



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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City Administration Building
7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018

The City Council planted a tree at Civic Center Park, before the meeting, in honor of Arbor Day.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council Members Collazo, Freitas, Bucci and Vice Mayor Hannon.

B. MINUTES

B.1 Approval of Minutes of the City Council meetings of March 1 and March 8, 2018. **MOTION APPROVED**

Council Member Freitas moved, Council Member Bucci seconded, to approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

C. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

C.1 Proclaiming March as American Red Cross Month in Newark.

Mayor Nagy presented the proclamation to Helen Knudson and Kane Wong of the American Red Cross.

C.2 Proclaiming March 22, 2018, as Arbor Day in Newark.

Mayor Nagy presented the proclamation to Maintenance Supervisor Neal Hornbeck.

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

E.1 Public Hearing to review the Joint Staff Committee's approval of a duplex at 37136 Magnolia Street. **MOTION APPROVED**

Council Member Freitas recused himself because he owns property within 500 feet of the location. Council Member Freitas left the City Council Chambers.

Assistant City Manager Grindall gave the staff report noting that the project meets or exceeds all guidelines and would be a positive addition to the City.

Council Member Bucci stated that he agreed with Council Member Collazo's comments at the last meeting and would prefer to see two single garages for the project instead of one shared access garage.

In response to Vice Mayor Hannon, Assistant City Manager Grindall stated that the applicant would be required to sign an affidavit confirming the rental limitations for the property.

At 7:46 p.m. Mayor Nagy opened the public hearing.

Amaranta Hernandez, the project architect stated that they would make the changes to the garage as requested at the meeting. He further agreed to project conditions.

In response to Gregory Lemos, Assistant City Manager Grindall stated that the existing trees would be replaced with 6 new trees. Mr. Hernandez stated that a concrete block wall, with landscaping would screen the outside parking.

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Nagy closed the public hearing.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to, by motion, affirm the Joint Staff Committee's decision, with the added condition of two separate garages, and approve the project. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 RECUSED.

Council Member Freitas returned to the City Council Chambers.

F. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Council Member Bucci requested the removal of item F.1 for separate consideration.

Vice Mayor Hannon moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar Items F.2 through F.4, that the resolutions be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption of the resolutions. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

CONSENT

- F.2 Initiation of the 2018 Weed Abatement Program and setting April 26, 2018 for a public hearing. RESOLUTION NO. 10756**

- F.3 Authorization for the Mayor to sign an Amendment to extend the Auditing Services Agreement with Badawi & Associates. RESOLUTION NO. 10757 CONTRACT NO. 09015**

- F.4 Acceptance of subdivision improvements for Tract 8130 – Timber (Timber Street LLC – Trumark Homes), a 164-unit residential subdivision on the east side of Cedar Boulevard near Central Avenue. RESOLUTION NO. 10758**

NONCONSENT

- F.1 Approval of plans and specifications, acceptance of bid, and award of contract to SpenCon Construction, Inc. for 2018 Citywide Accessible Pedestrian Curb Ramps, Project 1167. MOTION APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 10759 CONTRACT NO. 18004**

In response to Council Member Bucci’s questions, Assistant City Engineer Imai stated that the bid references were verified. He also explained the certified payroll verification process.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Freitas seconded to, by motion, approve the plans and specifications and by resolution, accept the bid and award the contract to SpenCon Construction, Inc. for 2018 Citywide Accessible Pedestrian Curb Ramps, Project 1167. The motion passed 5 AYES.

- F.5 Approval of Conceptual Master Plan for the dog park at Newark Community Park, Project 1109. RESOLUTION NO. 10760**

Assistant City Engineer Imai and Design Architect Robert Mowat presented the plan (presentation on file with City Clerk).

Mike Marzano, First Presbyterian Church, stated they had no objections to the dog park, but were concerned with potential impacts to their adjacent property. He requested notification as the project moves forward.

Mayor Nagy suggested asking the community for ideas on what to name the park.

Council Member Bucci moved, Vice Mayor Hannon seconded to, by resolution approve the Final Conceptual Master Plan for the dog park at Newark Community Park, Project 1109. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

F.6 Presentation and Overview of the Draft Five-year Forecast 2018-2023.

Administrative Services Director Woodstock gave the presentation (on file with City Clerk). Vice Mayor Hannon made a number of suggestions as to the content that he would like to see in the Five-year Forecast.

Cary Knoop stated that he reviewed the document and thought that the residential development was a step in the right direction. He liked the development with retail and apartments near NewPark Mall. He stated this would help the Mall.

This item was informational only.

G. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

I. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

I.1 Reappointing Senior Citizen Standing Advisory Committee members; declaring a vacancy on the Committee and authorizing the City Clerk to post a notice of vacancy.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10761
MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Nagy recommended the reappointment of Dolores Powell, Elwood Ballard, Sandra Arellano, and Rick Arellano. Faye Hall is not seeking another term, which will result in a vacancy on the Committee in April.

Vice Mayor Hannon moved, Council Member Bucci seconded to: 1) by resolution, reappoint Dolores Powell, Elwood Ballard, Sandra Arellano, and Rick Arellano to the Senior Citizen Standing Advisory Committee; and 2) by motion, declare a vacancy on the Senior Citizen Standing Advisory Committee, and direct the City Clerk to post the notice of vacancy. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

Mayor Nagy stated he has interviewed 10 candidates for the 5 spots on the Measure GG Committee. He will make the appointments at the next meeting.

Council Member Collazo stated that she was impressed with the American Red Cross, and encouraged everyone to give blood. She also stated to shop Newark. Mayor Nagy noted that city employee Tim Jones donates blood on a regular basis.

Council Member Bucci stated that during the Fire Department presentation at the last meeting, they discussed the potential costs of upgrading the equipment that allows emergency vehicles to change street signal lights. He noted that the cost was less than what he estimated.

J. CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

K. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Gregory Lemos stated that the recent edition of Newark News included an article on curbside dumping. He questioned how curbside donations and garbage bins would be handled. He took issue with the word “aesthetics” and asked about the maintenance of overgrown landscaping and various standards for sidewalks and walls.

L. APPROPRIATIONS

Approval of Audited Demands for the City Council meeting of March 22, 2018. MOTION APPROVED

City Clerk Harrington read the Register of Audited Demands: Check numbers 113825 to 113941.

Council Member Freitas moved, Council Member Bucci seconded, to approve the Register of Audited Demands. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

M. CLOSED SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

SHEILA HARRINGTON
City Clerk