



CITY OF NEWARK

CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, May 9, 2024

A. ROLL CALL

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

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation designating May 19-25, as Public Works Week

Mayor Hannon presented the proclamation to Public Works Employees: Public Works Director Fajeau, Acting City Engineer Cangco, Facilities Supervisor Perez, Chief Building Official Farrell, and Environmental Services Manager Scanlin.

2. Proclamation designating May 19 - 25, 2024, as Emergency Medical Services Week

Mayor Hannon presented the proclamation to Alameda County Fire Department Division Chief Luepke and members of Fire Station 29 Engine Company.

3. Proclamation designating May 12-18, 2024, as Police Week

Mayor Hannon presented the proclamation to Police Chief Arguello and members of the Police Department.

4. Proclamation designating May as Affordable Housing Month

Mayor Hannon announced that due to a scheduling conflict, this proclamation would be presented at the Timber Senior Housing Groundbreaking instead of the City Council meeting.

5. Union Sanitary District Presentation

Paul Eldredge, General Manager for the Union Sanitary District gave a presentation on their services, major projects, and public outreach. Presentation on file with the City Clerk.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shareen Ram, provided an AC Transit Realign planning process update.

Vinod Kumar asked if there were opportunities for the City's newer populations to help the City. He wanted the community to be united and protected from discrimination.

Taranjit Singh asked if the City was considering an ordinance to address train noise and asked about safety protocols for trains carrying hazardous materials. He suggested a railroad presentation at a future meeting. He complimented the Police Department Faith in Blue meeting.

Public Works Director Fajeau stated that a quiet zone study was completed that determined the at grade crossings were eligible for quiet zones. The project is expected to cost \$6.5 million and will be in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Angela Silvera requested a comprehensive tobacco retail ordinance. She stated that she raised the issue at the Newark Unified School District Board meeting and requested that they adopt a resolution in support.

Community Development Director Turner stated that the Community Preservation Division is working on this matter and anticipated that the draft ordinance would be presented to the City Council in the Fall.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Assistant City Manager Hovorka requested the removal of item D.5 to allow for City Council Member recusals.

Council Member Collazo moved, Vice Mayor Freitas seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1 to D.4, 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 April 25, 2024, minutes
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of Axon's Officer Safety Plan 10 Premium hardware, software, and training packages, and amend the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
Resolution No. 11635
Contract No. 24037
4. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Contractual Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Inc. to provide additional Professional Environmental Services for Mowry Village Project
Resolution No. 11636
Contract No. 21025

NONCONSENT

5. Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the State of California grants for the Old Town PDA Road Diet and Complete Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,000,000 and for the Newark Resource Center Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,000,000 and amend the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
Resolution No. 11637

Vice Mayor Freitas announced that he would recuse from this item due to a Conflict of Interest for rental property. He exited the City Council Chambers.

Council Member Collazo announced that she would recuse from this item due to a property ownership Conflict of Interest. She exited the City Council Chambers.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Jorgens moved, Council Member Bucci seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion passed, 3 AYES, 2 RECUSED.

Vice Mayor Freitas and Council Member Collazo returned to the City Council Chambers.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contractual services agreement with Arup US, Inc. to develop a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Strategy and amending the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
Resolution No.11638
Contract No. 24038

Environmental Services Manager Scanlin gave the presentation recommending approval. Presentation on file with City Clerk.

Taranjit Singh asked about the types of data that would be collected and if it would be publicly available.

Jack Hogan, consultant stated the data would be publicly available at the end of the project.

Jana Sokale expressed her support for the development of the Strategy and made suggestions on what the study should consider.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Jorgens seconded to adopt the resolution. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

2. Pension Update and Cost Management Strategies Presentation and, by Motion, provide direction regarding establishment and funding of a New Pension Section 115 Trust
Motion approved

Finance Director Lee and Craig Hill NHA Advisors gave the presentation recommending the New Pension Section 115 Trust establishment and funding. Presentation on file with City Clerk.

Mr. Hill presented the background on CalPERS Costs, historical and projected CalPERS Costs, and Potential Cost Management Strategies.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Bucci stated that he would like to compare the fee schedules from the potential trust providers.

Vice Mayor Freitas moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to establish and fund the New Pension Section 115 Trust. The motion passed, 5 AYES

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Member Collazo thanked staff for the well wishes. She congratulated everyone associated with State of the City. She complimented Emergency Medical Services Week and shared her need for medical assistance recently. Shop Newark.

Council Member Bucci wished a Happy Mother's Day to his mom and his wife.

Vice Mayor Freitas stated that he read an article about Newark's population declining and found it difficult to believe with all the new housing built. He congratulated the Mayor's State of the City Address and to staff who worked on it.

Mayor Hannon thanked Avanzando for their scholarship program. He thanked Newark Rotary who will be awarding \$40,000 to nonprofits from their annual Crab Feed fundraiser. He thanked City staff for the State of the City address work. He wished his wife and everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

H. CITY MANAGER UPDATES

I. CLOSED SESSION

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hannon adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk