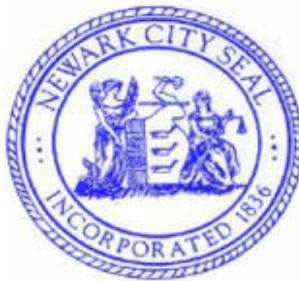


City of Newark

City Hall
920 Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson Boulevard
Newark, New Jersey 07102



Meeting Minutes - Final

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chamber

Municipal Council

Council Member Amina Bey
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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regular 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 6:32 P.M.

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

INVOCATION

Imam Mujahiddeen Mohammed
Masjid Muhammad Newark
253-255 South Orange Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07103

3. 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 3, 2025. In addition, the agenda for this meeting was disseminated on January 16, 2026 at the time of preparation and posted on the website of the City of Newark.

4. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Amina Bey, 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

Silva arrived at 6:41 P.M.

Present: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

HEARING OF CITIZENS**26-0022**

1. ALIF MUHAMMAD
Appearing.
2. DR. LEAH OWENS
Appearing.
3. KIM GADDY
Appearing.
4. LISA MITCHELSON-PARKER
Appearing.
5. FAHKERIA BRADLEY
Not appearing.
6. FELICIA ALSTON-SINGLETON
Appearing.
7. DEBRA SALTERS
Appearing.
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8. LAMONT VAUGHN
Appearing.
9. CHÉ COLTER
Not appearing.
10. SHAKIR MCDOUGALD
Appearing.
11. QUEEN DANNISHA CLYBURN
Appearing.
12. MARYAM BEY
Appearing.
13. DARNELLA LEE
Appearing.
14. NADIRAH BROWN
Appearing.
15. OPAL R. WRIGHT
Appearing.
16. CASSANDRA DOCK
Appearing.
17. DENISE SANDERS
Appearing.

18. MUTA EL-AMIN
Appearing.
19. DONNA JACKSON
Appearing.
20. CZEZRE ADAMS
Not appearing.
21. LATOYA JACKSON-TUCKER
Appearing.
22. MUNIRAH EL-BOMANI
Appearing.
23. RICHARD FOX
Appearing.
24. GEORGE TILLMAN, JR.
Appearing.
25. LOUCIOUS JONES
Appearing.

6. ORDINANCES

6F First Reading

6F-a [25-1510](#) **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 41, ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 20, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, 2000, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, TO PROHIBIT ANY NEW OR EXPANDED FOSSIL FUEL FACILITY, INCLUDING FOSSIL FUEL POWER GENERATION**
Deferred 8-f 112525
Deferred 9-b 120325
Deferred 6F-a 010726

**A motion was made by Crump, seconded by Council to Adopt on First Reading.
The motion was adopted by the following votes:**

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

6F-b [25-1511](#) ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE X, FINANCE AND TAXATION OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, 2000, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY ADDING A NEW SECTION CHAPTER 34, PROHIBITION ON USE OF CITY FUNDS FOR FOSSIL FUEL INCLUDING FOSSIL FUEL POWER GENERATION.

Deferred 8-g 112525

Deferred 9-c 120325

Deferred 6F-b 010726

A motion was made by Crump, seconded by Council to Adopt on First Reading. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

The Ordinances adopted today on First Reading will be advertised in accordance with law, and a public hearing will be held at a regular meeting on February 4, 2026, or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, Newark, New Jersey.

6PSF Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage

6PSF-a [26-0004](#) A REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$30,100,000.00 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS AND/OR REFUNDING NOTES BY THE CITY OF NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION TO REPAY A TRANSITIONAL AID LOAN FROM THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

AGENDA RESOLUTION CODES PER DEPARTMENT

- 1 Administration**
- 2 Economic and Housing Development**
- 3 Engineering**
- 4 Finance**
- 5 Health and Community Wellness**
- 6 Law**
- 7 Mayor's Office**
- 8 Municipal Council and City Clerk**
- 9 Public Safety**
- 10 Public Works**
- 11 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Senior Services**
- 12 Water Sewer Utility**

7. RESOLUTIONS

7R1 Administration

7R1-a 26-0012

Dept/ Agency: Administration/Office of Management and Budget

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Temporary Emergency Appropriation

Purpose: To provide funds for the operating expenses until the adoption of the 2026 Operating Budget for the City of Newark.

Funding Source: 2026 Budget

Appropriation Amount: \$1,600,000.00

Budget Year: 2026

Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

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:

Operating Agency: Office of the City Clerk and Municipal Council

Two-Thirds vote of full membership required.

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R1-b [26-0048](#)

Dept/ Agency: Administration/Office of Management and Budget
Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Temporary Emergency Appropriation
Purpose: To support the State of New Jersey in enrolling residents in health insurance using Get Covered NJ
Funding Source: New Jersey State Department of Banking and Insurance
Appropriation Amount: \$110,000.00
Budget Year: 2026
Contract Period: October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS
() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale (X) Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a
Additional Information:
Funds accepted by Apply and Accept Resolution submitted under separate cover: File ID # 25-1670
Operating Agency: Department of Health and Community Wellness
Two-Thirds vote of full membership required.
A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:
Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump
Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2 Economic and Housing Development7R2-a [25-1116](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Economic and Housing Development**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Private Sale/Redevelopment**Purpose:** New Construction of a 3-family home for rent, two (2) affordable units and one (1) at market rate.**Entity Name:** Legacy Builders. The Future LLC**Entity Address:** 132 Verona Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07104**Sale Amount:** \$30,380.35**Cost Basis:** (X) \$13.00 PSF () Negotiated () N/A () Other:**Assessed Amount:** \$15,600.00**Appraised Amount:** N/A**Contract Period:** To commence within three (3) months and be completed within eighteen (18) months following transfer of property ownership from the City to the Redeveloper**Contract Basis:** () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS () Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ (X) Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a**List of Property:****(Address/Block/Lot/Ward)**

106 Watson Avenue/ Block 3573/ Lot 6/ South Ward

Additional Information:

Sale Price: Total Square Footage X PSF = 2,336.95 X \$13.00 = \$30,380.35.

Sale at prices set forth by Ordinance 6S&Fh, adopted on April 7, 2004, establishing the minimum sale price of City-owned properties.

A motion was made by Council, seconded by Scott-Rountree to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:**Yes:** 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump**Absent:** 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-b [25-1145](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Economic and Housing Development**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Private Sale/Redevelopment**Purpose:** 602 South Orange Avenue and 604 South Orange Avenue will consist of new construction of a mixed use building having two (2) to three (3) units for rent at market rate, ground floor commercial space for wine and spirits shop, and customer parking lot; 35 North 14th Street will be new construction of a two (2) family home to be sold at market rate.**Entity Name:** IAMYCO Investments LLC**Entity Address:** 81 Northfield Avenue #103, West Orange, New Jersey 07052**Sale Amount:** \$143,764.11**Cost Basis:** (X) \$21.00 PSF () Negotiated () N/A () Other:**Assessed Amount:** \$169,400.00**Appraised Amount:** \$0.00**Contract Period:** To commence within three (3) months and be completed within twenty-four (24) months following transfer of property ownership from the City to the Redeveloper**Contract Basis:** () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS

() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ

(X) Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

List of Property:**(Address/Block/Lot/Ward)**

602 South Orange Avenue/ Block 4003/ Lot 2/ West Ward

604 South Orange Avenue/ Block 4003/ Lot 1/ West Ward

35 North 14th Street/ Block 1923/ Lot 40/ West Ward

Additional Information:

Sale Price: Total Square Footage X PSF = 6,845.91 X \$21.00 = \$143,764.11.

Sale at prices set forth by Ordinance 6S&Fh, adopted on April 7, 2004, establishing the minimum sale price of City-owned properties.

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Return to Administration.**The motion was adopted by the following votes:****Yes:** 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump**Absent:** 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-c [25-1273](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Private Sale/Redevelopment
Purpose: On 80-84 19th Avenue, new construction of two (2) two-family homes; 36 Livingston Street will construct a new two-family home; and a single-family home to sell at market rate on 38 Livingston Street.

Entity Name: Level 6ix Group LLC

Entity Address: 226 Isias Court Building 76, Perth Amboy New Jersey 08861

Sale Amount: \$217,402.50

Cost Basis: (X) \$21.00 PSF () Negotiated () N/A () Other:

Assessed Amount: \$175,100.00

Appraised Amount: \$0.00

Contract Period: To commence within three (3) months and be completed within twenty-four (24) months following transfer of property ownership from the City to the Redeveloper

Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS () Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ (X) Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

List of Property:

(Address/Block/Lot/Ward)

36 Livingston Street / Block 2520/ Lot 46/ Central Ward

38 Livingston Street / Block2520/ Lot 45/ Central Ward

80-84 19th Avenue / Block 356/ Lot 27/ South Ward

Additional Information:

Sale Price: Total Square Footage X PSF = 10,352.50 X \$21.00 = \$217,402.50.

Sale at prices set forth by Ordinance 6S&Fh, adopted on April 7, 2004, establishing the minimum sale price of City-owned properties

A motion was made by Council, seconded by Gonzalez to Defer. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-d [26-0017](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: To provide Planning Consultant Services
Entity Name: Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.
Entity Address: 101 Crawfords Corner Road, Suite 3400, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$55,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Community and Economic Development Trust Fund
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP (X) RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-e [26-0018](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: To provide Surveyor Services.
Entity Name: Neglia Group LLC
Entity Address: 34 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071-1012
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$55,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2026
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions (X) RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-f [26-0019](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: To provide Surveyor Services.
Entity Name: GTS Consultants, Inc.
Entity Address: 211 Warren Street, Suite 507, Newark, New Jersey 07103
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$55,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2026
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions (X) RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-g [26-0020](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: To provide On-Call Environmental Consulting/Management Services.
Entity Name: French & Parrello Associates, P.A.
Entity Address: 1800 Route 34, Suite 101, Wall, New Jersey 07719
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$80,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2026
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions (X) RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-h [26-0041](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: Provide Real Estate Appraisal Services
Entity Name: Hendricks Appraisal Company, LLC
Entity Address: 7 Hutton Avenue, West Orange, New Jersey 07052
Contract Amount: Amount not to exceed \$50,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2026
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP (X) RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-i [26-0042](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: To provide Planning Consultant Services.
Entity Name: Heyer, Gruel & Associates, P.A.
Entity Address: 236 Broad Street, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$130,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/ Community and Economic Development Trust Fund
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP (X) RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-j 26-0045

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: To provide On-Call Environmental Consulting/Management Services.
Entity Name: Lewis Consulting Group, Inc.
Entity Address: 2604 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 600, Wall, New Jersey 07719
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$80,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2026
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions (X) RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-k [26-0046](#)

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development
Action: (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Services Contract
Purpose: To provide On-Call Environmental Consulting/Management Services.
Entity Name: Prestige Environmental, Inc.
Entity Address: 220 Davidson Avenue, Suite 307, Somerset, New Jersey 08873
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$80,000.00
Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2026
Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions (X) RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R2-I 26-0053**Dept/ Agency:** Economic and Housing Development**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Investigation for Area in Need of Redevelopment**Purpose:** Authorizing the Newark Central Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation to determine if the area is in need of redevelopment.**List of Property:****(Address/Block/Lot/Ward)**

25-27 Madison Street/Block 173/Lot 19/East Ward

29 Madison Street/Block 173/Lot 21/East Ward

31 Madison Street/Block 173/Lot 23/East Ward

16 - Jefferson Street/Block 173/Lot 41/East Ward

16 Jefferson Street/Block 173/Lot 42/East Ward

14 Jefferson Street/Block 173/Lot 43/East Ward

Additional Information:

A motion was made by Silva, seconded by Quintana to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R3 Engineering7R3-a [25-1688](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Engineering**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing (X) Amending**Type of Service:** Amending Resolution accepting grant**Purpose:** To amend Resolution and increasing grant funding for Broad Street Phase II Pedestrian Safety Improvements Federal Project Number: HSIP-1865(301)**Entity Name:** New Jersey Department of Transportation**Entity Address:** 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625**Grant Amount:** \$7,689,808.92**Total Project Cost:** \$ N/A**City Contribution:** \$0.00**Other Funding Source/Amount:** N/A**Grant Period:** N/A**Contract Basis:** () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS
() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale (X) Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a**List of Property:** (if applicable)**(Address/Block/Lot/Ward/Site Known As)****Additional Information:**

