



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021
7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Present were Council Members Hannon, Collazo, Freitas, and Vice Mayor Bucci.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclaiming November 27, 2021, as Small Business Saturday

Mayor Nagy presented the Small Business Saturday proclamation to Annie Lee and Ms. Rajwinder.

1. Introduction of Police Sergeant Fredstrom

Mayor Nagy introduced recently promoted Police Sergeant Fredstrom.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested to speak.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1 through D.7, that the resolutions and ordinances be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption of the resolutions and ordinances. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

1. Approval of Audited Demands

2. Approval of October 28, 2021, minutes

3. Waive full reading, conduct second reading by title only, and adoption of an ordinance adding Chapter 8.40, "Organics Reduction And Recycling", to the Newark Municipal Code to incorporate an Ordinance of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to reduce the amount of organic and recyclable materials deposited in landfills
Ordinance No. 533
4. Adopt a Resolution Finding That There is a Proclaimed State of Emergency; Finding That Meeting in Person Would Present Imminent Risks to the Health or Safety of Attendees as a Result of the State of Emergency; and Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconferenced Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of the City of Newark for the 30 Day Period Beginning November 18 Pursuant to AB 361
Resolution No. 11276
5. Waive full reading, conduct second reading by title only, and adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Map from RM: Residential Medium Density to RH: Residential High Density for the property located at 37660 Timber Street (APN 92A-2125-10-2) for the Timber Senior Affordable Housing Project
Ordinance No. 534
6. Adopt a resolution approving a personnel allocation change to the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan, removing one Legal Assistant from the City Attorney's Office and adding one Administrative Assistant to the City Manager's Office
Resolution No. 11277
7. Adopt a resolution to amend the Classification Plan and approve Class Specification changes to the Recreation Supervisor and Senior Recreation Supervisor classifications
Resolution No. 11278

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1.** Adopt a resolution approving the Exceptional COVID Grant Program (ECGP) and authorizing an amendment to the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget for FY 2022 to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding of \$1.5 million for the ECGP and associated administration costs
Resolution No. 11279
Contract No. 21056

Economic Development Manager Stedler gave the presentation recommending approval. Presentation on file with City Clerk.

Michael Cohen, Spectrum Small Business Services answered questions from the City Council regarding the application process.

In response to Council Member Hannon, Economic Development Director Stedler stated that interpreters would be available to help people fill out the application.

Council Member Hannon requested that staff work with applicants and property owners on how to use the funds if back rent was due. He was concerned that tenants might be evicted when the moratorium on evictions is lifted.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Hannon moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to adopt a resolution approving the exceptional covid grant program for small businesses and authorizing a budget adjustment to the biennial budget 2020-2022 for Fiscal year 2022 to fund the grants and grant administration from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Revenue. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

- 2.** Adopt a resolution approving funding for small business assistance in the Old Town neighborhood and citywide and approving a third amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement for Spectrum Small Business Services and associated Budget Amendment
Resolution No.11280
Contract No. 20063

Council Members Freitas and Collazo each announced that they would recuse themselves from this item due to property ownership in the Old Town neighborhood. They both left the City Council Chambers.

Economic Development Manager Stedler gave the presentation recommending approval. Presentation on file with City Clerk.

Council Member Hannon requested that the marketing for the program encourage Chamber of Commerce membership and he suggested forming an Old Town Business Association.

In response to Council Member Hannon, Community Development Director Turner stated that staff would return at a future meeting with a façade improvement program for Old Town.

Mayor Nagy requested a breakdown of the types of businesses in Old Town.

Council Member Hannon requested that staff return at a future meeting with a report on the results of the Exceptional Covid Grant and the Small Business Assistance Programs.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Hannon seconded to adopt a resolution approving business and marketing assistance to small businesses, the third amendment to the contractual services agreement with Spectrum Small Business Services for business consulting services and authorizing a budget amendment to the biennial budget 2020-2022 for fiscal year 2022 to provide funding for these services from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) and the General Fund. The motion passed 3 AYES, 2 RECUSED.

Council Members Freitas and Collazo returned to the City Council Chambers.

3. Adopt resolutions authorizing the application for Homekey Grant Funding and allocation of ARPA Recovery Plan and Housing Impact Fee Funds for the Towne Place Suites Homekey Project at 39802 Cedar Boulevard

City Manager Benoun stated that this item was not finalized and required further staff administrative review. This item would be rescheduled for the next meeting.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Mayor Nagy and the City Council wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Bucci thanked Bay City Produce for donating a refrigeration truck to the League of Volunteers (LOV).

Council Member Hannon thanked the Police Department for the donation of 235 turkeys to LOV's annual Thanksgiving meal.

Council Member Collazo stated that she will be carving turkeys for the LOV Thanksgiving meal. She encouraged everyone to shop small businesses in Newark.

Council Member Freitas asked how many businesses closed as a result of the Timber Senior Affordable Housing Project approval. Community Development Director Turner stated that he knew of one and that staff would be reaching to the businesses to make sure they know about services that are available to them.

Council Member Freitas asked if the City received the final 2020 Census report. Mr. Turner stated that the official population number remained the same; he expected the demographic data in the next few months.

Council Member Freitas complimented Police Chief Anderson on the Citizens Police Academy graduation. He thanked the Police Department for collecting 235 turkeys and highlighted the leadership efforts of Josh Horst and Karl Fredstrom.

G. CLOSED SESSION

H. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk