

City of Newark
Budget Workshop and Special Called Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.


1. **Call to order and announce quorum is present.**
Mayor Cardwell called the meeting to order at 6:24P.M. and announced that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were: Mayor Crystal Cardwell, Councilmember Nathaniel Butler, Councilmember Melanie Payne, Councilmember Richard Sidebottom, Code Enforcement Officer Devon Kennedy, 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 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget.**
Mayor Cardwell asked the City Secretary to review any changes since the last budget meeting. The City Secretary discussed the increase in rates are expected for computer monitoring and health insurance. Councilmember Sidebottom asked where we were on a new City Hall building, Mayor Cardwell explained it is still in the beginning process.
4. **Consider and act on setting dates for budget workshop meetings.**
Mayor Cardwell asked the City Secretary to go over the dates and timeline requirements for the budget. The City Secretary shared the dates with the Council. Councilmember Payne made a motion to set the following dates for budget meetings: July 26th at 6pm, August 9th at 6pm, August 23rd at 6pm and September 13th at 6pm. Councilmember Sidebottom second the motion. All approved, the motion passes.
5. **Executive Session- Texas Government Code § 551.074- A government body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate to: (1) deliberate the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.**
 - a. City Secretary Jenni Moore
 - b. Court Clerk Brittany Mayhue
 - c. Utility Clerk Michelle Peterson
 - d. Code Enforcement Officer Devon Kennedy

Mayor Cardwell adjourned into executive session at 6:42pm.

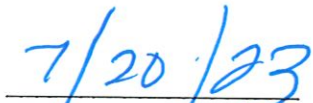
Mayor Cardwell reconvened into Open Session at 8:02 pm. Councilmember Sidebottom made a motion to approve all suggested pay raises. Councilmember Butler second the motion. All approved, the motion passed.

6. **Adjourn.**
Mayor Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

APPROVED:



Crystal Cardwell, Mayor



Date



Jenni Moore, City Secretary