



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2024

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Hannon called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Meeting start time delayed due to Budget Work Session held before regular meeting. Vice Mayor Freitas, Council Members Collazo, and Jorgens were present. Council Member Bucci was noted absent.

A. PRESENTATIONS

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public requested to speak.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Benoun announced that the City Attorney's contract amendment reflected the new law firm name of Redwood Public Law LLP, there were no changes to the compensation. He noted that the attachments were amended after the posting of the agenda to make the agreement effective at 5:01 p.m. on March 14, 2024.

Council Member Jorgens moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1 to D.6, 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 February 22, 2024 minutes
3. Adopt a resolution approving the Contractual Services Agreement with ePlus Technology, Inc., for a cybersecurity tool that protects Microsoft 365 data from overexposure and cyber threats
Resolution No. 11620
Contract No. 24020
4. Adopt a resolution approving On-Call Environmental Service Contracts with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. and Helix Environmental Planning
Resolution No. 11621
Contract No. 24021 Stantec
Contract No. 24022 Helix
5. Adopt a resolution authorizing a legal services agreement with Redwood Public Law LLP for Kristopher J. Kokotaylo to continue serving as City Attorney
Resolution No. 11622
Contract No. 24023
6. Mid-year Budget Review and adopt a resolution amending the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2024
Resolution No. 11623

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Presentation of design concepts for Citywide Parks Signage Program, Project 1272

Junior Engineer Reyes gave the presentation sharing three design concepts for new signs at the City parks. Presentation on file with the City Clerk.

The City Council concurred that Concept No. 3 was the preferred design, with a few changes. They requested that instead of the medallion on the side to place the City logo in a large size, include the year the park was established, City of Newark to be centered and larger, the gold pillar on right hand sign in concrete.

The City Council discussed: lighting the signs, anti-graffiti coating, family friendly font, consider renaming some of the parks before installing new signs, save historical artifacts from the current signs, and consider new landscaping around the signs.

Mayor Hannon requested the final design be presented to the City Council.

Council Member Collazo suggested placing the park established date on the informational plaque instead of the sign.

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Member Jorgens stated that the Athletic Director for the Newark Unified School District, at a recent School Board meeting, mentioned collaborating with city staff to learn about turf fields. He thanked staff for their assistance.

Council Member Collazo stated shop Newark.

Vice Mayor Freitas congratulated staff on the budget work session. He stated that trees have been planted at the Lake. He was delighted with the Urban Forest Plan during the work session, the Central Avenue Bridge Project and that O'Reilly Auto Parts would relocate to the old Orchard Supply Hardware site on Jarvis Avenue.

Mayor Hannon congratulated Captain Arguello on his promotion to Police Chief. He recognized March as Women's History Month.

H. CITY MANAGER UPDATES

Assistant City Manager Hovorka announced that Family Day in the Park will be held on March 23.

City Manager Benoun announced that Jonathan Arguello was selected to be the new police chief, effective April 11, 2024.

I. CLOSED SESSION

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk