



CITY OF NEWARK CITY COUNCIL

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City Administration Building
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Nagy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Hannon, Collazo, Freitas, and Vice Mayor Bucci.

B. Presentation of design proposal for the new Civic Center.

Chief Building Official/City Architect Collier provided a history of the existing structures and the steps that were taken to date that led to the conceptual design of the new Civic Center. He noted that the current budget is \$74,000,000 due to a more detailed cost estimate and double digit construction cost escalation since the completion of the Feasibility Study.

Heller Manus Architects will oversee the entire Civic Center design, the City Hall design, and the exterior of the Police Department. McClaren, Wilson and Lawrie will design the floor plan for the Police Department. Safdie, Rabines Architects, Inc. will design the floor plan and exterior of the Library. Thuilot Associates will design the landscaping. Representatives from each firm presented their proposed designs (presentation on file with the City Clerk).

Major changes to the site plan include moving the new library to the corner of Newark Boulevard and Thornton Avenue, repurposing the existing library for Police Department and community uses, and a pedestrian path from the new library towards Civic Center Park.

Council comments included: consider a curved facade for the library, ensure the stained glass in the current city hall is incorporated as a feature in the new building, consider moving the library closer to the corner to expand the plaza, include a stage and seating in the plaza similar to the City of Hayward's city hall, include space on the first floor of City Hall for historical displays, the community room in the library should be large enough to hold meetings, ensure appropriate signage throughout the site, consider solar panels, a meeting room adjacent to the council chambers with a moveable wall could add seating space to the chambers when necessary, include restrooms near the council chambers, consider incorporating the design elements of the entrance to the Silliman Center into the design of and use durable materials.

Dan Cianciarulo stated that he liked the idea of an amphitheater in the plaza. He stated the pocket park at the corner of Thornton Avenue and Newark Boulevard would be difficult to maintain.

C. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:43 p.m. Mayor Nagy adjourned the City Council meeting.

SHEILA HARRINGTON
City Clerk