

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON 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. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENSES

MAYOR JOEL DAY
SAFETY DIRECTOR GREG POPHAM

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 6-2020 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 6-2020 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN
APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Mayor and Council from Mr. John Hoss, dated February 18, 2020. This is an email titled “Issue 4 Signs on City Property.”*
2. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated February 18, 2020. This is an email with the Subject “2020 Budget” with the attachment “2020 Permanent budget”. It states “All, I have increased the medical insurance budgets for all departments. I’ve increased them by 10 percent.*
3. *To Police Chief Mike Goodwin and Fire Chief Jim Parrish, dated February 21, 2020. This is an email from Mayor Day with the subject “Attending Monday Night’s City Council Meeting” It states “Chiefs, if your schedules permit, would you please attend Monday’s City Council Meeting? The New Phila School Administration Representatives from GDP Group will be making a presentation about the new school construction and the bond issue levy during the Meeting.*
4. *To Council and Administration, dated February 24, 2020. The Mayor’s Report*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE
Law Director Marvin Fete is the Acting Mayor for this Meeting

- Work continues to finalize the New Philadelphia Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Plan: A final public meeting was held last week to gather feedback on the plan being developed to construct bicycle and pedestrian trails throughout New Philadelphia. The connectivity plan would have the City's pathways join trails being developed from the south from Tuscarawas and Uhrichsville and from the north from Dover and the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Envision, the Akron company hired to develop the plan, will incorporate the data gathered last Tuesday into a final version, which is expected to be finished by the end of next month. Once the plan is ready to publish it will be posted on the City's website. The next step will be to focus on one section of trail and seek funding to get it constructed.

- Crafting a New Contract for Harry Clever Field's Fixed Base Operator: Only one Request for Proposal was received by the City in the search for a Fixed Base Operator for Harry Clever Field. The lone proposal came from Professional Aviation Municipal Management Group, Inc., the airport's current FBO. The City is now negotiating the terms of a new contract with ProAv so it can continue to conduct the operation of the airport.

- A Reminder to Use your City Health Department: Because of the recent outbreak of flu raising concerns, I want to remind New Philadelphia residents that our City Health Department is always ready to help answer your questions and give advice on how to avoid getting the flu and other wintertime illnesses. The New Philadelphia Health Department has flu shots available. Walk in any time between 8am and Noon, and 1pm to 4pm Monday through Friday. If you do come down with the flu or other illnesses, don't hesitate to call our Health Department for advice on how to recover from it. The City Health Department is located on the lower level of City Hall at 150 East High Avenue. Use the main entrance on the west side of the building and go down the stairs to the lower level. To call our Health Department, dial 330-364-4491 extension 1208.

- City Planning Commission Learns of the NP District's Plans for New Schools: Members of the City Planning Commission now have a better understanding of the City School District's desire to locate schools on one campus at the Oak Shadows Golf Course location. Superintendent David Brand and members of the GPD group, the district's design consultants, presented their preliminary plan to the Planning Commission at its February 11th monthly meeting. The presenters explained that the plans can't be finalized until a bond issue is approved to pay for construction of new schools. If that occurs, the Commission will deal with the schools construction as it does with any new development in the City. Issues involving connections to city services, the use of streets and traffic flow, and security will all be addressed. I am pleased that Superintendent Brand and his team accepted the offer to make a similar presentation tonight to City Council members. Whenever new schools are built, the City should be a strong partner with the district to assure that the schools' construction enhances our City, meets academic needs well into the future and strengthens New Philadelphia's position as the center for learning in Tuscarawas County. I enjoy reminding people that, only in New Philadelphia can your child be educated from pre-school through high school, graduate with a skills certificate from Buckeye Career Center or a degree from Kent State-Tuscarawas and be ready to enter the workforce without ever having to leave the city limits. That's a huge advantage New Philadelphia has over surrounding communities in Eastern Ohio. It's an advantage we should improve upon at every opportunity for our kids.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER.....NO REPORT

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

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

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals met here in Council Chambers on February 18 with three variance requests to be heard. The first address was 231 4th Street NW. Non Compliance with 1161.04. After a discussion it was approved on a vote of 4-1. The second one was 1216 West High Ave Non compliance with 1167.09 on the signs. The variance request was approved 5-0. Lastly 831 Commercial Avenue SE non compliance with 1153.01. It was approved by a vote of 3-2.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

