

ADDENDUM TO
July 14, 2025 COUNCIL AGENDA

ADD to the Agenda:

There may be a vote on each and every agenda item set forth herein.

1-A. Presentation of Proclamation for Light Up Navajo Nation – Representative Mara Gorman (5 minutes)

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Addendum Posted in Building – July 9, 2025
Addendum Posted on Website – July 9, 2025

This item was not posted seven days in advance, as staff was recently made aware of the presentation and this is the only date the presenter would be available within a reasonable time frame.

Attest:

Sworn by:

Deputy City Secretary

Notary Public (Seal)

CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

July 14, 2025 – 6:15 P.M.

Per the hybrid meeting provisions as provided in 29 Del. C. §10006A, City Council will be meeting in person with remote access via Microsoft Teams at the following link: <https://newarkde.gov/publicmeetings>

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A.** Executive Session Pursuant to 29 Del. C. §10004 (b) (4) for the purpose of strategy sessions, including those involving legal advice or opinion from an attorney-at-law, with respect to collective bargaining or pending or potential litigation, but only when an open meeting would have an adverse effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body

(Executive Session to conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Council meeting to resume immediately after. Council may continue Executive Session after the conclusion of the agenda of the regular business meeting.)

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

***1** **PUBLIC PRESENTATION: (15-minute limit):** None

2. **ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA:**

- A.** Elected Officials who represent City of Newark residents or utility customers (5 minutes)
- B.** University
- (1) Administration (5 minutes per speaker) (5 minutes)
- (2) Student Body Representative(s) (5 minutes per speaker)
- C.** City Manager (2 minutes)
- D.** Council Members (5 minutes)
- E.** Public (3 minutes per speaker)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment is a time for individuals to speak before Council on items related to City business. Individuals are limited to three minutes each in public comment for items regarding city business not on the published agenda. Individuals are also limited to three minutes per agenda topic for items on the published agenda that are open to public comment with the exception of public presentations which shall have one minute each for public comment. Individuals wishing to make public comment in either category should sign in on the list provided at the entrance of the Council chamber prior to the start of the meeting. At the appropriate time, individuals who have signed up for public comment will be called forward to the podium by the chair of the meeting to speak. Thereafter other members of the public may request to be recognized by the chair. Individuals should approach the podium, state their name and information about their residence (address or council district and/or non-City of Newark residents), and commence with their comments. Please be sure to speak into the microphone so your comments are recorded. Once you have completed your comments, please be seated. Please be courteous to those who are speaking during public comment by refraining from commenting from

the audience while others are speaking. Council may or may not answer questions during public comment. Public comments may also be submitted on the items on the agenda via email to council@newark.de.us by 5:00 p.m. Any public comments submitted by email or that are written will be added to the record but not necessarily read into the record.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (1 minute)

- A. [Receipt of the March 20, 2025 Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes](#)
- B. [Receipt of the April 16, 2025 Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes](#)
- C. [Receipt of the May 13, 2025 Conservation Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
- D. [Receipt of the May 20, 2025 Parking Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes](#)
- E. [Receipt of the May 27, 2025 Diversity & Inclusion Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
- F. [Receipt of the June 3, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
- G. [Approval of the June 9, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)
- H. [Approval of the June 16, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)
- I. [Receipt of the April - June 2025 Planning Commission Quarterly Report](#)
- J. [Receipt of the May 2025 Alderman's Report](#)
- K. [Resignation of Joel Murphy from the District 2 Position on the Diversity & Inclusion Commission](#)
- L. [Resignation of Tamesha Garnett from the District 3 Position on the Diversity & Inclusion Commission](#)
- M. [Resignation of C. Linwood Jackson from the District 4 Position on the Diversity & Inclusion Commission](#)
- N. **First Reading – Bill 25-18 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Motor Vehicles, Article V, Speed Regulations, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, By Establishing and Providing an Electronic Speed Monitoring System for the City of Newark – Second Reading – July 28, 2025**
- O. **First Reading – Bill 25-19 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Finance, Revenue and Taxation, by creating a new Article IX, Tax Levy on Colleges and Universities Within the Code of the City of Newark, To Codify the Jurisdiction and Authority of the City of Newark to Levy Taxes upon Colleges and Universities within the City of Newark Pursuant to the Recent Amendment of the City of Newark's Charter Set Forth in House Bill No. 34, as Amended by House Amendment No. 1 – Second Reading – July 28, 2025**

CONSENT AGENDA – The Consent Agenda is comprised of proposed ordinances on for First Reading and those items that are considered routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by a single vote of the Council. There shall be no separate discussion of proposed ordinances on for First Reading. For the remaining items, there will be no separate discussion unless a member of Council requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered a separate item at that Council Meeting.

***4. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS:** (5 minutes)

- A. [Appointment of A. R. Siders to the District 2 Position on the Conservation Advisory Commission for a Term to Expire on March 15, 2026](#)
- B. [Reappointment of Patrick McCloskey to the At-Large Position on the Diversity & Inclusion Commission for a Term to Expire on July 15, 2026](#)
- C. [Reappointment of Richard Gaskins to the District 1 Position on the Diversity & Inclusion Commission for a Term to Expire July 15, 2027](#)
- D. [Reappointment of Sheila Smith to the At-Large Position on the Conservation Advisory Commission for a Term to Expire March 15, 2028](#)
- E. [Reappointment of Frank DeMarinis to the At-Large Position on the Community Development/Revenue Sharing Advisory Committee for a Term to Expire March 15, 2029](#)

***5. ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING:** None

***6. SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. [Recommendation for the District 4 Special Election and Filing Date](#) – Deputy City Secretary (5 minutes)
- B. [Recommendation to Approve Acceptance of the Award for the Reimagining Outdoor Spaces 2025 Grant from the Wills Group for the Design, Development and Construction of a Walking Path including a Food Forest and Habitat Plantings at Folk Memorial Park](#) – Parks and Recreation Director (10 minutes)
- C. [Recommendation to Amend the 2025 Operating Budget by Accepting Additional Funding Under Federal Grant Under Award 2022-MO-PASSTHRU-3309, "Connect and Protect Program," and Approve a Change Order to a Contract for Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program Stemming from Request for Proposal \(RFP\) 24-02](#) – Police Chief (10 minutes)
- D. [Tax Rate Discussion](#) – Finance Director (45 minutes)

***7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** None

***8. RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS OVER CONSENT AGENDA LIMIT:**

- A. [Recommendation to Award a Contract Stemming from Invitation to Bid \(ITB\) 25-03: Newark Police D Sally Port Slab Replacement \(CIP N2302\)](#) – Assistant City Manager – Operations (10 minutes)
- B. [Recommendation on the Award of Invitation to Bid \(ITB\) No. 25-06 – 2024/2025 Street Improvement Program \(CIP H2401\)](#) – Public Works and Water Resources Director (10 minutes)

***9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. **Bill 25-14** – [An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Police Offenses, Article XVIII, Marijuana, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, To Codify the Jurisdiction of Newark’s Alderman’s Court \(Court 40\) to Prosecute Certain Marijuana Violations Pursuant to the State of Delaware’s Enactment of House Bill 33, As Amended by House Amendment No. 1](#) – City Manager (15 minutes)
- B. **Bill 25-15** – [An Ordinance Amending Charter 32, Zoning, Code of the City of Newark, Delaware, to Create Sign Regulations for Parkland Zoned Properties](#) – Planning and Development Director (20 minutes)

***10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT:**

- A. [Request by Center Street Associates, LLC for the Major Subdivision by Site Plan Approval of 124 E. Main Street to redevelop the mixed-use building by adding two additional floors with 25 new apartments and redevelop the ground floor commercial spaces \(Agreement & Resolution Attached\)](#) – Planning and Development Director (30 minutes)
- B. [Request of Herbal Growers LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Marijuana Cultivation Facility at 302 Markus Court](#) – Planning and Development Director (20 minutes)

***OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT** – The above agenda is intended to be followed, but is subject to changes, deletions, additions, and modifications, as permitted under the Freedom of Information Act of the State of Delaware. The agenda is posted (7) seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting in compliance with 29 Del. C. Section 10004 (e)(2). Copies may be obtained at the City Secretary’s Office, 220 South Main Street, or online at www.newarkde.gov.

Agenda Posted – July 7, 2025

Attest:

Sworn by:

Deputy City Secretary

Notary Public

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