BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MINUTES OF THE SINE DIE AND REORGANIZARITON MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2026
TIME: 6:30 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER
The Sine Die Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at approximately 6:35 P.M., by Borough Clerk Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo.

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT - As presiding officer of this Sine Die and Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, held on January 7, 2026 at 6:30 P.M., I do hereby publicly announce, and I direct that this announcement shall be placed in the minutes of this meeting, and that the Notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given to the Borough Council by Resolution. Said notice was transmitted by the Borough Clerk to the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger and publicly posted on the Borough Website, Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the office of the Borough Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:	Councilman De Oliveira Councilwoman Evaristo Councilwoman Zincavage Mayor Grilo
Absent:	Councilwoman Diaz Councilman Graham Councilman Reis
Also in attendance:	Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo, Borough Clerk Mr. Fred Confessore, Borough Administrator Mr. Michael Cifelli, Borough Attorney Capt. Fiori, Officer in Charge

SINE DIE – CONSENT AGENDA

The Sine Die consent agenda consisted of Resolutions 176-25, 177-25 and 178-25.

A motion was made by Councilman De Oliveira, second by Councilwoman Evaristo, to adopt the consent agenda as established. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; Zincavage
Nays:	None
Abstain:	*Note – Councilwoman Evaristo abstained from Resolution 177-25
Absent:	Diaz; Graham; Reis

A. Resolution 176-25 – Approving the minutes of the December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark

Resolution # 176-25
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2025, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the following meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark have been provided to the members of Council and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the minutes of the December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting be and are hereby approved.

B. Resolution 177-25 – Approving the minutes of the December 29, 2025, Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark

Resolution # 177-25
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 29, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

WHEREAS, copies of the minutes of the following meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark have been provided to the members of Council and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the minutes of the December 29, 2025, Regular Meeting be and are hereby approved.

C. Resolution 178-25 – Authorizing Payment of Bills and the Issuance of Checks for the Period Through December 31, 2025, in the Total Amount of $243,551.74

Resolution # 178-25
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $243,551.74

WHEREAS, certain bills which are contained on the bills list which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein have been submitted to the Borough of East Newark for payment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16, it has been certified to the governing body that the goods and services for which said bills were submitted have been received by or rendered to the Borough of East Newark; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of East Newark has certified to the governing body that there are funds legally appropriated and available in the budget for the payment of said bills and that the said payment will not result in the disbursement of public monies or in the encumbering of same in excess of the 2024 and/or 2025 appropriation for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and the designated signatories to sign checks in payment of the bills set forth in the annexed schedule.

SINE DIE – ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman De Oliveira, second by Councilwoman Zincavage, to adjourn the Sine Die meeting. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; Zincavage
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Diaz; Graham; Reis

REORGANIZATION MEETING

OATH OF OFFICE

- Dr. Cirillo administered Oath of Office to Councilman Acacio De Oliveira
- Dr. Cirillo administered Oath of Office to Councilman Raymand Graham
- Dr. Cirillo administered Oath of Office to Councilman Jeffrey Pinto
- Mayor Grilo administered Oath of Office to Borough Attorney Michael Cifelli

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman De Oliveira
Councilwoman Evaristo
Councilman R. Graham
Councilman Pinto
Councilwoman Zincavage
Mayor Grilo

Absent: Councilman K. Graham

Also in attendance: Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo, Borough Clerk
Mr. Fred Confessore, Borough Administrator
Mr. Michael Cifelli, Borough Attorney
Capt. Fiori, Officer in Charge

PROCLAMATION

A. Recognizing Hudson County Community College 50th Anniversary Celebration
    a. Mayor Grilo read the proclamation and presented it to Dr. Yeurys Pujols, HCCC Vice President for Institutional Engagement and Excellence. Dr. Pujols thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and all they do for the community.

CAUCUS DISCUSSION

B. Covid-19 Update – *Mayor Grilo*
C. Resident Parking Permit Update – *Mayor Grilo*
D. Police & Fire Director Update – *Mayor Grilo*
E. Grants Update – *Mayor Grilo*
F. Upcoming Events Update – *Mayor Grilo*
G. Police Department Update – *Capt. Fiori*
H. Facilities Update – *Mr. Confessore*
I. Lead Pipe Replacement Update – *Mr. Confessore*

CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS

The Reorganization consent agenda consisted of Resolutions 1-26, 2-26, 3-26, 4-26, 5-26, 6-26, 7-26, 8-26, 9-26, 10-26, 11-26, 12-26, 13-26, 14-26, 15-26, 16-26, 17-26, 18-26, 19-26, 20-26, 21-26, 22-26, 23-26, 24-26, 25-26, 26-26, 27-26, and 28-26.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Zincavage, second by Councilman De Oliveira, to adopt the consent agenda as established. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; R. Graham; Pinto; Zincavage
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	K. Graham

A. Resolution 1-26 – Designating 2026 Meeting Dates for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark

Resolution # 1-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DESIGNATING 2026 MEETING DATES FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 231 Laws of 1975, known as the Open Public Meeting Act, all meetings of all public bodies wherein formal action, decisions or discussion related to the public business may take place are required to be publicly announced and scheduled with adequate posting and advance notice of the time, date and location of each such meeting.

WHEREAS, the following meetings of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey will be held in the Council Chambers of East Newark Borough Hall, 34 Sherman Avenue, East Newark, New Jersey at which any and all public business may be formally discussed, decided or acted upon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey is as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIME	TYPE OF MEETING	LOCATION
Wednesday	01/07/26	6:30 p.m.	Annual Reorganization Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	02/11/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	03/11/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	04/08/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers

Wednesday	05/13/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	06/10/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	07/08/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	08/12/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	09/09/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	10/14/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	11/04/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	12/09/26	6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
Wednesday	01/06/27	6:30 p.m.	Sine Die/Reorganization Meeting	Council Chambers

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above, such other meetings as the public business may require shall be scheduled and held pursuant to and with such notice as is required by said Statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized and directed to:

1. Post and maintain a copy of the Borough Council's Meeting Schedule on the Municipal Bulletin Board
2. File a copy with the Office of the Borough Clerk
3. Transmit copies to the Star Ledger and Observer which are the local newspapers circulating in East Newark, New Jersey and post on the Municipal website.
4. Take all necessary action hereafter to comply with said Statute to ensure adequate public notice of all such meetings in accordance with law.

B. Resolution 2-26 – Designating the Official Newspapers of the Borough of East Newark for the 2026 Year

Resolution # 2-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2026 YEAR

WHEREAS, there exists the need to provide for the designation of the Official Newspapers of the Borough of East Newark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following Newspapers, each of which circulates in the Borough of East Newark, be and are hereby designated as Official Newspapers for the Borough of East Newark for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026:

THE OBSERVER
THE STAR LEDGER

C. Resolution 3-26 – Designating the Official Depositories and Signatories of the Borough of East Newark for the 2026 Year

Resolution # 3-24
1-08-2025

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATORIES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2025 YEAR

WHEREAS, there exists the need to provide for the designation of the Official Bank Depositories and Signatories of the Borough of East Newark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, Resolution # 3-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATORIES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2026 YEAR

WHEREAS, there exists the need to provide for the designation of the Official Bank Depositories and Signatories of the Borough of East Newark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following banks be and are hereby designated as official depositories of the Borough of East Newark for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 and are hereby authorized to complete any forms required by any of the designated institutions for the authorization of receipts and disbursements on the accounts so established therein:

NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND
GARDEN STATE COMMUNITY BANK
VALLEY NATIONAL BANK
PNC BANK
INVESTORS BANK, A DIVISION OF CITIZENS BANK, N.A.

KEARNY BANK
FLAGSTAR BANK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that of the above designated depositories of funds for the Borough of East Newark shall be and are hereby authorized to honor and pay checks signed by any of the following three signatories for the year 2026:

DINA M. GRILO, MAYOR
FREDERICK CONFESSORE, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
HIRAM GONZALEZ, CFO

D. Resolution 4-26 – Adopting the Official Cash Management Plan for the Borough of East Newark for the 2026 Year

Resolution # 4-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2026 YEAR

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 3, Local Fiscal Affairs Law; N.J.S. 40A:5-14, has been amended to require that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of each local unit's monies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following Cash Management Plan of the Borough of East Newark be and hereby is adopted:

A: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES:

The following financial institutions are designated official depositories:

Garden State Community Bank
New Jersey Cash Management Fund
PNC Bank
Valley National Bank
Investors Bank, A Division of Citizens Bank, N.A.
Kearny Bank

Designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of East Newark a copy of the State of New Jersey, Department of Banking, Government Unit Deposit Protection Act Notification of eligibility, which must be filed

semiannually in the Department of Banking as of June 30th and December 31st of each year. Said Notices must be available for annual audit.

Designated official depositories are required to submit to the Chief Financial Officer a copy of institution's "Annual Report" on an annual basis.

B: DEPOSIT OF FUNDS:

All moneys shall be turned over to the Treasurer and deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

All funds shall be deposited within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt in accordance to maximize interest earnings.

Operating funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts to maximize interest earnings.
Capital and Debt service funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts.
Trust funds shall be deposited into interest bearing accounts in accordance with State statutes regulating the deposit of developer's escrow deposits.
If and when possible, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer may elect to make electronic deposits of checks received.

C: DESIGNATION OF ALLOW ABLE INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS:

The Borough may permit deposits and investments in such depositories as permitted in Section 4 of P.L. 1970, chapter 236 (C.17:9-44) and other instruments pursuant to Section 8 of P.L. 1977, c. 396 (C40A:5-l 5.l) approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services as specified below:

Municipal Bonds or Notes

Commercial Bank Deposits and Certificates of Deposit (CD's) State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund
D: DEFINITION OF ACCEPTABLE COLLATERAL AND PROTECTION OF BOROUGH ASSETS:

All designated depositories must conform to all applicable State statutes concerning depositories of Public Funds.

All depositories shall obtain the highest amount possible F.D.I.C. and/or F.S.L.I.C. coverage of all Borough assets (Demand and Certificate Deposits).

Collateral will be required for all deposits and investments of the Borough, except for those in the State Cash Management Fund, collateral must have a market value of not less than I 00 percent of all deposits and investments.

E: COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS:

Where compensating balances are used to offset bank expenses, an agreement between the bank and the Township shall be executed, specifying the charge for each service.

F: REPORTING PROCEDURES:

I.) The Treasurer shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-l 5.2.

2.) At a minimum, the Treasurer shall:

a.) Keep a record of all investments.

b.) Keep a cash position record which reveals, on a daily basis, the status of the Borough's cash in its bank accounts.

c.) Report investments to the Governing Body at regularly scheduled meetings of the Governing Body.

d.) Report monthly to the Governing Body as to the status of cash balances in bank accounts, revenue collection, interest rates and interest earned.

G: DIVERSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall closely examine investments to guard against the effects of a financial institution going into default. This may be accomplished through the practice of spreading the investment around in various designated official depositories.

H: MAXIMUM MATURITY POLICY:

Investments shall be limited to a maturity not to exceed one year on all operating funds unless a longer maturity is permitted within the provision of regulation promulgated by either the Federal or State Governments.

I. INVESTMENT PROCEDURES:

Bids for Certificates of Deposit will be solicited from at least three (3) designated depositories only if the amount is $100,000 or greater.

Telephone bids will be solicited from designated depositories by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer or designated staff member.

The depository shall specify the principal amount of investment bid, interest rate and number of days used to calculate the interest to be paid upon maturity.

Interest paid shall be from the date the bid was awarded to the date of maturity. All bidders may request the results of the bid after the bid is formally awarded.
A check or wire transfer of funds will be made available to the winning bidder on the same business day the bid is awarded.

Each quotation shall be documented to record the date and time of quote, the parties in the discussion, the instrument(s), maturities and rates. A bid form of the Borough may be used.

J. RETURN OF INVESTMENT:

Where the return on a proposed investment does not exceed the cost of making said investment by a minimum amount the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer will not make the investment. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall have the discretion to award an investment to the bank wherein the funds reside, should that bank's quoted rate be less than other quoted rates received in the event that the differential in interest rates is less than 25 basis points, and providing that the term of the investment is less than fifteen (15) days.

K. CONTROLS:

When possible, the internal controls should provide for a separation of the investment placement functions and the accounting activity. Controls must be designated for telephone orders, wire transfers and securities safekeeping. Only specifically designated personnel shall be allowed to conduct this part of the transactions, and all activity should be subject to immediate written confirmation by the designated depository. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer shall review each day's activity.

L. BONDING:

Staff members of the Borough of East Newark shall be covered by a Public Employees Faithful Performance Bond.

M. COMPLIANCE:

The Cash Management Plan of the Borough of East Newark shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-4.

The Official charged with custody of the monies of the Borough of East Newark shall deposit them as designated by the Cash Management Plan and shall thereafter be relieved of any liability or loss of such monies due to the insolvency or closing of any depository designated in the Cash Management Plan pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-2.

Where a conflict exists between this Cash Management Plan and State statute, the applicable State statute shall apply.

E. Resolution 5-26 – Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for Operating Purposes

Resolution # 5-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS
FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that, where any contracts, commitments, or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2026 budget, temporary appropriations be made for the purpose and amount required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and capital improvement fund, is the sum of $5,399,750.32 for the Current Fund, $280,000 for the Water Utility Fund; and

WHEREAS, the temporary budget shall not exceed 35% of the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for principal and interest of debt, public assistance, and capital improvement fund, which is the sum of $1,889,912.61 for the Current Fund, $98,000 for the Water Utility Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following temporary appropriations for 2026 operating purposes be made in the amount of $1,889,912.61 for the Current Fund, $98,000 for the Water Utility Fund.

F. Resolution 6-26 – Approving the 2026 Council Committee Assignments

Resolution # 6-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that the below listed committee assignments are hereby designated for the year 2026:

COMMITTEE	***CHAIRPERSON***	***CO-CHAIRPERSON***
ADMINISTRATION	Zincavage	Evaristo
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION	Graham, R	N/A
BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON	Evaristo	Zincavage
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Graham, K	Graham, R
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LIAISON	Zincavage	Evaristo
FINANCE	DeOliveira	Zincavage
FIRE	DeOliveira	Pinto
GREEN TEAM	Graham, K	Graham, R
LEGAL	Zincavage	DeOliveira
LICENSE	Pinto	Graham, K
PARKING	DeOliveira	Pinto
PLANNING BOARD LIAISON	Evaristo	N/A
POLICE	Evaristo	DeOliveira
RECREATION	Pinto	Graham, K
SENIOR CITIZENS	Evaristo	Zincavage
SHADE TREE	Graham, R	Pinto
SPECIAL EVENTS	Zincavage	DeOliveira
STREET LIGHTING	Graham, R	Pinto
STREETS & SNOW REMOVAL	Graham, K	Evaristo
WATER & SEWER	Pinto	Graham, K
WELFARE & PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	DeOliveira	Evaristo
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL	Zincavage	

G. Resolution 7-26 – Authorizing Appointment of a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)

Resolution # 7-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (P.A.C.O.)

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 requires a municipality to designate an officer or employee to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Borough Administrator, Frederick Confessore, shall serve as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of East Newark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that in pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 the Borough Administrator, Frederick Confessore, is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of East Newark for the 2026 Calendar Year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Public Contract Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance Monitoring Program.

H. Resolution 8-26 – Confirming the Appointment of Juan Barroso, Jr., as the Fire Official / Inspector for the Borough of East Newark for the 2026 Calendar Year

Resolution # 8-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUAN BARROSO, JR.,
AS THE FIRE OFFICIAL / INSPECTOR FOR THE
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, there exists a need to provide for certain fire inspection services for the Borough of East Newark; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Administrator have recommended Juan Barroso, Jr., be appointed to the position of Fire Official / Inspector for a one (1) year period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, or until his successor is appointed and certified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that Juan Barroso, Jr., is hereby designated and appointed as Fire Official / Inspector to serve a one (1) year term due to expire December 31, 2026, or until his successor is appointed and certified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation will be set by the Mayor as the Appointing Authority pursuant to the Borough's Salary Ordinance for said position.

I. Resolution 9-26 – Resolution Appointing a Fund Commissioner for the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund for 2026

Resolution # 9-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE SUBURBAN METRO JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark is a member of the Suburban Metro (Suburban Essex) Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of said Fund require that each member Municipality appoint a FUND COMMISSIONER to represent and serve the Municipality as its' representative to said Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey does hereby appoint Fred Confessore, Borough Administrator, as its FUND COMMISSIONER for the Suburban Metro Joint Insurance Fund for the Fund Year 2026.

J. Resolution 10-26 – Authorizing the Borough of East Newark's Membership and Participation in the South Bergen Fire Chief's Association

Resolution # 10-26
1-7-2026

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK'S MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH BERGEN FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association comprised of nineteen (19) towns, has provided manpower and equipment for both stand-by and emergencies for over forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, the need has arisen to have such an agreement in writing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the following towns: CARLSTADT, EAST NEWARK, EAST RUTHERFORD, ELMWOOD PARK, GARFIELD, HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, LITTLE FERRY, LODI, LYNDHURST, MAYWOOD, MOONACHIE, NORTH ARLINGTON, NUTLEY, ROCHELLE PARK, RUTHERFORD, SADDLE BROOK, SECAUCUS, WALLINGTON AND WOOD-RIDGE, which comprise the South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association, now formally agree in writing to supply equipment and manpower to each other in case of fire, emergency, and/or standby whenever outside assistance is needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fire chiefs shall include a copy of their current alarm card with the submittal of this agreement/resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be no cost incurred between any towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this agreement is subject to annual review and approval of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark.

K. Resolution 11-26 – Authorizing the Approval of a Shared Services Agreement Between the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of East Newark for Maintenance and Repair of Vehicle

Resolution # 11-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPORVAL OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. permits municipalities and other local units to enter into Shared Services Agreements with other governmental units by adoption of a Resolution authorizing such shared services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of East Newark ("Borough") and the Borough of Paramus ("Paramus") to enter into a shared services agreement for the performance by Paramus of Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles within the Borough as such municipalities are local units as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-3; and

WHEREAS, the parties propose entering into the attached Agreement to provide Shared Services between the Borough and Paramus; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark recognize that by entering into a shared services agreement with the Borough of Paramus for such shared services as more particularly described in the Shared Services Agreement is mutually beneficial to both parties; and

WHEREAS, such Agreements are encouraged by the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq. in order to assist local governments in New Jersey to reduce costs and improve service delivery; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-27g, Hudson County, in which the Borough resides, must adopt a resolution authorizing the Borough to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth in length.

2. The Mayor, Borough Administrator, and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for the performance of Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles by Paramus, within the Borough of East Newark, in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in the agreement to be executed between the Borough of East Newark and the Borough of Paramus for such services as may be acceptable to the Borough as evidenced by the Mayor, Borough Administrator, and Borough Clerk's signature thereon, consistent with the terms of this resolution.

3. A copy of the agreement shall be filed with the Borough Clerk and shall be open for public inspection at Borough Hall upon adoption of this resolution.

4. The agreement shall take effect upon the lawful adoption of the requisite resolutions by all parties thereto.

5. A copy of the Agreement shall be sent to the County Clerk of the County of Hudson, the Clerk of the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners and the State of New Jersey Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

L. Resolution 12-26 – Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes of Assessments

Resolution # 12-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON
DELINQUENT TAXES OF ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, Hudson County, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first $1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after the due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of $1,500.00 becoming delinquent after the due date.

2. Effective January 1, 2026 and every 1st day of January thereafter, there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by check or money order.

3. This resolution shall be published in its entirety once in an official newspaper of the Borough of East Newark.

4. Certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Town Clerk to the Tax Collector and Borough Auditor.

M. Resolution 13-26 – Accepting the Resignation of Sergio Cunha as Police Officer of the East Newark Police Department

Resolution # 13-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SERGIO CUNHA AS
POLICE OFFICER OF THE EAST NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Sergio Cunha was hired by the Borough of East Newark as Police Officer of the East Newark Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergio Cunha has tendered his resignation from employment in the Borough of East Newark effective December 26, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Borough of East Newark, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the resignation of Sergio Cunha from employment in the Borough of East Newark be, and is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Borough of East Newark extend best wishes to Sergio Cunha in his future endeavors.

N. Resolution 14-26 – Authorizing Change Order Number 1 and Pay Certificate Number 2 Approved by the Municipal Engineer of the Borough of East Newark to Shauger Property Services for Lead Service Line Replacement, Phase III

Resolution # 14-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 AND PAY CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2 APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL ENGINEER OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK TO SHAUGER PROPERTY SERVICES FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT, PHASE III

WHEREAS, by Resolution, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark ("Borough") awarded a contract to Shauger Property Services, with offices at 429 Dodd Street, East Orange, NJ to perform 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement, Phase III project; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount to perform the Lead Service Line Replacement, Phase III project was awarded at one million, seven hundred thirty-four thousand thirty-five dollars and zero cents ($1,734,035.00); and

WHEREAS, during the project, it had been discovered that there was a need to reduce the amount of the contract awarded; and

WHEREAS, Shauger Property Services now submits Change Order Number 1 in the reduced amount of one thousand, two hundred fifty dollars and zero cents ($1,250.00); and

WHEREAS, the final award amount to Shauger Property Services is one million, seven hundred thirty-two thousand, seven hundred eighty-five dollars and zero cents ($1,732,785.00); and

WHEREAS, Shauger Property Services now submits Pay Certificate Number 2 in the amount of $222,942.75; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineers have reviewed the invoice and work completed and recommend payment of Pay Certificate No. 2 in the amount of $222,942.75 and certify that the work is within the scope of the original contract.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, hereby authorize Change Order Number 1 in the reduced amount of one thousand, two hundred fifty dollars and zero cents ($1,250.00) to Shauger Property Services for the total contract amount of one million, seven hundred thirty-two thousand, seven hundred eighty-five dollars and zero cents ($1,732,785.00) and authorize Pay Certificate No. 2 in the amount of $222,942.75; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of this Change Order shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

O. Resolution 15-26 – Appointing Jeniffer Da Silva as Municipal Housing Liaison for the Borough of East Newark

Resolution # 15-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JENIFFER DA SILVA AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark petitioned the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) for substantive certification of its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, Borough of East Newark's Fair Share Plan promotes an affordable housing program pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et. seq.) and COAH's Third Round Substantive Rules (N.J.A.C. 5:94-1, et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq., the Borough is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the Borough's affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:94-7 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark has amended Chapter 13 entitled Affordable Housing to provide for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer the Borough's affordable housing program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council for the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey that Jeniffer Da Silva is hereby appointed as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 13 of the Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is hereby effective as of January 5, 2026.

P. Resolution 16-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Auditing Services – General Municipal Services to Wielkotz & Company LLC for 2026

Resolution # 16-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVIVCES – GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO WIELKOTZ & COMPANY LLC FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide general municipal auditing services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Wielkotz & Company LLC for General Municipal Auditing Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Wielkotz & Company LLC with offices at 401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Wielkotz & Company LLC can provide general municipal auditing services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Wielkotz & Company LLC with offices 401 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey 07442, for general municipal auditing services to Millennium Strategies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Wielkotz & Company LLC not to exceed $55,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Wielkotz & Company LLC to provide general municipal auditing services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-135-2150.

Q. Resolution 17-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Legal Counsel – General Municipal Services to Cifelli Law Firm for 2026

Resolution # 17-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LEGAL COUNSEL – GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO CIFELLI LAW FIRM FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide general municipal legal counsel services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Cifelli Law Firm for General Municipal Legal Counsel Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Cifelli Law Firm with offices at 51 John F. Kennedy Parkway, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Cifelli Law Firm can provide general municipal legal counsel services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Cifelli Law Firm with offices at 51 John F. Kennedy Parkway, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078, for general municipal legal counsel services to Cifelli Law Firm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Cifelli Law Firm not to exceed $35,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Cifelli Law Firm to provide general municipal legal counsel services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-155-2150.

R. Resolution 18-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Municipal Prosecutor Services to Kenneth Lindenfelser for 2026

Resolution # 18-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR SERVICES TO KENNETH LINDENFELSER FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide municipal prosecutor services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Kenneth Lidenfelser for Municipal Prosecutor Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Kenneth Lidenfelser with offices at 570 Kearny Avenue, Unit A, Kearny, New Jersey 07032, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Kenneth Lidenfelser can provide municipal prosecutor services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Kenneth Lidenfelser with offices at 570 Kearny Avenue, Unit A, Kearny, New Jersey 07032, for municipal prosecutor services to Kenneth Lidenfelser; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Kenneth Lidenfelser not to exceed $12,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Kenneth Lidenfelser to provide municipal prosecutor services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-25-275-2150.

S. Resolution 19-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Municipal Public Defender to The Apello Law Firm for 2026

Resolution # 19-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES TO THE APELLO LAW FIRM FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide municipal public defender services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from the Apello Law Firm for Municipal Public Defender Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from the Apello Law Firm with offices at 1445 Union Turnpike, North Bergen, New Jersey 07047, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that the Apello Law Firm can provide interpreting services for municipal public defender services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to the Apello Law Firm with offices at 1445 Union Turnpike, North Bergen, New Jersey 07047, for municipal public defender services to the Apello Law Firm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay the Apello Law Firm not to exceed $10,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with the Apello Law Firm to provide municipal public defender services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-43-495-1150

T. Resolution 20-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Professional Planning Services – General Municipal Services to Heyer, Gruel & Associates for 2026

Resolution # 20-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES – GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide general municipal professional planning services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Heyer, Gruel & Associates for General Municipal Professional Planning Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Heyer, Gruel & Associates with offices at 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Heyer, Gruel & Associates can provide interpreting services for general municipal professional planning services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Heyer, Gruel & Associates with offices at 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, for general municipal professional planning services to Heyer, Gruel & Associates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Heyer, Gruel & Associates not to exceed $12,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Heyer, Gruel & Associates to provide for general municipal professional planning services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-155-2150

U. Resolution 21-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Professional Planning Services – Planning and Zoning Board Services to Heyer, Gruel & Associates for 2026

Resolution # 21-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES – PLANNING & ZONING BOARD TO HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide planning and zoning board professional planning services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Heyer, Gruel & Associates for Planning & Zoning Board Professional Planning Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Heyer, Gruel & Associates with offices at 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Heyer, Gruel & Associates can provide interpreting services for planning and zoning board professional planning services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Heyer, Gruel & Associates with offices at 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, for planning and zoning board professional planning services to Heyer, Gruel & Associates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Heyer, Gruel & Associates not to exceed $12,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Heyer, Gruel & Associates to provide planning and zoning board professional planning services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-155-2150

V. Resolution 22-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Special Legal Counsel – Bond Services to Rogut McCarthy LLC for 2026

Resolution # 22-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – BOND SERVICES TO ROGUT MCCARTHY LLC FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide bond counsel special counsel services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Rogut McCarthy LLC for Bond Services Special Counsel for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Rogut McCarthy LLC with offices at 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Rogut McCarthy LLC can provide bond counsel special counsel services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Rogut McCarthy LLC with offices at 37 Alden Street, Cranford, New Jersey 07016, for bond counsel special counsel services to Rogut McCarthy LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Rogut McCarthy LLC not to exceed $10,000 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Rogut McCarthy LLC to provide bond counsel special counsel services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-130-2150

W. Resolution 23-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Special Legal Counsel – Litigation/Defense and Public Sector Labor Services to The Murray Law Firm, LLC and Florio Kenny Raval for 2026

Resolution # 23-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – LITIGATION/DEFENSE AND PUBLIC SECTOR LABOR SERVICES TO MURRAY LAW FIRM, LLC AND FLORIO KENNY RAVAL FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide litigation/defense and public sector labor services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Murray Law Firm, LLC and Florio Kenny Raval for Litigation/Defense and Public Sector Labor Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Murray Law Firm, LLC for with offices at 8 East Main Street, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057 and Florio Kenny Raval with offices at 125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Murray Law Firm, LLC and Florio Kenny Raval for can provide interpreting services for litigation/defense and public sector labor services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Murray Law Firm, LLC for with offices at 8 East Main Street, Moorestown, New Jersey 08057 and Florio Kenny Raval with offices at 125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, for litigation/defense and public sector labor services to Murray Law Firm, LLC and Florio Kenny Raval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Murray Law Firm, LLC and Florio Kenny Raval for not to exceed $30,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Murray Law Firm, LLC and Florio Kenny Raval to provide litigation/defense and public sector labor services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-155-2150

X. Resolution 24-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Special Legal Counsel – Municipal Tax Appeal Services to Florio Kenny Raval for 2026

Resolution # 24-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – TAX APPEAL SERVICES TO FLORIO KENNY RAVAL FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide special counsel tax appeal services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Florio Kenny Raval for Special Counsel Tax Appeal Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Florio Kenny Raval with offices at 125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Florio Kenny Raval can provide interpreting services for special counsel tax appeal services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Florio Kenny Raval with offices at 125 Chubb Avenue, Suite 310N, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071, for special counsel tax appeal services to Florio Kenny Raval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Florio Kenny Raval not to exceed $10,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Florio Kenny Raval to provide special counsel tax appeal services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-150-2150

Y. Resolution 25-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Special Legal Counsel – Planning and Zoning Board to Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC for 2026

Resolution # 25-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO LAW OFFICE OF GARY CUCHHIARA, LLC FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide special counsel planning and zoning board services for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from the Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC for Special Counsel Planning and Zoning Board Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from the Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC with offices at 30 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that the Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC can provide special counsel planning and zoning board services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to the Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC with offices at 30 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071, for special counsel planning and zoning board services to the Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay the Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC not to exceed $5,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with the Law Office of Gary Cuchhiara, LLC to provide special counsel planning and zoning board services and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-155-2150

Z. Resolution 26-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Special Legal Counsel – Redevelopment Matters and Services to Wilentz Attorneys at Law for 2026

Resolution # 26-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – REDEVELOPMENT MATTERS AND SERVICES TO WILENTZ ATTORNEYS AT LAW FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide special counsel redevelopment matters for the municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Wilentz Attorneys at Law for Special Counsel Redevelopment Matters for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Wilentz Attorneys at Law with offices at 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 900, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Wilentz Attorneys at Law can provide special counsel redevelopment matters; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Wilentz Attorneys at Law with offices at 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Suite 900, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095, for special counsel redevelopment matters to Wilentz Attorneys at Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Wilentz Attorneys at Law not to exceed $35,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Wilentz Attorneys at Law to provide special counsel redevelopment matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-155-2150

AA. Resolution 27-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Engineering Services – General Municipal Services to Remington & Vernick Engineers for 2026

Resolution # 27-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide general municipal engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for General Municipal Engineering Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers with offices at One Harman Plaza, Suite 600, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Remington & Vernick Engineers can provide general municipal engineering services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers with offices One Harman Plaza, Suite 600, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, for general municipal engineering services to Remington & Vernick Engineers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Remington & Vernick Engineers not to exceed $65,000.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide general municipal engineering services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-165-2150

BB. Resolution 27-26 – Approving Award of Professional Service Contract for Engineering Services – General Municipal Services to Remington & Vernick Engineers for 2026

Resolution # 28-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD TO REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS FOR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark solicited qualification statements-proposals under a fair and open process for a contract to provide planning and zoning board engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers for Planning and Zoning Board Engineering Services for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough evaluated the proposal and determined that the proposal from Remington & Vernick Engineers with offices at One Harman Plaza, Suite 600, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, was legally sufficient and the most cost effective and comprehensive proposal, and that Remington & Vernick Engineers can provide planning and zoning board engineering services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, do hereby award a contract to Remington & Vernick Engineers with offices One Harman Plaza, Suite 600, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, for planning and zoning board engineering services to Remington & Vernick Engineers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough shall pay Remington & Vernick Engineers not to exceed $3,500.00 in accordance with the proposal for these services, for the period of January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Administrator are authorized to execute a contract with Remington & Vernick Engineers to provide planning and zoning board engineering services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the Contract award shall be published and maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer, certifies that funds are available for the appropriation from Current Fund – 6-01-20-165-2150

ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance 1-2026 – **INTRODUCTION** – Ordinance of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 2 Titled "Administration" Specifically by Amending § 2-21.1(F) – to Create a Section Titled "Fire Director"

A motion was made by Councilwoman Evaristo, second by Councilman De Oliveira, that this Ordinance be introduced on first reading. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; Pinto; Zincavage
Nays:	R. Graham
Abstain:	None
Absent:	K. Graham;

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2026

FIRST READING/
INTRODUCTION: January 5, 2026

SECOND READING/
PUBLIC HEARING/
ADOPTION: February 11, 2026

ORDINANCE

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK AMENDING CHAPTER 2 TITLED "ADMINISTRATION" SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING § 2-21.1(F) – TO CREATE A SECTION TITLED "FIRE DIRECTOR"

§ 2-21.1.f FIRE DIRECTOR.

1. Position Created.

There is hereby created the administrative position of Fire Director of the Borough of East Newark. The position of Fire Director may be in addition to or in lieu of the position of Fire Chief as determined by the Mayor and Council

2. Appointment, Term.

The Fire Director shall be appointed by the Mayor and Borough Council. All employees not

affiliated with, or members of a labor union shall be deemed "employees at will," employed at the will of the Borough of East Newark, with employment for no definite or established length of time, and subject to termination at any time, for any reason, or for no reason at all, consistent with law and Borough of East Newark's ordinances, regulations and policies.

3. Qualifications.

Any person seeking appointment to the position of Fire Director shall demonstrate to the Mayor and Borough Council that he or she is qualified for the position by virtue of training or experience. By way of example and not limitation, such person may have prior fire department experience and/or supervisory and administrative experience in either the public or private sector.

4. Duties.

The duties of the Fire Director shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. Exercising full control over the Fire Department seeing, among other things, to the proper enforcement of any rules and/or regulations adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council, which shall be deemed the appropriate authority under law.

b. Reporting, from time to time, to the Mayor and Borough Council such matters related to the Fire Department as may require their attention.

c. Interviewing candidates for appointment to and/or promotion in the Fire Department and making recommendations for such appointment and/or promotion to the Mayor and Borough Council, which shall determine and make all appointments and promotions.

d. Bringing charges, when appropriate, against any member of the Fire Department and, pending a hearing on those charges before an appropriate authority, suspend the charged member, with or without pay, if the Director deems such a suspension necessary to the good order and discipline of the Fire Department.

e. Developing programs of continuing education for the members of the Fire Department to insure the highest level of training for the members of the Department.

f. Establishing and maintaining communications with schools and public and private associations to help such schools and associations understand and cooperate in the public safety effort of the community.

g. Establishing performance criteria for the members of the Fire Department and periodically evaluating the members under the established criteria.

h. Working with the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of East Newark to establish the annual operating budget for the Fire Department.

i. Ensuring that each member of the Fire Department has the required training and associated certifications in order to function as a volunteer firefighter in general and

to ensure that any firefighter assigned to perform specialized tasks has the requisite training and certification to perform their assigned specialized tasks.

j. Performing such other duties as may be required as part of the general duties of the Fire Director or as may be reasonably requested by the Mayor and Borough Council.

