

COUNCIL AGENDA

September 21, 2026

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Council Chambers

7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION – Ms. Bline

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Kalayah Maughmer, 5th Grade, Carson Elementary

CAUCUS

MINUTES of September 8, 2026

APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Recreation

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

PROCLAMATION - Mayor Hall – September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator – Income Tax Revenue Reports for the period ending August 31, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS

Trish Perry – Save a Life Day will be observed on Thursday, September 24

Heather Wallace - Email communication containing a request to Council

Mark Mauter, Director of Development - Licking County recorded the highest year-over-year employment growth among the nation's 376 largest counties, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

PUBLIC HEARING

26-24 AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 1010 BRICE STREET, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #055-282810-00.004, FROM THAT OF GC – GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO LI – LIMITED INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

Upon consideration of the information presented, the following actions are recommended:

1. *The zoning classification for the parcel at 1010 Brice Street shall be changed to LI, Limited Industrial zoning district. Ordinance 26-24 is recommended for passage and approval by Council.*

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

There are none this meeting.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

There are none this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING

26-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN 18-MONTH DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, TO EVALUATE PROPERTY FOR ADDITIONAL SOURCE WATER.

26-47 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$2,455.41 - Request appropriation into overtime account as this was for special duty for the Strawberry Festival sponsored by Newark Kiwanis at the end of May 2026.)

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

26-49 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. (\$50,000.00 - Salt purchase obligation first half 2026-2027 Contract)(\$2,600.00 - Request appropriation into equipment account for thermal imaging camera. Donation was received from Newark Elks earmarked for this specifically. Pay In # 158748)

26-50 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING.

26-51 Exp A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. (\$6,236.80 - A revision was completed on the grant within the department that accounts for a lower amount spent on overtime. These funds will be spent elsewhere.)(\$35,981.00 - A revision was completed on the CCA 2.0 grant to reallocate funds. This budget has been approved by ODRC. These funds will be used to support BIP at the Woodlands, OCPOA memberships, offender incentives, and purchasing SCRAM Base Stations and kits.)(\$44,394.01 - Ohio AG Shine A Light on Dumpers Grant)

26-52 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO PROCEED WITH THE STEPS NECESSARY TO DESIGNATE THE CEDAR HILL CEMETERY OFFICE BUILDING AS THE JEFFREY A. HOTCHKISS BUILDING.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

MISCELLANEOUS

ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 26-24

BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 1010 BRICE STREET, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #055-282810-00.004, FROM THAT OF GC – GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO LI – LIMITED INDUSTRIAL ZONING 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 GC – GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO LI – LIMITED INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

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

EXHIBIT "A"
(File #7-10257)

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Licking, City of Newark, and lying in Quarter Township 3, Township 2, Range 11 of the United States Military Lands, being a part of Lot 12947, an 11.745 acre tract, as shown on the record plat of the Brice Street Business Park, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 109, in the Licking County Recorder's Office, Licking County, Ohio, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin, for reference, at an iron pin found at the northeasterly corner of said Lot 12947, said iron pin being on the southerly right-of-way line of Ohio Central Railroad;

Thence South 84 degrees 11' 21" West, a distance of 618.92 feet, along the line common to said Lot 12947 and the southerly right-of-way line of Ohio Central Railroad, to an iron pin set, said iron pin being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence the following two (2) courses and distance across said Lot 12947;

1. South 05°48'39" East, a distance of 114.22 feet, to an iron pin set;
2. South 23°01'17" West, a distance of 65.52 feet, to an iron pin set on the right-of-way of Brice Street (60 feet in width);

Thence the following three (3) courses and distances along said right-of-way of Brice Street;

1. Along a curve to the left, said curve having a Central Angle of 59°10'03", a Radius of 60.00 feet, an Arc Length of 61.96 feet, a Chord Bearing South 34°57'26" West, and a Chord Distance of 59.24 feet, to an iron pin found at a point of reverse curvature;
2. Along a curve to the right, said curve having a Central Angle of 62°38'53", a Radius of 51.00 feet, an Arc Length of 55.76 feet, a Chord Bearing South 36°41'51" West, and a Chord Distance of 53.03 feet to an iron pin found;
3. South 68°01'17" West, a distance of 76.93 feet, to an iron pin set;

Thence North 05°48'39" West, a distance of 277.00 feet across said Lot 12947, to an iron pin set on the line common to said Lot 12947 and the right-of-way line of Ohio Central Railroad;

Thence North 84°11'21" East, a distance of 180.00 feet, along the line common to said Lot 12947 and right-of-way line of Ohio Central Railroad, to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, **containing 0.921 acres**, more or less, subject to all easements, restrictions and rights-of-way of record.

All iron pins set are 5/8 X 30 inch rebar with a yellow cap stamped "ADR".

Bearings in the above description are based on bearings taken from the record plat of the Brice Street Business Park, as recorded in Plat Book 17, Page 109, in the Licking County Recorder's Office, Licking County, Ohio.

DESCRIPTION
APPROVED
FOR ZONING PURPOSES
 By *[Signature]*
 Div. of Engineering
 City of Newark, Ohio

RESOLUTION NO. 26-45

BY: _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN 18-MONTH DUE DILIGENCE AGREEMENT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, TO EVALUATE PROPERTY FOR ADDITIONAL SOURCE WATER.

WHEREAS, the City of Newark operates a water utility; and,

WHEREAS, the department requires source water from the North Fork Licking River to ensure adequate water supply to Newark's customers; and,

WHEREAS, the department is evaluating additional land acquisition to increase the reliability and availability of the source water; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Service can enter into an agreement to allow 18-months of due diligence on the proposed property; and,

WHEREAS, funding from the water department is available; and,

WHEREAS, the Service Committee of the Newark City Council met on the 17th day of August, 2026 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 enter into an 18-month due diligence agreement to evaluate property for additional source water, subject to the appropriation of Water funds,

Section 2: 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 _____ 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

Resolution No.26-47

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 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$2,455.41 (Request appropriation into overtime account as this was for special duty for the Strawberry Festival sponsored by Newark Kiwanis at the end of May 2026.)

100.205.5118	Fire, Uniformed - OT	2,455.41
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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 _____, _____

Resolution No.26-49

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 221 Fund, in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Salt purchase obligation first half 2026-2027 Contract)

221.302.5306	Road Salt	50,000.00
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Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 100 General Fund, in the amount of \$2,600.00 (Request appropriation into equipment account for thermal imaging camera. Donation was received from Newark Elks earmarked for this specifically. Pay In # 158748)

100.204.5331	Equipment	2,600.00
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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 _____, _____

RESOLUTION NO. 26-50

BY _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant provides federal financial assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies for activities which, among other purposes, improve the effectiveness of the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance has prepared Fiscal Year 2026 funding directives which provides that funds are available for certain crime prevention activities; and,

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newark and Licking County must be executed in order to apply for the \$13,665.00 allocation set by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

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 United States Bureau of Justice Assistance funding assistance through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 2026, 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 crime prevention funding programs.
- Section 3: That the Mayor be and hereby is designated as the authorizing official to enter into an agreement with the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance 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 _____, 2026

_____, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST _____, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DATE FILED WITH MAYOR _____

DATE APPROVED BY MAYOR _____

_____, MAYOR

FORM APPROVED: _____, DIRECTOR OF LAW

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 231 Adult Probation Fund, in the amount of \$6,236.80 (A revision was completed on the grant within the department that accounts for a lower amount spent on overtime. These funds will be spent elsewhere.)

231.113.5118	Overtime	6,236.80
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Section 2. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 231 Adult Probation Fund, in the amount of \$35,981.00 (A revision was completed on the CCA 2.0 grant to reallocate funds. This budget has been approved by ODRC. These funds will be used to support BIP at the Woodlands, OCPOA memberships, offender incentives, and purchasing SCRAM Base Stations and kits.)

231.113.5238	Services General	2,721.00
231.113.5536	Computer	3,000.00
231.113.5224	Memberships	1,050.00
231.113.5319	Miscellaneous	1,200.00
231.113.5312	Law Enforcement	10,710.00
231.113.5312	Law Enforcement	17,300.00

Section 3. There is hereby an appropriation of the unappropriated balance of the 669 Storm Water Fund, in the amount of \$44,394.01 (Ohio AG Shine A Light on Dumpers Grant)

669.169.5331	Machinery, Equipment, & Supplies	10,781.70
669.169.5238	Services General	33,612.31

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 _____

RESOLUTION NO. 26-52

BY _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO PROCEED WITH THE STEPS NECESSARY TO DESIGNATE THE CEDAR HILL CEMETERY OFFICE BUILDING AS THE JEFFREY A. HOTCHKISS BUILDING.

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Recreation maintains the Cedar Hill Cemetery Office Building located at 275 North Cedar Street, Newark, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to honor Jeffrey A. Hotchkiss for his dedicated service, numerous contributions and betterment of the parks and Cedar Hill Cemetery within the City of Newark, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined it appropriate to honor Jeffrey A. Hotchkiss by designating the Cedar Hill Cemetery Office Building at 275 North Cedar Street, Newark, Ohio, as the Jeffrey A. Hotchkiss Building.

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 proceed with the steps necessary to designate the Cedar Hill Cemetery Office Building as the Jeffrey A. Hotchkiss Building.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall come into full force and effect at 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: _____

MAYOR

FORM APPROVED: _____
Director of Law

Prepared by the Office of the Director of Law