As part of the budget efforts that we were working on this evening, we did want to note for members of Council and Administration that in the budget for fiscal year 2020 we have included the PAPI navigation lights with adjustments made to the first official grant as presented by Michael Baker Jr. working on behalf of Harry Clever Field. We have also added the opportunity to improve the fuel farm and the fumes that have been a problematic area.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

The Finance Committee met tonight to discuss the 2020 budget. We're approximately 2/3 of the way through that. We are tentatively planning to meet March 2 at 6:00 PM.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

A couple different items to address this evening. The first is that you do have on your agenda tonight for its 3rd Reading, I do recommend passage and I'm glad to see out in the audience this evening John Zion. John is being recognized this evening for 25 years of service and dedication to the City of New Philadelphia. I did want to thank him. I know his dad's out there too with him, and so when we do have the Reading of the Resolutions and have passage on 3rd Reading we'll ask Mr. Zion to please come forward and be recognized by this Council and the body as a whole. I have shared with all the Members of Council and the Administration this evening the specifications we're asking for Jim Locker Lane. We will be using the brown signage which is the best practice in the State of Ohio. That will be between 3rd and 4th St. SE Bank Lane. That legislation is being read for its 1st Reading tonight. There is a Salary Committee Meeting coming up at 6:45 on March 23. We're going to have Trina Goodwin coming in from Omega. Trina's going to be talking about a couple different areas in reference to downtown. One how we continue to expand the historic designation of that area, and the other portion will be how we're able to leverage grant opportunities from that.

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

Tom Locker called me the other day, Mr. Jim Locker's son. He had asked me if that could be held for 4 Readings because he's going to be out of town on the 3rd Reading and his family would like to attend.

Mr. Zucal Continued:

Mr. President, I do ask that you assign to my Committee the opportunity to study vacant building legislation and how it applies to those business owners, property owners, who refuse to do anything with their buildings.

**President Kemp asked Mr. Zucal to take that issue into his Committee.*

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... .MR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met this evening at 7:02 PM to discuss Codified Ordinance 505, the feral cat issue that we've been dealing with. After a little bit of discussion Ordinance 6-2020 was recommended to be added to tonight's Agenda for 1st Reading. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

Just a note that we are having a Public Hearing March 9 at 7:00 o'clock in regards to Ordinance 3-2020 and Resolution 1-2020 which are rezoning issues.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met this evening at

7:14 PM with one item to discuss. It was a Liquor License Transfer from Raymond Hill doing business as Maurer Grill to Maurer's Time Warp LLC doing business as Maurer's Time Warp. The Committee voted unanimously 3-0 to have a voice vote during my Council Committee report to have the Clerk be able to sign the proper paperwork and send it back to Columbus.

ROLL CALL
7 YEAS
THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST WAS APPROVED

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

President Kemp made the following statement:

At this time we have a special presentation from New Philadelphia City Schools. Superintendent David Brand is here to inform us of Issue 4 which is on the upcoming ballot. Once Mr. Brand is finished and we get to the Visitor's Comments it will be open to the Public to ask questions.

Superintendent David Brand Gave a Presentation Concerning Issue 4, a bond issue that would allow The City to build a centralized middle/ high school and centralized elementary school.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

Did I understand correctly that Donahey itself will not be constructed and used as an entrance point?

Mr. Brand had the following reply:

Right as long as we can find a safer entrance that is approved by ODOT and the State.

Mrs. Ramos had the following reply:

So you'd have to build another road because the only way in is Donahey and Hillandale.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Since almost every child in the district would have to be bussed, which is heavier on our roads, will the school be able to help the City maintain the roads.

Mr. Brand had the following reply:

We would have a reduction in miles driven and hours. All the kids would be going to the same building which is less challenging and more efficient. We wouldn't need to buy any more busses and less wear and tear on the city infrastructure.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

This plan is to raze all the neighborhood schools, so that will effect where people are moving, so what will happen to our neighborhoods when the school is moved away from the neighborhoods.

Mr. Brand had the following reply:

Families want the services that their child needs. To not be able to have a service is a hindrance.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

What is the total budget for this project?

New Philadelphia City Schools Treasurer Ms. Julie Erwin had the following reply:

The overall budget is \$102 Million however we'll have to come to the table with more than that because the value of construction today is not going to be the value of construction five years from now. So they requested that we build in a 5% increase. That's about 5.7 Million dollars. We also included \$3 Million Dollars for the land in the bond issue, and \$3 Million for roadwork. \$57 Million would be the local share.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

Has an itemization of that budget been conducted yet? In particular environmental study, permits, engineering, site prep, foundation prep, exterior framework, HVAC Interior, and if a contingency exists at 5% or greater?

