

COUNCIL AGENDA

July 20, 2026

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Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – Ms. Ingold

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CAUCUS

MINUTES of July 6, 2026

APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Street

Service

Economic Development

Capital Improvement

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator – Income Tax Revenue Reports for the period ending June 30, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS

Ethan Jenkins – Letter of opposition to another attempt at an income tax increase

Dave Froelich – Emails regarding work ethic, City Charter, and youth sports teams

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

26-25 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A TWELVE (12) FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF JOSEPH COFFMAN'S SECOND ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 87 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS; SAID ALLEY IS LOCATED BETWEEN 190 AND 196 SOUTH 5TH STREET, NORTH OF NATIONAL DRIVE.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

26-38 Exp A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. (\$4,637.00 - Purchase of drug testing supplies.)

26-40 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 REPAIR OF MANHOLE AND SANITARY SEWER AND REHABILITATION OF THE LICKING RIVER AROUND SAID MANHOLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

26-41 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HEREINAFTER NAMED ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED WITHIN NEWARK'S FY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN.

26-42 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO EXECUTE THE PATASKALA CORPORATE PARK JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, THE CITY OF PATASKALA, OHIO, AND HARRISON TOWNSHIP (LICKING COUNTY), OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A TWELVE (12) FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF JOSEPH COFFMAN'S SECOND ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 87 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS; SAID ALLEY IS LOCATED BETWEEN 190 AND 196 SOUTH 5TH STREET, NORTH OF NATIONAL DRIVE.

WHEREAS, Newark City Council received a petition from owners of real estate in the City of Newark praying for the herein described alley vacation; and,

WHEREAS, the Street Committee of the City of Newark met on July 6, 2026, and considered the procedure as outlined in Section 723.06 of The Ohio Revised Code whereby notice of the intention to vacate is not required, and approved the preparation and submittal of this legislation for Council consideration, in accordance with Section 723.06 of The Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, this Council finds there is good cause for such vacation and that such vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest.

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

Section 1: The following described alley is hereby vacated, reserving, however, unto the City of Newark, Ohio, its successors and assigns, easements for construction, maintenance, and operation of various utilities, publicly owned and otherwise, to wit:

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Licking, City of Newark and being a twelve (12) foot wide alley as shown on the Plat of the Joseph Coffman's Second Addition, as recorded in Plat Book 1 at Page 87 of the Licking County Plat Records, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 846 of said Coffman's Second Addition, said point also being the intersection of the north line of said 12 foot wide alley and the east right-of-way line of South 5th Street;

Thence east 205.5 feet along the south line of Lot 846 to the southeast corner of said Lot 846, said point also being on the east line of a fifteen (15) foot wide north-south alley, now known as Conley Alley, as shown on said Coffman's Second Addition plat;

Thence south 12 feet to a point on the north line of Lot 847 of said Coffman's Second Addition, said point being on the south line of said 12 foot wide alley;

Thence west 205.5 feet along the north line of Lot 847 of said Coffman's Second Addition to the northwest corner of said Lot 847, said point being on the east right of way line of South 5th Street;

Thence north 12 feet along the east right-of-way line of South 5th Street to The True Place of Beginning.

This description was written based on information provided in existing plat and tax records, without the benefit of a field survey.

Section 2: The Division of Engineering of the City of Newark is hereby instructed to prepare a vacation plat of said vacated alley and the Clerk of Council is instructed to endorse upon such plat the action of this Council, and to cause such plat to be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Licking County, Ohio.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall become effective at the earliest time permitted by law after passage by Council and signature of the Mayor.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

Attest: _____

Date Filed with Mayor: _____

Date Approved by Mayor: _____

Mayor

Form Approved by: _____
Law Director

Prepared by the Division of Engineering.

Resolution No.26-38 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 an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the Adult Probation Fund, in the amount of \$4,637.00 (Purchase of drug testing supplies.)

231.113.5312	Law Enforcement Supplies	4,637.00
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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 _____, 2026.

