

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 21 , 2023
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Harris called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL - Mr. Rine, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lang, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Neely, Mr. Rath

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Elwell, Carson Elementary Principal

CAUCUS - Motion to excuse Mr. Houser by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Labutis, passed by acclamation

Motion to adopt new committee assignments by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation

Council Committee assignments as of August 16, 2023(after appointments)

FINANCE

Marmie, Chair
Lang, Vice Chair
Barker
Houser
Chute

SERVICE

Rath, Chair
Neely, Vice Chair
Barker
Bline
Chute

PERSONNEL

Lang, Chair
Chute, Vice Chair
Labutis
Barker
Rine

STREET

Houser, Chair
Labutis, Vice Chair
Rath
Rine
Bline
Lang
Marmie

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Barker, Chair
Houser, Vice Chair
Rine
Bline
Neely

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Chute, Chair
Rath, Vice Chair
Marmie
Labutis
Neely

SAFETY

Labutis, Chair
Barker, Vice Chair
Bline
Houser
Rath

RECREATION

Rine, Chair
Bline, Vice Chair
Neely

RULES

Neely, Chair
Rine, Vice Chair
Lang

WAYS AND MEANS

Bline, Chair
Chute, Vice Chair
Labutis

CHAPLAINS

Bline
Labutis
Houser

BUDGET REVIEW

Mayor, Chair
Marmie, Vice Chair
Auditor
Service Director
Neely
Treasurer
Houser
Lang

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Spencer Barker

MAJORITY LEADER

Doug Marmie

MINORITY LEADER

MINUTES of August 7, 2023

APPOINTMENTS

There are none this meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance **received and filed without objection**

Economic Development **received and filed without objection**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor, Ryan T. Bubb – Operating report for period ending July 31, 2023 **received and filed without objection**

Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator's Office – Income Tax Revenue Reports for period ending July 31, 2023 **received and filed without objection**

PROCLAMATION - Mayor Hall - Overdose Awareness Day on Thursday, August 31, 2023

Tricia Perry - First I want to say thank you Mayor for the Proclamation, it means a lot to us that are out here boots on the ground trying to save lives and to all the families and first responders, people in the health profession, it takes a village and we're doing it, we're working hard, everyone is. We also want to thank Gov. DeWine and his team at Recovery Ohio for all the wonderful events they're holding across Ohio and the extra supplies of fentanyl testing strips that Recovery Ohio has been supplying us with, so that is huge. The event will be held on August 31st from 5-7 at the Canal market. It is our 9th Annual. Last year we lost 56 or 58 people, our overdose rates are going up and we need to stay on top of this and we need to see things move forward. Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chance Patznick, Superintendent, Parks and Cemetery Department - The City of Newark Parks Department will be hosting the annual T.J. Evans Catfish Derby on Friday, August 25th at T.J. Evans Park

Dennis Anderson, Member of Old Town West Neighborhood Watch and Awareness Group - NPD Complaint

Todd Alexander, Earthworks Café and Lounge - New hours and Saturday and Sunday Brunch

Trish Perry - 9th Annual International Overdose Awareness Day, Thursday, August 31, 2023, 36 East Canal St. 5-7pm

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Desire Blake, 125 S. 2nd Street - First I want to thank Brandon Fox for coming to our South Newark Civic Association meeting and he answered some questions to some of the citizens down there in the Little Texas area and then I want to give you guys a report on Jerica. We got back from Germany last Sunday, she did 42 out of 85 in all events and the team did 6th out of 9, so they represented the USA pretty good and she made a lot of friends and everything, but I wanted to report back to you guys.

Dustin Breece, NFD - President Garwick could not be here tonight so I'm here to represent Newark Firefighters Local 109. I'm here to voice our support for the wage package proposed in Committee 2 weeks ago for the Chiefs and deputy Chiefs of the Safety Services of Newark. It's the opinion of Local 109 that a more competitive wage will offer long term stability to the Command Staff and work to curb our most highly educated and experienced members from seeking better compensation at other departments. Thank you.

Rochelle Volen-Smithy, 237 Violet Ct. - Several issues about safety. One, there still seems to be a lack of knowledge on the public's part on how to deal with right of way and that sort of thing on cul de sacs. Cars do not seem to know which go first and particularly for a disabled person that can be a problem. Also, all summer long and actually longer, I've been seeing bicycles weaving in and out of traffic, particularly kids, and drivers racing on the streets at the same time. That's an accident waiting to happen. What seems to be happening is both bicyclists and car drivers seem to think of their vehicles as toys and they need to be treated as potential weapons and controlled better. So, I would like to see the City once again consider a Safety Fair that includes things like representation from the Fire

Department and EMT in terms of paying attention to traffic. Same thing for educating bicyclists on how to maneuver in traffic and likewise for cars. I can think of a number of organizations who have supported such fairs, for instance Nationwide is excellent on that, Ohio Brain Injury Association is excellent on that, Childrens' Hospital gain is excellent on that. There are a number of locations that are accessible for this, I think it's very doable and I think it will save lives. It's just so frustrating seeing kids have no idea, you know being encouraged after like 12 years old to go in the street and thinking that there's no rules. Again, same for cars, they don't know how to deal with each other. I know of a kid years ago who ended up in a wheel chair and it shortened his life considerably. Again, I don't want to see these things happen on a regular basis and we can do something about this.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute

23-21-A AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DOWNTOWN NEWARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING INCENTIVE DISTRICT1 AND DOWNTOWN NEWARK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT 2; DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARCELS WITHIN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICTS TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS; SPECIFYING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PARCEL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Marmie - First point of order, is it 23-21 and then we need to amend it, it wasn't; amended from the committee.

Law Director Moore - It was amended in committee.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Marmie - Just to explain the amendment because not everybody was aware of them. One of them is CTEC is going to be specifically names in one of the whereas and also the Commissioners have a 30 day period that if they don't act, it's their approval. They have 30 days to react so that is actually going to be put into writing in the actual Ordinance.

Motion passed 9-0

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Chute, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-33 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$720,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF BURIAL OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC, CABLE AND TELEPHONE LINES, INCLUDING EASEMENT ACQUISITION AND ALLEY REPAIRS, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, Mr. Barker, Mr. Chute, Mr. Rath

23-34 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$910,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW 4TH AND MAIN ROUNDABOUT, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Lang, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, Mr. Barker, Mr. Chute, Mr. Rath

23-35 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,650,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ROAD, BRIDGE AND BIKE PATH IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Rath

23-36 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF ICE RINK ROOF REPLACEMENT, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Rath

23-37 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,540,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF TAMARACK 40TH STREET UPGRADE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Rath, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Rath

23-38 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,110,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, AND ALL

NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute, Mr. Rath

23-39 AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING SIX BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Chute, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-42-A AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPENSATION OF THE THREE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS AND SECRETARY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Held until September 5th

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Chute, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-43-A AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A RATIFICATION BONUS TO FULL-TIME HOURLY NON-BARGAINING PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CHIEFS AND DEPUTY CHIEFS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie

Mr. Lang - Point of order. The next couple pieces of legislation if we pass or don't pass those or if we make any changes, I think it would affect the amounts in that legislation, I ask that we consider this after the next couple pieces of legislation.

President Harris - So, you want to do 44 and 45 first then come back to 43. Okay.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Chute, Mr. Barker, Mr. Neely, Ms. Bine, Mr. Rath

23-44-A AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION AND STATING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CHIEFS AND DEPUTY CHIEFS OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Lang

Mr. Lang - I think when we passed this out of Finance there were several comments from most of us concerning the amounts of the raises there. I think it would be good to hear from the Mayor or Director Spurgeon or Director Hickman, you know we're

here being asked to vote this up or down without any changes, I'd just like to hear from you that this is what you guys are in full support of.

Director Spurgeon - This compensation package aligns with our philosophy from the beginning, pattern based 4-4-4 and how we spend the other 3%. In this instance we chose to spend that 3% for parity adjustments to Command Staff.

Mayor Hall - I'm in full support of it as presented. Certainly we have phenomenal Safety Forces and we appreciate all of the officers, men and women, but they need good command. I'm just going to tell you probably, many times the issues and problems across the State that hit the news, you wonder why certain things were done and I think it was a misdirection from Command a lot of times. It kind of looks like it's easy, but there's a lot of work behind the scenes and after having active shooter training a few weeks ago, just wow police and fire working together in a great fashion to work with our schools and educate them, so I support it.

Director Hickman - I too support this one hundred percent. You guys asked a lot of tough questions and we gave you a lot of information, I appreciate you guys reaching out to us. I think that the internal and external comparators justify our case. I feel strongly that this is warranted, it's justifiable and it's affordable. This isn't about any individuals, this is about attracting and retaining talent. We need to be competitive in a competitive environment and by passing this it will go a long way to doing that for us, so thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Marmie - I've had a lot of discussions over this subject and I want to thank the HR Director, Director Hickman, the Mayor, everybody that I've had these discussions with. At first glance, I was like okay this is a lot all at once and my first inclination was to try to maybe spread it out over a period of time. I found that difficult and in addition, our newest Council Member up here Mr. Neely, who served in the Safety Forces, really shed a lot of light onto my thought process. I really appreciate his candor and his experiences and already seeing a benefit and it's just his first meeting. So, I am in support of this. I have always said Safety Forces are our number one priority in the City and we need to put our money where our mouth is. So, that's what I'm going to do this evening and I am going to be in full support of this.

Mr. Rath - I am also going to support this like I've always supported everybody in our Safety Forces. You know they say you eat an elephant one bite at a time and at this rate we're going to consume an entire elephant in about three bites. This is huge, it's a huge raise. And it is not enough when you look at the comps you gave us our City to other cities that are comparable to us, this is a raise to get us to the bottom. So, this should've been done incrementally and it should've been done a long, long time ago. We have more to go, let's not eat the elephant in two or three bites.

Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-45-A AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION AND STATING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

Mr. Lang - Mr. President, I think we should do 46 too.

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-46-A AN ORDINANCE SETTING COMPENSATION AND STATING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO HOURLY NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Chute, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-43-A AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A RATIFICATION BONUS TO FULL-TIME HOURLY NON-BARGAINING PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AND CHIEFS AND DEPUTY CHIEFS OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath

23-47-A AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICAL EXEMPT UNIT AND ABSORBING THREE POSITIONS CURRENTLY UNDER SAID UNIT INTO THE POLICIES AND PROVISIONS OF THE HOURLY NON-BARGAINING UNIT AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-70 Exp APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$405,754.88 -Approval of contract, salaries include wages and bonus, pension is on wages (not bonus) holiday and overtime) (\$6,664.00 -To pay invoice for outside Counsel)

Motion to waive the two day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-71 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$184,254.50 -East side transmission water main construction project original \$3,250,000 funding through Ohio Builds Development of Developmental grant (total cost \$3,434,254.50)

Held until September 5th

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-72 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PAY BILLS ON BEHALF OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Lang, Motion passed 9-0

By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, Mr. Rath

23-73 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LICKING COUNTY, OHIO AND THE HEATH-NEWARK-LICKING COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Labutis, Motion passed 9-0

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Linda Mossholder, 224 Green Meadow Dr. - First I'd like to thank the Mayor for the Proclamation on overdose awareness day. We continue to lose people every year and this is a way for families to basically express some of the things that have happened to their families. I also would like to thank the Licking County Humane Society, they have started a program that's called Bright Spot and what they're doing is coming to the Salvation Army on the first Monday of every month from 1-3 and providing no cost services to the pets of the people who are unsheltered. Four of our guests went to the first one and they were treated with dignity and respect. I'm hoping that even though this is another service provided to the unsheltered they

will be allowed to continue this service. Then I'd just tell you a little bit about what has happened over the weekend and today. We have a long time guest, we call the people who come to the outreach our guests, who is a woman who is 76 years old. She's been coming to the outreach for a number of years. On Saturday we didn't see her and one of our outreach volunteers came and said they saw her on the square and it looked like she was passed out. We were able to contact Ben Shirley who is the BHP Homeless Outreach worker, they were able to come down and this person is rather stubborn about accepting any type of assistance, but they finally talked her into allowing them to put her in a motel for three days. So, she is in a motel, I went today because we have to try to get her emergency services through BHP, so I picked her up and we were able to go to the clinic at the outreach on East Main Street and get her initially assessed, from there we had to go back to the main office of BHP to get her to start a housing application. Unfortunately someone has stolen all of her papers. She has no Social Security card, drivers license or picture ID. Without those documents she cannot get services. We have somebody trying to work on getting her a copy of her birth certificate which she will need to take to the DMV to get a picture ID, unfortunately she was born in California so, an agency who has been requested not to provide any assistance anymore to the homeless so they will be ignored is working on that. Unfortunately they need a notarized document with a picture ID in order to process the birth certificate. So, it is not easy for someone who is living on the street to get services. Luckily this agency is working on the birth certificate has also agreed to give her an extended stay at the hotel until we can get her some help. She's 76 years old, she was on the street for over a month, we kept trying to get her assistance and she said I'm fine, I'm fine. She is not fine. Last week she fell, she has cuts on her forehead and hands, she is in bad shape. So, right now we are making sure she has food, even though people will put people up at a motel there is no food available. So, we basically have three groups of people and it does take a village, giving her food and making sure that she has something to eat. She also doesn't have very much clothing. She told me today, we bonded after 4 hours of working together, she's trying to wash her clothing out in the sink. So we are going to get her more clothing and we're going to take her tomorrow to let her pick out some groceries, there's a refrigerator and a microwave in her room. I feel she just needs the dignity of being able to say this is what I like to eat rather than say here's some snack bars, be happy with what we're giving you. SO that's just an update, when everybody says use the services, they are easy to get in our county. They are not easy to get. Thank you.

Rochelle Volen-Smith, 237 Violet Ct. - I would like to correct my previous comments to substitute the word from cul de sac to roundabout. It seems to be very difficult to get people to recognize pedestrian crossings, so I misspoke. Also, I'm hoping that the City while giving raises to a lot of non-bargaining personnel that we speed up the works for the union personnel because we have some excellent people that we've been losing, we can't afford to do that. So, I hope that the City considers moving that up. Thirdly, Hawaii has been in the news for wildfires

recently and it has been discovered that the overhead wires are likely the culprit in the reason why these wildfires started. We have the same problem. We have a lot of trees that are in the wires and the trees were there first in a lot of cases. I noticed that the City is cutting trees in an odd way, but I think we need to push the electric companies to reconsider how they're supplying electricity to a more progressive way.

Nancy Welu, 7441 Stewart Rd. - I didn't plan on speaking tonight but Linda got up and talked about our guest that we know at the outreach. We have several outreach volunteers here tonight because of the Proclamation and we do thank you for that. They're my heroes. Linda Mossholder, Tricia Perry, Mr. Mathews, Laura, I can't pronounce her last name. These are people who volunteer their time as many of you know week after week, not paid. We are a very teeny tiny small non-profit and we're trying to save lives. We can agree to disagree on harm reduction and how we go about things and all those things, but at the end of the day we are trying to save people just like all of you are. Just like our Safety Forces are. Linda spent all day with this woman who doesn't have transportation, the hotel is down in Heath, doesn't have a way to get around, doesn't have food which to me, we put people in hotels, but we don't have the funds or the mechanism, that's the system that agencies are trying to work within. The outreach we don't have those barriers, our barriers are time and money and most of us work fulltime. I just had to get up and say, I am so proud of being part of this organization and the work that we are doing in the City of Newark for the folks, like the woman today, like people that we see, over 100 people every Saturday. I think we have 4 puppies now coming to the outreach that we give out dog food. It's amazing, we welcome anybody to come down and see what we do, we are partnering with churches, businesses, organizations, Intel, we have two church youth groups down there. We have a lot of support from the community, we wouldn't be able to do what we are doing without the support of this community and others. So, come on down and see us, talk to us, I know I've talked to several Council people. Again, we can agree to disagree on certain things, but I think all of you would agree we want to save lives. We lost another person who was unsheltered, you probably heard about it in the paper or on social media, in the river. I reached out to the mans daughter and had a conversation with the young woman from Crooksville. So, she wants us to go check on a person who her dad was helping he was in a wheel chair. So, we'll try and do that because he was this persons legs. We've built a community and we welcome anybody into our community. Thank you.

