City of Newark Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 09, 2023 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order and announce quorum is present.

Councilmember Sidebottom called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and announced a quorum was present. Those present were Councilmember Richard Sidebottom, Councilmember Jennifer Hill, Councilmember Nathanial Butler and City Secretary Jenni Moore.

2. Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

No pledge of allegiance or invocation were completed.

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

City Secretary Moore explained that the budget so far does not include the insurance rates as it has not been received at this point. City Secretary Moore informed the council of updates including removing the truck for public works, as payments for the truck would not require a payment until October 2024 and removing the sewer camera cost as this cost can be taken out of the covid relief fund. City Secretary Moore explained to the council the tax rate information provided in their council packets stating that the tax rate will decrease and the net value has increased from last year. City Secretary Moore stated that the voter approved rate is what she used to base the budget off for this year to this point. Council members discussed the conditions of the roads and the repairs needed, City Secretary Moore informed them that there is \$30,000 in street capital improvements and \$20,000 in street maintenance. Councilmember Sidebottom expressed his concern to add more funding in the following years budget for street repairs.

Councilmember Sidebottom stated that the council accepts the tax rates as a whole at this time and no action was taken.

Date

4. Adjourn.

Councilmember Sidebottom adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

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