



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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City Administration Building
7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2018

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Present were Council Members, Collazo, Freitas, Bucci, and Vice Mayor Hannon.

B. MINUTES

B.1 Approval of Minutes of the City Council meeting of January 11, 2018. MOTION APPROVED

Vice Mayor Hannon moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

C. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

C.1 Introduction of employees.

Mayor Nagy introduced Jessica Gurule who was recently hired as an Administrative Support Specialist II at the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center.

C.2 Proclaiming February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness month.

Mayor Nagy presented the proclamation to members of Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE).

D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Council Member Freitas moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve Consent Calendar Items F.1 through F.3, that the resolutions be numbered consecutively, and that reading of the titles suffice for adoption of the resolutions and ordinance. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

CONSENT

F.1 Second reading and adoption of an ordinance to repeal and replace Title 17 (“Zoning”) of the Newark Municipal Code and rezone properties by adopting the Official Zoning Map. ORDINANCE NO. 503

F.2 Authorization for the submittal of applications for funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-In-Aid Program for the Newark Skate Park and All-Weather Turf Fields at Sportsfield Park projects. RESOLUTION NO. 10735 -10736

F.3 Approval to reclassify three Associate Civil Engineer positions to two Senior Civil Engineer positions and one Assistant/Junior Engineer position and to adjust the salary range of the Chief Building Official/City Architect position by amending the Employee Classification Plan, the Compensation and Benefit Plan for City Officials and the Management, Supervisory, and Professional Employee Group and the 2016-2018 Biennial Budget. RESOLUTION NO. 10737-10739

G. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

I. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

**I.1 Resolution establishing the City of Newark Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax Oversight Committee and authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for Committee applications. RESOLUTION NO. 10740
MOTION APPROVED**

Mayor Nagy gave the report recommending approval.

Council Member Bucci moved, Council Member Collazo seconded to by resolution, establish the City of Newark Transactions and Use (Sales) Tax Oversight Committee and by motion, authorize the City Clerk to advertise for Committee applications. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

I.2 Approving 2 percent merit increase for City Manager John Becker.

RESOLUTION NO. 10741

Mayor Nagy gave the report recommending approval.

John Henneberry spoke against the merit increase.

In response to Nadja Adolf McClary, Mayor Nagy confirmed that a salary survey was completed for the City Manager.

Council Member Collazo moved, Council Member Freitas seconded to by resolution, approve a 2 percent merit increase for John Becker as City Manager. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

Vice Mayor Hannon stated that debate on the issues needs to be in a respectful manner.

Council Member Collazo welcomed the Boy Scouts attending the meeting. She also spoke of the need for respectful debate at City Council meetings. She encouraged the public to Shop Newark.

Council Member Bucci stated that the Boy Scouts received a tour of the police department before the meeting. He encouraged them to work towards the Eagle Scout achievement.

J. CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

K. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Nadja Adolf McClary requested a revision of the animal code to allow up to 15 Bantams, a type of fowl. Mayor Nagy referred this suggestion to staff for review.

Francisco Gonsalves asked if his property at 37069 Ash Street, would be impacted with the new Zoning Code. He stated that he received the notice, dated December, this week.

Assistant City Manager Grindall stated that the existing use may continue as long as the current building stayed in place.

John Henneberry stated that governments are monopolies and that comparing salaries does not create a market. He requested that funding be taken from the Police Department to allow the library to be open 7 days a week.

Vice Mayor Hannon noted that the City increased library service from 5 to 6 days last year.

Michael McClary stated that the City Council needs to set a salary to attract and retain employees.

In response to Mr. McClary's questions regarding the Zoning Code, Assistant City Manager Grindall stated that only those properties that had a land use change were mailed a notice. Notices were also published in the newspaper.

L. APPROPRIATIONS

Approval of Audited Demands for the City Council meeting of January 25, 2018. MOTION APPROVED

City Clerk Harrington read the Register of Audited Demands: Check numbers 113339 to 113454.

Council Member Freitas moved, Council Member Collazo seconded, to approve the Register of Audited Demands. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

M. CLOSED SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nagy adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.