

City of Newark

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 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

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 10:04 A.M.

STATEMENT ON OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

In accordance with New Jersey P.I. 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 January 10, 2025 at the time of preparation and posted on the website of the City of Newark.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Anibal Ramos Jr.

Kelly arrived at 10:07 A.M.

Present: 7 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Dupré L. Kelly, Luis A. Quintana, Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

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(s) [24-1717](#)

Dept/ Agency: Administration/Office of Management and Budget

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

Type of Service: Temporary Emergency Appropriation

Purpose: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

Funding Source: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Appropriation Amount: \$5,894,807.00

Budget Year: 2025

Contract Period: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025

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 to be accepted by Legistar File ID 24-1699, submitted under separate cover by the Department of Administration.

Operating Agency: Office of the Mayor and Other Agencies, Office of Homeless Services

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: 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R1-b(s) [24-1718](#)

Dept/ Agency: Administration/Office of Management and Budget

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

Type of Service: Temporary Emergency Appropriation

Purpose: Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Funding Source: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Appropriation Amount: \$602,188.00

Budget Year: 2025

Contract Period: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025

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:

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Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R2 Economic and Housing Development

7R2-a(s) [24-1735](#)

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: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

Entity Address: One Gateway Center, 15th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$75,000.00

Funding Source: 2024 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2024

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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: 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R2-b(s) [24-1736](#)

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 \$75,000.00

Funding Source: 2024 Budget/Department of Economic and Housing Development/NW026, Account #32100, B2024

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS () 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: 6 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Luis A. Quintana, Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump

Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R2-c(s) [24-1738](#)

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: Clarke Canton Hintz, PC
Entity Address: 100 Barrack Street, 3rd Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08608
Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$85,000.00
Funding Source: 2024 Budget/Community and Economic Development Trust Fund
Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025
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:

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Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R2-d(s) [24-1739](#)

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 \$85,000.00
Funding Source: 2024 Budget/Community and Economic Development Trust Fund
Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025
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:

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Absent: 2 - Dupré L. Kelly, and Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R3 Engineering

7R3-a(s) [25-0020](#)

Dept./ Agency: Engineering

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide Engineering Services to prepare the Design Documents, Bid Documents and handle Construction Management for the renovation of the new Newark Drop-in and Resource Center at 1136 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Entity Name: SK2 Architects LLC

Entity Address: 2160 N Central Road, Suite 210, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

Contract Amount: not to exceed \$204,245.00

Funding Source: Treasury Grant 051-G24-M24E0

Contract Period: One (1) year from the date of a written Notice to Proceed issued by the Acting Director of the Department of Engineering and/or her designee or until completion of construction

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:

RFP Advertised: May 10, 2024

Date Proposals Due: June 7, 2024

Proposals Received: Two (2)

Luis Ulerio, Director Mayor’s Office of Homeless Services and Dolores Martinez Wooden, Director Department of Engineering commented.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R3-b(s) [25-0023](#)

Dept./ Agency: Engineering

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

Type of Service: Rescind Resolution # 7R3-a adopted on July 10, 2024

Purpose: To rescind the professional service contract award to DRG Architects, AIA, Inc.

Entity Name: Design Resources Group Architects, AIA, Inc.

Entity Address: 270 Davidson Avenue, Suite 303, Somerset, New Jersey 08873

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$239,000.00

Funding Source: Treasury Grant 051-G24-M24E0

Contract Period: One (1) year from the date of a written Notice to Proceed issued by the Acting Director of the Department of Engineering and/or her designee or until completion of construction

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

Additional Information:

Original Resolution 7R3-a was adopted on July 10, 2024.

This Resolution rescinds the contract award due to Design Resources Group Architects, AIA, Inc. failure to execute the contract.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6 Law

7R6-a(s) [25-0028](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Matters.

Entity Name: Antonelli, Kantor, Rivera, PC

Entity Address: 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 1000, Livingston, New Jersey 07039

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$100,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-b(s) [25-0040](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Matters

Entity Name: Brooks & Berne, PLLC

Entity Address: 625 Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, Blvd., Suite 240, Newark, New Jersey 07102

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$100,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-c(s) [25-0047](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Matters.

Entity Name: Carmagnola & Ritardi, LLC

Entity Address: 60 Washington Street, Suite 300, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$100,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-d(s) [25-0049](#)**Dept/ Agency:** Law**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract**Purpose:** To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Matters.**Entity Name:** Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Cappuzzo, PC**Entity Address:** 300 Lighting Way, Suite 200, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094**Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$150,000.00**Funding Source:** 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025**Contract Period:** January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025**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:**

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adopt. The motion was adopted by the following votes:**Yes:** 7 - Patrick O. Council, Carlos M. Gonzalez, Dupré L. Kelly, Luis A. Quintana, Louise Scott-Rountree, Michael J. Silva, and C. Lawrence Crump**Absent:** 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-e(s) [25-0050](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Matters.

Entity Name: DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP

Entity Address: 61 South Paramus Road, Suite 250, Paramus, New Jersey 07652

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$150,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-f(s) [25-0053](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Matters.

Entity Name: Lite DePalma Greenberg & Afanador, LLC

Entity Address: 570 Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, Blvd., Suite 1201, Newark, New Jersey 07102

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$300,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-g(s) [25-0054](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Matters.

Entity Name: Michael A. Armstrong & Associates

Entity Address: 79 Mainbridge Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$125,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-h(s) [25-0056](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Matters.

Entity Name: Michael A. Armstrong & Associates

Entity Address: 79 Mainbridge Lane, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$125,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

7R6-i(s) [25-0057](#)

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Matters.

Entity Name: Simmons Law, LLC

Entity Address: 105 Lock Street, Suite 203, Newark, New Jersey 07103

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$100,000.00

Funding Source: 2025 Budget/Law Department - NW011, Department 040, Division 0401, Account 71260, Budget 2025

Contract Period: January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

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:

Partial Certification of Funds in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

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Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

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 George Tillman, Jr. and Debra Salters.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by the Council of the Whole to Adjourn this meeting at 10:24 A.M. The motion was adopted by the following votes:

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

Absent: 1 - Anibal Ramos Jr.

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

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