

COUNCIL AGENDA

January 21, 2025

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Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – Mr. Houser

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS

MINUTES of January 6, 2025

APPOINTMENTS

Newark City Council per Director Mauter's request – Reappointing Mark Labutis and Julio Vallardes to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council (CRAHC). The three-year terms began January 1, 2025 and will expire December 31, 2027.

Mayor Jeff Hall - Reappointing John Paul and Steve Layman to the City of Newark Board of Zoning Adjustment. Their terms began January 1, 2025 and will expire December 31, 2028. Subsequent appointments will be four-year terms.

Mayor Jeff Hall - Reappointing City of Newark Engineer Brian Morehead to the Newark CIC (Community Improvement Corporation), known as Newark Development Partners. His new term began January 1, 2025 and will expire December 31, 2027.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Service

Personnel

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Jill Frew, Tax Administrator's Office – Income Tax Revenue Reports for period ending December 31, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

25-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DEPARTMENT OF Public Service, DIVISION OF Wastewater Treatment Plant BY ABOLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION (1) OF Industrial Waste Inspector/Operator while CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF Operations Technician/Operator and SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

24-105 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.

24-111 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 2025-2026 FUNDING UNDER THE OHIO EMS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

24-112 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 2024 FIRE ACT GRANT PROGRAMS, IN SUPPORT OF TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, FUNDING FOR PERSONNEL, FIRE PREVENTION, AND FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

25-01 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 NEW SERVICE TRUCK AND UTILITY BED FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION/SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO: 25-01

BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION, PAY RANGE AND DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION TABLES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DEPARTMENT OF Public Service, DIVISION OF Wastewater Treatment Plant BY ABOLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION (1) OF Industrial Waste Inspector/Operator while CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF Operations Technician/Operator and SETTING THE COMPENSATION THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the Division of Wastewater Treatment Plant has had a cause to review their staffing needs and has determined that alteration is warranted in the organization or structure due to changing workplace needs;

and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the position authorization and classification/pay range tables to accomplish the foregoing objective;

and,

WHEREAS, the overall position authorization for the division will not change;

and,

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee considered this matter on 01.06.25, and recommended that it be considered by full council.

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

SECTION 1: The position of Industrial Waste Inspector/Operator is hereby abolished within the Department of Public Service Division of Wastewater Treatment Plant

SECTION 2: The additional position of Operations Technician/Operator is hereby created within the Department of Public Service Division of Wastewater Treatment Plant

SECTION 3: The position classification/pay range table for the hereby is amended as follows.

SECTION 4: The position of Operations Technician/Operator shall receive compensation and benefits as set forth in the current Pay Range 38 - AFSCME L2963 Collective Bargaining Agreement. This position is in the classified service of the City of Newark.

SECTION 5: This ordinance 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 _____, _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST

Clerk of Council

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR _____

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Director of Law

**Strength authorization table*

Position Number	Description	Department	Benefit Group	Position Status
2.713.210.01	Wastewater Facilities Manager	Wastewater Treatment Plant	MGMT EXEMPT	Single
2.713.220.01	Wastewater Facilities Asst Mgr	Wastewater Treatment Plant	MGMT EXEMPT	Single
3.713.330.01	Electro Mechanical Technician	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.713.340.01	Operations Technician/Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.713.340.02	Operations Technician/Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	
3.713.840.01	Plant Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.713.840.02	Plant Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.713.840.03	Plant Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.713.840.04	Plant Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.713.840.05	Plant Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.713.840.06	Plant Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Vacant
3.713.840.07	Plant Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Vacant
3.713.843.01	Utility Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Vacant
3.713.843.02	Utility Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Vacant
3.713.844.01	Maintenance Mechanic/Operator	Wastewater Treatment Plant	AFSCME-FT	Single
4.713.350.01	Instrumentation Technician	Wastewater Treatment Plant	NON-BARG VACA - Non- Bargaining FT Vacation Diff	Single
4.713.694.01	Maintenance Leader	Wastewater Treatment Plant	NON-BARG FT	Single
Current				17
<i>Proposed</i>				<i>17</i>

Environmental Lab

Position Number	Description	Department	Benefit Group	Position Status
2.714.250.01	Chemist	714 - Environmental Lab	MGMT EXEMPT	Single
3.714.330.01	Laboratory Technician	714 - Environmental Lab	AFSCME-FT	Single
3.714.841.01	Industrial Inspector/Operator	714 - Environmental Lab	AFSCME-FT	Single

RESOLUTION NO. 24-105

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

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RESOLUTION 24-111

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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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

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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 NO. 25-01

BY: _____

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 NEW SERVICE TRUCK AND UTILITY BED FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION/SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Newark operates a water distribution and wastewater collection system; and,

WHEREAS, the department requires maintenance vehicles to perform routine and emergency service throughout the system; and,

WHEREAS, there is need to replace an aging service truck to ensure reliable service for current and future customers; and,

WHEREAS, the combined price of the truck and utility be is greater than \$75,000; and,

WHEREAS, due to the vehicle only being available through a single source and pursuant to 10.02(C) of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio, it is requested that competitive bidding be waived and allow the Director of Public Service to enter into a purchase agreement to obtain the needed vehicle

WHEREAS, funding from the water and sewer division is available to purchase said vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, the Service Committee of the Newark City Council met on the 6th day of January, 2025 and voted to forward this legislation to full Council for its further consideration.

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

Section 1: The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized and directed to purchase a 2-wheel drive Crew Cab Work Truck and Utility bed, subject to the appropriation of Water and Sewer funds.

Section 2: It is in the best interest of the City and its residents that competitive bidding be waived pursuant 10.02(C) due to the fact the vehicle is currently available for purchase from a single source.

Section 3: This resolution shall become effective at the earliest time permitted in accordance with Article 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Passed this _____ day of _____ 2025.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

MAYOR

FORM APPROVED: _____
DIRECTOR OF LAW

Prepared by the Division of Water and Wastewater