

## Rules Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
July 7, 2025

The Rules Committee met in Council Chambers on July 7, 2025 with these members in attendance:

Dustin Neely - Chair  
Colton Rine – Vice Chair  
Jeff Rath

We wish to report

**1. Ordinance No. 25-22** AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING THE QUESTION “SHALL THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DISCRETIONARY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, BE ADOPTED” TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Spencer Barker, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilmember** - Thank you, Councilman Neely. Kurt Hardin couldn't be here tonight. He was the Chair of the Charter Review Committee that met this most recent discretionary review. Simply what the committee was said to look at were the sections regarding the classification of the Director of Human Resources. They met back on June 19th. The committee reviewed those two sections and felt that what you have in front of you tonight to send to the electorate is appropriate to just remove the last section of 12.19, which adds the Director of Human Resources to the classified service. So just by taking those sentences out will then set all the directors on an even level, which is something that multiple members of Council have been wanting to have happen. So, I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

**Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Rath, Second by Mr. Rine**

**Mr. Neely** – Councilman Barker, I assume the emergency clause is to make a ballot deadline?

**Mr. Barker** - Yes, correct.

**Motion passed 3-0**

Meeting stands adjourned.

Dustin Neely, Chair