

CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2020 7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Hannon, Collazo (joined at 7:15 p.m.), and Freitas. Council Member Bucci was noted absent. All participated via virtual teleconference.

B. PRESENTATIONS

B.1 Commending Police Officer of the Year.

Mayor Nagy read the commendation for Police Officer Matt Warren, who was in attendance.

B.2 Proclaiming September as National Preparedness Month.

Mayor Nagy read the proclamation for Emergency Services Coordinator Martinez and CERT Volunteer Libby. He thanked CERT Volunteers David Libby, Garry Zatarain, and Michael Libby for their volunteer work at the call center for the SCU Lightning Complex.

B.3 First 5 Alameda County Early Learning Communities Network Grant.

Recreation and Community Services Director Zehnder, Newark Library Branch Manager Stoner, Administrative Assistant/Marketing Coordinator Rivera, Special Assistant Lopez and Special Assistant Torres collectively provided an update on the Early Learning Action Plan (ELAP) progress and achievements. Presentation on file with City Clerk.

B.4 Presentation of the Newark Police Department's 2020 Community Survey Results

Chief Anderson presented the survey results, indicating that the majority of respondents were very satisfied with Newark Police Department services. She stated that community police activity, residential burglary, auto burglary and prevention, gang prevention and traffic enforcement were the top areas that the community wanted the Police Department to focus their efforts. She highlighted the focus efforts that would be made as a result of this survey, such as education campaigns. Presentation on file with City Clerk.

In response to Council questions, Chief Anderson stated that the she planned to conduct the survey annually and report back on focus efforts to the City Council.

Council Member Collazo stated that before the pandemic she was planning a Spanish language outreach event with Captain Arguello. She requested that they hold an even when it is safe to do so.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kenneth Trant stated that he agreed with the results of the Police Department Survey. He requested speed bumps on Arden Street. City Manager Benoun requested that Public Works Director Fajeau contact Mr. Trant after the meeting.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Collazo requested the removal of item D. 5 for separate consideration.

Council Member Hannon moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar Items D.1 through F.4 and D.6 through D.7, that the resolutions be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption of the resolutions. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

- D.1 Approval of Register of Audited Demands.
- D.2 Minutes September 2, 2020 (special) and September 10, 2020.
- D.3 Second Reading and adoption of an ordinance adding Chapter 15.55 to Title 15 of the Newark Municipal Code setting forth an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations as required by Government Code Section 65850.7 (AB1236). ORDINANCE NO. 524
- D.4 Amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code for Nonelected Officials and Designated Employees. RESOLUTION NO. 11119

D.6 Approval of Contractual Service Agreements with Bureau Veritas for on-call Building Inspection Plan Review Services and 4Leaf, Inc. for on-call Building Inspection Field Inspection and Miscellaneous Support Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 11120 CONTRACT NO. 20058 -20059

D.7 Approval of a Second Amendment to a Contractual Services Agreement with Hurst/Harrigan Associates for retail retention and attraction services at NewPark Mall.

RESOLUTION NO. 11121 CONTRACT NO. 19057

Pulled for separate consideration

D.5 Initiation of proceedings for annexation of Tract 8459 to Zone 6 – Compass Bay of Landscaping and Lighting District No. 19 order and approval of the preliminary Engineer's Report, declaration of intention to order annexation of Tract 8459 to the assessment district, and setting of public hearing date on November 12, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 11122 initiate proceedings RESOLUTION NO. 11123 preliminary report

Council Member Collazo stated her concern about the appearance of the roundabouts.

Senior Civil Engineer Cangco outlined the roadway and infrastructure improvements that need to be completed before the roundabouts may be rebuilt.

City Manager Benoun stated that the roundabouts would be built to the satisfaction of the City.

Council Member Hannon requested speed limit signs on Willow Street, if there were not any currently in place.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Hannon seconded to that the City Council, by resolution, initiate proceedings for the annexation of Tract 8459 to Zone 6 – Compass Bay Development of Landscaping and Lighting District No. 19 and approve the preliminary Engineer's Report and, by resolution, approve the preliminary Engineer's Report, declare the intention to order the annexation of Tract 8459 to the assessment district, and set the Public Hearing date on November 12, 2020. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. OTHER BUSINESS

F.1 Approval of the NEWARK CARES Funding. RESOLUTION NO. 11124

City Manager Benoun and Community Development Director Turner gave the presentation (On file with City Clerk). They anticipate receiving \$604,590 in CARES Act funding. These are Federal funds to provide economic relief in response to financial impacts cause by the COVID-19 pandemic. They proposed allocating \$200,000 for a Rental Assistance Program, \$200,000 for a Small Business Grant Program, and the remainder to reimburse the City for COVID-19 expenses.

City Council discussion ensued on outreach efforts and when the programs could be implemented.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Hannon seconded that the City Council, by resolution, approve the NEWARK CARES Funding Plan. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Nagy stated that he would adjourn the meeting in memory of retired City Clerk Thelma Metcalf. The City Council extended their condolences to the Metcalf family.

Council Member Collazo stated she was proud of the Newark Family and their service. Shop Newark.

Council Hannon stated that this was an outstanding meeting and he appreciated the information in the presentations.

Council Member Freitas stated that he was impressed with Chief Anderson's presentation and congratulated Police Officer of the Year Matt Warren. He complimented the speed of the Civic Center construction progress and thanked Chief Building Official/City Architect for a job well done.

H. CLOSED SESSION

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. in memory of Thelma Metcalf.

SHEILA HARRINGTON, City Clerk