



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, July 14, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Collazo, Bucci, and Vice Mayor Hannon. Council Member Freitas was noted absent.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of employees

Mayor Nagy introduced Recreation Coordinator Becca Hicks and Junior Engineer Alysia Reyes.

2. Proclamation for the Portuguese Fraternal Society of America Council No. 16 Holy Ghost Festival

Mayor Nagy presented the proclamation to Roger Pereira, Diane Pereira, and Paul Mendes.

3. Commendation to Public Works Director Fajeau

Mayor Nagy presented a commendation to Public Works Director Fajeau in honor of his 25th anniversary of service to the city of Newark.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested to speak.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bucci moved, Vice Mayor Hannon seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1 to D.3, that the resolutions be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

1. Approval of Audited Demands
2. Approval of June 23, 2022, special and regular meeting minutes
3. 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 July 14 pursuant to AB 361
Resolution No. 11385

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Hearing to consider property owners' objections and adopt a resolution confirming the Superintendent of Streets' Report concerning weed abatement assessments
Resolution No. 11386

City Manager Benoun gave the staff report recommending approval.

Mayor Nagy opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

No one requested to speak.

Mayor Nagy closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Vice Mayor Hannon requested that weed abatement exhibits include the property owner name. He also requested that staff review the abatement process to ensure that staff time is appropriately reimbursed. City Manager Benoun stated that staff would complete a legal review of the questions.

Council Member Bucci moved, Vice Mayor Hannon seconded to adopt a resolution confirming the report of the Superintendent of Streets concerning Weed Abatement assessments. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Presentation of City of Newark Quiet Zone Study

Assistant City Engineer Imai and consultants Michael Allen (via Zoom) and Thomas Messer gave the presentation. They reviewed the improvements needed for the recommended Quiet Zones located in the Coast Subdivision between Jarvis Avenue and Central Avenue, Mowry Avenue, and the Niles Subdivision between Sycamore Street and Cedar Boulevard. They also discussed a competitive grant funding opportunity.

The City Council discussed the quiet zone locations, the quiet zone risk index versus the current risk index, coordination with the railroad, and the potential grant funding.

Namit Saksena spoke in support of Quiet Zones (documents on file with City Clerk). He stated that increasing the safety of the rail crossings would improve the quality of life for residents and increase property values. He stated that his 2018 online petition for Quiet Zones continues to gather supportive signatures.

This item was informational only.

**2. Introduction of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.09 of the Newark Municipal Code ("City Councilmembers-Salaries") to increase the salaries of City Councilmembers and Mayor by ten percent (10%)
Introduction of Ordinance**

Assistant City Manager Hovorka provided an outline of the salary options that the City Council has considered to date. The ten percent increase suggested at the June 23, 2022 meeting was presented for Council consideration.

Council Member Bucci stated that he would vote no. He stated that when he requested to table the automated license plate readers for further study, due to privacy concerns, there was no support. He took issue with this item being tabled and could not support a 10% increase.

Mayor Nagy stated that the cameras for the license plate readers and the city council compensation were two separate issues.

Vice Mayor Hannon stated that there was minimal cost to the City and they needed to compensate people who serve. He offered to donate the increase to a community nonprofit.

Council Member Collazo stated that she does not plan to run again and wants someone who replaces her to be appropriately compensated.

Vice Mayor Hannon moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to by motion introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 2.09 , City Council Members compensation, of the Newark Municipal Code to increase the salaries of City Council Members and Mayor by ten percent (10%). The motion passed, 3 AYES, 1 NO (Bucci), 1 ABSENT (Freitas).

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Nagy announced that he would not seek reelection for Mayor and that the nomination period would open on Monday.

Council Member Collazo announced various Alameda County library programs. She shared the remaining summer concerts at Shirley Sisk Grove. Shop Newark.

Council Member Bucci stated that he was disappointed that Mayor Nagy was not seeking reelection and thanked him for his service. He congratulated City Manager Benoun who managed the Newark Little League All Stars, the team is moving on to the sectionals.

Vice Mayor Hannon also commended City Manager Benoun. He praised his wife on their wedding anniversary. He stated that Newark is a welcoming community and has no tolerance for racism or hate. He thanked the Mayor for his service to the community.

H. CLOSED SESSION

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk