



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2021
7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Present were Council Members Hannon, Freitas, and Vice Mayor Bucci. Council Member Collazo was absent.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of Public Safety Dispatchers Sandra Turchan and Jessica Holameitonga

Mayor Nagy introduced Public Safety Dispatchers Sandra Turchan and Jessica Holameitonga.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert stated that he met with staff two years ago to discuss quiet zones for train horns. He was updated today that a study of 13 intersections would take 8 months to complete. He suggested analyzing a few intersections over a shorter period of time and to move forward. He also requested parking enforcement on Sycamore Street.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Hannon seconded, to approve Consent Calendar Items D.1 through D.4, 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.

1. Approval of Audited Demands
2. Approval of September 9, 2021, minutes

3. Additional report on administrative actions during August recess
Motion Approved
4. Adopt a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Contractual Services Agreement with Fehr & Peers for additional traffic engineering and transportation planning services
Resolution No. 11257
Contract No. 20040

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing to consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Old Town Newark Specific Plan, Amending the General Plan, Approving an Addendum to the General Plan Tune Up Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, and Adoption of an Ordinance Approving Zoning Amendments to Adopt Chapter 17.14, Establishing the Old Town (-OT) Overlay District, Amending the Newark Zoning Map, and Adoption of Miscellaneous related amendments to Title 17 – Zoning of the Newark Municipal Code
Resolution No. 11258
Ordinance Introduced

Council Member Freitas recused himself due to property ownership in the Old Town Newark Specific Plan area. City Clerk Harrington disabled his Zoom access.

Deputy Community Director Interiano stated the goal of the plan is to revitalize Old Town and builds upon the studies of the past. He introduced the planning consultants.

Mark Rhoades, Jean Eisberg, and Jane Lin gave the presentation on the Old Town Newark Specific Plan (presentation on file with City Clerk). Key points of the plan are to refine zoning regulations, create opportunities for new housing and commercial space, identify programs to support investment in the community and continued housing in commercial affordability, make streetscape improvements to Thornton Avenue to improve walking and biking infrastructure and to provide a catalyst for redevelopment.

Mayor Nagy opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Dave Campbell, Advocacy Director for Bike East Bay, asked if protected or raised bike lanes were considered and thought they were worth considering. He requested that the plaza paver treatments be used in the intersections too.

Abrar Ahmad, stated that he supports the plan.

City Clerk Harrington read emails into the record from:

Namit Saksena stated his support of the project and requested Class IV separated bicycle lanes or buffered bicycle lanes to provide protection from cars. He would like Old Town Newark, the Newark Civic Center, and NewPark Place to be accessible via family friendly bicycle lanes.

Steven Dunbar, Board Member, Bike East Bay stated that the bike lanes as planned will be blocked by cars and people. He suggested a protected bike lane and adding the word bicyclists to Policy LU-16.

Mayor Nagy closed the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Hannon suggested that the City consider infrastructure improvements to help revitalize this area. Public Works Director Fajeau stated the streetscape project in this plan, the Lindsay Tract project, and ongoing pavement maintenance are planned for the area.

In response to Council Member Bucci, Deputy Community Development Director Interiano stated approval of the plan did not commit the City to the Type 2 bike lanes.

Council Member Hannon moved, Council Member Bucci seconded, to adopt a Resolution approving the Old Town Newark Specific Plan, Amending the General Plan, Approving an Addendum to the General Plan Tune Up Draft Program Environmental Impact Report, and introduction of an Ordinance Approving Zoning Amendments to Adopt Chapter 17.14, Establishing the Old Town (-OT) Overlay District, Amending the Newark Zoning Map, and Adoption of Miscellaneous related amendments to Title 17 – Zoning of the Newark Municipal Code. The motion passed, 3 AYES, 1 RECUSED, 1 ABSENT.

Council Member Freitas rejoined the meeting.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Adopt a Resolution Approving a Conceptual Master Plan for Lindsay Tract Roadway and Green Infrastructure Improvements, Project 1238
Resolution No. 11259**

Assistant City Engineer Imai gave an overview of the project and tentative schedule (presentation on file with the City Clerk).

Jason Mansfield, BKF Engineers stated the project goals were to improve drainage, infrastructure improvements including pavement, curbs, sidewalks, improving water quality, respecting encroachments of residents, and improve accessibility for ADA compliance.

Rekha Ippagunta, ACWD Project Engineering Manager and Benjamin Egger, ACWD Project Engineering Supervisor presented the Alameda County Water District Water Main Renewal Program to be completed in conjunction with the City's project. ACWD will renew approximately 1 mile of the existing water main that was installed in the 1950s-1960s.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Hannon suggested staff review roundabouts to help prevent speeding in the area.

Council Member Bucci suggested that vacant lots be used to store construction equipment and to have ACWD finish their work before the City begins their project to avoid patching the newly paved streets.

Mayor Nagy stated that the sidewalks should not have landscaped parkway strips.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Hannon seconded, to adopt by resolution the Conceptual Master Plan for the Lindsay Tract Roadway and Green Infrastructure Improvement, Project 1238. The motion passed 4 AYES, 1 ABSENT.

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Nagy stated that September 15 to October 15 was Hispanic Heritage Month. He stated that COVID-19 Vaccinations in Newark has reached 89% for residents who have received 1 shot of the vaccine and 78% with 2 shots of the vaccine.

Council Member Bucci wished Newark a Happy 66th Birthday. He stated that the Newark Days committee canceled Newark Days and hoped it would be back next year. He noted that Newark Days has 110,000 people in attendance, and he understood why it was canceled.

Council Member Freitas asked Public Works Director Fajeau when the Republic Services contract for waste collection would be up for renewal and what section of Sycamore Street was referred to during public comment. Public Works Director Fajeau responded that the contract renewal has a few more years and that he thought Robert was referring to the section of Sycamore Street from Dairy Street north towards Mayhews Landing Road.

Council Member Hannon commended Hispanic Heritage month. He congratulated the new dispatchers and complimented their education. He thanked City Manager Benoun and staff for the high volume of work completed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

H. CLOSED SESSION

I. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Sheila Harrington
City Clerk