



# CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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## Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022

### A. ROLL CALL

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

### B. PRESENTATIONS

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one requested to speak.

### D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Bucci seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1 through D.5, that the resolutions be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption. The motion passed, 3 AYES, 2 ABSENT (Nagy and Freitas).

1. Approval of Audited Demands
2. Approval of February 24, 2022, minutes
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with Robert Half International Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed compensation for temporary staffing support to the Information Systems Division  
Resolution No. 11322  
Contract No. 21054

4. Adopt a Resolution Amending the 2020-2022 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for Capital Improvement Plan Budget Rollovers  
Resolution No. 11323
  
5. Adopt a Resolution Approving Amendments to the Contractual Services Agreements with 4Leaf, Inc. and Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for Additional Building Inspection Division Plan Review, Field Inspection and Miscellaneous Support Services  
Resolution No. 11324  
Contract No. 20059 4Leaf, Inc.  
Contract No. 20058 Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.

**E. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**F. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Introduction of an ordinance adding Chapter 7.24, Fireworks Social Host Ordinance, to the Newark Municipal Code to increase penalties an enforcement authority related to illegal use of fireworks  
Ordinance Introduced

City Manager Benoun provided the history of fireworks in Newark. Police Chief Anderson reviewed the increase in fireworks complaints in 2021, the difficulties in identifying violators, and recommended the introduction of an ordinance that would establish strict liability for hosts that allow illegal fireworks usage on their property. The ordinance would allow citations of up to \$1,000 per violation. Presentation on file with City Clerk.

No one requested to speak.

Council Member Bucci suggested using drones to identify illegal fireworks in backyards. Police Chief Anderson stated she would need to research the legalities of that idea and the durability of drones if the fireworks were aimed at the drones.

Council Member Hannon requested that the outreach be conducted in multiple languages.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to introduce by title, an ordinance adding chapter 7.24, Fireworks Social Host Ordinance to the Newark Municipal Code to increase penalties related to illegal fireworks. The motion passed, 3 AYES, 2 ABSENT (Nagy and Freitas)

**G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**

Council Member Collazo stated that her heart is broken over Russia's invasion of Ukraine and that the Ukrainians need our support. Shop Newark

Council Member Bucci stated that the Project Homekey community meeting went well and thanked Community Development Director Turner and Lieutenant Sal Sandoval for their efforts. He agreed with Council Member Collazo's comments on Ukraine.

Vice Mayor Hannon stated that 125 attendees watched the Project Homekey meeting. He noted that it is expensive to live in Newark so it is our responsibility to provide affordable housing. He agreed with the comments on Ukraine. He extended best wishes to Mayor Nagy.

**H. CLOSED SESSION**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Hannon adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk