

COUNCIL AGENDA

February 5, 2024

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Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – Ms. Bline

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS

MINUTES of January 16 , 2024

APPOINTMENTS

There are none this meeting

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Service

Economic Development

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Marcia J. Phelps, Licking County Municipal Court - 2023 Licking County Municipal Court Clerk's Annual Report

Judge David N. Stansbury - 2023 Licking County Municipal Court Annual Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Park National Bank - Newark Memorial Building/Cedar Hill Cemetery Trust Statement

Heidy van Hoof - Concerns about City tap water

Dave Froelich - Regarding email to Mayor and City Council President

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

24-01 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY,

GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 326 BELLE VISTA AVENUE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #054-191040-00.000 AND PARCEL TAX ID #054-191046-00.000 FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES - RH - HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT TO MFR - MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

24-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FIRE ACT GRANT PROGRAMS, IN SUPPORT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, FUNDING FOR PERSONNEL, FIRE PREVENTION, AND FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

24-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR AN AWARD OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FUNDING UNDER THE OHIO EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

24-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

24-04 Exp APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$16,482.00-oversight in budgeting)

24-05 APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$30,000.00 -For Property Maintenance)

24-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE H2 OHIO RIVERS INITIATIVE CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT. PROGRAM.

24-07 AN RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 24-01

BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 326 BELLE VISTA AVENUE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #054-191040-00.000 AND PARCEL TAX ID #054-191046-00.000 FROM THAT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE – RH – HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT TO MFR – MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

WHEREAS, an application for zoning classification has been filed with Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio, this ordinance shall be referred to the Planning Commission immediately after its first reading; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing upon such application and the Clerk of Council shall cause notice of such hearing to be publicized one time at least seven (7) days prior to the date of such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, upon the return of the ordinance to Council by the Planning Commission, council shall cause a second reading to be made of this ordinance and shall take such action as is appropriate pursuant to Article 4.12 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1: The zoning map as established by Ordinance 08-33 (A) is hereby revised by changing the zoning classification for the following described property from SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE – RH – HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT TO MFR – MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT, Zoning Code of the City of Newark.

SEE EXHIBIT "A" FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Section 2: Pursuant to Article 4.12(C) of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio, a vote of at least six (6) members shall be necessary to adopt or defeat the ordinance in the event the Planning Commission has recommended approval or has made no recommendation. An affirmative vote of at least seven (7) Council members shall be necessary to adopt a zoning ordinance that the Planning Commission has recommended against approval.

Section 3: The Newark Planning Commission is hereby authorized and directed to make the change described herein on the aforementioned zoning map.

Section 4: This ordinance shall become effective at the earliest time permitted by Section 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

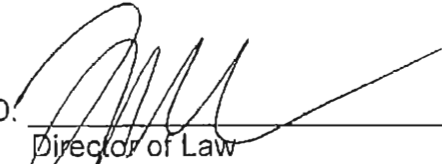
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

MAYOR

FORM APPROVED: 
Director of Law

DESCRIPTION APPROVED: _____
Brian Morehead, Engineer

Prepared by the Office of the Director of Law

BY: _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FIRE ACT GRANT PROGRAMS, IN SUPPORT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, FUNDING FOR PERSONNEL, FIRE PREVENTION, AND FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

WHEREAS, Congress approved for funding a competitive grant programs for local fire departments that are recognized by the State or other appropriate political entity; and,

WHEREAS, the Firefighter Investment and Response Enhancement (FIRE) Act is administered by the U.S Department of Homeland Security Office of Domestic Preparedness and,

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Fire Administration prepared Fiscal Year 2023 funding directives which provide that 90% of matching funds are available for fire training programs, equipment purchases, fire prevention, and fire safety programs; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1: This Council does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor, and his representative, to prepare applications to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for funding assistance through the FIRE Act Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2023 and to make in connection therewith, all certifications, understandings, and assurances contained therein.

Section 2: In furtherance of the directives established herein, the Mayor is authorized to take whatever action is legally available to attain such funding in the best interest of the City and its participation in available fire funding programs.

Section 3: That the Mayor be and hereby is designated as the authorizing official to enter into an agreement with U.S. Department of Homeland Security to administer the grant program and accept said funds when they become available.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective upon the earliest date permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

_____, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____

ATTEST, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

APPROVED BY MAYOR _____

APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OF LAW _____

RESOLUTION 24-02

BY _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR AN AWARD OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FUNDING UNDER THE OHIO EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Public Safety provides funding for the costs of emergency medical training and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Newark is eligible to apply for an award of fiscal year 2024-2025 funds; and,

WHEREAS, each unit of local government receiving funds under the Ohio EMS Training and Equipment Grant Program must establish a special revenue fund into which all payments received by the unit of local government under the Ohio EMS Training and Equipment Grant Program are deposited, and it is necessary to establish a special revenue account for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

- Section 1. In furtherance of the directives established herein, the Mayor is authorized to take whatever action is legally available to attain such funding in the best interest of the City and its participation in available emergency medical training programs.
- Section 2. The Mayor is designated as the authorizing official to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety, to administer the grant program and accept said funds when they become available.
- Section 3. There is hereby established a special revenue fund to be know as the Ohio EMS training and equipment fund. The Auditor is authorized and directed to deposit all receipts from the Ohio Department of Public Safety EMS Training and Equipment Grant Program into this fund. Monies deposited into this fund are to be used solely for the purposes of funding stated in the Ohio EMS Training and Equipment Grant Program.
- Section 4: That the Mayor be and hereby is designated as the authorizing official to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety and its agencies to administer the grant program and to accept said funds when they become available.

Section 5: This Resolution shall become effective upon the earliest date permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

_____, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST _____, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR _____

APPROVED BY MAYOR _____

FORM APPROVED: _____,
DIRECTOR OF LAW

RESOLUTION NO. 24-03

BY _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 was signed as law (Public Law 105-181). The purpose of the Act is to save the lives of law enforcement officers by helping States and local units of government and tribal governments equip their law enforcement officers with armor vests.

WHEREAS, The City of Newark was informed by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance that it is eligible to receive reimbursement for 50% of the total cost for the purchase of bulletproof vests for law enforcement personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

- Section 1: The Mayor is authorized to take whatever action is legally available to attain funding in the best interest of the City and its participation in available crime reduction and improvement of public safety funding programs
- Section 2: The Mayor is designated as the authorizing official to enter into a reimbursement agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to administer the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program and accept said fund
- Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon the earliest date permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH THE MAYOR

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR

MAYOR

FORM APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OF LAW

Resolution No.24-04 Exp

BY: _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, to properly, efficiently and expeditiously conduct business of the City of Newark in the best interest of its citizens, there is an immediate requirement for a certain financial transaction as indicated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO.

Section 1. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$16,482.00 (Oversight in budgeting)

100.116.5111	Salaries/Wages	16,000.00
100.116.5127	Workers Comp	250.00
100.116.5126	Medicare	232.00

Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231 Adult Probation Fund, in the amount of \$16,482.00 (oversight in budgeting)

231.113.5111	Salaries/Wages	16,000.00
231.113.5127	Workers Comp	250.00
231.113.5126	Medicare	232.00

This resolution is a measure providing for an appropriation for current expenses of the municipal corporation; it shall go into effect pursuant to Section 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council _____

Attest Clerk of Council _____

Date filed with Mayor _____

Date approved by Mayor _____

Mayor _____

Approved as to form Director of Law _____

Resolution No.24-05

BY: _____

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, to properly, efficiently and expeditiously conduct business of the City of Newark in the best interest of its citizens, there is an immediate requirement for a certain financial transaction as indicated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO.

Section 1. There is hereby a disappropriation of the appropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (From Cemetery & Parks)

100.432.5230	Temp Services	30,000.00
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Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$30,000.00 (For Property Maintenance)

100.127.5238	Services General	30,000.00
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This resolution is a measure providing for an appropriation for current expenses of the municipal corporation; it shall go into effect pursuant to Section 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

President of Council _____

Attest Clerk of Council _____

Date filed with Mayor _____

Date approved by Mayor _____

Mayor _____

Approved as to form Director of Law _____

BY _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE H2 OHIO RIVERS INITIATIVE CHLORIDE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA through the H2 Ohio Rivers Initiative Chloride Reduction Program is offering grants to Ohio municipalities, villages, township, and counties to adopt best management practices that reduce salt and deicers contributing to runoff and promote chloride reduction in Ohio water sources; and,

WHEREAS, funding can support upgrades to road salt application equipment and storage facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the funding will be provided through reimbursement grants for actual equipment purchased and installed or for the cost to improve or construct facilities; and,

WHEREAS, applications are limited to request up to \$75,000. per unit of local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

- Section 1: This Council does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor, and his representative, to prepare applications to the Ohio EPA for the H2 Ohio Rivers Initiative Chloride Reduction Program, and to make in connection wherewith, all certifications, understandings, and assurances contained therein.
- Section 2: In furtherance of the directives established herein, the Mayor is authorized to take whatever action is legally available to attain such funding in the best interest of the City and its participation in available community improvement funding programs.
- Section 3: That the Mayor be and hereby is designated as the authorizing official to enter into an agreement with the Ohio EPA to administer the grant program and to accept said funds when they become available.
- Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective upon the earliest date permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024

_____, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST _____, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR _____

_____, MAYOR

FORM APPROVED: _____, DIRECTOR OF LAW

RESOLUTION NO. 24-07

AN RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

WHEREAS, the City of Newark, Ohio ("City") desires to pursue all reasonable and legitimate incentive measures to assist and encourage development in specific areas of the City that have not enjoyed reinvestment from remodeling or new construction; and

WHEREAS, a survey of housing ("Housing Survey") of the area described and depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference ("Area") has been prepared as required by Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 3735.66, a copy of which survey is on file with the City; and

WHEREAS, as noted in the Housing Survey, the Area is one in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located and new housing construction and repair of existing facilities or structures are discouraged; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City ("Council") has determined that the construction of new structures and the remodeling of existing structures in the Area is a public purpose, and would encourage the creation and retention of employment opportunities and would benefit the overall economic health of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the Area as the "The Flats Community Reinvestment Area No. [6]" (the "CRA") pursuant to R.C. Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 (the "Act") to encourage such development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, COUNTY OF LICKING AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The CRA constitutes an area in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located, and in which new construction or repair of existing facilities has been discouraged.

Section 2. This Council hereby establishes the CRA pursuant to the Act, with boundaries as described and depicted in Exhibit A. Only residential, commercial, and/or industrial properties consistent with the applicable zoning regulations within the designated CRA will be eligible for exemptions pursuant to this Resolution.

Section 3. Within the CRA, the percentage of the tax exemption on the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from improvements to commercial and industrial real property and the term of those exemptions shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction or remodeling occurring pursuant to R.C. Section 3735.67. The results of the negotiation as approved by this Council will be set in writing in a CRA Agreement as outlined in R.C. Section 3735.671. For residential property, a tax exemption on the increase in the assessed value resulting from the improvements as described in R.C. Section 3735.67 shall be granted

upon application by the property owner and certification thereof by the designated Housing Officer (as defined herein) for the following periods:

- a. fifteen (15) years, for the remodeling of every residential dwelling unit upon which the cost of remodeling is at least \$2,500, as described in R.C. Section 3735.67, and with such exemption being one hundred percent (100%) for each of the fifteen (15) years.
- b. Up to, and including, fifteen (15) years, and up to, and including, one hundred percent (100%) for the remodeling of existing commercial and industrial facilities and upon which the cost of remodeling is at least \$5,000, as described in R.C. Section 3735.67, the term and percentage of which shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of remodeling occurring.
- c. Up to, and including, fifteen (15) years, and up to, and including, one hundred percent (100%) for the construction of new commercial or industrial facilities, the term and percentage of which shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction occurring.

For the purposes of the above described CRA, structures exclusively used for residential purposes shall be classified as residential structures.

If remodeling qualifies for an exemption, during the period of the exemption, the exempted percentage of the dollar amount of the increase in market value of the structure shall be exempt from real property taxation. If new construction qualifies for an exemption, during the period of the exemption, the exempted percentage of the structure shall not be considered to be an improvement on the land on which it is located for the purpose of real property taxation.

Section 4. All commercial and industrial projects are required to comply with the state application fee requirements of R.C. Section 3735.672(C) and the local annual monitoring fee of one percent of the amount of taxes exempted under the agreement – a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of \$2500 annually unless waived.

Section 5. To administer and implement the provisions of this Resolution, the Director of Economic and Community Development (the “Director”) is designated as the Housing Officer as described in the Act.

Section 6. The City’s Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council (“Housing Council”) shall make an annual inspection of the properties within the CRA for which an exemption has been granted under R.C. Section 3735.67. The Housing Council shall also hear appeals related to the CRA under R.C. Section 3735.70.

The City’s Tax Incentive Review Council (“TIRC”) shall review annually the compliance of all agreements involving the granting of exemptions for commercial or industrial real property improvements under R.C. Section 3735.671 and make written recommendations to the Council as to continuing, modifying, or terminating said agreement based upon the performance of the agreement.

Section 7. The Mayor and/or Director are hereby authorized to take any and all actions required by the Act for the establishment of the CRA consistent with the requirements of the Act and this Ordinance.

Section 8. The Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council, that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including R.C. Section 121.22.

Section 9. This Resolution shall become effective at the earliest time permitted by Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

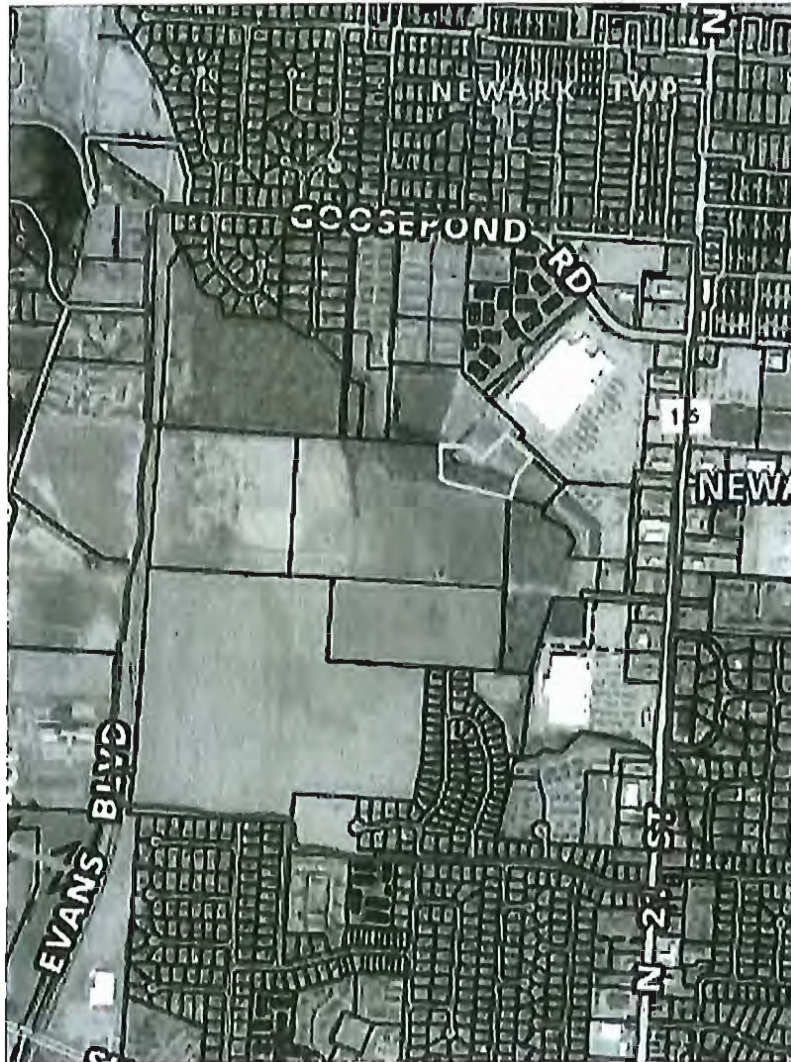
MAYOR

FORM APPROVED: _____

DIRECTOR OF LAW

EXHIBIT A

DESCRIPTION AND DEPICTION OF THE CRA



City of Newark, Ohio



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City of Newark Community Reinvestment Area
Housing Survey

Prepared by:
Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
Chris L. Connelly
Legal Counsel
October 2023

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document aims to evaluate existing area conditions and recommend a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) as described in Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65–70 within the city limits of Newark, Ohio (Appendix A). The circumstances in the defined area will show that “housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located [in the area], and new housing construction and repair of existing facilities or structures are discouraged.” O.R.C. § 3735.65(B). Unless otherwise noted, all statistical information contained here comes from the most recent U.S. Census or American Community Survey data.

II. CITY OF NEWARK AND LICKING COUNTY OVERVIEW

The City of Newark was founded in 1802 and, early on in its existence, enjoyed vibrant economic and population growth thanks to the construction of the Erie Canal and a strong agricultural community. It was home to important freight and passenger stops and produced crucial agricultural goods for the surrounding communities and the Midwest at large. But like many rural towns, growth stagnated in the mid-20th century with the exodus to urban and suburban areas. Despite modest population growth in the last 100 years helped along by the academic institutions present in the City, portions of Newark’s tax base have weakened and caused disinvestment and declining housing supply and quality.

Recently, Newark has experienced revitalization in some areas thanks to investment from local government, academic institutions, and private industry, as well as excitement surrounding impending projects in Licking County. But the housing stock in Newark has not fared so well. Residential properties suffer from disinvestment, dilapidation, tax delinquency, vacancy, and abandonment. These conditions have led to the disinvestment sought to be addressed in the proposed CRA.

Economic hardship and poor housing stock have affected the City more significantly than Licking County as a whole, as reflected by the City having a higher poverty rate, lower median income, lower owner-occupancy rates, and lower home value than the County averages and surrounding municipalities. This information is specifically referenced below and highlights the City’s deficiencies sought to be alleviated by the creation of the CRA.

General City and County Data

This data on the City and County is available from American Fact Finder on Census.gov (also see the census map in Appendix C showing population growth statistics) in the 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates:

- Population estimates:
 - City – 49,936
 - County – 180,401

- Median age:
 - City – 37.0
 - County – 39.7

- Median household income:
 - City – \$52,570
 - County – \$73,325

- Individuals below the poverty level:
 - City – 16.2%
 - County – 12.2%

- Median home value:
 - City – \$139,900
 - County – \$214,700

- Total housing units:
 - City – 19,800
 - County – 73,010

- Owner-occupied housing rate:
 - City – 55.3%
 - County – 76%

Other Cities within Licking County

In key metrics, other cities in Licking County have fared better than Newark:

- Median household income:
 - Granville – \$135,326
 - Pataskala – \$79,736
 - Johnstown – \$64,744

- Individuals below the poverty level:
 - Granville – 2.2%
 - Pataskala – 6.7%
 - Johnstown – 9.3%

- Median home value:
 - Granville – \$380,700
 - Pataskala – \$208,300
 - Johnstown – \$175,000

The City's negative income and housing statistics compared to the County at large show that the current City housing cannot support the same healthy development that is expected county-wide. In particular, portions of the CRA area contain vacant acreage for redevelopment, as few housing units have been constructed, and the housing that does exist is aging and in need of remediation.

The low owner-occupancy rate in the City coupled with the high poverty rate harm residents' ability to use disposable income to maintain, repair, and improve their property. The proposed CRA would help residents realize savings that can be used to reinvest into their property.

The City desires to facilitate more commercial and industrial development within its boundaries, focusing on those underdeveloped portions within the CRA. This commercial and industrial development will provide much-needed jobs for City and County residents and will lead to future residential development as the area's workforce increases in size.

Newark has underperformed its potential, in most areas, relative to neighboring municipalities. The proposed CRA will be beneficial in bringing the City up to par with the surrounding area and enable it to facilitate future growth consistent with county-wide expectations.

III. PROPOSED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA

To respond to these development needs, the City is proposing to create a CRA that consists of several parcels within the City which are either vacant or blighted and require tax relief to be redeveloped. The proposed CRA is depicted on the attached map in **Appendix A**.

The proposed CRA includes several parcels of developable and residential land, the natural boundaries of which are Evans Blvd. to the West, Goosepond Road to the North, N. 21st Street to the East, and Jackson Blvd. to the south, along with the southern boundaries of parcels numbered 054-286698-00.000, 054-286470-00.176.

The proposed CRA is within the City limits and does not overlap with a preexisting CRA. It is approximately a [] square foot area, including agricultural land, commercial land, and housing units. In addition, the region surrounding the proposed CRA boundaries comprises several amenities like a historic downtown area with restaurants and small businesses, The Works Museum, the Midland Theater, Dawes Arboretum, Nature Preserves, and even the World's Largest Basket. Despite the area's serene location in an east-Columbus suburb, the area immediately surrounding the proposed CRA suffers from poor housing stock, lower economic status, and is generally of lesser quality than surrounding City areas.

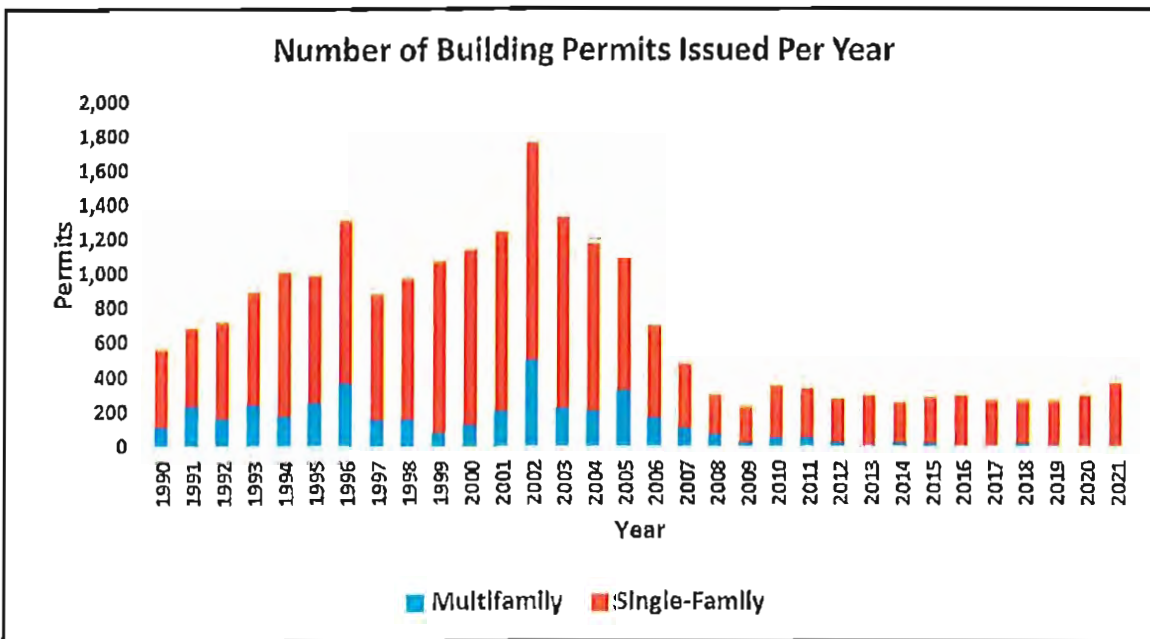
Blighted Structures

There are blighted structures and neighborhoods in a pre-blight phase scattered throughout the City. **Appendices B.1 and B.2** show examples of blighted homes in and around the proposed CRA boundaries. These properties stand to benefit from the economic enhancement that will come with the proposed CRA.

Lack of New Construction in the Area

Over the last three years for which there is data, Licking County has seen flat change in the housing stock. This stagnation is evidenced by the comparison of demolition permits to new build permits. The County netted between 251-361 new single-family homes permits per year between 2018 and 2021 (2018:251; 2019:257; 2020:289; 2021:361)¹. A rate far below the anticipated need of the area, which has directly and negatively affected Newark’s ability to provide adequate housing options to its residents. On par with the County-wide trend, Newark’s total housing supply has increased only 0.9% since 2010.²

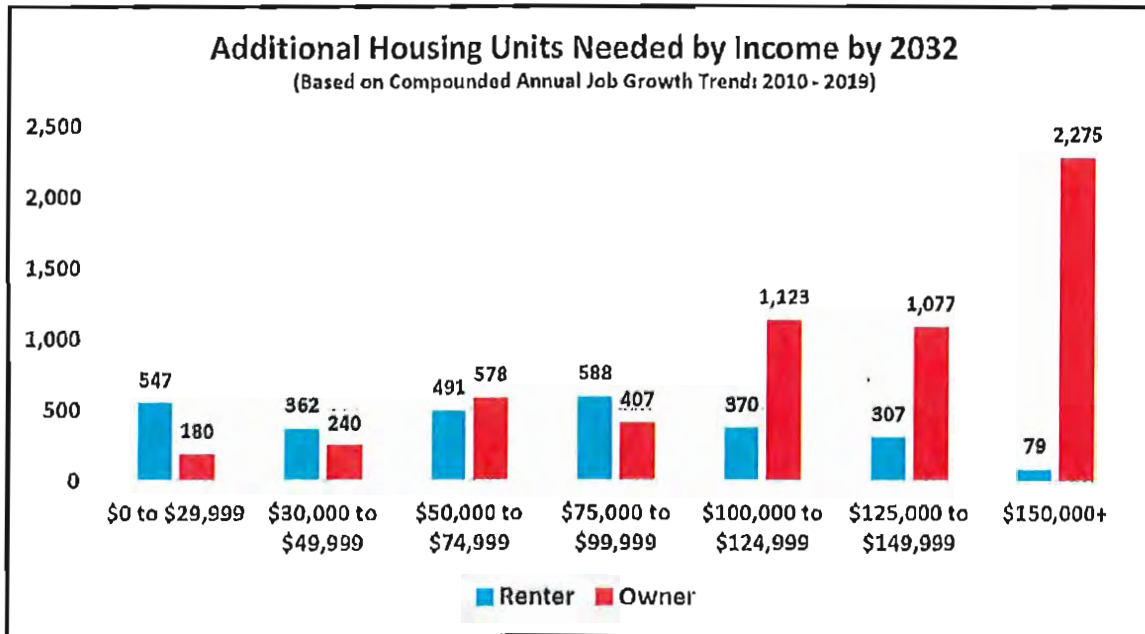
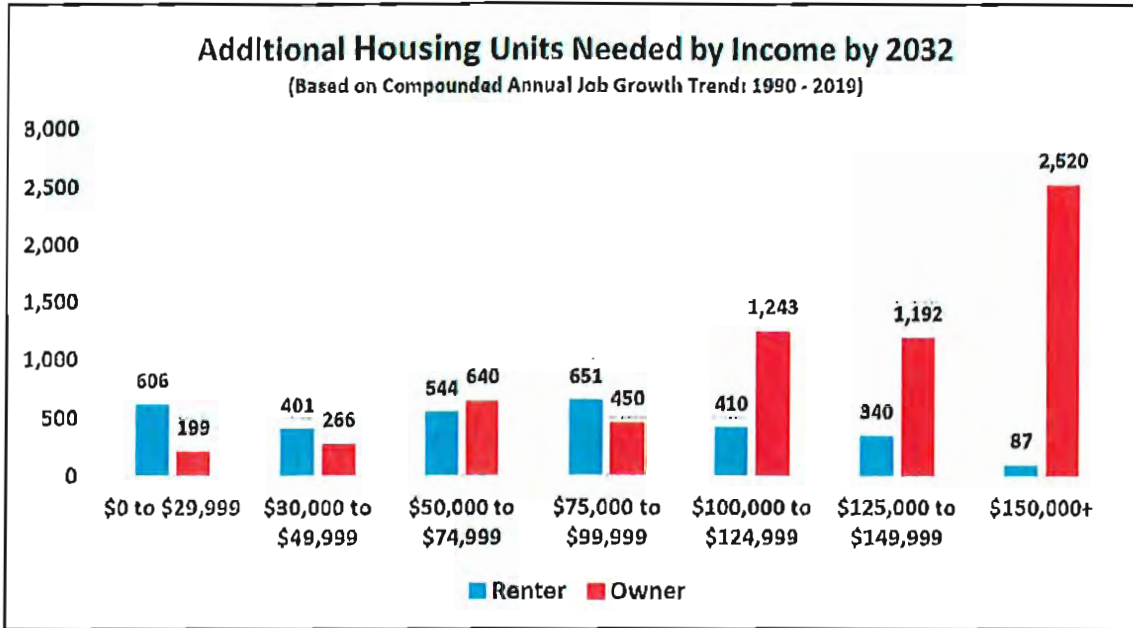
Please reference the charts below from the 2022 BIA of Central Ohio Housing Need Assessment:



Source: State of the Cities Data Systems (SOCDS)

¹ Information found on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development website State of the Cities Data Systems Index – <https://socds.huduser.gov/permits/index.htm>?

² Information found on Town Charts website at <https://www.towncharts.com/Ohio/Housing/Newark-city-OH-Housing-data.htm> (Figure 3).



Source: Vogt Strategic Insights

IV. CONCLUSIONS

The evidence for disinvestment and blight in the proposed area is summarized by the following:

- lower housing stock than surrounding areas in the City and County;
- higher number of dilapidated residential structures than the surrounding areas in the City and County; and
- undeveloped, underutilized parcels.

The proposed CRA has suffered from disinvestment and meets the criteria under O.R.C. §§ 3735.65–70. Creating the CRA will mitigate the blight that has set in and prevent blight from spreading to surrounding areas by encouraging reinvestment into properties in the area.

APPENDIX A – CRA Map



**APPENDIX B.1 – Examples of Dilapidated Structures
within the Proposed CRA Boundaries**

Example Property # 1

525 Goosepond Road, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-286422-00.004



Example Property # 2

515 Goosepond Road, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-286422-00.003



Example Property # 3

1433 Moloviste Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-292932-00.000



Example Property # 4

1442 Moloviste Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-287658-00.000



Example Property # 5

1452 Moloviste Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-294984-00.000



Example Property # 6

1435 Independence Court, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-286422-00.012



APPENDIX B.2 – Examples of Dilapidated Structures “Other Area Housing”
(all properties within City limits)

Example Property #1

1529 Kenarbre Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-273420-00.000

About 100 yards from CRA boundary.



Example Property # 2

1557 Lemae Ave, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-293574-00.000

About 150 yards from CRA boundary.



Example Property # 3

1507 Lemae Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-290214-00.000

About 125 yards from CRA boundary.



Example Property # 4

342 Goosepond Road, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-273426-00.000

About 25 yards from CRA boundary.



Example Property # 5

1566 N 21st Street, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 058-293376-00.000

About 150 yards from CRA boundary.



Example Property # 6

221 Greenfield Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055; Parcel Number: 054-289662-00.000

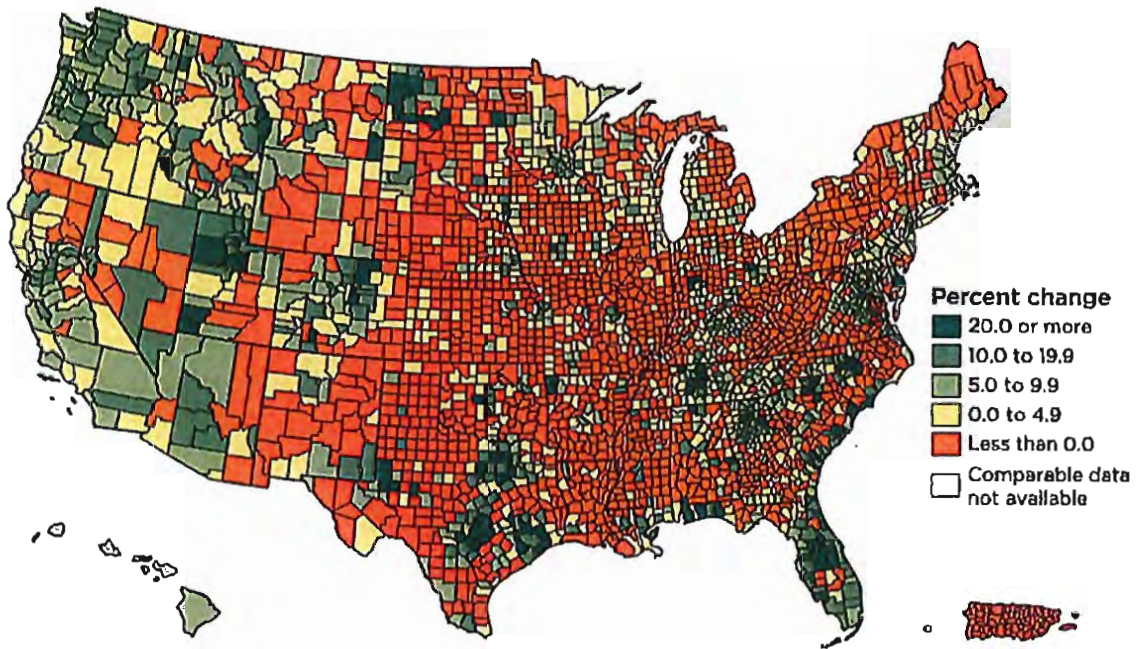
About 200 yards from CRA boundary.



APPENDIX C – Population Growth Comparison Among Counties



Percent Change in County Population: 2010 to 2020



Note: Bedford city, VA, was changed to town status and added to Bedford County, VA, effective July 1, 2013. For purposes of presenting data, Bedford County is treated as if Bedford city were included in it at the time of the 2010 census.

United States
Census
Bureau

U.S. Department of Commerce
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
[census.gov](https://www.census.gov)

Source: 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File; 2020 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File

Plat of Survey

City of Newark, County of Licking, State of Ohio, part Lot 2 & Lot 8 of the Second Quarter, Section 2, Township 2N, Range 12W, of the United States Military Lands.

PROPERTY LOCATION:

Situated in the City of Newark, County of Licking, State of Ohio, and being part of Lot 2 & Lot 8 in the Second Quarter, Section 2, Township 2N, Range 12W, of the United States Military Lands.

Being a Survey of a 5.138 Acre parcel conveyed to Eric W. Skipper, as recorded in Instrument No. 2021-11100034525 the Licking County Deed Records, and being all of Auditor's P.P.N. 054-269904-00.000.

Subject to the Flood Zone 'AE' Plain, as per Community Panel No. 39089C03331, dated March 16, 2015, of the FEMA Maps of this area.

Shanghi Enterprises, LLC
9.771 Acres
Instrument No. 2020-121700B6718

LOT 2
LOT 8
S 88°56'20" E 165.00'
S 50°05'24" E 150.00'

Tract 'B'
3.648 Acres
N 39°54'36" E 250.26'
S 50°05'24" E 243.23'

Eric W. Skipper
5.138 Acres
Instrument No. 2021-11100034525

Tract 'A'
1.490 Acres
N 39°54'36" E 149.71'
S 39°54'39" W 233.05'

Tract 'A'
10.039 Acres
Instrument No. 2020-1220033204
N 77°51'20" W 251.48'
N 79°30'24" W 398.77'

T.J. Evans Foundation
91.423 Acres
Deed Book 782, Page 872

P.O.C. IRON PIN FOUND AT NW CORNER
LOG FOND DRIVE (45" Wide)
DEDICATION (P.B.17, Page 291)

N 88°31'08" W 452.03'



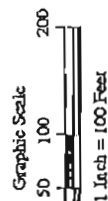
I hereby certify that an actual survey of the premises was made and that this plat is correct to the best of my professional judgment.

Scott A. England, P.S.
Ohio Registered Surveyor #6-7452

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BASIS OF BEARING
The bearings of this plat are based on the South line of Lot 2, as being N 88°56'20" W, and is an assumed Meridian used to denote angles only.

- ### LEGEND
- - 3/4" o.d. Iron Pipe Found
 - ⊙ - 5/8" x 30" long reinforcing bars w/ red cap stamped "S.A. England #S-7452"
 - - 5/8" o.d. Iron Pin Found
 - △ - Mag Nail Set



OnTrac Property Map



January 27, 2022

- Street Number Only
- Sales - 2022
- Centerline Labels
- Interstate/US/State Route
- County Road
- 188 Feet
- Township Road
- Other Road Type
- Driveaway
- Interstates
- Municipal Corporations
- Jurisdictional Townships

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LICKING COUNTY TAX MAP