

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023 WITH PRESIDENT KEMP PRESIDING. PRESIDENT KEMP OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND  
MR. DAN LANZER  
MR. MITCH PACE  
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS  
MR. KELLY RICKLIC  
MR. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MRS. AIMEE MAY

- MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 2-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 3 Readings AND ORDINANCE 4-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA  
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
ORDINANCE 2-2023 AND ORDINANCE 4-2023 WILL BE ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
  
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA  
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED
  
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL  
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS,  
MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

**CORRESPONDENCE** . . . . . CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council Clerk from Jen Boger with the Ohio Ethics Commission, dated January 31, 2023. This is the Annual reminder for Council and Administration to turn in their Financial Disclosure Statements for the year, as well as a request for an updated list of all Council members and administration. I sent the reminder to all members of Council and Administration.*
2. *To Council and Administration, Fire Chief Parrish, and Police Chief Goodwin, dated January 30, 2023 from Mayor Day. This is an email titled “Towpath Trail Public Forum Draft Presentation and Boards.*
3. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Gerber dated January 31, 2023. This is the City of New Philadelphia January 2023 Deposits to the General Account and the January 2023 Investment and Savings Report.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Jami Bailey, dated January 31, 2023. This is the Mayor’s Month-end Report for the Month of January.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated February 1, 2023. This is an email titled “Income Tax Distribution for 2023.*
6. *To Council and Administration from the Auditor’s Administrative Assistant Heather Denham, dated February 2, 2023. This is the January Month-end report.*

7. *To Councilman Holland from President Kemp, dated February 11, 2023. This is an email titled "Please Assign to Dean's Committee" with Ordinance 4-2023 as the attachment.*
8. *To Council and Administration from Municipal Court Administrator Judy Dziegel, dated February 13, 2023. This is the 2022 New Philadelphia Municipal Court Annual Report.*
9. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 13, 2023. The Mayor's Report.*

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ...MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- *JETRO Visit Showcases our Schools' Advanced Manufacturing Training Capabilities: On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, representatives of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) visited New Philadelphia to learn about the advanced manufacturing training programs at Kent State University-Tuscarawas and Buckeye Career Center. I met the JETRO team last year at a Mayors Association of Ohio conference in Columbus. When I told them about the programs at KSU-Tuscarawas and BCC, they wanted to visit to learn more about them. JETRO and Japanese manufacturers are looking for more locations and partnerships in Ohio because of Intel and the growing market for electric vehicles. According to the team members, Tuscarawas County and New Philadelphia could be prime locations for suppliers to Intel and electric vehicle manufacturers. After touring the advanced manufacturing classrooms and labs at both schools, we took the JETRO group to the Gradall plant, to see first-hand how it's using advanced manufacturing equipment and providing internships to students in the training programs. From their reactions, I believe that we left the group with a lasting impression of our workforce training capabilities and the advantages of our location and natural resources. Now we must build on this newly created relationship with JETRO.*
- *Help with Finding a Developer for the Joy Redevelopment Property: On February 6<sup>th</sup>, I joined members of the County's Economic Development and Finance Alliance (port authority) and representatives of American Structurepoint, Inc. on a tour of the Joy (Howden Buffalo) Redevelopment Property on South Broadway. The EDFA invited the Cleveland architecture and engineering firm to visit the site to better understand its redevelopment opportunities. American Structurepoint will assist the EDFA in marketing the property.*
- *First Quarter Labor – Management Meetings are Scheduled: This week, department heads and I will hold separate labor – management meetings with representatives of the City's four bargaining units. One thing we learned from last year's contract negotiations is that both sides can improve their communications with each other. That's why I suggested that we sit down each quarter to discuss problems and find solutions together.*
- *Your Input is Needed on Revisions to the City's Zoning Code: This Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Compass Point Planning will host a meeting in City Council's chamber to present the findings of its recent public survey. The survey asked residents and businesses for their opinions on the City's current zoning code and suggestions on improvements that could be made. Compass Point President Wendy Moeller will also discuss what has been learned from her audit of the City's code.*
- *Time to File Your 2022 City Income Tax Return: It's that time of the year again. The City Income Tax Department is now accepting 2022 City income tax returns and payments. For more information on how to file your return, here is a link to the Income Tax Department's website: <http://www.newphilaoh.com/Income-Tax>.*
- *A Special Visit From a Former New Philadelphia Mayor: This past Friday morning, former New Philadelphia Mayor Dave Knisely and his wife Catherine stopped by my office for a visit. Mayor Knisely was in town to join the fellow members of the NPHS Quakers 1967 regional tournament team that was honored at Friday night's boys basketball game. At the age of 25, he became New Philadelphia's youngest mayor when he was elected in 1975 and served from 1976 to 1979. Mayor Knisely lives in Massachusetts, and comes home at least once a year to recharge his Quaker pride.*

