



CITY OF NEWARK

CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2023

7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Hannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Collazo, Council Members Bucci, Freitas, and Jorgens were present.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Assemblymember Alex Lee ceremonial presentation of checks for the Newark Resource Center and the Old Town PDA Road Diet

Assemblymember Lee presented ceremonial checks in the amount of \$ 1 million for each project. He noted that this brought a total of \$5.8 million in funding to the City over the last two years from the State of California.

2. Manufacturing Week Proclamation

Mayor Hannon presented the proclamation to Business Liaison Morgan Pedersen, Newark Unified School District Heather Decker, Nefab Packaging Eric Hoogvliet, Allogene Therapeutics Tim Moore, ATUM Nick Valencia, and Resource Label Group Sofia Caldera.

Nick Valencia thanked Assemblymember Lee for the funding and noted that many of his colleagues bicycle to work. He thanked Economic Development Manager Stedler and Business Liaison Pedersen for their work.

3. Senator Aisha Wahab California legislative update

Senator Wahab's presentation was rescheduled for the next City Council meeting.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Tokubo stated that she traps, neuters, and releases (TNR) feral cats for the Ohlone Humane Society (OHS). Ohlone's TNR budget for 2023 has been depleted and she requested that the City provide funding. She noted that OHS will present to the City of Fremont and that may be a good opportunity to work with Fremont. She stated that the Tri City Animal Shelter does not provide much help.

Mayor Hannon requested that City staff contact Ms. Tokubo regarding this matter and thanked her for her volunteer efforts.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bucci moved, Vice Mayor Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar Items D.1 through D.4, that the resolutions and ordinances be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

1. Approval of Audited Demands
2. Approval of September 28, 2023 minutes
3. Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Organized Retail Theft (ORT) Prevention Grant Program through the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and amending the 2022-2024 Biennial Budget Resolution No. 11568
4. Adopt a resolution approving a Letter of Understanding to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Newark Police Association Resolution No. 11569

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. OTHER BUSINESS

G. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Member Freitas thanked Assembly Member Alex Lee for the funding and mentioned a State Senator promised funding for skatepark in 1999 that never materialized. He highlighted locations that he thought were eyesores: Home Depot parking lot is using parking spaces for their products, Big Lots needs to be painted, the Newark sign at Cedar Boulevard and Thornton Avenue needs landscaping.

Council Member Bucci referred to Council Member Freitas comments and stated it was Alberto Torrico who promised funding. He thanked Assembly Member Lee for the funding. He invited the public to attend the Ohlone Wildlife Rehabilitation Center open house on October 21.

Vice Mayor Collazo complimented Assemblymember Lee and his staff and thanked them for the funding. She stated the Day of the Dead (Dia De Los Muertos) festival would be held at the Magnolia Plaza on Saturday. Shop Newark.

Mayor Hannon stated that the Mexico Tortilla Factory was featured on KQED this week on Check Please. He complimented Vice Mayor Collazo and her family. St. Edward's school will celebrate their 60th birthday on Saturday. On October 28 there will be Halloween pancake breakfast fundraiser at Newark Memorial High School to benefit the high school.

Vice Mayor Collazo stated that the Newark Library will have an eclipse viewing party on Saturday.

Mayor Hannon stated graffiti abatement volunteers will be out this weekend to clean graffiti.

H. CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Benoun announced: Community clean up event on October 21st and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy begins this month.

I. CLOSED SESSION

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hannon adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Sheila Harrington, City Clerk