COUNCIL AGENDA

February 17, 2026
Committee and Council Meetings can be viewed by accessing YouTube
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – Mr. Labutis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Adeleine Gabriel, 5th grade, Carson Elementary

CAUCUS

MINUTES of February 2, 2026

APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Finance
Street
Service

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS
Ryan Bubb, City Auditor – Operating report for the period ending January 31, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS
Ohio Division of Liquor Control - New liquor permit for Morning Harvest Café LLC., 19 S. Park Place, Newark, Ohio.

Park National Bank - Statement of Account Newark Mem Bld/Cedar Hill Cemetery Trust

Dave Froelich - Email communication containing a request to Council

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING
25-49 An ordinance approving and authorizing the law director of the City of Newark or the law director's designee to take all necessary steps to annex the property, being 1.998 acres, more or less, known as 3131 Horns Hill Road, as recorded in instrument number 202212270029997; 0.546 acres, more or less, located in the Township of Newark, as identified by instrument number 202409130016055; and 1.231 acres, more or less, located in the Township of Newark, as identified by auditor's parcel number 058-290796-00.000 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 709.16

25-50 An ordinance to assume maintenance responsibility for the full width of Horns Hill Road from Wildflower Drive until Horns Hill Road exits the municipality's limits adjacent to 2250 Horns Hill Road, Newark, Ohio 43055, and to authorize the service director to enter into all necessary road maintenance agreements with the Licking County Board of Commissioners for the maintenance of Horns Hill Road.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

26-03 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A SIXTEEN (16) FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF FAIRVIEW ACRES ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 96 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS; SAID ALLEY IS LOCATED BETWEEN MORGAN AVENUE AND BONER STREET, EAST OF STATE ROUTE 13.

26-04 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 1509 DITMOOR STROLL, A PROPERTY CURRENTLY BEING ANNEXED FROM NEWARK TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #058-291228-00.000, TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RM-MEDIUM DENSITY ZONING DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

26-05 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED $1,060,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CHURCH STREET AREA IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIR, INCLUDING ELECTRICAL, SIDEWALK, STREET AND STREETSCAPE, AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

26-06 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $155,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE CITY'S COST FOR HORNS HILL ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

26-07 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $485,000 OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE STREAMBANK PROTECTION PROJECT, INCLUDING replacement of the sheet pile dam on Raccoon Creek, SITE PREPARATION AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

26-08 AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING UP TO THREE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

26-01 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. (Disappropriation - $25,000,000.00 - Original budget for project was $65,000,000. Bid opened at $38,000,000. Leaving extra $2,000,000 for project contingency.)

26-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING, SUBJECT TO THE

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE (UBS) FOR THE WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENTS.

26-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LICKING COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF HEATH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THORNWOOD DRIVE KNOWN AS THE THORNWOOD DRIVE - FAYE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE 2 WORK

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

26-04 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. ($36,235.68 - Amount was received as payment for 4th quarter 2025 CPT training from the State of Ohio. Per the ORC, this money must be kept separate from the General Fund and only used for authorized law enforcement training purposes)($604,498.03 - Transfer Adult Use Cannabis Tax received 01.08.26.)

26-05 Exp A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. ($908.95 - Reimbursement from Mental Health & Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties)

26-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DWA RECREATION FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT WELLS PARK AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

26-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ACCEPT BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE GRANVILLE ROAD SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION, PROJECT 2021-11 PROJECT.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT