CITY OF NEWARK
CITY COUNCIL

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Minutes **Thursday, February 13, 2014**

Special Meeting

City Administration Building
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the special meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Council Members Collazo, Freitas, Marshall, and Vice Mayor Apodaca.

B. Work Session to discuss the 2014-2016 Biennial Budget and the year to date revenue and expenditures for the current budget.

City Manager Becker gave an overview of the ongoing budget balancing measures, the services that were restored as a result of the Utility Users Tax, and issues impacting the budget. He noted that the Utility Users Tax sunsets on December 31, 2015 and provides funding for 9 percent of the total budget.

Administrative Services Director Woodstock reviewed the current fiscal year budget. She projected a small surplus that would be transferred to the capital reserves, equipment replacement and reserves to reduce the Pension and OPEB (other post-employment benefit) liabilities.

City Manager Becker presented the budget priorities for 2014-2016 by departments.

While reviewing the revenue and expenditure forecast for 2014-2016, Administrative Services Director Woodstock highlighted that the expiration of the Utility User Tax on December 31, 2015 would result in budget deficits beginning fiscal year 2016-2017.

Vice Mayor Apodaca suggested conducting a poll of the voters on the Utility Users Tax. The City Council concurred with this idea.

City Manager Becker reviewed the process for the Capital Improvement Plan and stated that it would be presented at a City Council meeting in April.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No one came forward to speak.

D. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Nagy adjourned the special meeting.

SHEILA HARRINGTON
City Clerk