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 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 REPAIR OF MANHOLE AND SANITARY SEWER AND REHABILITATION OF THE LICKING RIVER AROUND SAID MANHOLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Newark operates a sanitary sewer collection system; and,

WHEREAS, there is need to repair a damaged sanitary manhole and 200 feet of pipe within the North Fork Licking River; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of the repair will be greater than \$75,000; and,

WHEREAS, Layton Inc. was approved to complete this project at the June 2, 206 Board of Control meeting, but due to the extent of the repair a bid waiver is now required based on the emergency nature of the repair and the complexity of the repair; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 735.051, when a real and present emergency arises in connection with the operation or maintenance of municipally owned utilities, a municipality may enter into a contract for the necessary work without formal bidding or advertisement upon approval by a two-thirds vote of all members of City Council; and

WHEREAS, an emergency is declared for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, as the sanitary sewer has significant damage; and,

WHEREAS, this matter was considered in regular session by the Service Committee who voted to refer the same to full Council for 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 enter into contract with Layton Inc. for the repair and replacement of the sanitary sewer and river re-construction, subject to the appropriation of Water and Stormwater funds.

Section 2: It is in the best interest of the City and its residents that competitive bidding not be required and the same is hereby waived pursuant to Article 10.02 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio. The Director of Public Service is hereby authorized and directed to enter directly into contract with Layton Inc. for the repair and replacement of said sewer.

Section 3: An emergency is hereby declared to exist in order to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Newark. Therefore,

this legislation shall become effective immediately upon passage in accordance with Article 4.06 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Passed this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

BY: _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HEREINAFTER NAMED ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES INCLUDED WITHIN NEWARK'S FY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and community Development Acts of 1974 and 1990, as amended, the City of Newark has applied for and received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for certain community development activities; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into a CDBG funded subrecipient agreement with the hereinafter mentioned organizations to implement the foregoing FY 2026 CDBG funded activity; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Mayor to enter into the CDBG funded subrecipient agreement; and,

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed subrecipient agreements are on file in the offices of the Director of Public Service and Director of 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 Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into CDBG funded subrecipient agreements with the following organizations for the implementation of the following FY 2026 CDBG funded projects:

- A. Behavioral Healthcare Partners Inc.
- B. St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Columbus
- C. Newark Development Partners CIC
- D. Licking County Coalition for Housing
- E. St. Vincent Haven
- F. Community Drop in Center

Section 2: 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 _____, 2026

_____, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

SIGNED BY MAYOR; _____

FORM APPROVED BY LAW DIRECTOR: _____

RESOLUTION NO: 26-42

BY _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NEWARK, OHIO TO EXECUTE THE PATASKALA CORPORATE PARK JOINT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, THE CITY OF PATASKALA,
OHIO, AND HARRISON TOWNSHIP (LICKING COUNTY), OHIO AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Newark, the City of Pataskala, and Harrison Township (Licking County) executed a Joint Economic Development District Contract on December 22, 2009 (the “Original JEDD Contract”), creating the Pataskala Corporate Park Joint Economic Development District (the JEDD”); and,

WHEREAS, the original contract was amended by the contracting parties to add certain properties to the JEDD pursuant to R.C. 715.72(L) (hereafter “Amendment No. 1) which was adopted by this council on October 3, 2022, by way of Resolution no. 22-80; and,

WHEREAS, the contracting parties now desire to enter into a second amendment to the Original JEDD Contract by making certain modifications to the language contained within sections 9 and 10 of the Original JEDD Contract, (hereinafter “Amendment No. 2”) which are attached to this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, Amendment no. 2 seeks only to amend the Original JEDD Contract pursuant to R.C. 715.72(G), and does not seek to add or delete territory from the JEDD District pursuant to R.C. 715.72(L); and,

WHEREAS, the contracting parties do not seek to alter or amend any other terms set forth in the Original JEDD contract nor those set forth in Amendment No. 1, and intend for all other terms and conditions to remain in full force and effect; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the functioning of the JEDD to make this amendment and this Council is in agreement with such proposed modifications; and,

WHEREAS, because of the importance of the proposed changes, the contracting parties wish to move forward with the proposed Amendment no. 2 as soon as possible and it is therefore declared an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the City of Newark; and,

WHEREAS, the Newark City Council Economic Development Committee has considered this matter and forwarded this resolution to the full council for its consideration.

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

SECTION ONE: The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Joint Economic Development Contract, Amendment No. 2 (a copy of which is attached hereto).

SECTION TWO: This resolution is considered an emergency for purposes of implementing the necessary changes as soon as possible for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and shall be effective at the earliest time permitted by Section 4.07 of the Charter of the City of Newark, Ohio.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2026.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of Council

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR: _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

MAYOR: _____

FORM APPROVED: _____
Tricia M. Moore, Director of Law

Prepared by the Office of the Director of Law