Gary Babcock, 67 Philmont Avenue- First of all congratulations, President Harris. Secondly I want to publicly apologize to Councilman Rath for the last meeting, I kind of picked on him. There's a time and place for everything and it was not the time and place and thank you for coming over to me after the meeting and thank you for the second step you took was in my favor. So, thank you. A couple meetings ago we discussed the mess being left by churches and non-profits that are feeding people. They're in plastic bags or Styrofoam cartons and the City of Newark is paying people to go around and pick them up. So, I attend a pretty large church, have

you seen the black shirts "I love my City", I don't have one, I don't know the reason why, but I don't have one. Anyhow, MS. Bline said something about why don't we have a cleanup day from these people that are giving out the stuff. So, I took her comment to our pastor and I did it in yellow, of course he wasn't there, I slid it under the door and he did what every good pastor would do, he gave that to his wife and said take care of that. So, Ms. Bline, on 8/26 Christian Life Center will be out in force with shirts, I love my City and guess who gets this and they made you up a bag Ms. Bline, it's all yours and there's a card in there of the go to people for the cleanup if you want to get involved.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tim Hickman, Safety Director - I want to take this opportunity to thank Council, not just for your vote tonight, but for the support that you've shown Safety Forces in the three years I've been Safety Director. It's one thing to sit up there and say that you support Safety, it's another thing to back that up with your votes, you've done that time and time again and it's very much appreciated. I especially want to thank Councilman Marmie for the spirited conversations we had back and forth over this, he asked difficult questions and I tried to give him some difficult answers. Your vote tonight sends a positive signal to all of our Safety Forces and it's very much appreciated. Thank you.

Bill Spurgeon, HR Director - I echo Director Hickman's comments. Thank you for your support, it's been an arduous journey we started in the spring of 2022. As we near the finish line with all these compensations, it's a precarious balance because we take our fiduciary responsibility as seriously as the legislative body. Mayor Hall's administration are wise conservative spenders, we also want to send a message across the entire enterprise that we appreciate their efforts. So, I want to thank Law Director Moore and her office, our Directors. Christina Barth for the glue that holds it all together, Mayor, your support, Mr. President and this legislative body for your vote and support.

Law Director Moore - I would like to echo what Director Hickman said, he said it so well. My office also appreciates the consideration given to our people who support the Safety Forces. It doesn't end at the arrest, it comes to our office and we are very proud of the quality we have in our office and want to maintain that so appreciate your consideration as well.

Mayor Hall - I'll echo that same sentiment, just want to thank everybody. We work with about 360 outstanding employees across this City and very, very proud of each and every one of them. They work hard, there's a lot of work, there are many cities that have many more employees. I think this City had about 150 ore employees a few years ago, so we're doing more with less and appreciate everybody. I'll welcome Mr. Harris into the Presidents seat, while he's been there as a fill in this is the real thing and you're looking pretty dapper this evening and I'd also like to welcome Mr. Neely and I'll end with I was at the last Mayor's Concert and you weren't there Mr. Babcock because I looked for you.

Mr. Rine - First I'd like to thank Councilwoman Bline for inviting me to the Easy Street cleanup on Saturday, we removed a dump trailer full of trash and we treated two people who were sleeping under the bridge with respect, but like I said a whole dump trailer full so that's from needles to I think every other Saturday we should probably go down there. I don't know if we

have any volunteers that might want to help us. On a good note, I want to say I'm proud and honored that I could support the Safety Services.

Mr. Barker - It's good to know I'll be able to call you Mr. President, so I appreciate you stepping into the roll and serving. Councilman Neely welcome, treat that seat well over there. That's where I sat for the last four plus years, we went back to alphabetical this time something that was probably at least two clerks ago it started where the At large sat in alphabetical order. I do want to announce, it's kind of been on social media, the Night The Light Car Show is coming back to downtown Newark on September 9th. The proceeds from that show support the Licking County Courthouse lighting which I am chair of and we'll actually be celebrating our 75th anniversary this year of the lighting. So, I'm looking forward to that. Downtown last week, Councilman Houser, even though he's not here I'll give him credit, don't anybody tell him, for being on the committee that helped set up the Arcade event here in downtown Newark. We had a great time, I was fortunate enough to be asked to serve as the auctioneer that night, we raised a little over \$15,000 to go towards the Arcade renovations, which still more funds are needed for that, but touring the Arcade, we're very blessed with the NDP as our private/public partnership, because as I think someone said that night it's a 70,000 square foot building in downtown and if NDP didn't have control of it what would happen to it today. It could be a major safety issue, as we have our heads of all our Safety forces in here I'm sure they would all agree that is probably one of the nightmare scenarios if the hands did not change. Then just to follow up, very proud of our Safety Forces, happy to support the raises this evening, we know you all do us very proud.

Ms. Bline - I'd like to congratulate Mr. Harris, Mr. Neely welcome. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be able to support our Safety Forces, you guys do a great job. I'd also like to thank Councilman Marmie for his leadership and time bringing clarity to some things that were somewhat opaque as the first go around in Council so I'd like to thank him for that. Councilman Rine also, thank you for bringing your truck and all the equipment, we had a great time there was so much taken out of there. There are some more esthetics that need to be taken care of yet, but there's a concert this Sunday from 2-5, it's going to be acoustic in nature, it's going to be a good time so bring a chair and picnic and come down. I'd like to thank the South Newark Civic Association, Mary Proffit is not here but she and the rest of the board did a great job organizing the meeting with Brandon Fox, he did a great job and there was a great turnout so that was a great meeting. I'd also like to thank the Mayor for his leadership in all of these processes that have been going on. Next to last, the Drug Taskforce. You know there's a lot going on in the City and the citizens feel comfortable now reaching out to the Drug Taskforce, creating partnerships, being willing, I say it again, to collect the information and to be willing to go to court to change their neighborhoods, it's a big deal. So, they have that kind of partnership, I haven't seen that in a while. So, hats off to them. Also, thank you sir, this means a lot, I will be there.

Mr. Chute - I will simply congratulate you and welcome Mr. Neely and say it was great to see you bring in such a crowd this evening. It's good to see you here and congratulations to you both.

Mr. Labutis - I would like to congratulate Mr. Harris on now being Mr. President and congratulate Mr. Neely that you are on Council as well. I would like to thank Brandon Fox and Director Rhodes for helping me with a couple of issues and concerns. Lastly, I was happy to

support our Safety Forces, you guys do a fantastic job, you represent us well and we're proud of you.

Mr. Lang - Congratulations Mr. President and congratulations Dustin, it's nice to have you up here. I don't mind the reordering because now I can see the flag during the pledge. I want to thank Director Hickman, Director Spurgeon and the Mayor when it comes to the Safety Commands raises in particular I think, there was a lot of back and forth and we asked you guys a lot of tough questions and you made the case, I think you really did your due diligence. I appreciate the candor there and the quality, I think it was helpful for all of us to really see how we were stacking up and I think once we did that it became clear what we needed to do and that's support our Safety Forces fully. So, I'm happy that we were able to make those adjustments and get back in the right range when it comes to our command staff.

