



CITY OF NEWARK – NEWARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
LIAISON COMMITTEE



37101 Newark Boulevard, City Council Chambers

MINUTES
April 22, 2024

A. ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present:

Committee Member Jorgens
Committee Member Aiden

Committee Member Collazo was noted absent.

B. MINUTES

B.1 Approval of October 16, 2023, minutes

No one from the public requested to speak.

Committee Member Jorgens moved, Chair Nguyen seconded, to approve the October 16, 2023, minutes. The motion passed: 3 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

C. OLD BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

D.1 Presentation on Newark Facilities Master Plan by Senior Management Analyst Gonzalez

Senior Management Analyst Gonzalez gave an overview of the Facilities Master Plan process focusing on community engagement and providing the findings of Group 4 Architecture, the City's consultant. The presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

D.2 Presentation on Housing Element by City Manager Benoun and Community Development Director Turner

Community Development Director Turner gave an overview of the City's General Plan and the 2023 – 2031 Housing Element; including a timeline; community outreach; a review of goals, key policies, and programs; and the next steps. The presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

D.3 Update on School Resource Officer (SRO) Program by City Manager Benoun and Police Chief Arguello

In 2023, the city suspended the School Resource Officer Program due to a sworn personnel staffing shortage. Police Lieutenant Sandoval gave an update on the SRO program including a brief history, its mission, the duties of the School Resource Officer, and the steps the department is taking to increase recruitment. The Police Department anticipates concluding the critical staffing schedule by late summer and assigning a new SRO at Newark Memorial High School for the 2024/2025 school year. The presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public requested to speak.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

F.1 Requests for future discussion items

Chair Nguyen requested 1) discuss an annual joint City of Newark/Newark Unified School District community event and 2) a presentation on the possibility of adopting a local tobacco ordinance.

F.2 Future meetings dates: June 24, 2024, and October 28, 2024

G. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Jorgens moved, Committee Member Hill seconded, to adjourn the meeting.
The motion passed: 3 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

Chair Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Kathy Slafter

Deputy City Clerk