This Resolution will amend Resolution 7R3-b, adopted on May 4, 2022, by increasing the grant funding from \$4,856,257.51 to \$7,689,808.92 (\$7,237,610.51 for construction and \$452,198.41 for construction inspection), by accepting additional funding in amount of \$2,833,551.41

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: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R3-b [25-1701](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Engineering**Action:** Ratifying Authorizing Amending**Type of Service:** Resolution authorizing the Department of Engineering to request an extension of time from New Jersey Department of Transportation to award a contract for a grant-funded project.**Purpose:** To request an additional time to award a contract for construction of the Bikeway Program for the Newark Downtown Connector Project.**Entity Name:** New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)**Entity Address:** P.O. Box 600, Trenton, New Jersey 08625**Contract Amount:** N/A**Funding Source:** N/A**Contract Period:** December 11, 2025 to June 11, 2026**Contract Basis:** Bid State Vendor Prof. Ser. EUS
 Fair & Open No Reportable Contributions RFP RFQ
 Private Sale Grant Sub-recipient n/a**Additional Information:**

This Resolution ratifies and authorizes the City of Newark to request an extension from NJDOT to allow the City of Newark additional time to award a contract for construction of the Bikeway Program for the Newark downtown Connector from December 11, 2025 to June 11, 2026.

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R3-c [25-1702](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Engineering**Action:** Ratifying Authorizing Amending**Type of Service:** Resolution authorizing the Department of Engineering to request from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) an extension of time to award a contract for a grant-funded project**Purpose:** To request an extension from NJDOT to allow additional time to award a contract for the construction of LA-2023 TV Newark City Newark Morris Canal Bikeway Project**Entity Name:** New Jersey Department of Transportation**Entity Address:** P.O. Box 600 Trenton, New Jersey 08625**Contract Amount:** N/A**Funding Source:** N/A**Contract Period:** December 11, 2025 to June 11, 2026**Contract Basis:** Bid State Vendor Prof. Ser. EUS
 Fair & Open No Reportable Contributions RFP RFQ
 Private Sale Grant Sub-recipient n/a**Additional Information:**

This Resolution authorizes a request for an extension of the deadline from December 11, 2025 to June 11, 2026.

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R5 Health and Community Wellness7R5-a [25-1670](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Health and Community Wellness**Action:** Ratifying Authorizing Amending**Type of Service:** Application/Acceptance of Grant Funds**Purpose:** To support the State of New Jersey in enrolling residents in health insurance using Get Covered NJ**Entity Name:** New Jersey State Department of Banking and Insurance**Entity Address:** P.O. Box 040, Trenton, New Jersey 08625**Grant Amount:** \$110,000.00**Funding Source:** New Jersey State Department of Banking and Insurance**Total Project Cost:** N/A**City Contribution:** \$0.00**Other Funding Source/Amount:** \$0.00**Contract Period:** October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026**Contract Basis:** Bid State Vendor Prof. Ser. EUS
 Fair & Open No Reportable Contributions RFP RFQ
 Private Sale Grant Sub-recipient n/a**Additional Information:**

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R6 Law7R6-a [25-1471](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Law**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Purpose:** Settlement of Civil Litigation**Docket No.:** 2:20-CV-18597-MCA-JRA**Claimant:** Ibrahim Ahmad**Claimant's Attorney:** Horn Wright, LLP, 400 Garden City Plaza, Suite 500, Garden City, New York 11530**Settlement Amount:** \$75,000.00**Funding Source:** Insurance Trust Fund**Additional Information:**

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R6-b [26-0026](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Law**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract**Purpose:** Amended Restated Agreement**Entity Name:** DeCotiis Doyle, LLP**Entity Address:** 531 Dorchester Drive, River Vale, New Jersey 07675**Contract Amount:** \$300,000.00

Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2026

Contract Period: February 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a

Additional Information:

Eric S. Pennington, Business Administrator commented referencing items 7R6-b, 7R6-c and 7R2-m (as).

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R6-c [26-0027](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Law**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract**Purpose:** Special Tax Litigation Counsel**Entity Name:** DeCotiis Doyle, LLP**Entity Address:** 531 Dorchester Drive, River Vale, New Jersey 07675**Contract Amount:** \$350,000.00**Funding Source:** NW045, Department 18G, Project 18B00, Account 94710, B2018**Contract Period:** February 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**Contract Basis:** () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a**Additional Information:**

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R7 Mayor's Office7R7-a [26-0064](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Office of the Mayor**Action:** () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Appointment**Purpose:** Reappointment - Interim Chief Financial Officer**Name of Appointee(s):** Benjamin Guzman**Appointment Term:** February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027**Additional Information:**

The position of Interim Chief Financial Officer of the City of Newark is for an effective date of February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R8 Municipal Council and City Clerk7R8-a [26-0058](#)

Dept/ Agency: Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk
Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement
Purpose: Annual Day of Love Senior Brunch
Entity Name: Newark Housing Authority
Entity Address: 500 Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson Blvd, Newark, New Jersey 07102
Event Location: The Waterfront, 2 Grafton Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07104

Event Date(s): Friday, February 13, 2026

Event Time: 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM

Additional Information:

Sponsor: Council Member Anibal Ramos, Jr.

A motion was made by Ramos, Jr., seconded by Quintana to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R8-b [26-0028](#)**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING**

Sponsored by President C. Lawrence Crump

1. Deputy Chief Monique D. Smith, Retirement from Irvington Police Department
2. Ora L. Davis, 92nd Birthday Celebration

Sponsored by Council Member Amina Bey

3. Individuals Honored During Muslim Heritage Month, Councilperson for a Day
4. Individuals Honored During Muslim Heritage Month Flag Raising Ceremony
5. Central Ward Cougars 10U and 12U Championship Teams
6. Central Ward Cougars 40th Anniversary

Sponsored by Council Member Luis A. Quintana

7. Julio Adonis Gross Gonzalez "DJ Adoni"

Sponsored by Council Member Louise Scott-Rountree

8. Individuals Honored During the Newark YMCA, 55th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast

9. Gregory Selph, 34th Birthday Celebration
10. Reverend Dr. Douglas Williams, III, 15th Pastoral Anniversary
11. Bishop Gerald A. Edwards, 10th Pastoral Anniversary
12. Mr. Norris Holmes, 94th Birthday Celebration
13. Bishop Kevin E. Taylor, 25th Pastoral Anniversary, Silver Jubilee Gala

14. Imam Mujahideen Mohammed, First Anniversary being Resident Imam of Masjid Muhammad Newark
15. Detective Manuel Spruill, 23 Years of Dedicated Service to the Newark Department of Public Safety
16. Dr. Odessa McNeill, 80th Birthday Celebration
17. Chief Apostle Antoine Obery, Birthday Celebration
18. Jackie Sharpe, 75th Birthday Celebration
19. Tanya Freeman, Concluding her Tenure on the UH Board of Directors in December 2025
20. Reverend Marienna Mason, President-Elect of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Newark and Vicinity, Installation Service
21. Nygel Hill, GNBC Hero
22. Individuals Honored During the Positive Community, Seventh Annual Great American Emancipation Day Awards Celebration
23. Dr. Daniel Black, 2026 Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Lecture, "Author Talk and Book Signing"
24. Individuals Honored During the Baptist Ministers Conference of Newark and Vicinity, Installation Service

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R8-c [26-0029](#)**EXPRESSING PROFOUND SORROW AND REGRET****Sponsored by Council Member Amina Bey**

1. Aaron Green

Sponsored by Council Member Dupré L. Kelly

2. Albin Fermin

Sponsored by Council Member Carlos M. Gonzalez

3. Marco Cristobal Rodriguez

Sponsored by Council Member Luis A. Quintana

4. Honorable Richard James Codey, Former Governor, State of New Jersey

Sponsored by Council Member Louise Scott-Rountree

5. Derrick Harris
6. Raphael Morris Cameron
7. Rosalin D. Bogar
8. Theresa Williams
9. Reverend Dr. Tommie Durr
10. Linda Callahan
11. Joshua Quinn Williams
12. George W. Belle
13. Alberta Evelyn Daniels
14. RT. Reverend Reginald T. Jackson
15. Dr. Lloyd Williams

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Amend.

Amendment:

To Include Marco Cristobal Rodriguez sponsored by Gonzalez.

The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

7R9 Public Safety7R9-a [25-1704](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Public Safety/Division of Police**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Acceptance of Grant Funds**Purpose:** To provide upgrades to the Department of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) 911 System**Entity Name:** State of New Jersey, Office of Information Technology, Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services**Entity Address:** P.O. Box 212, Trenton, New Jersey 08625**Grant Amount:** \$284,717.03**Total Project Cost:** \$ 284,717.03**City Contribution:** N/A**Other Funding Source/Amount:** N/A**Grant Period:** July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**Contract Basis:** () Bid () State Vendor () Prof. Ser. () EUS
() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale (X) Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a**Additional Information:**

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8-a [25-1304](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FIRST AMENDMENT TO ORIGINAL TAX ABATEMENT GRANTED TO CATHEDRAL PARK ASSOCIATES, LP UNDER THE LIMITED DIVIDEND LAW TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2043 TO COINCIDE WITH THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 147-153 CLIFTON AVENUE AND 88-92 MT PROSPECT AVENUE, AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 491, LOT 54 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF NEWARK.

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

8-b [26-0066](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 23, CHAPTER 5, PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING, GENERALLY, BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 23: 5-9, PARKING OF VEHICLES ON YARD FRONTAGE.

A motion was made by Ramos, Jr., seconded by Gonzalez to Advance and Adopt on First Reading as 6F-c. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

The Ordinances adopted today on First Reading will be advertised in accordance with law, and a public hearing will be held at a regular meeting on February 4, 2026, or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, City Hall, Newark, New Jersey.

ADDED STARTER**7R2 Economic and Housing Development**7R2-m(as) [26-0074](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Economic and Housing Development**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing (X) Amending**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract**Purpose:** Amendment to provide legal services for
Redevelopment/Land Use Matters Legal Services**Entity Name:** DeCotiis, Doyle, LLP**Entity Address:** 531 Dorchester Drive, River Vale, New Jersey 07675**Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$800,000.00**Funding Source:** 2025 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing
Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2025**Contract Period:** February 1, 2026 through March 11, 2026**Contract Basis:** () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
(X) Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP (X) RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a**Additional Information:**

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

Yes: 8 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana,
Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C.
Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Dupré L. Kelly

MOTIONS

7Ma [26-0092](#) A motion expressing profound sorrow and regret at the tragic passing of Newark resident Wali Bey.
A motion was made by Council, seconded by Quintana to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:
Yes: 6 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, and C. Lawrence Crump
Absent: 3 - Carlos M. Gonzalez, Dupré L. Kelly, and Michael J. Silva

7Mb [26-0093](#) A motion requesting that the Department of Public Works provide to the Governing body a status on the number of snow plows that will be used by the City, including real-time tracking of their locations and contact numbers.
A motion was made by Silva, seconded by Scott-Rountree to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:
Yes: 7 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump
Absent: 2 - Carlos M. Gonzalez, and Dupré L. Kelly

7Mc [26-0094](#) A motion expressing profound sorrow and regret at the passing of Malcolm D. Pennington, father of Newark Business Administrator Eric S. Pennington.
A motion was made by Crump, seconded by Scott-Rountree to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:
Yes: 7 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump
Absent: 2 - Carlos M. Gonzalez, and Dupré L. Kelly

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adjourn this meeting at 9:44 P.M. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

Yes: 7 - Amina Bey, Patrick O. Council, Luis A. Quintana, Anibal Ramos Jr., Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump
Absent: 2 - Carlos M. Gonzalez, and Dupré L. Kelly

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

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