

## COUNCIL MINUTES

April 6, 2026  
Council Chambers  
7:00 P.M.

**President Harris called the meeting to order**

**ROLL CALL** – Mr. Cost, Ms. Ingold, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Lemley, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Neely, Ms. Newman, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Chute

**INVOCATION** – Mr. Labutis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chase Wright, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Blessed Sacrament School

**CAUCUS**

**MINUTES of March 16, 2026, Motion to accept by Mr. Labutis, Second by Ms. Ingold, Passed by acclamation**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance - **Received and filed without objection**

Service - **Received and filed without objection**

**REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**Ryan Bubb, City Auditor** – Operating report for the period ending March 31, 2026 - **Received and filed without objection**

**Brandon Fox, Water Administrator** - A list of properties being sent to county property tax lien for past due water, sewer, and stormwater bills, totaling \$3,237.17. - **Received and filed without objection**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Kevin Garwick, President, IAFF Local 109** – A letter of endorsement on behalf of the Newark Firefighters, IAFF Local 109, in support of the upcoming safety levy. - **Received and filed without objection**

**Ohio Division of Liquor Control** - New liquor permit for AK National Inc., 108 National Rd., Newark, Ohio. - **Received and filed without objection**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**26-04** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 1509 DITMOOR STROLL, A PROPERTY CURRENTLY BEING ANNEXED FROM NEWARK TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, PARCEL TAX ID #058-291228-00.000, TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RM-MEDIUM DENSITY ZONING DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

**Connie Klema, Attorney representing the property owner, P.O. Box 991, Pataskala, OH** - It's only here for rezoning because the City recently annexed the property, and we are zoning it in accordance with your code since it's no longer in the township.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Neely**

**Mr. Barker** - Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to make sure everyone's aware this did go through the Planning Commission, and they do recommend this change. So, I will be voting in the affirmative and hope that you all will join me. Thank you.

**Motion passed 10-0**

#### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Mary Robinson, 845 W. Locust St.** - I just was wondering, do you guys have anything about Airbnbs, where they come in, stay for a couple days, and leave? There are no rules or regulations as far as when I talked to zoning back in October. I was wondering if you guys have come up with anything where it can be or where it cannot be. I live in a low-density residential area, and two doors down they decided that they wanted to open up an Airbnb, and it's just like every other day you've got strange people coming in. They even had semis parked there that had sleeping cabs. It's just like, what? You know, I don't know what you guys are going to allow and what you're not going to allow. I just want to speak for our area, which is a quiet, dead-end street. I got the commercial daycare shut down next to me, and now they bought the house next door and put an Airbnb in it. It's just like, what else are they going to do? That's all I want to know, if you guys have come up with any rules and regulations in our county for these Airbnbs.

**President Harris** - If you stick around, I'm sure someone will talk to you after the meeting. Okay?

**Ms. Robinson** – Okay. Thank you very much.

#### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

**By: Ms. Newman, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Ms. Ingold, Mr. Labutis, Ms. Bline, Mr. Marmie**

**26-10** AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A SIXTEEN (16) FOOT WIDE ALLEY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE WEHRLE ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 223 OF THE LICKING COUNTY PLAT RECORDS; SAID ALLEY IS LOCATED BETWEEN SEROCO AVENUE AND DANIEL AVENUE, EAST OF FORRY STREET.

**Motion to adopt by Ms. Newman, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 10-0**

#### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

There are none this meeting.

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING**

**By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Ms. Ingold, Mr. Neely, Mr. Labutis, Ms. Bline**

**26-14** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 10-0**

#### **RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING**

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

**26-16** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION). **Held until 4.20.26**

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

**26-18** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEWARK FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES (SOUTH SECOND STREET INTERCEPTOR PROJECT) AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN. **Held until 4.20.26**

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**Rochelle Volen-Smith, 237 Violet Ct.** - I did want to find out what the policy is on Airbnbs. What is the policy?

**President Harris** - We can't go back and forth. Someone will get with you after the meeting.

**Ms. Volen-Smith** – The other person was entitled to information on that.

**President Harris** – And I said when the meeting was over, someone would talk to her.

**Ms. Volen-Smith** – Okay. Thank you.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Tricia Moore, Law Director** – I hope everybody had a happy Easter. With that, I will pass.

**Mayor Hall** – I will pass this evening. Thank you.

**Mr. Cost** – I will pass.

**Ms. Ingold** – I will pass. Thank you, Mr. President.

**Mr. Labutis** – I will pass as well. Thank you.

**Mr. Lemley** – Pass.

**Mr. Marmie** - I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for April the 20<sup>th</sup> and with that, I will pass.

**Mr. Neely** – I will pass.

**Ms. Newman** – Thank you. Just a fun thing to remember that even though the temps are going to get warmer this week, freeze date isn't until May. So be careful what you plant. With that, I will pass.

**Mr. Barker** – Thank you, Mr. President. I will call a Service Committee meeting for April 20<sup>th</sup>, and I will pass.

**Ms. Bline** – I'd like to thank Property Maintenance for the great work they've been doing in south Newark. I really appreciate their quick response to citizen requests. They are a true bonus to the city, and I really appreciate their time. Thank you, sir.

**Mr. Chute** – Thank you, Mr. President. I will pass.

**President Harris** – I forgot to mention last meeting that Mr. Labutis is now a grandfather. So, congratulations. The best job ever is being a grandparent. Our next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cost, Second by Mr. Labutis, passed by acclamation**

**Jeff Harris, President of Council**