



CITY OF NEWARK

CITY COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday, November 13, 2025
7:00 P.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Mayor Hannon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Vice Mayor Little, Council Members Catancio, Grindall, and Jorgens were present.

Mayor Hannon announced that he would adjourn the meeting in memory of Council Member Catancio's father-in-law, Steve Catabay, who recently passed away.

Council Member Catancio shared some memories of her father-in-law.

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation

Mayor Hannon presented the proclamation to Taran Singh and other members of the Sikh community.

Mayor Hannon announced a two-minute break.

2. Introduction of Employee(s)

Mayor Hannon introduced new employees Public Safety Dispatcher Sierra Shelley, Public Safety Dispatcher Connor Taylor, Police Officer Yonus Ansari, Police Officer Jackson Benjamin, Police Officer Matthew Jou, and Police Officer Francisco Felix.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Molly Connolly praised City employees Chief Building Official Matthew Farrell, Maintenance Superintendent Tonya Connolly, and Maintenance Supervisor Dan Cianciarulo for their excellent customer service, and thanked the City Council for having such outstanding staff.

Chamber CEO Stephen Cassidy thanked the Mayor and City for inviting him to the Alameda County Mayors' Conference. He is coordinating a Tri-Cities Economic Forum in February to foster collaboration and growth. Cassidy invited the City Council to the Chamber Holiday Mixer on December 4, 2025, at Aloft. He also announced a Newark hotel roundtable next week with the City to boost the hotel industry ahead of major Bay Area sporting events in 2026. The

Chamber's mission includes advocating for projects that benefit Newark, such as supporting the Prologis project, arts initiatives, and endorsing the Mowry Village Project to the Planning Commission.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 186, encouraged everyone to donate canned goods to be distributed to those in need. Canned goods may be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Grindall asked that Item No. 6 be pulled for further discussion and Vice Mayor Little asked that Item No. 5 be pulled for further discussion.

No one from the audience requested to speak.

Council Member Catancio moved, Vice Mayor Little seconded, to approve Consent Calendar items D.1, D.2, D.3, D.4, and D.7. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

1. Approval of Audited Demands
2. Approval of October 23, 2025, special meeting minutes
3. Approval of October 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes
4. Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the acceptance of the 2025-2026 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) federal grant through the State of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and amending the e2024-2026 Biennial Budget

Adopted Resolution No.11784

7. Waive further reading and adopt an ordinance repealing Section 15.04.030 of Title 15 "Buildings and Construction" of the Newark Municipal Code in order to conform to the updates in the 2025 building standards code that are adopted

Adopted Ordinance No. 556

NONCONSENT

5. Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contractual Services Agreement No. C23071 with CSW Struber Stroeh Engineering Group to increase the contract value by \$117,279 for a new contract total of \$1,014,497

Discussion held. Vice Mayor Little moved, Council Member Grindall seconded, to adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Contractual Services Agreement No. C23071 with CSW Struber Stroeh Engineering Group to increase the contract value by \$117,279 for a new contract total of \$1,014,497. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

Adopted Resolution No. 11785

6. Adopt a resolution authorizing an increase to the solid waste collection, recycling, and organics services maximum rates for Calendar Year 2026

Discussion held. Council Member Grindall moved, Council Member Jorgens seconded, to adopt a resolution authorizing an increase to the solid waste collection, recycling, and organics services maximum rates for Calendar Year 2026. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

Adopted Resolution No. 11786

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Adopt a resolution amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to add capital improvement projects

Presentation made and discussion held. The presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

Mr. Cassidy requested the estimated construction costs for two fire stations and suggested hiring a single consultant to oversee multiple projects in order to reduce expenses.

Vice Mayor Little moved, Council Member Grindall seconded, to adopt a resolution Amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to add capital improvement projects. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

Adopted Resolution No. 11787

2. Adopt a resolution amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to reinstate Capital Project No. 1366 – Thornton Avenue Pavement Overlay Phase 1 (Interstate 880 to Olive Street)

Council Member Jorgens recused himself due to real property conflict of interest and exited the City Council Chambers.

Presentation made and discussion held. The presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Grindall moved, Vice Mayor Little seconded, to adopt a resolution amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to reinstate Capital Project No. 1366 – Thornton Avenue Pavement Overlay Phase 1 (Interstate 880 to Olive Street). The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 RECUSED.

Adopted Resolution No. 11788

Council Member Jorgens returned to the City Council Chambers.

3. Adopt a resolution amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to add the Newark Community Park All Abilities Play Area Project

Vice Mayor Little recused herself due to real property conflict of interest and exited the City Council Chambers.

Presentation made and discussion held. The presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Jorgens moved, Council Member Catancio seconded to adopt a resolution amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to Add the Newark Community Park All Abilities Play Area Project. The motion passed, 4 AYES, 1 RECUSED.

Adopted Resolution No. 11789

Vice Mayor Little returned to the City Council Chambers.

4. Adopt a resolution amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to Update the Strategic Priorities Areas

Presentation made and discussion held. The presentation is on file with the City Clerk.

No one from the public requested to speak.

Council Member Grindall moved, Vice Mayor Little seconded, to adopt a resolution amending the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan to update the Strategic Priorities Areas. The motion passed, 5 AYES.

Adopted Resolution No. 11790

G. CITY MANAGER UPDATES

City Manager Benoun announced:

The City of Newark Recreation & Community Services Department's Winter/Spring Activity Guide will be available online beginning Wednesday, November 20, 2025, at newarkca.gov/activityreg; resident registration opens Monday, December 1, at 8:00 a.m., and non-resident begins Friday, December 5, at 8:00 a.m.

Newark's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting is Friday, December 5, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at the Newark Civic Center, 37101 Newark Boulevard. Activities will take place from 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m., followed by the official Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m. The annual event is free and open to the community.

Celebrate Small Business Saturday on November 29, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., at the Civic Center Plaza and Newark Library Community Room, in partnership with the Newark Chamber of Commerce. Stop by for coupons and giveaways from Newark businesses and enjoy free refreshments and fun family activities.

H. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

Council Member Grindall announced coffee with Council Member Grindall is on November 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at Starbucks on Jarvis & Newark.

Council Member Catancio reported attending the fishing event at Lakeshore Park, where children aged 5-15 learned to fish from city staff.

Council Member Jorgens encouraged participation in community service opportunities to enrich our community during the holiday season.

Vice Mayor Little urged everyone to donate canned food at Saturday's donation event, with all food staying in Newark for those in need.

Mayor Hannon thanked Sergeant Karl Fredstrom for coordinating and delivering over 300 turkeys to the Viola Blythe Community Services Center for Newark residents in need. He also praised City Manager Benoun and staff for organizing a successful Mayor's conference and noted the U.S. Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775.

I. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session for conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency Designated Representative: Mayor Hannon, Unrepresented employee: City Manager Benoun

No one from the public requested to speak.

Mayor Hannon recessed to Closed Session at 8:56 p.m.

At 9:07 p.m., the City Council convened in Closed Session.

At 9:52 p.m., the City Council reconvened in Open Session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hannon adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m. in memory of Steve Catabay.

Neetu Salwan
City Clerk