\*Mayor Day introduced Dan Rice with the Ohio and Erie Canal Coalition and Ryan Smalley from Envision. Mr. Rice and Mr. Smalley gave Council a summary of the Meeting that was held at 6:00pm on the Towpath Trail.

\*Following the Towpath Trail presentation Mayor Day introduced Tom Farbizo with Quaker Digital Academy. Mr. Farbizo presented two checks to the City of New Philadelphia in the amount of \$2,400 from the sanitation truck advertisements and \$3,360 from the airport window advertisements. The total the City has received to date is \$26,160.00.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

I just want to clarify, the meeting time on Wednesday, is it 6:00pm or 7:00pm?

Mayor Day stated that it's 7:00pm.

SERVICE DIRECTOR..... Service Director Ron McAbier:

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I would like to give an update on the Waterline under Route 250. Last week we were granted the right-of-way through ODOT so that paperwork is signed, we got the PTI study okayed by Prepare to Install, so we will go out to bid in March. The engineer's estimate was \$329,717.00, so that will get done and that was in this year's budget. It's imperative that that does get fixed. It's had two leaks on it in the last four years. That's one of the main feeders for the Southside. I will report back to Council once that's bid out and we hire the contractor.

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AUDITOR .....MS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTOR .....MR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

This afternoon the Mayor swore in the Police Department Officer Jenna Dugan. She comes to us from Summa Health. She was a sergeant on their police department. She is replacing Canine Officer Mike Pearch. If everything goes right in March some time, we will start the new canine going to school, so things are moving forward. We also received notice that School Resource Officer Jen Horner is going to retire around the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. So we'll be losing her, and we're in the process of looking for someone who will now replace her.

TREASURER . . . MR. TOM GERBER.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE.....NO REPORT

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet here in Council Chambers tomorrow afternoon at 1:00pm. We Will be discussing the Towpath Trail presentation and also the Zoning Study that we'll learn more About on Wednesday.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting that was planned for tomorrow night at 5:00 PM has been Cancelled due to having no variance request to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER

Normally the Airport Commission would meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM here in Council Chambers, but due to quorum issues the Meeting has been scheduled for February 21, 2023 At 6:00PM here in Council Chambers.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT

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CEMETERY BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD ..... MR. DEAN HOLLAND

The Health Board met on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 here in Council Chambers. The items primarily Discussed were, first, in May the White House will be terminating the Covid 19 Pandemic across the United States. As a result of that the City will no longer have the free Covid testing kits or the free Vaccine injections. So everyone needs to go out and get them if they don't have them. We have Plenty of testing kits available at the Health Department. You just stop in and we'll be glad to give Them to you. Secondly, a number of citations have been issued recently as a result of violations with The environmental health code. The City has been working very diligently to make sure that all of our Restaurants meet the minimum requirements for restaurant operation. Third, the City Health Department has continued to work on their accreditation. The Accreditation Board, we're waiting for Them to give us a date where they will do a site visit and have further discussions with our Health Commissioner and staff. It looks like it's going to be months yet before we actually receive It.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

