

City of Newark

*City Hall
920 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102*



Meeting Minutes - Final

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, August 28, 2025

10:00 AM

Council Chamber

Municipal Council

*Council Member Patrick O. Council
Council Member Carlos M. Gonzalez
Council Member Dupré L. Kelly
Council Member Luis A. Quintana
Council Member Anibal Ramos, Jr.
Council Member Louise Scott-Rountree
Council Member Michael J. Silva*

President C. Lawrence Crump

Kecia Daniels, City Clerk Abraham Negron, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Special meeting of the Municipal Council was called to order on the above date in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, Newark, New Jersey, at 10:03 A.M.

STATEMENT ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

In accordance with New Jersey P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, Section 5, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the Star Ledger, the Jersey Journal and the public at large; establishing the date, time and location of this meeting, by posting on the designated bulletin board in City Hall and by filing with the Office of the City Clerk, the schedule of regular meetings and conferences of the Newark Municipal Council as adopted as 7R8-a on December 4, 2024. In addition, the agenda for this meeting was disseminated on August 27, 2025 at the time of preparation and posted on the website of the City of Newark.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 3 - Patrick O. Council, Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva

Council arrived at 10:09 A.M.

Present: 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva

AGENDA RESOLUTION CODES PER DEPARTMENT

- 1 Administration**
- 2 Economic and Housing Development**
- 3 Engineering**
- 4 Finance**
- 5 Health and Community Wellness**
- 6 Law**
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- 10 Public Works**
- 11 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Senior Services**
- 12 Water Sewer Utility**

RESOLUTIONS**Finance**7R4-a(s) [25-1152](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Finance**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Purpose:** Confirming Bond Sale**Amount to be Financed:** \$33,951,000.00**Source of Appropriation:** Bond Anticipation Notes**Purchaser:** Open Market**Project Information:****(Description/ Project No./Amount Appropriated/Ordinance No.)**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "CITY") AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (A) THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2025E (TAX-EXEMPT) OF THE CITY, (B) THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, (C) THE ENTERING INTO AND EXECUTION OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE WITH RESPECT TO SAID NOTES, AND (D) CITY OFFICIALS TO UNDERTAKE OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Additional Information:

Benjamin Guzman, Director Department of Finance commented.

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 5 - Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 3 - Patrick O. Council, Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva

7R6 Law**7R6-a(s)** [25-1166](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Law**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Rescind Resolution #7R6-e adopted on September 5, 2024**Purpose:** To rescind the resolution authorizing execution of the CY 2024 Transitional Aid (TA) Loan Agreement**Entity Name:** State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services,**Entity Address:** 101 South Broad Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803**Contract Amount:** \$22,000,000.00**Funding Source:****Contract Period:** Effective June 28, 2024 through September 30, 2029**Contract Basis:** () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS
() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient (x) n/a**Additional Information:**

Original Resolution 7R6-e adopted on September 5, 2024. This Resolution rescinds the authorization to execute the CY 2024 Transitional Aid Loan Agreement. The rescission is necessary to permit an amendment to the CY 2024 Transitional Aid Loan Agreement. The amendment, which addresses the structural budget and reflects a new repayment timeline, is accomplished by companion Resolution # 25-1169.

Eric S. Pennington, Business Administrator commented.**A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:****Yes:** 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump**Absent:** 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva

7R6-b(s) [25-1169](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Law**Action:** (☒) Ratifying (☒) Authorizing (☐) Amending**Type of Service:** Loan Agreement**Purpose:** To authorize the execution of the CY 2024 Transitional Aid (TA) Loan Agreement, as amended, and to provide for additional loan support for CY 2025**Entity Name:** State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services**Entity Address:** 101 South Broad Street, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0803**Loan Amount:** \$22,000,000.00 (CY 2024) and \$30,000,000.00 (CY 2025)**Contract Period:** Effective June 28, 2024 through September 30, 2031, and subject to terms of repayment as set forth in the Agreement**Contract Basis:** (☐) Bid (☐) State Vendor (☐) Prof. Ser. (☐) EUS (☐) Fair & Open (☐) No Reportable Contributions (☐) RFP (☐) RFQ (☐) Private Sale (☐) Grant (☐) Sub-recipient (X) n/a**Additional Information:**

This resolution reflects amendments to the CY 2024 Transitional Aid Loan Agreement extending the repayment period and establishes the terms of a new \$30,000,000 Transitional Aid Loan for CY 2025.

Eric S. Pennington, Business Administrator commented.

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva

7R8 Municipal Council and City Clerk7R8-a(s) [25-1181](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** 2025 Annual Municipal Budget for the City of Newark, New Jersey**Purpose:** Introduction**Amount:** \$970,180,790.27**Budget Period:** January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025**Additional Information:****The Public Hearing will be held after September 24, 2025.****Eric S. Pennington, Business Administrator commented.****A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:****Yes:** 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump**Absent:** 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva**COMMUNICATIONS**8-a(s) [25-1159](#)**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 TO FUND CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED SEVERANCE LIABILITIES.****Public Hearing will be held on September 9, 2025.****Benjamin Guzman, Director Department of Finance commented.****A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Advance and Adopt on First Reading as 6F-a(s). The motion was adopted by the following votes:****Yes:** 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump**Absent:** 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva**The ordinances adopted on First Reading today will be advertised in accordance with law, and a public hearing will be held at the Special meeting of September 9, 2025 at 10:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, Newark, New Jersey.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk Kecia Daniels announced the 30 Minute Public Comment portion of this meeting where each speaker has three minutes to address the Council.

Comments were made by Alif Muhammad, Felicia Alston-Singleton, Lisa Parker and George Tillman, Jr.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adjourn this meeting at 10:49 A.M. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva

**C. LAWRENCE CRUMP
PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

**KECIA DANIELS
CITY CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**