



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes Special Meeting Thursday, May 26, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present were Council Members Collazo, Freitas, Bucci, and Vice Mayor Hannon.

B. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

B.1 Study Session to review the draft 2022-2024 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Benoun gave a budget overview highlighting Measure GG, Measure PP, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He reviewed the projected excess Measure GG funds. He stated that staff was working on a Capital Facility Master Plan and that the excess funds could be recommended to address the aging City infrastructure. The Capital Facility Master Plan would be reviewed with stakeholder input and community meetings, with final action from the City Council. City Manager Benoun provided an update on the ARPA Recovery Plan and the status of the projects and funds.

Finance Director Lee gave an update on the current economic environment, estimated a surplus of \$100,000 for the FY 2022 year-end budget, outlined the proposed FY 2023 and FY 2024 budgets that reflect stable revenues and a balanced budget and reviewed the five-year forecast.

In response to Vice Mayor Hannon's question to fund expanded library hours, City Manager Benoun stated that Sunday hours, pre-pandemic, cost approximately \$150,000. Library attendance is low due to the pandemic, but staff would monitor and return with a budget amendment when attendance increases. Vice Mayor Hannon requested an update towards the beginning of the school year.

City Manager Benoun reviewed proposed budget additions from various City departments.

Assistant City Manager Hovorka reviewed Mayor and Council Member compensation and advised that they could increase their salary up to 15%. Staff would return at a future meeting with an ordinance for the salary increase to be applied after the next election.

Vice Mayor Hannon suggested an increase of 3 percent, equivalent to City staff increases over the last couple of years. Council Member discussion ensued in agreement with the suggestion.

Vice Mayor Hannon requested that staff analyze business license fee waivers and return to Council with the results. Mayor Nagy requested that the average cost for a business license in Newark be a part of the study.

This item was informational, no action requested.

c. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk