

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
October 19, 2020

The Service Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, October 19, 2020 with these members in attendance:

Jeff Rath - Chair
Jeff Harris – Vice Chair
Ryan Bubbs
Spencer Barker
Jeremy Blake

We wish to report:

1. Consider **Ordinance No. 20-35** AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS 298 BELLE VISTA AVENUE, CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO, FROM THAT OF LC – LIMITED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE RH – HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT, ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

City Engineer, Brian Morehead – This is a request that came from the property owner, he actually owns the property adjacent to the south of him where he has his business. The subject property though is a residential property, so he would like to change it back to residential to reflect what the use is as opposed to his business. Not often does someone want to go from commercial back to residential, usually it's the other way, in this case he does, I think he is planning his future retirement from his business and this house would then probably be sold.

Mr. Rath – This will go to Council then onto Planning Commission and back to Council for a second reading?

Mr. Morehead – That is correct.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bub, second by Mr. Barker

Ms. Hall – I had a question about the High Density. A single family residence is High Density? Is the house part of the business?

Mr. Morehead – The property he is wanting to change is a residential house, but when the zoning was set up in 2009 because his name was on that property as well as the adjacent business property, when they established the zoning they included the house in the zoning as well, but the house is not part of the business.

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider **Resolution No. 20-79** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-AGREEMENT WITH PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF ONE (1) BUCKET TRUCK FOR USE IN THE DIVISION OF STREET AND TRAFFIC

Service Director, David Rhodes – The Street and Traffic Department currently has two bucket trucks, a large one and a small one. The small one is just worn out, so we've been renting one from time to time and we've worked out an arrangement to be able to buy that truck that we've been using, for a significantly reduced price than a new truck and we'd like to be able to move forward with that purchase.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Harris, motion passed 5-0

3. Consider **Resolution No. 20-80** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO. TO ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE PARK NATIONAL BANK FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE CRUISERS AND ONE PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE

City Service Director, David Rhodes – This is just an on-going rotation of police vehicles. We feel as though we have found a rotation that's working and our officers now have the vehicles to do their jobs properly. These two cruisers will remain un-marked, as well as the truck and will be used in that manner.

Mr. Rath - I have two questions, one is why is this on Service Committee and not Capital Improvements?

Director Rhodes – Very good question, I didn't put it in Service I would have to check with the clerk.

Mr. Rath – If we're on a good rotation, are you talking police cruisers specifically?

Director Rhodes – I'm talking police cruisers specifically, yes.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 5-0

4. Consider **Resolution No. 20-82** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITHOUT COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PRE-PURCHASE OF ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT DISINFECTION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AT THE CITY OF NEWARK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Mr. Roger Loomis – This is a request to pre-purchase equipment for our ultraviolet light disinfection system. We've done extensive evaluation of this piece of equipment and have selected a piece of equipment, but this is a request to do this without competitive bidding, financial bidding actually taking into consideration O & M cost, the cost of the equipment and delivery times. The issue with a project like this, we did this last time we did this project and on several other projects, is, you have to buy the equipment before you can design the system to install because every different manufacturer would be designed differently. So, the tankage would be different, the piping, the electricity would be different. So, we have to know what we're going to buy before we can design the system for the construction contract. The other issue is the lead times. These are all individually built systems and so they're very long lead times. We have to have this in place from May until October of every year. To get this purchased, the project designed and built in a timely manner to have it operating in May of 2022 we need to order this equipment now and then get the project designed and installed. That's why we're here to ask to waive the bidding. I will say we've done an extensive evaluation and the equipment we're proposing, the Trojan UV system, which is a system we have at the water plant and currently at the wastewater plant, we evaluate that as the best product for our installation.

Mr. Rath – The estimated cost of the piece of equipment?

Mr. Loomis – The estimated cost of the piece of equipment is just under half a million dollars and the total project cost is going to be \$2.5 and this is all being paid for out of wastewater funds and we'll be using Ohio EPA funding to borrow the money to pay for this.

Mr. Blake – Most of us are not in your business, so I wondered if you could walk us through this diagram you have included in the packet.

Mr. Loomis – These are the three large manufacturers of UV disinfection equipment in the wastewater industry. We did site visits at several cities throughout the state of Ohio and Indiana and evaluated the systems and what they looked like. Some systems are horizontal, some are vertical and the bulbs vary in cost. When we looked at the economical portion, we looked at the costs for the electrical and the ballasts, what are the ratings for the lamps and we looked at the O & M costs for all of these systems. We looked at the reliability and resiliency of each system as well as the actual physical cost and the O & M costs. If you add all of those things up the score is for the Trojan system. That's how we evaluated it. Part of that resiliency is how soon we can get the piece of equipment, one of the ones we didn't choose had an almost double lead time. We think it's a very thorough and unbiased evaluation. To get a bid I would have to have the engineer design three separate systems and that is highly impractical for us to do that cost wise.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Barker, second by Mr. Bubb, motion passed 5-0

5. Consider **Ordinance No. 20-36** AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY, GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING 0.29 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN NEWARK TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF NEWARK, OHIO.

City Engineer, Brian Morehead – The property is at 422 Myrtle Ave. and they wish to annex into the city for city services I believe.

Motion to send to full council by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Barker, motion passed 5-0

6. Presentation by Nick Schultz-Transportation Engineer on Newark-Heath Active Transportation Plan

Mr. Nick Schultz – I just wanted to introduce this project that we've been working on over the past few months. It was a grant from ODOT through Licking County Health Department. It's basically for walking, bicycling, wheel chairs etc. We wanted to accomplish three things, educate the community, make it safer and bridge the gap between different facilities. We surveyed for feedback and received 170 responses. Half of the respondents said they have used walking as their sole means of transportation for specific trips or errands. About 1/3 of the respondents said they used a bicycle as their sole mean of transportation for specific trips or errands. Improved sidewalks and more connections were the two most recommended improvements. We came up with 113 total projects and 44 miles of paths, 21 miles of walkways, 10 miles of street bikeways and 29 spot improvements. We felt a need to prioritize the projects and fortunately the one most popular and that received the most positive comments was one we're already in the design process on and that's a straight use path on Granville Rd. to connect 21st Street to OSU Campus. The next step is to present this to the LCATS board on November 10th and from there pursue funding opti

7. Other items at the discretion of the chair

Jeff Rath - Chair