

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
February 17, 2026

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on February 17, 2026 with these members in attendance:

Spencer Barker – Chair
Dustin Neely – Vice Chair
Bill Cost Jr.
Beth Bline
Michael Houser sitting in for Bradley Chute

We wish to report:

- 1. Resolution No. 26-10** 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 PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES (16 NORTH SEPARATION PROJECT PHASE 1) AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brandon Fox, Water Administrator - Good evening. We had an original resolution that was passed, 22-52. It was passed back in 2022 to allow us to enter into this design and construction loan with Ohio EPA and the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. We've gone through all the processes to get the project bid, awarded, and our loan is supposed to close on February 26th, this month. As Ohio EPA was going through their final review, they asked for an updated resolution to just make sure that the current City Council was still supportive of this project. So, basically, we're replacing the 22-52 with the current resolution just to have more up-to-date legislation for the loan. Happy to answer any questions you have.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Houser, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 5-0

- 2. Resolution No. 26-11** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO NEWARK DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS AS ITS AGENT FOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, DISTRIBUTION, AND RESEARCH

David Rhodes, Service Director - There're two parcels, one 107 and one 109, both south 6th Street. We'd like to transfer these to Newark Development Partners.

Ms. Bline - Thank you, David. There was a resident that had spoken about the possible use of both of those properties, I'm not sure whether that was ever investigated. It's been a few months. Perhaps that could be in collaboration with that request, or maybe another purpose has already been demonstrated already.

Director Rhodes - Well, let me say, there's been some inquiries on the property, yes, and by transferring it to Newark Development Partners, they will be our agent on selling those properties.

Ms. Bline - Okay. Thank you, that's helpful.

Motion to send to full Council by Mr. Cost, Second by Ms. Bline, Motion passed 5-0

- 3. Resolution No. 26-12** Cooperating with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the construction of a multi-use shared path and bridge replacement on Granville Road, and declaring an emergency.

Brian Morehead, City Engineer - This is the final legislation that comes from ODOT when they are in the process of putting a project out to bid. So, project is out to bid right now and they ask that the legislation and our payment of our share of the funds be returned to them by March 11th to keep on the track for the contract award. So, that's the reason for the emergency clause on it. If there's any other questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

Motion to send to full Council by Ms. Bline, Second by Mr. Neely

Mr. Barker – Brian, I have one question. Can you just, the funding on this one, what is the total dollar amount on this?

Mr. Morehead - The total?

Mr. Barker - What is our city share?

Mr. Morehead - Our city share is \$460,636 towards the construction. We have borrowed funds about a year ago in anticipation of this. So, we'll be using those borrowed funds to pay our share.

Mr. Barker - All right, thank you. Any other questions or discussion?

Motion passed 5-0

Meeting stands adjourned

Spencer Barker - Chair