6. Part-Time or Full-Time Position.

The position of Fire Director may be deemed a part-time position calling for approximately 20 hours per week or a full-time position calling for approximately 40 hours per week, to be established within the discretion of the Mayor and Borough Council.

7. Salary.

The annual salary of the first Fire Director shall be established by the Mayor and Borough Council. Thereafter the annual salary shall be as set forth in the salary ordinance of the Borough of East Newark.

B. Ordinance 2-2026 – **INTRODUCTION** – Ordinance of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey Creating Chapter 13 Titled "Affordable Housing" to Create the Position of the Municipal Housing Liaison for the Borough of East Newark

A motion was made by Councilwoman Zincavage, second by Councilwoman Evaristo, that this Ordinance be introduced on first reading. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; R. Graham; Pinto; Zincavage
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	K. Graham

ORDINANCE NUMBER 02-2026

FIRST READING/
INTRODUCTION: January 5, 2026

SECOND READING/
PUBLIC HEARING/
ADOPTION: February 11, 2026

ORDINANCE

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK CREATING CHAPTER 13 TITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" TO CREATE THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for order and protection of persons and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark is a municipality as defined by Title 40 of the New Jersey Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in March 2024, New Jersey enacted significant legislation aimed at reforming the state's affordable housing framework, known as Senate Bill S50 and Assembly Bill A4, which was signed by Governor Murphy on March 20, 2024, representing a major overhaul of how municipalities address their affordable housing obligations under the Mount Laurel Doctrine; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation signed by Governor Murphy on March 20, 2024, formally abolished the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") and transferred the responsibilities for affordable housing planning to the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2, the Borough of East Newark is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the oversight of administration of the Borough of East Newark's affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of the law and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to amend Chapter 13 entitled Affordable Housing to create the position for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer the Borough of East Newark's affordable housing program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of East Newark do hereby amend the Ordinance to create the position for the appointment of a Municipal Housing Liaison to administer the Borough of East Newark's affordable housing program:

§ 13-2 Municipal Housing Liaison.

§ 13-2.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this Article is to create the administrative mechanisms needed for the execution of the Borough of East Newark's responsibility to assist in the provision of affordable housing pursuant to the Fair Housing Act of 1985.

§ 13-2.2 Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT — Shall mean the entity responsible for administering the affordability controls of some or all units in the affordable housing program for the Borough of East Newark to ensure that the restricted units under administration are affirmatively marketed and sold or rented, as applicable, only to low- and moderate-income households.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON — Shall mean the employee charged by the governing body with the responsibility for oversight and administration of the affordable housing program for the Borough of East Newark.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – Shall mean the Department of Community Affairs as established under the laws of the State of New Jersey, which has primary jurisdiction for the administration of housing obligations in accordance with sound regional planning consideration in the State, which shall also include any current or future office, department or body authorized under State Law with primary or concurrent jurisdiction for the administration of housing obligations.

§ 13-2.3 Establishment of Municipal Housing Liaison Position and Compensation: Powers and Duties.

a. Establishment of Position of Municipal Housing Liaison. There is hereby established the position of Municipal Housing Liaison for the Borough of East Newark.

b. Subject to the approval of the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"), the Municipal Housing Liaison shall be appointed by the governing body and may be a full or part-time municipal employee.

c. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be responsible for oversight and administration of the affordable housing program for the Borough of East Newark, including the following responsibilities which may not be contracted out, exclusive of item 6 which may be contracted out:

    1. Serving as the Borough of East Newark's primary point of contact for all inquiries from the State, affordable housing providers, Administrative Agents, and interested households;

    2. Monitoring the status of all restricted units in the Borough of East Newark's Fair Share Plan;

    3. Compiling, verifying, and submitting annual reports as required by the DCA;

    4. Coordinating meetings with affordable housing providers and Administrative Agents, as applicable;

    5. Attending continuing education opportunities on affordability controls, compliance monitoring, and affirmative marketing as offered or approved by the DCA;

6. If applicable, serving as the Administrative Agent for some or all of the restricted units in the Borough of East Newark as described in Subsection f below.

d. Subject to approval by the DCA, the Borough of East Newark may contract with or authorize a consultant, authority, government or any agency charged by the governing body, which entity shall have the responsibility of administering the affordable housing program of the Borough of East Newark except for those responsibilities which may not be contracted out pursuant to Subsection c above. If the Borough of East Newark contracts with another entity to administer all or any part of the affordable housing program, including the affordability controls and Affirmative Marketing Plan, the Municipal Housing Liaison shall supervise the contracting Administrative Agent.

e. Compensation. Compensation, if any, shall be determined by the governing body at the time of the appointment of the Municipal Housing Liaison.

f. Administrative Powers and Duties Assigned to the Municipal Housing Liaison.

1. Affirmative Marketing.
    a. Conducting an outreach process to insure affirmative marketing of affordable housing units in accordance with the Affirmative Marketing Plan of the Borough of East Newark and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15; and

    b. Providing counseling or contracting to provide counseling services to low- and moderate-income applicants on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualification, rental lease requirements, and landlord/tenant law.

2. Household Certification.

    a. Soliciting, scheduling, conducting and following up on interviews with interested households;

    b. Conducting interviews and obtaining sufficient documentation of gross income and assets upon which to base a determination of income eligibility for a low- or moderate-income unit;

    c. Providing written notification to each applicant as to the determination of eligibility or non-eligibility;

    d. Requiring that all certified applicants for restricted units execute a certificate substantially in the form, as applicable, of either the ownership or rental certificates set forth in Appendices J and K of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.;

e. Creating and maintaining a referral list of eligible applicant households living in the housing region and eligible applicant households with members working in the housing region where the units are located; and

f. Employing the random selection process as provided in the Affirmative Marketing Plan of the Borough of East Newark when referring households for certification to affordable units.

3. Affordability Controls.

a. Furnishing to attorneys or closing agents forms of deed restrictions and mortgages for recording at the time of conveyance of title of each restricted unit;

b. Creating and maintaining a file on each restricted unit for its control period, including the recorded deed with restrictions, recorded mortgage and note, as appropriate;

c. Ensuring that the removal of the deed restrictions and cancellation of the mortgage note are effectuated and properly filed with the appropriate county's register of deeds or county clerk's office after the termination of the affordability controls for each restricted unit;

d. Communicating with lenders regarding foreclosures; and

e. Ensuring the issuance of Continuing Certificates of Occupancy or certifications pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.10.

4. Resale and Rental.

a. Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information between owners and the Administrative Agent regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or rental; and

b. Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information to low- and moderate-income households regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or re-rental.

5. Processing Request from Unit Owners.

a. Reviewing and approving requests from owners of restricted units who wish to take out home equity loans or refinance during the term of their ownership;

b. Reviewing and approving requests to increase sales prices from owners of restricted units who wish to make capital improvements to the units that would affect the selling price, such authorizations to be limited to those improvements resulting in additional bedrooms or bathrooms and the cost of central air-conditioning systems;

and

c. Processing requests and making determinations on requests by owners of restricted units for hardship waivers.

6. Enforcement.

a. Securing annually lists of all affordable housing units for which tax bills are mailed to absentee owners and notifying all such owners that they must either move back to their unit or sell it;

b. Securing from all developers and sponsors of restricted units, at the earliest point of contact in the processing of the project or development, written acknowledgement of the requirement that no restricted unit can be offered, or in any other way committed, to any person, other than a household duly certified to the unit by the Administrative Agent;

c. The posting annually in all rental properties, including two-family homes, of a notice as to the maximum permitted rent together with the telephone number of the Administrative Agent where complaints of excess rent can be made;

d. Sending annual mailings to all owners of affordable dwelling units, reminding them of the notices and requirements outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.18(d)4;

e. Establishing a program for diverting unlawful rent payments to the municipality's affordable housing trust fund or other appropriate municipal fund approved by the DCA;

f. Creating and publishing a written operating manual, as approved by the DCA, setting forth procedures for administering such affordability controls; and

g. Providing annual reports to the DCA as required.

7. The Administrative Agent shall have authority to take all actions necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities hereunder.

8. All or some of the provisions above in Subsection **f** may be specifically delegated at a later date to an approved Administrative Agent as part of a contract.

SECTION TWO

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections,

subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION THREE

Repealer. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all Ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION FOUR

In order to avoid accidental repeal of existing provisions, the Borough Clerk and Borough Counsel are hereby authorized to change any chapter numbers, article numbers and/or section numbers in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between those numbers and the existing Code.

SECTION FIVE

When Effective. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 29-26 – Acknowledging Correspondence and Accepting the Election of Officers of the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department for the Year 2026

A motion was made by Councilwoman Evaristo, second by Councilwoman Zincavage, to adopt Resolution 29-26. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; R. Graham; Pinto; Zincavage
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	K. Graham

Resolution # 29-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCEPTING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE EAST NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark is served and protected by the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department, whose officers and members provide essential fire protection and emergency services to the community; and

WHEREAS, correspondence has been received from Captain Louis Carratura advising that the members of the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department have elected their officers for the 2026 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the officers elected for the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department for 2026 are as follows:

- **Chief:** Ken Graham
- **Deputy Chief:** Allen Yudichak
- **Captain:** Louis Carratura — Defender Hose Company
- **Captain:** Darren Lasky — Sherman Hook Company
- **Lieutenant:** Chris Hidrovo — Defender Hose Company
- **Lieutenant:** Fabio Ruas — Sherman Hook Company
- **Lieutenant:** Danny Hidrovo — Defender Hose Company

WHEREAS, with the officers duly elected, the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department is positioned to continue strengthening its operations and advancing the mission of protecting the residents and property of the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the correspondence from Captain Louis Carratura is hereby acknowledged and the election of the above-named officers of the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department for the year **2026 is accepted**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

B. Resolution 30-26 – Accepting New Members into the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department

A motion was made by Councilman De Oliveira, second by Councilman R. Graham, to adopt Resolution 30-26. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; R. Graham; Pinto; Zincavage
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	K. Graham

Resolution # 30-26
1-7-2026

BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE
EAST NEWARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of East Newark is served and protected by the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department, whose members provide essential fire protection and emergency services to the community; and

WHEREAS, correspondence has been received from Lieutenant Fabio Ruas and Lieutenant Danny Hidrovo recommending the acceptance of new members into the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department has recommended the acceptance of new members who have expressed a willingness to serve the Borough and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals have applied for membership and have been found to meet the requirements for service in the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department:

- Sean Crawford
- Jashawn J. Bobbit
- Jeffrey M. Cisneros
- Jacqueline Ann Perez
- Daniel A. Almeida
- Jarren T. Johnson

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of East Newark to accept these individuals as members of the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department in order to continue providing effective fire protection services to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the membership of the above-named individuals in the East Newark Volunteer Fire Department is hereby accepted and approved, effective immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the memberships shall be ratified upon receipt of a complete and satisfactory background check and physical examination, as required by the Borough of East Newark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon adoption according to law.

MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Construction Department – December 2025
B. Fire Department – December 2025
C. Health Department – December 2025
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PUBLIC PORTION

No one wished to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Evaristo, second by Councilwoman Zincavage, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted by the following votes.

Ayes:	De Oliveira; Evaristo; R. Graham; Pinto; Zincavage
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	K. Graham

The Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Cosmo A. Cirillo, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated: February 11, 2026
Accepted and approved by Council: Resolution #31-26