



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 2024
7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Hannon called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. Vice Mayor Freitas, Council Members Bucci, Collazo, and Jorgens were present.

B. PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Bucci requested the removal of item B.2 from the agenda. Mayor Hannon stated that B.1 Introduction of employees would be addressed first.

1. Introduction of employee(s)

Mayor Hannon introduced the following employees:

Kevin DeFranco, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor I
Gabe Gonzales, Landscape and Parks Maintenance Worker I
Ryan Perez, Street Maintenance Worker I
Josue Duenas, Street Maintenance Worker I
Mohammed Shuib, Equipment Mechanic I

2. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month

Mayor Hannon referenced Council Member's request to pull this item and stated that he supports the mission of fair housing.

Council Member Bucci made a motion to remove item B.2 from the agenda, Council Member Jorgens seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 AYES, 2 NOES (Hannon, Collazo).

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Clemmons, 2024 President of the Bay East Association of Realtors (Bay East), stated that she was disappointed to see the Fair Housing Proclamation pulled. She stated that the Bay East promotes fair housing and did not understand the proclamation rejection when fair housing is still an issue.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Collazo moved, Vice Mayor Freitas 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, 5 AYES.

1. Approval of Audited Demands
2. Approval of March 28, 2024, minutes
3. Adopt a resolution establishing the number of residents in the City of Newark for the purpose of determining the voluntary expenditure ceiling for the November 5, 2024, Municipal Election
Resolution No. 11628
4. Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to CalRecycle for Local Assistance Grant Program funding in the amount of \$130,984 and amending the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
Resolution No. 11629
5. Adopt a resolution approving the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) for inspections of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Edible Food Recovery Facilities
Resolution No. 11630

6. Waive full reading, conduct a second reading by title only, and adopt an ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 15.40 "Construction in Flood Hazard Areas" of the Newark Municipal Code Ordinance No. 548

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Adopt a resolution initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for Landscaping and Lighting District Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 for Fiscal Year 2025
Resolution No. 11631

Council Member Collazo announced that she would recuse from Landscaping and Lighting District Nos. 10 and 11 due to a conflict of interest. She exited the Council Chambers.

City Manager Benoun announced that he would recuse from Landscaping and Lighting District No. 11 due to a conflict of interest. He exited the Council Chambers.

Public Works Director Fajeau gave the staff report recommending approval.

No one requested to speak.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Jorgens seconded, to adopt a resolution initiating proceedings for the Landscaping and lighting District Nos. 1, 2,4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 RECUSED.

Council Member Collazo and City Manager Benoun returned to the City Council Chambers.

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Member Bucci stated that he was disappointed that the Bay East Association of Realtors (Realtors) requested the Fair Housing Proclamation (Item B.2 removed from the agenda). He requested that the proclamation be presented to a local nonprofit or community group next year.

Council Member Bucci stated that the Realtors website contains information in opposition to programs that benefit those seeking fair housing. He also noted that the Realtors contributed funding against the election of Assembly Member Alex Lee in 2022. He shared the election ads and would make them available after the meeting.

Council Member Jorgens stated that the Realtors website did not contain information about advancing fair housing. He would like to celebrate fair housing with the people doing the work. He noted that the City's Housing Element shows where the City stands on fair housing.

Council Member Collazo congratulated Police Chief Anderson on her retirement and welcomed Jonathan Arguello as the new Police Chief. She requested an update on the food waste pail program since she and others have not received one. She complimented Mayor Hannon on the individual employee introductions. Shop Newark.

Mayor Hannon thanked Police Chief Anderson for her service and congratulated Jonathan Arguello who was named the new Police Chief. He complimented the Maintenance Division promotions.

Mayor Hannon shared the history of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 that prohibited discrimination in housing. He stated that the meeting comments focused on the lobbying efforts of the realtors. He stated that the City is proud of Assembly Member Lee's support.

Mayor Hannon read the proclamation aloud and noted that the National Association of Realtor's website has a fair housing statement.

H. CITY MANAGER UPDATES

The City Manager had no announcements.

I. CLOSED SESSION

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hannon adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk