



# CITY OF NEWARK

## CITY COUNCIL

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## Minutes

Thursday, March 28, 2024  
7:00 P.M.

### A. ROLL CALL

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

### B. PRESENTATIONS

#### 1. Proclaiming March 28, 2024, as Arbor Day in Newark

Mayor Hannon presented the Arbor Day proclamation to Senior Landscape Inspector Cianciarulo.

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Noel Doot reported several areas near the unfinished section of Cedar Boulevard with street lights that are not working, or need street lights installed. She stated that she looked forward to an Arts Grant update and the suggestion of the beautification of power boxes.

Mayor Hannon requested that City Manager Benoun look into the issues raised by Mrs. Doot.

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Collazo requested the removal of D.4 for separate consideration.

Vice Mayor Freitas moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1 to D.3, and D.5, 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 March 14, 2024, special and regular meeting minutes
3. Adopt a resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Contractual Services Agreement with Francisco & Associates, Inc. for the administration of the City's Landscaping and Lighting Districts and other Special Financing District Administration Services  
Resolution No. 11624  
Contract No. 23010
4. Pulled from the Consent Calendar - Adopt a resolution approving a second amendment to the Contractual Services Agreement with Gachina Landscape Management, Inc. to increase the contractual not-to-exceed amount for additional landscape maintenance services through the term of the contract and amendment to the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
5. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for fire life safety program support at the Newark Civic Center and at all City-owned facilities  
Resolution No. 11625  
Contract No. 24027

## **NONCONSENT**

4. Adopt a resolution approving a second amendment to the Contractual Services Agreement with Gachina Landscape Management, Inc. to increase the contractual not-to-exceed amount for additional landscape maintenance services through the term of the contract and amendment to the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan  
Resolution No. 11626  
Contract No. 21011

Council Member Collazo suggested that the Civic Center landscaping include colorful plants and stepping stones in the landscaping in the parking lot near the police station.

City Manager Benoun stated that staff would look into her suggestions.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Jorgens seconded, to adopt a resolution approving a second amendment to the Contractual Services Agreement with Gachina Landscape Management, Inc. to increase the contractual not-to-exceed amount for additional landscape maintenance services through the term of the contract and amendment to the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The motion passed 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

## **E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Waive full reading and introduce by title only an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 15.40 Construction In Flood Hazard Areas of Title 15 of the Newark Municipal Code to align with the updated FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements  
Ordinance Introduced

Chief Building Official Farrell stated that Newark Municipal Code Chapter 15.40, Construction in Flood Hazard Areas, in combination with flood protection provisions of the 2022 California Building Standards, governs all proposed development and construction located within flood hazard areas identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Over the last several years, FEMA has updated the location of specific flood proofing requirements within various chapters of the 2022 California Building Standards. The City's current flood plain ordinance has become outdated according to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) administered by FEMA. He recommended that the City Council introduce the ordinance which would amend the Newark Municipal Code to align entirely with the new FEMA requirements for local jurisdictions.

No one requested to speak.

Council Member Collazo moved, Vice Mayor Freitas seconded to waive full reading and introduce by title an ordinance repealing and replacing in its entirety Newark Municipal Code Chapter 15.40 to adopt a new Construction In Flood Hazard Areas; to adopt Flood Hazard Maps; to designate a floodplain administrator; and for other purposes. The motion passed 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

2. Presentation of the Technology Master Plan

Mayor Hannon announced that this item would be rescheduled for a future City Council meeting.

3. Presentation of the 2023 Community Survey Results

Senior Management Analyst Roya Gonzalez introduced the consultant.

Ryan Murray, Assistant Director of Community Research, ETC Institute gave the presentation. Presentation on file with City Clerk. The survey gathered feedback on the delivery of city services . The results help the city determine priorities and improve existing programs and services. The City performed well in the survey and resident satisfaction. Staff should focus on additional analysis to help determine priorities.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Mayor Hannon requested that Mr. Murray provide neighborhood outreach resources from other communities.

In response to Council Member Freitas, Mr. Murray stated that he would provide the dates when the survey was conducted.

This item was informational only.

**G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**

1. Resolution approving the reappointment of Senior Advisory Committee Members  
Resolution No. 11627

Mayor Hannon announced that he would reappoint Sandra Arellano, Rick Arellano, and Olga Borjon to the Senior Advisory Committee. He thanked outgoing member Stanley Keiser for his service.

No one requested to speak.

Council Member Collazo thanked Committee Member Rick Arellano who has many years of service on the Committee.

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Jorgens seconded to adopt a resolution approving the reappointments of Sandra Arellano, Rick Arellano, and Olga Borjon to the Senior Advisory Committee. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Council Member Jorgens stated that Family Day at the Park was a great event. He thanked the Recreation and Community Services Department for efforts.

Council Member Collazo stated that she wore purple for National Women's History Month and thanked the women in her life. Shop Newark and a Happy Easter.

Vice Mayor Freitas thanked the Senior Advisory Committee members who were

reappointed. He thanked staff for the LED Lights being installed throughout the City. He thanked the Public Works Department for the Arbor Day Tree Planting held before the meeting. He congratulated Mary Gorman who was named the Volunteer of the Year. He wished everyone a Happy Easter. He congratulated Jonathan Arguello for his upcoming appointment as police chief.

Mayor Hannon thanked staff for organizing the Volunteer of the Year event and encouraged youth category nominations.

Mayor Hannon stated that Viola Blythe Community Services will hold a fundraiser at Panda Express on April 17. He attended National Choking Awareness Day hosted by Washington Hospital. He stated he would adjourn the meeting in memory of Kiko Rodriguez who unexpectedly passed away as a result of a choking incident.

#### **H. CITY MANAGER UPDATES**

City Manager Benoun announced the Old Town Newark Streetscape Exhibition and the Mayor's State of the City Address would be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024. The event will be located on Thornton Avenue between Magnolia and Sycamore Streets between 11 am to 3 pm.

#### **I. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Hannon adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm in memory of Kiko Rodriguez.

Sheila Harrington  
City Clerk