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STATE OF THE CITY 2010

JANUARY 4, 2010



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PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Director: Roger Stollard

Overview by Division





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Division of Police: Chief Steven Sarver



2009 Highlights

- Accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)
- Conducted two Citizen Police Academies
- Expanded Block Watch program into several new areas
- Underwent agency-wide re-organization to better serve community
- Initiated Three-Year Strategic Plan
- Stayed within appropriated budget & actually returned money to General Fund



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Division of Police (cont'd)

2010 Goals

- Initiate Missing Person Investigative Team
- Reduce reported crime by 5%
- Maintain existing services with less money
- Expand D.A.R.E. program in schools
- Initiate Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association





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Division of Fire: Chief Jack Stickradt



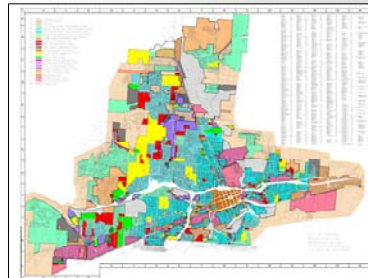
- Staffing level of 88 achieved in 2009, with help of federal Stimulus program
- Overtime dropped over 80% from \$927,000 in 2007 to \$449,000 in 2009, to a projected \$174,500 for 2010
- Land acquisition for 2 new fire stations
- EMS billing contract to go to local vendor in 2010



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Division of Property Maintenance: Roger Stollard

- Work completed with staffing of inspector through July of 2009 (layoff remainder of 2009)
- Inspections Completed: 913
- Follow-up Inspections Needed: 182
- New Cases for 2009: 664
- Currently Open Cases: 253
- Administrative Warnings Issued: 507
- Citations Issued: 162



Division of Building Code

- City adopted new Zoning Code in May 2009
- Division closed & staff positions moved to County
- Contracted part-time zoning inspector





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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Director: Stephen Fowler



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Economic Development

- Awarded over \$2,000,000 to clean up/prepare former Newark Processing Site for new Industrial Development
- Awarded \$118,000 to prepare remediation assessment of Quality Chemicals site
- Prepared grant application for funding of Community-Wide Assessment of clean-up sites
- Prepared Development Guide of key large sites
- Administered TIF, JEDD, JEDZ & CRA programs
- Up to 3 staff in department in 2009





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Planning

- Hired first City Planner in Newark's 207 year history
- Streamlined Planning Commission process & applications
- Updated City website, broadcast Council meeting videos, added documents, search & event calendar for public access
- Developed Bike Trail Plan for SRTS & grant opportunities
- Prepared Downtown Signage Plan
- Prepared draft plan for Alford-Reese Park/NASA Soccer



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Director: Judith Carr



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Community Development

- Expanded Lead Grant Award for \$3,070,000 to allow for rehabilitation of 120+ properties plus training to local contractors to perform lead abatement work.
- Received \$900,000 for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (stimulus) to demolish or rehabilitate housing
- Received \$871,000 for public transit funding
- Received \$11,000 NatureWorks grant for Town Commons Park
- Received \$204,000 (DOE) + \$143,700 (CDBG-R) for Biogas Recovery System
- Received \$540,000 from CHIP Grant for 2009 – 2011



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PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Director: Kathleen Barch

Overview by Division





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Division of Engineering: Brian Morehead

- Received \$1,800,000 (stimulus) for Deo Dr.- Waterworks Rd. project to begin in March 2010
- Increased annual paving dollars to \$1,550,000 for 2009, anticipate at least that much paving for 2010!
- Country Club Dr. widening will proceed in 2010 with construction beginning in 2011, completion 2012
- Continued replacing curb ramps throughout City for ADA compliance
- Start engineering work to widen the bridge on SR 13 into downtown for 2-way traffic on Mt. Vernon Rd. and Hudson Ave.



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Water/Wastewater Utility: Roger Loomis

High-Rate Treatment System (Wastewater-WW) - \$21,000,000

- Received \$5 million in stimulus funding
- Project is currently about 30% complete
- Scheduled for completion – December, 2010

Back-up Generator Project (Water) – \$920,000

- Generator is installed, working on completing wiring/start-up
- Scheduled for completion in February, 2010
- Also installed back-up generator at Water Tower



CSO Separation/Reduction Projects (WW/Stormwater-SW)

- Completed CSO 7 Separation Project - \$930,000
- Started Design work on CSO 1006 Diversion Project - \$1,000,000
- Planning for CSO 1013 work underway - \$470,000
- Design of CSO 1030 Separation Project began - \$1,000,000





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Water/Wastewater Utility (cont'd)

BioGas Project (WW) - \$496,000

- Construction of unit has just begun
- Possible \$50,000 savings annually



Lift Station/Booster Station Upgrade Project (Water/WW/SW)

- Over \$1,200,000 in upgrades within the past ten years
- Nearing completion – 17 stations upgraded
- Adding SCADA (remote) monitoring (eliminating phone line expense)
- Stations now have facilities to utilize our three back-up generators
- 2 sanitary stations, 4 stormwater stations left to upgrade



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Stormwater Utility: John Trujillo

- Phase 2 of McKinley Ave. Stormwater project should be finalized in 2010
- Repaving of Garfield Ave. will be part of the completion of Phase 2 in 2010
- Engineering of various smaller projects will continue throughout City
- Storm Water funds will compliment Sanitary Sewer funds for CSO 1006 & CSO 1010 projects
- NPDES compliance at closed City landfill is slated for 2010





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Parks, Recreation & Cemetery: Jeff Hotchkiss

- Improved maintenance at all City parks, trails & cemetery
- Park Watch Ambassador Program created in 2009
- Cemetery's interment revenue increased by 50% & lot sales increased 65% from 2008
- Major restoration project on Newark Memorial Mausoleum accomplished through PNB trust funds
- Chapel of Trees Mausoleum had 6 crypt sales, first since 2001
- Partnered with Licking County Historical Society for annual Cemetery Walk



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Parks, Recreation & Cemetery (cont'd)

- Partnered with Licking County Composite Squadron for Wreaths Across America
- Horns Hill Park opened Spring of 2009 after numerous improvements. Native American Indian monument was also restored and rededicated.
- Awarded \$11,000 grant from ODNR for playground equipment & benches for Town Commons Park. Park to serve as "gateway" from east side into Downtown
- Repaired Courthouse Square water fountain. Additional work, upgrades, and improvements for the fountain as well as the Courthouse Square are planned for the spring of 2010





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HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Director: Donna Sears



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Human Resources

- Negotiated a 0% increase in Health Insurance premiums for **4th year in a row!**
- City General Fund coffers increased in 2009 by over \$700,000 from frugal management of Health Insurance revenue
- 2010 contracts negotiated in house with no attorneys or SERB representation, saving at least \$60,000
- Civil Service Commission expedited testing procedures to achieve full staffing levels for Fire and Police Division
- HR office moved to 1st floor for more convenience in providing services to employees & public





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INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

City Treasurer: Jeff Hall



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Income Tax

- 1st year all income tax deposited by May 1st
- 1st year successfully implemented e-filing
- Collected over \$18.8 million in current economy





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CITY AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT

City Auditor: Steve Johnson



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City Auditor

- Received Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)
- Acquired new software for all aspects of general accounting with cash handling, human resource and contractual management applications designed to reduce costs and offer simplification in processing data
- The new payroll application should be operational during 1st quarter of 2010, with other applications to follow shortly thereafter
- Assisted City with financial reporting, debt management planning as well as budget assistance





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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010



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Goals & Planned Actions

- Renewable energy: create a citywide SID in 2010 to prepare for projects from House Bill 1 strategy
- Partnership with McClain development project
- SR 16/Cherry Valley Interchange next steps
- Explore citywide contract for trash hauling with opt-out provision
- Deer control program
- Assist Schools w/ grant opportunities
- Deficit update

