COUNCIL MINUTES

November 2, 2026
Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

President Harris called the meeting to order

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

INVOCATION – Ms. Bline

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Saoirse Naughton, 2nd Grade, Hillview Elementary

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MINUTES of October 19, 2026, Motion to accept by Mr. Labutis, Second by Ms. Bline, Passed by acclamation

APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Finance - **Received and filed without objection**
Service - **Received and filed without objection**

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS
Brandon Fox, Water Administrator - A list of properties being sent to county property tax lien for past due water, sewer, and stormwater bills, totaling $1,322.04. - **Received and filed without objection**

COMMUNICATIONS
Ohio Division of Liquor Control - New liquor permit for La Camecha 3 LLC, 1299 Log Pond Dr., Newark, Ohio. - **Received and filed without objection**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
Kent Mallett, 80 N. 21st St. – Now is the time to stand up for democracy if we want to save it. It's time to look in the mirror and ask who you really are. What do you really believe? What are your moral and ethical values? What's in your heart? I worry many Republicans who disagree with their cult leader president will be unable to publicly state their opinions because they are afraid of what others in the party will say or do. It's always easier to go on. Their fear overwhelms their sense of right and wrong. I know local officeholders usually say they just focus on what's good for Newark or for Licking County and they can't control what goes on in Washington. Normally that's an approach I can somewhat understand, but these are far from normal times. Now is the time to stand up and say what you believe or there will be nothing left to defend. You can control what goes on in Washington. We all can. That's what our democracy is all about. Don't cower in fear. Have some courage and speak up. Every Republican officeholder in the City of Newark, Licking County, and the state of Ohio needs to do some soul-searching. Indeed, every American must take a position. There's no in-between. If you favor our democratic form of government or you want to change to an authoritarian system like the countries our president obsessively praises, our democracy is at stake. Will we remain that shining city on a hill

admired by the free world? We can no longer pretend what happens in Washington doesn't affect us. I challenge every Republican officeholder to say tonight what their transformed party now stands for and what it would take for them to no longer identify as a Republican. Now is the time to show your courage and character. Speak up. The country needs it from every single American. Thank you.

Dave Froelich, 648 Woods Edge Ln. - Seven of you refused to sit down with me and review the evidence demonstrating lack of responsibility to taxpayers. I've obtained irrefutable evidence from Park National Bank, Licking County Foundation, the YMCA, Score Vision Scoreboards, Kessler Sign Company, and City YouTube. That evidence confirms that Director Dave Rhodes knew that the scoreboard installed was only going to be 19 feet by 25, and that's fine, but Council approved a scoreboard that was 82% larger at 36 by 24. Rhodes knew this before Mayor Hall signed the agreement. YouTube shows Rhodes telling Councilman Jonathan Lang the cost would be $240,000. The actual cost for a baseball scoreboard was $370,000, and it's been an absolute disaster. Then, too, the YMCA had to absorb $218,000 in expenses to be offset by the scoreboard sales over the first seven years. Scoreboard sales were less than $85,000. The YMCA lost $133,000. Rhodes manipulated taxpayer funds, bed tax funds, and violated the Licking County Foundation agreement to help reimburse the YMCA. This is a disgraced and maybe the biggest tax boondoggle in recent memory. Contrary to Marmie's assertion, altering an existing contract per Section 903A of the City Charter requires a resolution or ordinance. According to city legal, none exists. Frankly, I expected more from Bline, Ingold, Chute, Newman, Cost, and Neely. So, I will be back at every Council meeting to expose this taxpayer corrupt act and let the Mayor and Council explain to the taxpayers why we have a financial shortfall. Thank you.

Brandon Myers, 371 O'Bannon Ave. - I'm going to talk about Flock cameras tonight. I had a conversation a month ago with several people just outside this building here, and I want to bring some accountability to that conversation. So, I'll start with Mr. Mayor. One of the things that you said out in that conversation was that it was our job not to let the Flock cameras be misused and that he has a tight grip on it. Of course, we have a story that's came out since then that has shed some light on there's problems with Flock cameras and misuse inside the police department here, potential problems. We could go back in some time. There was a 600-hit issue back between 2024 and 2025 for a seven-day period, and that officer apparently decided to resign. So there has been some issues with the system. I would also like to note that it was over a year ago this 1100 issue happened, and it didn't come to light until just now. And the reason I'm bringing that up is because I was told by the Chief, Mr. Chief McKee, that in the same conversation, that they do audits every two weeks, and he actually said that he was doing audits more often than that at this time. But I have a hard time believing that considering that this issue has gone on for over a year and it wasn't caught until a public records request was requested. So, there's a couple problems there. Stopping on my own time, sir. Also, I'd like to point out that Mr. Chief had also said that if there's misuse inside of the Flock system inside of this jurisdiction, that it would be an F4 or an F5, and there would be prison time. But again, if we go back to when we had an issue, 2024-2025, 600 hits, the guy resigned, no charge request, there was no prison time. So, I was asked multiple times during this meeting that I should have more faith and more trust in government. And within a month's time, that trust has been betrayed. So, I would ask that the people that have said these statements to me and to other folks that you would take into consideration what was said and what's actually being done. Lastly, I would just like to say that there's a big push for the defense of the Flock cameras, that they're for our safety. I would simply like to point out that if they're for our safety, and the taxpayers are in fact paying for them, then we should have access. If we don't have access, then they're really not for us. It's been stated, I think it was by Benjamin Franklin, that the government's sole job, no, this will be the Declaration of Independence, I apologize.

President Harris - You have about 30 seconds.
Mr. Myers - The government's sole job is not for safety. Governments were instituted among men to protect our rights. So selling me, selling the public on the Flock cameras from the perspective of it's for our safety is not really an option when you consider the position of our forefathers on the government's responsibility. Thank you for your time.
Luke Holt, 149 S. Clinton Rd. - I was also involved in a conversation where the mayor and other police department officers looked me in the eyes and said, "Here we are using these cameras properly." They looked me in the eyes and told me that. Not under a week later did this information come out that that was not true, to the best of their knowledge at the time. I'll give them that. But it's just simple. I've been here before. I've complained. I've been doing what I can, you know, to push back the rights I have. But this is just simple. Mayor, I ask again that you have the ability to cancel these cameras. They are being used incorrectly under your jurisdiction. I believe you have the duty to cancel this contract or do whatever you can to pause all of this. It's just that simple. It's being misused. The potential for evil does not outweigh the good that they do. And they do do good. I'm not saying that they don't, but they are unconstitutional. I guess we have to wait until a case gets to the Supreme Court. But I believe that it is the duty of everyone in front of me to vote to not continue the contract. I believe that's next year you'll be voting on that. And Mayor, I do ask again that you would cancel this contract immediately or as soon as you can. It is being misused. Mr. Marmie, I believe you looked me in the eye and said we use it right here. We don't. That's coming out. Now maybe it hasn't been proven yet, but the reports and the reporting that's been happening on it shows that we are not using these cameras properly. I would love to see some change in this issue. Thank you.
Ted Kalb, 246 Moull St. - Same address. Same everything. Except nothing's been done with (inaudible). The Corps of Engineers is responsible for waterways in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. They turned this project to the city engineer. I've talked to him the past three years, probably a dozen times, saying what I thought was wrong and nothing happened. I mean, I've talked to Brian Morehead about, you know, what was wrong and what could be done about it. And he said, well, I think everything's okay. Is anybody aware of where this location is? Twelfth and Moull St. Have you been by there lately? Not looking real good. Several of us went downstream a little bit. Some big rocks (inaudible), brush, a dead rabbit. That sort of thing. Water doesn't go downstream to wash it away. I don't know how many of you know much about bridges. I don't know a whole lot about them, but I used to live in the bridge capital of the world, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Anyone remember how many bridges are in Pittsburgh? Over 400. And they put one bridge up several years ago in one day. There was no water and it was over a street in one day. So, this problem could be fixed. That's all I have.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING
There are none this meeting.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING
By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Cost, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline
26-29 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO THE LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, Second by Ms. Bline

Mr. Barker - Mr. President, as we all are aware, this is an emergency due to just meeting some critical deadlines before the end of the year in a real estate transaction. I will be voting for this and hope others will join me.
Motion passed 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING
By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Barker, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis, Ms. Ingold, Mr. Chute
26-56 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.
Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Mr. Barker, Ms. Bline, Mr. Labutis, Ms. Ingold, Mr. Chute
26-58 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK TO PREPARE AND SUMIT TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) A ONE YEAR USE OF FUNDS/ACTION PLAN ALONG WITH AN APPLICATION FOR FY 2027 FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG), AS REQUIRED BY 24 CFR PART 91.220, FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS RELATED TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.
Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Labutis, Ms. Ingold, Mr. Chute
26-59 Bridge work on various structures in District 5.
Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline, Mr. Marmie, Mr. Labutis, Ms. Ingold
26-60 Rehabilitation of LIC SR 13 10.15 structure carrying SR 13 over Log Pond Run.
Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 10-0

By: Mr. Barker, Mr. Cost, Mr. Labutis, Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline, Ms. Ingold
26-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE
Motion to adopt by Mr. Barker, Second by Mr. Cost, Motion passed 10-0

RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING
Mr. Marmie, Ms. Bline
26-64 Exp A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.
Motion to waive the 2-day reading rule by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 10-0
Motion to adopt by Mr. Marmie, Second by Mr. Barker, Motion passed 10-0

Mr. Marmie, Mr. Cost, Ms. Bline

26-65 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. **Held until 11.16.26**

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Kent Mallett, 80 N. 21st St. – I have some questions for Republicans. Do you support the President's efforts to use the federal government to illegally intervene in elections run by the states, telling states what votes to count, threatening state officials, and lying about thousands of non-citizens voting? Do you support sending ICE, the FBI, or military to polling places to intimidate minority residents from voting? Do you support the feds confiscating ballots before votes are certified? If so, should local or state law enforcement step in and stop the theft of ballots? Would that start a second Civil War?
Do you support ICE attacking American citizens on the streets for absolutely no reason, and putting children in prison instead of going after the worst of the worst? The vast majority of those arrested have no criminal record, zero. Do you support ICE throwing all these people into concentration camps for months or years without the constitutionally required due process? They are denied healthy foods, sufficient clothing, proper medical care, contact with family or a lawyer, so far 60 have died. Do you support hiding the Epstein files and covering up the rapes of hundreds of girls and young women? Do you support bombing alleged drug boats without any evidence and murdering all the occupants?
Do you support our government switching sides in the Ukraine-Russia war, refusing to provide weapons and intelligence to our ally, calling on Ukraine's leader to resign, ending sanctions on communist Russia, and praising its murderous dictator as a humanitarian? Do you support the war in Iran, including the bombing of a school and murder of more than 100, which has been ruled a war crime? Do you support our weapons used by Israel to commit the genocide in Gaza Strip, including the slaughter of thousands of children? Do you support a government that provides disaster aid only to Republican states and denies aid to Democratic states? As a party which always preaches against tax increases, do you support the president's tariff war against other countries, which is a tax on Americans? As a party which always preaches fiscal restraint, do you support spending on a White House ballroom, triumphal arch, reflecting pool, helping push the federal debt past $40 trillion, more than double the level 10 years ago? Do you support Trump's corruption and profiting off the presidency, making more than $2 billion in one year, some of it from businesses regulated by the government, or stock trades based on insider trading? Do you still support a convicted felonious president who admitted to grabbing women's genitals and accused of sexual assault by dozens of women? Do you support the attempted overthrow of our government on January 6, 2021, and the chance of hanging Mike Pence? How do you justify all of this? If you don't support these things, then why are you a Republican? This is the current state of your party. It's time to stand up against the bully. Thank you.

Brandon Myers, 371 O'Bannon Ave. - Just wanted to add something else in. So, Deputy Chief Logan apparently told the press when the 1100 thing came out that he was, "caught off guard". Caught off guard by the 1100 searches. How is that possible if we're doing weekly audits or every other week audits? The Chief told me a month ago they were doing weekly audits or every other week audits. And the quote from Deputy Chief is, "caught off guard". You can read that for yourself. Lastly, to the people of this town, if you're willing to trade your freedoms for safety, then you deserve neither. Thank you.

Brandon Fox, Water Administrator – I want to speak real quick on South Second Street sewer separation project. The project is coming to a close. I know folks want to know when the bridge is going to be open under the railroad. We're hoping to pave on the week of November 16th. Striping and surface work after that. So, we're hoping to open South Second Street, south of town somewhere

around the 1st of December. Also, 16 North project, I know Mount Vernon Road is going to be closed down. We were hoping to have it closed here in November, but some delays on North Street have that project pushed back. So, we won't be closing Mount Vernon Road until later in the first of 2027. So, I'll keep you updated on that. We'll be sure to share that information in plenty of time ahead when that happens. Thank you.