I do want to report from last Council Meeting that I did sit down with the Mayor and Auditor to discuss the Budget Adjustments needed to fix the items that Mrs. Gundy had. I will be having a meeting on February 27, 2023 at 7:00PM with those recommendations and any legislation that would need to be presented. I'll have those ready for the Law Director to draft legislation at that time.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE...MR. DAN LANZER...NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

We met this evening here in Council Chambers at 7:00 and we discussed Ordinance 2-2023 and Ordinance 4-2023. After discussion on Ordinance 2-2023, which addressed a new Ordinance in the City's current Ordinances, to prohibit the obstruction of sidewalks, walking paths, and streets in the City. We have had complaints from businesses throughout the Community with concerns about that and the Police Department has also requested the changes in this Ordinance. Ordinance 4-2023 addressed the changes in the Fire Department new personnel. A discussion with Chief Parrish and Director Popham had recommended, and both these Ordinances were recommended to be placed on tonight's Agenda with a recommendation for them to be passed tonight.

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS.....NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE.....NO REPORT.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE.....MR. STEVE RIPPETH.....NO REPORT

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS**

Chancellor Carr of 315 6<sup>th</sup> St. NE New Philadelphia had the following comment:

I am a local business owner and taxpayer. I am here tonight because due to some legal misunderstandings I have been evicted. I am homeless and have been living on the street for a few weeks. I apologize for my appearance, I don't have access to a shower. I don't really know what I'm doing here, outside of looking for some type of relief to fix the homeless situation that I'm in.

President Kemp:

Have you been to Friends of the Homeless Shelter?

Mr. Carr:

I did give them a call to see if they had room and they did not. I am looking for some legal advice, someone to help me navigate the complexities of the court system here in New Philadelphia. I've been filing motions to counteract me eviction.

Mr. Fete:

Have you contacted Legal Aid?

Mr. Carr:

Yes, I did discuss the situation with a gentleman there and he said he didn't believe I had a case.

Mr. Fete said he would recommend Legal Aid, all they deal with is evictions.

Mr. Parrish said that the Fire Department will help Mr. Carr. They'll have him contact the Community Care Coordinator and she has a bunch of resources to help him.

Sean Patterson of 754 Ray Ave. NW had the following comment:

I've a veteran of the United States Army of 8 years. I just wanted to speak tonight about the ministry that I've started for veterans that are struggling with Post Traumatic Stress. Myself I have struggled with PTSD and substance abuse. Through all of that God has put in in my heart to lead the other veterans to Jesus Christ. The ministry is called Redeem 22. My goal is to establish a Christ centered veteran support group, I also am trying to bring Honor Court to Tuscarawas County. It's a veteran treatment court. I have been learning how they do Honor Court in Stark County. My groups have already been established. We are meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Nazarene Church. Those meetings will begin March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Pace and Mrs. Ramos both thanked Mr. Patterson for his service.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I'm just passing along a message from a Citizen. Last Thursday I attended the Calling Hours for Susan Hanhart Hoopengartner. At that time her husband, John Hoopengartner stopped me and expressed to me his thanks to the New Philadelphia Fire Department. His wife collapsed during a breathing treatment at the house and the Fire Department arrived within minutes. He was so appreciative. What really meant a lot to him was Captain Burt Snyder took the time to explain everything to him. At that moment that was the most important thing for him. Those are the things nobody sees. You need to be commended on that, Captain Snyder, because you made a difference that night. Thank you.

### **READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCES:

2-2023 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION IN THE CITY'S CURRENT ORDINANCES REGARDING LOITERING.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

4-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CODIFIED ORDINANCE 143.03- CERTIFICATION OF AMBULANCE PERSONNEL AND TO ENACT NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 143.03- CERTIFICATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 4-2023

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS

RULES ARE SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 4-2023

MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF  
ORDINANCE 4-2023  
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
ORDINANCE 4-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:13 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Courtright

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Kemp

