Mr. Morehead - Not that I'm aware of.

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

2. **Resolution No. 24-97** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM THROUGH OHIOBUYS FOR THE YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2029.

Mr. Morehead - We have participated in this program in the past, and the last piece of legislation that we had I think took us to the year 2020, and we'd like to jump back into this program again. There's some culvert pipe and things like that that we'd like to be able to go through the ODOT, use the ODOT cooperative purchasing bids that they've already done and make the purchases that way. So, there's some other items too, but immediately we're looking at some culvert that we'd like to replace.

Mr. Rath – I'm assuming this effects our price in a positive way? That's the purpose for doing it?

Mr. Morehead - Yes and it just expedites the being able to order and get the pipe in a more timely manner as well.

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

3. **Ordinance No. 24-42** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$3,800.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY DIVISION OF ZONING WITH RESPECT TO ZONING VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Mr. Morehead - Within the last year we've changed some of the zoning rules and regulations, and one of those changes was to bring the fine structure in the zoning code that is very similar to the property maintenance code. So, George Carter, our zoning inspector, would typically be here to talk about the details. He went home ill today so I'm trying to pick up the slack here, but he has \$3,800 in fines that have not been paid and so we'd like to move on to the next process and certify those as liens on the properties.

Mr. Chute – Do you have any idea of what type of infraction this is?

Mr. Morehead - I don't know what those are. Were they not part of the package? A list of properties?

Mr. Rath – A list of properties but not offenses.

Mr. Morehead - I could ask George to let you know what those are.

Mr. Chute – I was just curious.

Mr. Marmie – I'll make a comment. With history and the way that these things are, they're not going to do this unless they've given them every chance and it's just... this is a flat-out refusal to pay. This is not like just a timing issue. They go out and give them every opportunity, and they're just refusing to pay.

Mr. Morehead – Thank you.

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

4. **Ordinance No. 24-43** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE NEWARK CITY SAFETY DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR, THE SUM OF \$379,110.00 INCURRED BY THE NEWARK CITY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS TO BE PLACED AS A LIEN UPON CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

Mr. Rath - It's a big number and a long list.

Tim Hickman, Safety Director - It's actually down a little bit from last year. This is our annual lien document for property maintenance violations, and to echo Mr. Marmie's comments, these are people that just have ignored any sort of cooperation. The Property Maintenance division goes above and beyond to try to work with people that have fines or to get the problems resolved. So that's what this is so we can get a lien against taxes and hopefully collect that way.

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

Meeting stands adjourned

Jeff Rath -Chair