

## COUNCIL MINUTES

July 18, 2022  
Council Chambers  
7:00 P.M.

**President Pro-Tem Harris called the meeting to order**

**ROLL CALL** - Mr. Marmie, Mr. Rine, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Harris, Ms. Hottinger, Mr. Houser, Mr. Labutis

**INVOCATION** – Jeff Harris

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Colton Rine

**CAUCUS – Motion by Mr. Marmie** – to excuse Mr. Lang, Mr. Rath and Mr. Ellington, **Second by Mr. Houser, motion passed by acclamation**

**MINUTES of July 5 , 2022** - Motion by to approve the July 5, 2022 Newark City Council Minutes as presented and the reading be dispensed with in view of the fact each member of Council has received written summary of same **Motion by Mr. Barker , second by Mr. Houser , passed by acclamation**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

There were none this meeting

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance **Received & Filed without objection**

Service **Received & Filed without objection**

Safety **Received & Filed without objection**

### **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**City Auditor, Ryan T. Bubb** – Operating report for period ending June 30, 2022

**Brenda Cooper, Tax Administrator’s Office** – Income Tax Revenue Reports for period ending June 30,2022

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Ohio Division of Liquor Control** - New Liquor permit application for West Church 1650 LLC, 1650 West Church St, Newark, Ohio 43055

### **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**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Rath, Ms. Bline**

**22-54** 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 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Houser. Motion passed 8-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath, Mr. Harris, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis**

**22-55** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & RESILIENCY GRANT.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 8-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Rath, Ms. Bline, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis**

**22-58** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ( \$500.00 -Request appropriation of funds from VFW Post 1060 earmarked for First Responders into misc. acct) (\$20,000.00 -Intel economic impact study-city share)

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Houser. Motion passed 8-0**

## **RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline**

**22-59** District wide bridge painting on the following structures: COS-36-24.42L (SFN 1600516), LIC-79-13.71 (SFN 4505026), MUS-70-18.45R (SFN 6003214), MUS-70-18.45L (SFN 6003249), MUS-70-19.58 (SFN 6003338). Repair and paint beam 5 at forward abutment on Gue-7. The LIC-79-13.71 structure is located within the city of Newark and carries SR 79 SB over SR 16. Declaring an emergency

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 8-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis**

**22-60** 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 2022 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING.

**Held 2 weeks until August 1st**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Harris, Mr. Labutis**

**22-61 Exp** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$3,100.00 -Payout for resigning Municipal Court employee Rachel Cox) (\$35,700.00 -Payout for retiring Police Sgt. Jeffrey Pritt)

**Motion to waive 2 day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, second by Mr. Labutis**

**Mr. Marmie** – I urge everybody to expedite this, anytime we have payouts we try to get the funds to the employees as quickly as possible.

**Motion passed 8-0**

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 8-0**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis**

**22-62** APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (\$110,000.00.-Law Technology and Engineering Technology)

**Held 2 weeks until August 1st**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis**

**22-63** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A POOL LINER FOR THE HOLLANDER POOL

**Held 2 weeks until August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis**

**22-64** A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS PARCEL # 054-216618-00.000, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, FOR MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THORNWOOD CROSSING WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF SUCH LANDS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis**

**Mr. Barker** – This is because it is an emergency

**Motion passed 8-0**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis**

**22-65** A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS PARCEL # 054-225744-00.000 AND PARCEL # 054-225738-00.000, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, FOR MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THORNWOOD CROSSING WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF SUCH LANDS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis, Motion passed 8-0**

**By: Mr. Rath, Mr. Barker, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, M. Labutis**

**22-66** A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS PARCEL # 054-228294-00.000 AND PARCEL # 054-228294-00.001, NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, FOR MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THORNWOOD CROSSING WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF SUCH LANDS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Labutis, Motion passed 8-0**

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Desiree Blake, 125 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street** – First, South Newark Civic Association is having our Community Picnic July 30<sup>th</sup> and I would just like to open the invitation if any of you would like to come, it's between 1-3pm at the park across from Babe Ruth. Another thing, last Friday I called the police to make a report on someone and I asked for officers to come down so I could talk with them. Still today I have not had an officer come down. I know we have problems with the homeless and everything, but the one that Ms. Bline and I have talked about, they know about her, but she is a nuisance and she needs help, or they need to do something with her because she's been getting in peoples mailboxes, taking stuff off of peoples porches and sitting on porches that she shouldn't be on. For instance the little house next to mine is for sale, she took the or sale sign, broke it in two and threw it in the Main Place lot and she gets a lawn chair and sits up on that porch and they are trying to sell it. I have asked her four times, you are not allowed to be over there, they are trying to sell this property and I've told her about my mailbox four times, don't be messing with my mailbox or anybody elses because that's a felony. She just won't listen, so, someone needs to do something with her because if she gets in my mailbox one more time, I don't want to go to jail for hitting her, but she's on my property and if it's someone elses mailbox, I'm afraid someone will come up and do something with her. The police need to do something with her before she gets hurt. It's not right for her to mess with mailboxes, especially when I'm watching. I'm part of the neighborhood block watch and try to keep an eye on things, but it's just sad that one bad apple spoils it all for everybody, especially when they are trying to improve houses and they are for sale. They still go into that garage, the police have run them out before. They mess things up and it's no wonder people aren't going to buy anything because they are there tearing properties up. We need to talk to the Police Chief or something about the homeless getting on people's properties, we need to do something about it, because like I said, they mess with the wrong person and someone is going to get hurt.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mr. Marmie** – I need to call a Finance Committee Meeting for August 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to start off with, I've been getting a lot more, not formal complaints, more informal kind of gripes about panhandling. In particular the exit ramps, around gas stations and stores. It's just becoming somewhat of a nuisance and so I am hoping that we can get something that will hopefully deter that, make it illegal for one

thing. Especially the exit ramps, I believe personally it's a safety issue, folks are actually soliciting funds at those exit ramps. I had a block watch meeting last week that I attended, the good news is there was very little to report in the neighborhoods, there wasn't' as much suspicious activity going on in the last month, so that was the good news. The bad news is incidents at Walmart continue to increase. So, I don't know what we need to do, but if you look at the daily reports when they come across our email, the number of things going on there, it's sad. Hopefully we can hopefully work with Walmart. I think a lot of the issue is they are not willing to step up anything. Finally, I wanted to comment that the Chamber hosted Rocking the Rooftop, it was a very fun event, well attended, I think everybody enjoyed themselves, I don't know or hear of any incidents which was fantastic. It was just fun and I know it's been a while with COVID and everything else, thankfully it wasn't scorching hot like the last one we had and I'm sure the Mayor is glad he didn't have to pick the one pizza.

**Mr. Rine** – I just hope everyone has a safe and blessed night.

**Mr. Barker** – I need to call a Service Meeting for August 1<sup>st</sup>. I just wanted to give a thank you to Joe Paul and the Property Maintenance Division. I know they are running 90mph every day to different issues around the City and they handle their jobs extremely well and are very professional and I know they represent our City with the best interests, so I want to thank them for that.

**Ms. Bline** – I think about things I am going to thank people for every week and it's like our Service Director said, there are so many moving parts and nobody does anything with any quality by themselves. So, everyone in here, all our service departments just do a fantastic job. I would like to thank the NPD for taking care of some things that have been happening on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as far as ATV's and mini bikes. A couple times I've had to stop traffic so the kids on them can pass without being injured, but lately that has not been an issue. I'd like to thank the Street Dept. for cleaning and filling potholes. That's a big deal. We can trim trees, but I can't fill potholes. I'd like to thank Mr. Rhodes for hanging those lights. Family of Faith Community Church and some others have been really great to come and paint the supports on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street underpasses. They look really good. We had some community volunteers jump in and paint too, they look really nice, we have three more underpasses to go. I want to thank a lot of business partners that have been helping with the graffiti. We started taking down graffiti and if you read it you can see there is intent for putting it there. A couple weeks ago we found a list of women that were for sale and then another person had listed some stolen goods that were available, so just to roll over those things and to get rid of that communication is a big deal. I'm also grateful for the business owners that are coming and saying, I'm going to take my place back. Shamrock on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, paved their parking lot, they want to have a new identity for their business where people aren't being hindered by theft or people soliciting in their parking lot, thanks to Mr. Burden on 5<sup>th</sup> Street for going above and beyond, painting and getting things cleaned up, Mr. Bonham as well, Mr. Stradley on Union Street, Mr. Romine on South Williams, again going above and beyond to improve the community. These business owners are really investing, they want a new identity for south Newark and I'm really grateful for that. They've endured COVID and a lot

of theft and destruction over the past 5 years and I'm just really grateful. Property Maintenance, like you said, they are amazing.

**Mr. Harris** – I want to thank everybody for your patience again with me tonight and I'd like to wish my grandson a Happy Birthday tomorrow, he'll be three years old.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Houser , passed by acclamation

**Jeff Harris, President Pro-Temof Council**