Deputy Chief Craig Riley, Newark Police Department – Thank you, Mr. President. I've been asked to provide some updated data on our Flock camera program. Before I discuss our deployment of the technology, I want to confirm that our agency does complete a compliance review. We've reviewed our Flock use policy. It's signed, current, and fully accessible. Our data retention and sharing configurations strictly reflect our agency's authorized policies, and our administrative audits are up to date. Furthermore, our public-facing transparency portal is live and can be found by googling Flock transparency portals in Newark, Ohio. Furthermore, our legal counsel for the city's also reviewed all compliance materials. It's important to clarify exactly what this technology is. Flock license plate recognition or LPR technology captures point-in-time images of the rear vehicles on public roadways that provide objective vehicle-based investigative leads. Our contract with Flock, which was vetted by former members of this City Council and our law director's office, forbid the use of any artificial intelligence technology in our deployed system. That's in the contract of Flock themselves. I think there're four critical factors that we need to address. The system does not use facial recognition. It's not for mass surveillance. It takes and stores photos. Their system has no access to vehicle owner or occupant information. Our limited number of cameras are located only at entry points into the city along the state routes. They are in no neighborhoods within the city of Newark. It doesn't track individuals. It identifies vehicles. We have numerous successes ranging from capturing murder suspects to solving hit-skip accidents and anything you can think of in between. So as far as the data governance, security, and our constitutional alignment with that, a priority of our agency is data governance. By Flock policies, we own and control our own data. They have no access to it. Our standard redemption period is 30 days. Any data that's not been saved and tied to a specific case is automatically purged at that time, and no one can recover it. Not us, not Flock, no one. That data serves the Amazon Web Services, which, as everybody knows, Amazon Web Services does the most government cloud storage now. That's FBI, CPS compliant and a whole laundry list of other certifications it has. From the legal standpoint, our deployment is fully consistent with the Fourth Amendment. Courts across the nation have repeatedly upheld the constitutional use of LPR technology on public roadways. To ensure adherence to this, our platform mandates that authorize users input a documented law enforcement justification for every single search they perform. Some of the key questions that we've gotten over this regarding federal data sharing: our agency determines who has access to our system. Flock does not proactively share data with federal entities, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, better known as ICE, is not a Flock customer and has no access to our data. Any external sharing requires explicit approval from this agency and the CEO. Every search is logged, timestamped, and fully auditable by supervisors. Since January of 2026, we utilize an audit assistance tool that proactively monitors it and flags any atypical search patterns and also locks that user out. So obviously no technology is flawless, but Flock generates investigative leads, not automated confirmations. Officer judgment remains paramount. Before any operational action is taken, our officers are required to independently verify this plate through direct observation and secondary systems like dispatch or the Ohio BMV. And then finally, I think most importantly in this day and age, the technology represents a highly rate responsible use of public safety funding, operating on a predictable subscription model. The cost includes all hardware, software, maintenance, and ongoing compliance updates. Because the cameras are solar powered, we minimize our local infrastructure and

installation costs. And in a time of limited staffing and tight budgets, Flock serves as a critical force multiplier. It allows our officers to optimize their time, respond to active leads with higher precision, and significantly improve case clearance rates for the residents we serve. Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS

Tricia Moore, Law Director – Pass. Thank you.

Mayor Hall – A couple things. Thank DC Riley for coming in and giving us more information on Flock cameras. We've had a pretty busy week around town for a lot of things. Maybe roll back to a week from Saturday. A week ago, Saturday, Newark High marching band had their 51st Invitational down at White Field and had 17 schools from around the state. Five of those schools brought semis. That large of a band. In fact, Grove City has 240 members in their high school band. But to host that and the 51st year of it, it's a great thing and very good and shows White Field and Newark very well. We had, on the 29th, of course, door-to-door trick-or-treat, and on the next night we had trick-or-treat downtown here, Safe Trick-or-Treat. I want to thank all those businesses. They thought rough numbers, possibly 5,000 people downtown Friday night. It was quite busy. Thank Steve Trickle and team that brought in 16 dinosaurs, and some of them animated and moving, and really put some smiles on our young people's faces in some great ways. And then we had Rolling Thunder Toy Run yesterday and stood out and watched them go by. It was 23 minutes long, the parade. So, you can imagine that many motorcycles, each one having to provide a toy to help families and children that may not otherwise have. And then went down to the Salvation Army, and to see that we have some new majors down there that are running the Salvation Army. So, this was their first year, and their eyes are about this big. And what a great way to start out the holiday season in so many ways. So, thank you, everybody. Obviously, a great day for that. And finally, Veterans Day on November 11th, there will be, at 11:00, a veterans ceremony down at Sixth Street Park, and I would welcome everyone to join in that as we honor and thank our veterans. With that, I'll pass.

President Harris - Thank you. Is there a parade for that?

Mayor Hall – There's not a parade. It'll just be everybody getting together down at the park.

Mr. Barker – Thank you, Mr. President. I need to call a Service Committee meeting for November 16th. Everybody probably sees I'm disabled tonight. I want to thank all of my council members for sending me a card. I had surgery last week. Everything went very well, and hopefully I'll be out of a sling maybe at our next meeting. So, I appreciate everybody's thoughts and prayers on that. I want to thank Buster Prince for dealing with a couple issues in the Fifth Ward we had over last week with his team in the Street Department. They were on it actually before the sun even came up when I called them the night before. So, that was great. I actually got really good feedback on the Street Department today from that resident. So, appreciate all their hard work. You know, a lot's been said tonight about Flock and different things and the only question, not question, I guess statement I'll have on that is, I guess why people aren't mad at ODOT. They've been doing it for years. They have cameras at every intersection all over Ohio. Maybe I'm missing it, but I look back when we first started talking about Flock, you know, two or three years ago, I remember I was quoted, "ODOT already does this. ODOT has cameras all over. Why are you coming after the police who are trying to protect people when ODOT is out there and has the same information? It doesn't make sense to me." With that, I pass.

Ms. Bline - There's a lot going on. I'd like to thank the Street Department for coming out after hours to take care of some things in neighborhoods. People really appreciate the responsiveness of our city workers. They're fantastic. Brandon, thank you for the update. Yes. Yes. Please get it open. We're very excited about that. I'd like to thank the Victim Advocates Office. Again, very responsive. There were sadly some difficult emergencies, and it was so nice to say, you know, I have someone who can help

you if you just hang on. I have someone who can help you. And the office picked up right away and was able to be responsive to that person. I'd also like to thank the Dog Warden's Office and NPD, how they worked collaboratively on a difficult incident that spanned a few neighborhoods. So, thank you for that. And, you know, one of the residents said something that was very important. They said, you know, it doesn't matter what side, whether you're Democrat, Republican, whatever. The end goal is that we're working together to make this a better place for all of us. I appreciated what she had to say, and it meant a lot in a very difficult situation. So, yeah, wise lady. Now, about Flock. I went to the meeting at the county building today, and I understand it's county, but there were about 80 people that showed up there, and it was very informative. You know, the sheriff, he did a great job speaking, and officers. But again, for me, I think it's important that this be balloted to give people a chance to participate in the process. This is a republic, but we do observe democratic processes. So, I'm 100% behind the police, but it's important to give the people a voice in this. So, thank you.
Mr. Chute – Thank you, Mr. President. I will pass.
Mr. Cost – I'll just remind everybody to go vote tomorrow. I'll pass.
Ms. Ingold – Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to publicly thank Law Director Tricia Moore for her help on the legislation in Safety Committee tonight, where we divided it up into three. I'm still learning, and I thank you so much for your time and patience.
Director Moore – Absolutely.
Mr. Labutis – Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to call a Safety Committee meeting for November 16th. I'd like to announce that this Saturday, November 7th, from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church down here over on 65 North Third Street is having a basement sale. They have some things they'd like to sell there. So again, that is this Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. So, if you can stop over there and check out the sale. With that, I will pass.
Mr. Lemley – I'll pass at this time.
Mr. Marmie – Thank you, Mr. President. I need to call a Finance Committee meeting for November 16th. Mr. Kalb, I'll just respond in the fact that if there are things downstream that are causing clogs, it's the property owner's right to make sure that things like that are cleared. So, if we need to get Property Maintenance involved, just like if you own the land where the stream goes through, you're responsible for keeping that area clean and free from debris. So, if that's something that needs to be addressed also, maybe we need to contact Property Maintenance if that's what's causing the disruption of the flow of the stream. I know that the stream definitely was reduced when the diversion ditch was built back, I mean, that's been years ago, too far for me to remember, but I know that it also reduced the amount of flooding that happened to Log Pond and down in that area. So, maybe we can look at something like that. Next, I'm just going to comment on Mr. Mallett's, what he is bringing to our City Council Chambers. I will just state that, as a professional and somebody who wants to serve the citizens of Newark, those that know what our role is here understand that we as Council members cannot bring a national political agenda into these chambers. Just as you did not when you were a professional at the Newark Advocate and Gannett News, and you have indicated that you could not bring your agenda to these Council Chambers. We as professionals here will not bring a national agenda, stance, and position. I would be more than happy to discuss anything that you want to discuss with me personally outside of these chambers, but this is not the venue in which we demonstrate that kind of national political agenda. As far as Flock cameras, first of all, Mr. Holt, we do not vote on a contract. Council members do not. I will state that I stand behind that we utilize our data here as we heard from our police and safety forces. We are not improperly using it. I think that the truth will come to light as far as all the facts behind the story that came out. I believe that everything will be fully disclosed, and the truth will come out, and full information once all that information is gathered. The

press can print whatever they wish. They don't have to print everything that they hear, just what they want to print. And I still stand behind our safety forces using the Flock system and the manner in which we currently have it. If there were any kind of glitches or improprieties, I believe firmly in our Police Chief, and if there are any improprieties, then they will be investigated and they will be addressed. Finally, I want to just echo what the Mayor indicated. It has been a busy week, and one of those busy weeks that was very, very enjoyable, from Beggars' Night starting Thursday night and then Friday downtown here with the dinosaurs. It just brings the community together and the kids. And then the motorcycles. That was just unbelievable, the turnout for that. I just couldn't believe how many motorcycles were in our downtown area to support such a great cause. I think it was just a beautiful day, and the sun was shining, and it wasn't too overly hot. We couldn't have asked for anything more. And with that, I pass, Mr. President.

Mr. Neely – I will pass.

Ms. Newman – Thank you, President Harris. I do have a few thanks to give. First off, I want to say thanks to David Rhodes and his team for a very quick lightning response to a neighbor concern on Eddy Street this past week. That was just really helpful. So, I wanted to just publicly say thank you to them. I also wanted to publicly thank the construction crews that have been working in the area of Moull and Fairfield and Woods and Jefferson. Ward 7 is going to be under construction for some time. We've got a lot of things happening within our ward that are really going to help upgrade a lot of our facilities, but it's going to be painful at times. With that being said, the day of Beggars' Night, that crew went out of their way to make sure everything was very neatly put away. Made sure that any of the equipment had caution equipment around it. It looked so beautiful to be ready for Beggars' Night, because we had more kids in the neighborhood than I have ever seen come through. It was just a joy to be out on the street and welcoming all the kids. I gave out more candy than I ever have. I need to start preparing a little bit more if the weather is going to be 70 degrees on Beggars' Night. But I really did just want to say thanks to those crews because they went out of their way to make sure it was going to be safe for pedestrians that night. So, that was a really big deal for that as well. And again, that movement of that work is going to continue. Their signage is up. I know neighbors aren't necessarily thrilled as it happens, but it's going to be wonderful when it's done. So, if you have concerns, please reach out to me or to others at the City. I'd be happy to field your questions as it works through there. I'd also like to say thank you to the Deputy Chief for the Flock update. I, too, was at the commissioners' meeting today to hear from the Sheriff's Department and the commissioners. I want to thank them. I think open conversations about what's happening and moving forward is going to help everyone make decisions moving forward. So, I just wanted to say thank you for that update as we continue to evaluate this. A quick note that Canal Market District is done for the year being outside at the pavilion. It will move into the Arcade starting next month. And so, a huge thank you to everybody who came out and shopped. Friday night was exceptionally busy. Everybody saw the dinosaurs and wandered on the square and then came and bought a lot of vegetables, too. So, it was a really wonderful market there. Two last things: to all of those who are veterans, thank you for your service. Veterans Day is next Wednesday, and so just an early thank you for that. And then again, to reiterate what Mr. Cost said, tomorrow is Election Day. Ohio is counting on you. So, please go out and vote. And with that, I will pass.

President Harris - It might have been a busy week last week, but it was a sad weekend, wasn't it? Good Lord. The true Browns showed up Sunday. Not sure what happened to the Buckeyes Saturday night. As everybody said, make sure you get out and vote if you haven't voted. Our next meeting is November 16th.

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

Jeff Harris, President of Council