



CITY OF NEWARK

CITY COUNCIL

City Administration Building, City Council Chambers

37101 Newark Boulevard, Newark, CA 94560 | (510) 578-4266 | E-mail: city.clerk@newark.org



Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2022

7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Council Members Collazo, Bucci, and Vice Mayor Hannon. Council Member Freitas was noted absent.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclaiming March as March for Meals Month

Mayor Nagy presented the proclamation to Deepa Chordya, Outreach Manager for Life Eldercare.

2. Introduction of employees

Mayor Nagy introduced Associate Planner Balabat and Community Preservation Manager Willkomm.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Matthew Jue of the Murietta Homeowners Association expressed concern with Project Homekey Town Place Suites. He asked how many residents were notified of the project before it went to the City Council, the notification radius and the minimum radius for notices.

Mayor Nagy requested that Mr. Jue email the City with his questions and that staff would follow up.

In response to Council Member Bucci's questions, Community Development Director Turner stated that the March 9, 2022, community meeting was not recorded, but the presentation slides were available on the City website.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1 through D.8, that the resolutions and ordinance be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (Freitas).

1. Approval of Audited Demands
2. Approval of March 10, 2022, special and regular meeting minutes
3. Adopt an Ordinance adding Chapter 7.24, Fireworks Social Host Ordinance, to the Newark Municipal Code to increase penalties an enforcement authority related to illegal use of fireworks
Ordinance No. 535
4. Adopt a Resolution confirming the continued existence of a local emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
Resolution No. 11325
5. Adopt a Resolution finding that there is a proclaimed state of emergency; finding that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees as a result of the state of emergency; and authorizing continued remote teleconferenced meetings of the legislative bodies of the city of Newark for the 30 day period beginning March 24 pursuant to AB 361
Resolution No. 11326
6. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Contractual Services Agreement with 4Leaf Inc. to provide temporary professional planning services
Resolution No. 11327
Contract No. 21045
7. Motion to accept the recommendation from the Community Development Advisory Committee for allocation of anticipated Community Development Block Grant Jurisdiction Improvement Project funds for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
Motion approved
8. Mid-year Budget Review and Adopt a Resolution Approving an amendment of the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2022
Resolution No. 11328

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Informational Economic Development Report

Economic Development Manager Stedler and consultant Michael Cohen of Spectrum Small Business Services gave the presentation (on file with City Clerk).

Vice Mayor Hannon stated that he hoped staff stayed in contact with the 19 closed businesses and helped them navigate their business debt resolution. He requested a chart of the 82 grant recipients and their status in 6 months. He requested that staff reach out to the owners of large, vacant commercial retail spaces to encourage filling the vacancies. He requested information on acreage available for industrial and manufacturing use that is not being used in that manner. He would like to understand capacity availability.

No one from the public requested to speak.

This item was informational only.

2. Overview of the 2022-2024 Capital Improvement Plan

Assistant City Engineer Imai gave the presentation (on file with City Clerk).

Council Member Bucci stated that he was not comfortable using Measure GG funds for other City projects as proposed in the presentation. He stated that the funds should be used to pay off the Civic Center loan, saved as a reserve, or consider an early sunset of the tax. City Manager Benoun stated that staff would provide a financial analysis in May.

Vice Mayor Hannon requested a five year forecast of the park impact fees in May.

Council Member Bucci requested that staff consider adding the purchase of a portable stage to be used for City events.

Vice Mayor Hannon requested that the City Council receive the Capital Improvement Plan with the unfunded projects, the Parks Master Plan and the current funding available. He recommended that the City Council review the unfunded projects and make decisions on project removal from the list.

Mayor Nagy requested that the information be provided in a format that allowed them to make changes, such as Excel.

No one from the public requested to speak.

This item was informational only.

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

1. Resolution approving re-appointments to the Newark Senior Citizens Standing Advisory Committee and the Measure GG Oversight Committee
Resolution No. 11329

Mayor Nagy recommended:

- 1) two year reappointments for Newark Senior Citizen Standing Advisory Committee members: Rick Arellano, Sandra Arellano, Stanley Keiser, Elwood "Woody" Ballard, Olga Borjon, and Susan Johnson; and,
- 2) four year reappointments for Measure GG Oversight Committee Members: Michael Marzano, Elizabeth Macris, and Jacinta Arteaga.

Council Member Bucci moved, Vice Mayor Hannon seconded to adopt a resolution approving reappointments to the Newark Senior Citizens Standing Advisory Committee and the Measure GG Oversight Committee. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT (Freitas).

Vice Mayor Hannon thanked staff for the presentations at this meeting.

Council Member Bucci welcomed new employees Associate Planner Balabat and Community Preservation Manager Willkomm. He congratulated Jolie Macias on her promotion.

Council Member Collazo congratulated Captain Macias. She thanked the other great women at City Hall for their work. Shop Newark.

H. CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed session for conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representatives: City Manager Benoun, Assistant City Manager Hovorka, and Human Resources Director Solito; Employee Groups: the Newark Association of Miscellaneous Employees; the Newark Police Management Association; the Newark Police Association; the Confidential Employee Group; and City Officials and the Management, Supervisory, and Professional Employee Group.

At 9:03 p.m. the City Council recessed to closed session.

At 9:16 p.m. the City Council convened in closed session.

At 10:40 p.m. the City Council reconvened in open session with all Council Members present, except for Council Member Freitas.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk