



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes Special Meeting Thursday, May 19, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. Council Members Collazo, Freitas, Bucci and Vice Mayor Hannon were noted present.

B. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

1. Adopt resolutions approving 2022-2024 Capital Improvement Plan with project funding recommendations for final adoption of 2022-2024 Biennial Budget Resolution No. 11347-11351

City Manager Benoun stated that due to Fair Political Practice Commission Rules, the City Council would review segmented portions of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to allow for Council Member Conflict of Interest recusals before reviewing the balance of the projects.

Assistant City Engineer Imai gave a general overview of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) including project funding source balances before reviewing specific projects. He stated that a random means of selection was completed by City staff, before the meeting, to identify the project order.

Project List “C”

Council Member Collazo announced that she would recuse from Project List “C” due to Real Property Interest and Business Interest/Source of income in the Mexico Tortilla Factory at 7015 Thornton Avenue and rental properties at 7155, 7167, and 7179 Thornton Avenue and rental property at 36805 Magnolia Street in proximity to the Lindsey Tract Street and Storm Drain Improvement Project and in proximity to the Thornton Avenue Traffic Signal Interconnect Project.

Council Member Collazo exited the City Council Chambers.

Assistant City Engineer Imai reviewed and recommended funding for Project List “C” Lindsay Tract Street and Storm Drain Improvements and Traffic Signal Interconnect on Thornton Avenue between Sycamore Street and Cedar Boulevard.

No one requested to speak.

Vice Mayor Hannon moved, Council Member Bucci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11347 approving Project List “C” in the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Newark for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for final adoption with the Biennial Budget. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 RECUSED

Council Member Collazo returned to the City Council Chambers.

Project List “B”

Council Member Collazo announced that she should recuse from Project List “B” due to Real Property Interest and Business Interest/Source of income in the Mexico Tortilla Factory at 7015 Thornton Avenue and rental properties at 7155, 7167, and 7179 Thornton Avenue and rental property at 36805 Magnolia Street in proximity to the Old Town PDA Streetscape Improvement Project.

Council Member Freitas announced that he would recuse from Project List “B” due to Real Property Interest and Business Interest in rental property at 37220 Magnolia Street in proximity to the Old Town PDA Streetscape Improvement Project.

Council Members Collazo and Freitas exited the City Council Chambers.

Assistant City Engineer Imai reviewed Project List “B” Old Town PDA Streetscape Improvements Design and Construction Phases. He recommended funding for the design phase and keep the construction phase unfunded to make the project eligible for grant opportunities.

No one requested to speak.

Vice Mayor Hannon requested that staff identify high priority projects that do not have funding so that sufficient funding may be identified in future CIPs to get the projects completed.

Vice Mayor Hannon moved, Council Member Bucci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11348 approving Project List “B” in the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Newark for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for final adoption with the Biennial Budget. The motion passed, 3 AYES, 2 RECUSED.

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

Project List “D”

Council Member Freitas announced that he would recuse from Project List “D” due to Real Property Interest and Business Interest in rental property at 37220 Magnolia Street, 37082 Spruce Street and 7968-7972 Thornton Avenue in proximity to the Railroad Quiet Zone Study Project and Real Property Interest and Business Interest in rental property at 37082 Spruce Street and 7968-7972 Thornton Avenue in proximity to the Thornton Avenue Streetscape Project and Safe Routes to School Project.

Council Member Freitas exited the City Council Chambers.

Assistant City Engineer Imai reviewed and recommended for Project List “D” Railroad Quiet Zone Study maintain funding, Safe Routes to School Improvements – various locations maintain funding, Thornton Avenue Streetscape Improvements Elm Street to Willow Street maintain as unfunded.

No one requested to speak.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11349 approving Project List “D” in the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Newark for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for final adoption with the Biennial Budget. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 RECUSED.

Council Member Freitas returned to the City Council Chambers.

Project List “A”

Vice Mayor Hannon announced that he would recuse from Project List “A” due to the proximity of the Cedar Boulevard Linear Park project to his residence. Vice Mayor Hannon exited the City Council Chambers.

Assistant City Engineer Imai reviewed and recommended for Project List “A” Cedar Boulevard Linear Park Areas 1, 3 and 4 unfunded, and Cedar Boulevard Linear Park Area 2 funded.

No one requested to speak.

Mayor Nagy requested that staff notify residents around the park to ensure neighborhood support.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11340 approving Project List “A” in the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Newark for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for final adoption with the Biennial Budget. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 RECUSED.

Vice Mayor Hannon returned to the City Council Chambers.

Balance of Projects

Assistant City Engineer presented the remainder of the projects by funding source.

Council Member Bucci suggested removing the Sportsfield Park Splash Pad project, due to the drought. He suggested the City Council consider an alternate project with those funds. Council Member Collazo and Vice Mayor Hannon stated their agreement with the suggestion.

Mayor Nagy stated that an email was received from Namit Saksena regarding a park. (Mr. Saksena requested the inclusion of Gallade Park/Glassbay Park in the Cityside Parks Master Plan and transfer of park maintenance to the City.)

City Manager Benoun stated that staff could review the suggestion.

Namit Saksena, via Zoom, suggested that the Sportsfield Park Splash Pad funds be used for bathrooms in parks or to replace mulch in playgrounds with other child friendly materials. (Zoom audio quality poor.)

Assistant City Engineer Imai requested direction on funding sources for the Arterial Landscape Median Upgrades and Clean up of CalTrans Right-of-Way and Landscaping (Thornton Avenue/I-880 Interchange). He stated that traditionally Gas Tax funds were used for these types of projects, but Capital Funds could be considered.

Council Member Bucci suggested that the City Council hold off on the Arterial Landscape Median Upgrades until more Gas Tax became available. He suggested using the Capital Funds for the Clean-up of CalTrans Right-of-Way and Landscaping (Thornton/I880 Interchange).

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Hannon seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 11341 approving inclusion of projects in the Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Newark for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for final adoption with the Biennial Budget with the removal of the Sportsfield Park Splash Pad and the inclusion of \$200,000 for the Clean-up of CalTrans Right-of-Way and Landscaping (Thornton/I-880 Interchange). The motion passed, 5 AYES.

c. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk