CITY OF NEWARK DELAWARE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 8, 2025 - 7:00 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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There may be a vote on each and every agenda item set forth herein.

SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATION BY ELECTION BOARD AND OATH OF OFFICE

- A. Receipt of Certification by Election Board for Council Member District 4
- B. Swearing in of District 4 Council Member Elect Margrit Hadden

*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. Approval of the August 11, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Receipt of the May 31, 2025 Financial Statement

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. Reappointment of Scott Bradley to the District 3 Position on the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire on September 15, 2028
- **B.** Reappointment of Christopher Williamson to the At-Large Position on the Planning Commission for a Term to Expire on September 15, 2028
- C. Reappointment of James Cloonan to the At-Large Position on the Board of Adjustment for a Term to Expire September 15, 2029

*5. <u>ITEMS NOT FINISHED AT PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> None

*6. **SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- A. Resolution 25- : A Resolution Honoring Carla Grygiel, Director of the Newark Senior Center on her Retirement
- **B.** <u>FY 2026 Parks and Recreation Department Budget Presentation</u> Parks and Recreation Director Paula Ennis (30 minutes)
- C. FY 2026 Judicial Department Budget Presentation Clerk of Court Terri Conover (30 minutes)
- **D.** <u>FY 2026 Public Works and Water Department Resources Budget Presentation</u> Public Works and Water Resources Director Tim Filasky (60 minutes)
- E. Potential Changes to 2025 Property Tax Structure City Manager Tom Coleman (30 minutes) Link Added 9/3/2025
- *7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: None
- *8. RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONTRACTS & BIDS OVER CONSENT AGENDA LIMIT: None
- *9. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING: None
- *10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND/OR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT: None

*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 - August 29, 2025

Attest: Sworn by:

Deputy City Secretary Notary Public (Seal)