Mr. Brand had the following comment:
Yes, all of those things are budgeted out.

Mr. Zucal asked for those figures to be put on the school website.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:
Donahey Dr. is a major issue because of the potential amount of traffic. When we met at the park there was a commitment made to find an alternate route to minimize the amount of traffic for Oak Shadows residents. Has that been done?

Mr. Brand had the following comment:
We want to make sure we have safe routes in from Pleasant Valley as well. We would be working with Goshen Township. We have been spending time looking into the concerns of Donahey and seeing if there's a better path.

Mr. Zucal had a follow up question:
If the one main drive were to be blocked, and there were an emergency where the safety forces were called, how would the safety forces be able to access the school? How would we get there if that main artery were shut off.

Police Chief Goodwin had the following comment:
We would have to improvise. We would have to use 4 Wheel Drive vehicles.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:
We have a large number of families that don't have cars that are solely dependent upon walking their children to school. What would happen if a child becomes ill and the mother has no transportation to pick them up? Would would the school do?

Mr. Brand had the following response:
We have problems with that currently. We have gone out to the latino community and their churches for parent-teacher conferences. We will continue to work with those communities.

Mr. Zucal had the following questions:
Once the old schools are razed what will happen to those areas? What will happen with the Quaker Dome?

Mr. Brand had the following replies:
The Quaker Dome will continue to be used as well as Quaker Stadium.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Bill Miller of Goshen Township had the following comment and question:
There were several references to the "goat path" off of Pleasant Valley Drive. That traffic eventually has to get to State Route 39. That is a dangerous situation for a school bus. My concern is the safety. Also the bridge on Hillendale has approximately a 45 degree turn, it's very dangerous there. Who did the traffic study for you and over what period of time was the study conducted?

Mr. Brand had the following reply:
GPD did the study over two days. It meets the ODOT requirements that we're going to continue to work with.

Mr. Miller continued:
I believe I read in the paper that the schools were gaining \$800,000 to a million dollars in property taxes annually as a result of that. Is there a possibility that the increased income and revenue to the school could be applied to the bond to reduce the future burden to the taxpayers?

Mr. Brand had the following reply:
No, that could go toward the operating and that was the extent.

Shawn Lindsey of 1348 Whispering Pines had the following question:

You've been very clear that Hillandale and we'll extend out of that, now it sounds like Donahey is an option. So the study right now says 60% of the traffic is on Donahey. So does the school have any plans right now to buy additional property?

Mr. Brand had the following reply:

We're going to follow recommendations and make the safest decisions that we can for the community. We do not feel at this time that we need to purchase additional property. We will continue to work with the City Officials to make sure we have a safe way in.

A City Resident had the following comment:

Cities expand, roads are open and you just have to deal with it. You have to rely on the City to maintain the road.

Dean Kreinbihl of Oak Shadows had the following comments:

As a hunter, our Oak Shadows area is surrounded by township land and there's a limit to the amount of space between residents a hunter can hunt. My concern is about the hunting. The idea of safety thinking about hunting comes into play. The soil and water in that area is another concern.

A City Resident had the following comment:

I think that the biggest problem is over across the river Dover got a brand new school. Every time Dover does something New Phila has to do it too.

Mr. Brand had the following reply:

This has absolutely nothing to do with Dover. This has to do with the fact that we have 9 trailers, kids learning in part in boiler rooms. It will cost this town more money to repair what we have than to take advantage of this opportunity. This is not rushed. It started in 2016 and it has continued on through.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

3-2020	AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE THE ATTACHED ADDRESSES AND PARCEL NUMBERS IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FROM INDUSTRIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE 3 rd Reading
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- 5-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO HAVE AN HONORARY DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF BANK LANE SE DESIGNATED IN HONOR OF JIM LOCKER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, SPECIFICALLY, THE PORTION OF BANK LANE SE FROM 3rd ST SE TO 4th ST SE WOULD HAVE SIGNAGE PLACED UNDER THE STREET NAMES THAT WOULD READ “HONORARY JIM LOCKER LANE”, THE STREET NAMES THEMSELVES WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.
1st Reading
- 6-2020 AN ORDINANCE MAENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, BY AMENDING SECTION 505.01.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF AN ADJACENT 0.459 ACRE TRACT OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A.
3rd Reading
- 2-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND JOHN ZION FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA.
3rd Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 10:14 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp