Welcome to the Newark City Council meeting. The following information will help you understand the City Council Agenda and what occurs during a City Council meeting. Your participation in your City government is encouraged, and we hope this information will enable you to become more involved. The Order of Business for Council meetings is as follows:

A. ROLL CALL  I. COUNCIL MATTERS  
B. MINUTES   J. SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
C. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS  TO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
D. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS  K. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS  
E. PUBLIC HEARINGS  L. APPROPRIATIONS  
F. CITY MANAGER REPORTS  M. CLOSED SESSION  
G. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS  N. ADJOURNMENT  
H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  

Items listed on the agenda may be approved, disapproved, or continued to a future meeting. Many items require an action by motion or the adoption of a resolution or an ordinance. When this is required, the words MOTION, RESOLUTION, or ORDINANCE appear in parenthesis at the end of the item. If one of these words does not appear, the item is an informational item.

The attached Agenda gives the Background/Discussion of agenda items. Following this section is the word Attachment. Unless “none” follows Attachment, there is more documentation which is available for public review at the Newark Library, the City Clerk’s office or at www.newark.org. Those items on the Agenda which are coming from the Planning Commission will also include a section entitled Update, which will state what the Planning Commission’s action was on that particular item. Action indicates what staff's recommendation is and what action(s) the Council may take.

Addressing the City Council: You may speak once and submit written materials on any listed item at the appropriate time. You may speak once and submit written materials on any item not on the agenda during Oral Communications. To address the Council, please seek the recognition of the Mayor by raising your hand. Once recognized, come forward to the lectern and you may, but you are not required to, state your name and address for the record. Public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker, subject to adjustment by the Mayor. Matters brought before the Council which require an action may be either referred to staff or placed on a future Council agenda.

No question shall be asked of a council member, city staff, or an audience member except through the presiding officer. No person shall use vulgar, profane, loud or boisterous language that interrupts a meeting. Any person who refuses to carry out instructions given by the presiding officer for the purpose of maintaining order may be guilty of an infraction and may result in removal from the meeting.