Mr. Marmie - First I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for September 5th. Next, I need to do some additional business. I need to **Make a Motion to invoke Rule 21 on Ordinance No. 23-21-B.** Rule 21 allows me on the prevailing side to reconsider any Ordinance before the next Council meeting has ended. I need to invoke that rule in order to reconsider 23-21. **Second by Mr. Lang.**

Motion passed 9-0

Mr. Marmie - **Since 23-21 is on the table again, I need to Make a Motion to amend 23-21-A to 23-21-B. 23-21-B is adding the CTEC in there and also the Commissioners statement. Second by Mr. Lang.**

Motion to amend passed 9-0

Motion to adopt 23-21-B passed 9-0

Law Director Moore - The Enterprise Zone legislation that was passed. The legislation did not need to be amended, but for Council awareness, determining whether or not you would like to follow Rule 21, the only changes to the Enterprise Zone Agreement were that we added the proper Resolution from the Commissioners from back in 1988 to the agreement as well as we took out a paragraph that it was set up here and also set up here. So, I wanted you to have the opportunity to review this before I signed the Resolution.

Mr. Marmie - Next, I want to recognize Mr. Platt back there, thank you for coming, thank you for what you are doing in the City of Newark, I hope this is the first of many, we encourage that a lot. I'm very thankful that the first location is in the 6th Ward. Thank you again for that. A couple of other things, one thing that was mentioned about we vote on the non-bargaining, all of the bargaining units, their pay raises have been agreed to except for AFSCME, that one is coming at the next set of meetings, so that is coming it is not something that has been delayed by the City. The electrical fires that occurred in Hawaii, the City of Newark, if a hurricane was coming through we would definitely ensure that the power company shut down those power wires, that's where the failure was, it was not that they had overhead power lines, it was that they failed to shut them down during a hurricane. So, if that happened here I think that we would encourage that to happen here. It is up to the private sector to determine if they want overhead or underground it is not a City mandated thing. I want to thank Director Hickman and Director Spurgeon for the numerous conversations, I think that's been said, but I really do appreciate the discussions that we've had, the education that we've had and I just love that we can support our Safety Forces. There's more that needs to be done, the citizens of Newark are very adamant that some improvement as far as the numbers of police and the ability to have

more patrols is something that is a priority, so there is more work that still needs to be done on everybody's part including ourselves. Finally, I want to recognize and congratulate our new Council President, Jeff Harris, appreciate what you do and I'm glad that you are in that position. Also, will recognize, congratulations to Councilman Neely for being a part of this Council and I look forward to working with you.

Mr. Neely - First and foremost thank you everyone for the warm welcome. Thank you to the audience for their welcome, it is my honor to serve this City I was born and raised here, it's a true honor. Also at my first meeting one of my first votes is for the Safety Forces, it's close to my heart, we have a phenomenal Fire and Police Department, amazing safety forces, so I'm happy to support that.

Mr. Rath - I'll start by calling a Service Committee meeting for September 5th. I will say congratulations to Mr. Harris, I'm looking forward to working with you as President, congratulations to Mr. Neely. I'm going to apologize right now if I ever answer to a question posed to you because I've followed Mr. Marmie for the last 14 years. SO, if they call your name and I answer, I apologize.

President Harris - I want to thank everybody for their kind words tonight and their support and also would like to congratulate the Newark Wildcats for beating Zanesville on Friday night, that was a big win and hopefully will give them some momentum for the season. I'd also like to thank the Safety Forces for all you do and I hope to see you at all the Council meetings now, keep coming and support us. Our next meeting is going to be Tuesday, September 5th because labor Day is on the 4th.

Law Director Moore - I just need to know about the Enterprise Zone Agreement, if you're okay with that. The legislation wasn't amended.

Mr. Barker - As chair of that committee, I don't see an issue with the changes to that.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Labutis , Second by Mr. Barker, passed by acclamation

Jeff Harris, President of Council