

## Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council  
City of Newark, Ohio  
January 12, 2016

There was a meeting of the Service Committee in Council Chambers on Monday January 11, 2016 after Finance Committee with these members present:

Jeff Rath, Chair	Carol Floyd
Bill Cost Jr.	Ryan Bubb
Mark Fraizer	

We wish to Report:

1. **Resolution No. 16-01** a resolution appropriating the real estate known as parcel #054-233580-00.000, Newark, Licking County, located at 737 West Church Street, Newark, Licking County, Ohio; authorizing the Director of Law to proceed with a complaint for appropriation in the Licking County Court of Common Pleas; and declaring an emergency was considered.

**City Engineer, Brian Morehead-** this legislation is for the Speedway gas station at the southeast corner of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Church Street. If you recall I was before you a couple of weeks ago with resolutions of intent to appropriate the property for our Safe Routes to School project at this location and the Family Video location which is across the street. We still have not been able to come to a resolution with the folks at Speedway, are paperwork is not signed so we are taking this next step to move forward with the appropriation. As always we will still try to find a settlement before we get a court date. I think that we have had additional contact with them I think that it is just a matter of getting through all of the corporate paperwork channels at their office. At any rate we need to get the appropriation moving forward to keep the project on schedule for ODOT.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second Mr. Bubb**

**Mrs. Floyd-** I assume this is just for a small portion of the property, I see that the value is not all that much?

**Brian Morehead-** yes it is a little corner by the curb ramp.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

2. **Resolution No. 16-02** a resolution appropriating the real estate known as parcel # 054-245358-00.000, Newark, Licking County, located at 225 N. 21st Street, Newark, Licking County, Ohio; authorizing the Director of Law to proceed with a complaint for appropriation in the Licking County Court of Common Pleas; and declaring an emergency was considered.

**Brian Morehead**- same situation. We have had more movement with the Family Video folks as of the end of last week. We actually talked to one of their managers there. I think the paperwork is moving through the channels but again I don't know that it is going to be signed before next Tuesday night so I want to make sure this resolution is on the agenda. If something comes up between now and the Council meeting Tuesday night we will let you know about that.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second Mr. Cost**  
**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

3. **Resolution No. 16-03** a final resolution for the conversion of the interchange over State Route 16 was considered.

**Brian Morehead**- this is the final legislation from ODOT this is for the project of widening the bridge on State Route 13 over top of State Route 16 and all the associated traffic work and we have also added the replacement of the sanitary sewer and water lines through the project area. As with most of these ODOT pieces of legislation they want it back as soon as possible. They are counting on it being back to them on the 20<sup>th</sup> so I am asking for the legislation to be passed at the January 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. I believe that it has an emergency on it.

**Mr. Rath**- my paperwork indicates that you are requesting to expedite it meaning waiving the two day reading rule but not an emergency do you need an emergency clause?

**Brian Morehead**- I think that she put the emergency clause on it after consulting with the Law Director.

**Mr. Rath**- it is, my paperwork is not jiving.

**Motion by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council, second Mr. Bubb**

**Mrs. Floyd**- I think that you told HHCA a while back that you would have a contractor late this month is that still correct.

**Brian Morehead**- they found a couple of items that needed corrected on the plans the bid was supposed to open the 28<sup>th</sup> or the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month so I think they are probably pushed back about a month now. I am looking for the end of February beginning of March before they actually open bids on the project.

**Mr. Fraizer**- what is the impacted area for the storm water replacement is it Hudson or is it 13 or is it both?

**Brian Morehead**- it is both Hudson Ave and Mount Vernon Road south of St. Clair down to the expressway. Actually on Hudson it comes all the way down to Locust Street and will tie into the downtown project going on right now. It will enable all of the combined sewers on the north side of the expressway to be separated in the future.

**Mr. Rath**- so this is a positive impact then?

**Brian Morehead**- absolutely it will keep us from tearing up the new pavement that we are putting down.

**Mr. Fraizer**- how long is this project slated to last

**Brian Morehead**- about 18 months.

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

4. **Ordinance No. 16-01** changing the zoning classification of certain real property, generally described as 173 and 175 Elmwood Avenue, City of Newark, Licking County, Ohio, from that of Single Family Residence RH-High Density District, to MFR – Multi-Family Residence District was considered.

**Mr. Rath**- this will be discussed tonight should we pass this and send it out of Committee it will go to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will review in depth and detail and come back to us with a report. We will have a public hearing at that time. Along with this public hearing at the conclusion we will vote on this.

**Motion by Mr. Bubb to send to full Council, second Mrs. Floyd**

**Barry Cost**- I live 3436 Johnstown-Utica Rd. We have been in the rental business for like 17 years and we have noticed a demand in town with the homeless situation going on for boarding houses so we want to switch this into a boarding house. Currently we would be legal to put three to four residents in it and we want to put five in each unit. Regardless it is going to be one we just want to be compliant with the City of Newark. We want to do three or four of these homes which is going to create an employment in the community because we are going to hire somebody to manage the properties full time plus a cleaning lady.

**Mr. Fraizer**- is it a transition house?

**Barry Cost**- currently I have two addresses on it so it is already a duplex property.

**Mr. Fraizer**- for the residents that you are going to have staying there are they transitioning?

**Barry Cost**- no, no transitioning. It is going to be open no certain people or anything, nonviolent offenders and we have certain criteria we are going to go by.

**Mr. Cost**- as it stands this is a single family residence area is there other...

**Barry Cost**- there are other ones in the area

**Mr. Cost**- other ones what?

**Barry Cost-** boarding houses that are legally operating in the City of Newark on Elmwood. I think Joe Paul with Code Enforcement told me there are three.

**Mr. Cost-** currently you said it was zoned a duplex

**Barry Cost-** yes it is a duplex

**Mr. Cost-** this says single family

**Barry Cost-** even if you have a duplex I think that it is still single family like one side of it would be a single family

**Brian Morehead-** it is legal non-conforming

**Mr. Rath-** Brian can you clarify that?

**Brian Morehead-** it is a legal non-conforming structure because it was a duplex before the zoning code change. It is basically grandfathered in as a duplex although the whole surrounding neighborhood single family residential.

**Mr. Cost-** there are other duplexes and boarding houses in that area is that what you are saying?

**Brian Morehead-** yes

**Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.**

**Jeff Rath, Chair**