



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK  
COUNTY OF HUDSON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

***REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL***

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023  
TIME: 7:00 PM

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Borough Attorney Michael A. Cifelli.

**MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT**

Borough Attorney Cifelli read the following statement.

Open Public Meetings Act – This meeting is being held in accordance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231 and proper notification was issued to the Jersey Journal, Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and on the official Borough website.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Grilo led the Assembly present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Borough Attorney Cifelli conducted a roll call of the dais.

**Present:**

Mayor Dina M. Grilo  
Council Member Jessica H. Diaz  
Council Member Rose M. Evaristo  
Council Member Hans Peter Lucas  
Council Member Christopher Reis  
Council President Jeanne Zincavage

**Absent:**

Council Member Kenneth J. Graham

**Also Present:**

Frederick Confessore, Borough Administrator  
Michael Cifelli, Esq., Borough Attorney  
Kevin D. Harris, Borough Clerk



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Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Mayor and Council that a quorum had been established.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Mayor and Council that there was three (3) ordinances for consideration on first reading this evening.

Borough Attorney Cifelli presented the following Ordinance for consideration on first reading:

**01-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE VIII, “ADMINISTRATIVE FEES”, SECTION 2.50.3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK TITLED “FEES CHARGD BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT”**

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked Council Members if they had any questions or proposed changes regarding the Ordinance; there were none.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion to accept Ordinance # 01-2023.

Councilwoman Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 01-2023 be accepted on first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Zincavage and adopted on the following roll call vote

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham						X
Lucas			X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage		X	X			

Ordinance # 01-2023 was introduced on first reading and the date of the public hearing and consideration for second reading shall be the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Borough Attorney Cifelli presented the following Ordinance for consideration on first reading:

**02-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK**

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked Council Members if they had any questions or proposed changes regarding the Ordinance; there were none.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion to accept Ordinance # 02-2023.



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Councilwoman Zincavage moved that Ordinance # 02-2023 be introduced on first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lucas and adopted on the following roll call vote

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo			X			
Graham						X
Lucas		X	X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage	X		X			

Ordinance # 02-2023 was introduced on first reading and the date of the public hearing and consideration for second reading shall be the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Borough Attorney Cifelli presented the following Ordinance for consideration on first reading:

**03-2023 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK AMENDING CHAPTER 7 TITLED “TRAFFIC” SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING § 7-9 – “TO CREATE A SECTION TITLED “PAY-BY-APP PARKING”**

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked Council Members if they had any questions or proposed changes regarding the Ordinance; there were none.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion to accept Ordinance # 03-2023.

Councilwoman Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 03-2023 be introduced on first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reis and adopted on the following roll call vote.

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham						X
Lucas			X			
Reis		X	X			
Zincavage			X			

Ordinance # 03-2023 was introduced on first reading and the date of the public hearing and consideration for second reading shall be the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2023, beginning at 7:00 PM.



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**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Mayor and Council that there were no ordinances on for second reading.

**RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Council that there were six (6) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

Borough Attorney Cifelli read the titles for the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

13-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK. (WITHDRAWN, NO ACTION TAKEN).

14-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH, AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE VARIOUS STREETS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

15-23 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES F. TIGHE AND DESIGNATING THE EAST NEWARK RECREATION CENTER AS THE "CHARLES F. TIGHE EAST NEWARK RECREATION CENTER"

16-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND CLEAN UP OF AN UNDERGROUND HEATING OIL TANK LOCATED AT 38 SEARING AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

17-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE EAST NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

18-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH FEBRUARY 08, 2023, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$354,503.15

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if Council Members wished to have any of the above resolutions removed for separate vote.

Councilwoman Diaz Resolution # 13-23 be removed for a separate vote as she shall be abstaining due to her being absent at the January 11, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting.

There were no other requests to remove any items for a separate vote.



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Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there were any questions regarding resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Reis asked if he was still able to vote on resolution #16-23 due to his residence being within 200 feet of the residence being discussed.

Borough Attorney Cifelli informed Councilman Reis that he was able to vote.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was a motion regarding the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Zincavage moved that the resolutions on the Consent Agenda (with the exception of Resolution # 13-23, removed for a separate vote) be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evaristo and approved on the following roll call vote:

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo		X	X			
Graham						X
Lucas			X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage	X		X			

Borough Attorney Cifelli announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 14-23, 15-23, 16-23, 17-23 and 18-23 were all adopted.

**RESOLUTION(S) FOR SEPARATE ACTION**

Borough Attorney Cifelli presented the following Resolution for consideration on by separate reading:

13-23 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 11,2023 REGULAR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

Borough Attorney Cifelli was advised to table this resolution to next meeting, as the minutes for the January 11, 2023 meeting were not complete.

Borough Attorney Cifelli advised the Mayor and Council that this action concluded the Regular Business Items on the Agenda for the evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Borough Attorney Cifelli opened the meeting to the public and asked if there were any members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Council on any issue.



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There were no members of the public wishing to address the Council this evening and Borough Attorney Cifelli closed the public hearing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if anyone had any old business, they wanted to bring forward this evening. There were no old business items presented and the Borough Clerk closed that portion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if anyone had any new business, they wanted to bring forward this evening. There were no new business items presented and the Borough Clerk closed that portion of the meeting.

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Borough Attorney Cifelli announced that he was not in receipt of the following Department Reports for the month of February 2023.

Borough Attorney Cifelli announced that should any additional reports be received; they shall be provided to the Mayor and Council as soon as possible.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked prior to entertaining a motion to adjourn if there was anything further anyone wanted to offer for the “good of the Borough”.

Former Borough Clerk, Kevin D. Harris, thanked the Mayor, Administration and Council for working with him and allowing him to work for the residents of the Borough of East Newark.

There was no further discussion for the “good of the Borough”.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to discuss for the evening.

Councilman Evaristo moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reis and approved unanimously on voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.



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Respectfully Submitted,

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TATIANA DA COSTA  
Borough Administrative Assistant

Dated: April 12, 2023

Accepted and approved by Council: \_\_\_\_\_