

City of Newark
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6pm

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Mayor Cardwell called to order at 6:02 P.M. and announced that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were: Mayor Crystal Cardwell, Councilmember Jennifer Hill, Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, Councilmember Melanie Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Raines, City Admin Staff Brittany Mayhue, Code Enforcement Officer Devon Kennedy, Public Works Director William Allen, Fire Chief Jerry Taylor and City Secretary Jenni Moore.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Mayor Cardwell led the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

3. Budget Workshop-discussion on all funds for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

Fire Chief Jerry Taylor opened the meeting sharing about the increasing costs and staffing concerns of operations for the Fire Department. Chief Taylor asked about adding a fee to any out of city new developments in the future to help with raising funds for needs for the fire department. He proposed \$10 per month for residential and \$30 for commercial accounts out of the city, however charge a lesser fee for in-city residents possibly in the future. Mayor Cardwell stated that there is funding left from Covid relief that could assist in some of the needs for the Fire Department. Council determined that this money is already earmarked in the 2023 budget and can be determined through a council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem stated he would like Public Works Director Allen and Chief Taylor to present lists of needs that the covid relief money can be used toward most efficiently.

City Secretary Moore started with the current fiscal year budget review. Further discussion was made regarding adding funding to employee training and travel, employee insurance and benefits. Council requested each employee to create a list of what would be most beneficial for themselves. Council also asked City Secretary Moore to prepare employee reviews to present to council. Further discussion was made regarding deputy funding, fire department, library, parks, park events. Mayor Cardwell asked to add a parks events line as well as a line for senior lunch expenses, council determined to add the senior lunch expenses to the library budget. Public Works Director William requested a sewer camera (\$15,000) as well as a new truck for Public Works and training and education funds (\$3,000).

4. Adjourn.

Mayor Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

APPROVED:



Crystal Cardwell, Mayor



Date



Jenni Moore, City Secretary