

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 25, 2021 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON KEMP. 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

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 5-2021 AND RESOLUTION 6-2021 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
1 ABSTAIN (MR. HOLLAND), 5 YEAS 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)
RESOLUTION 5-2021 AND RESOLUTION 6-2021 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA AS AMENDED
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS, 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 11, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Tom Gerber dated January 11, 2021. This is the City of New Philadelphia Investment and Savings Report for December 2020.*
2. *To City Council from New Philadelphia City Council President Don Kemp, dated January 15, 2021. This is an email originally from Service Director McAbier. The email contains an attachment with a parcel outside of City limits. This issue was assigned to Mr. Ricklic's Committee.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated January 15, 2021. The subject is Jim Range Appointment Letter.*
4. *To Council Clerk from Ashley Abrigg the Community Outreach Manager for Bridgeview, a new Outpatient Treatment Center on Wooster Ave in Dover. This is a flyer for their open house.*
5. *To Council Clerk from Jen Boger with the Ohio Ethics Commission. This is an Ohio Ethics Commission Filing Reminder. I forwarded the reminder to all of Council and Administration.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated January 25, 2021. This is an excused absence letter to tonight's meeting. To*

Administrative Reports.....

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

Mayor Day had the following report:

The City Health Department Continues Its COVID Vaccination Clinics at Tuscora Park The New Philadelphia Health Department will be conducting COVID-19 vaccination clinics on Thursdays at Tuscora Park over the next few weeks, as long as the supply of the vaccine continues. Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno says this Thursday's clinic will be for Phase 1B persons, who are residents 75 years and older, and those with severe congenital, developmental and early onset medical disorders. Call the Health Department at 330-364-4491 extension 1208 to pre-register if you haven't already. From 9am to Noon last Thursday, 100 residents aged 80 and older were given vaccinations at the department's first clinic. The residents remained in their cars to complete paperwork, receive the vaccine and stayed an additional 15 minutes to be observed for any adverse reactions. The Health Department was assisted by personnel from the City fire and police departments and the County Emergency Management Agency. Commissioner Ionno was very pleased with the clinic's structure and outcome, saying: "The more we can offer protection from the COVID virus and slow the spread, the sooner we can return to a normal postpandemic life."

Good Response to OMEGA's Virtual Public Meeting Nearly 700 people have viewed the Facebook Live and Zoom virtual meetings held last Thursday to explain and gather public input on the City's Kent State Connector Trail project. The meetings were hosted by the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, which is assisting the City in applying for grant money to fund the \$969,000 project. One change that has occurred after the public hearing is to have the trail stay on Delaware Drive SE through the Schoenbrunn Village property instead of using the village's lower-level roadway. A video of the public hearing can still be seen on the City of New Philadelphia's Facebook page. The next step in the application process is to gather letters of support from KSU-Tusc, Schoenbrunn Village and other stakeholders along the trail segment.

The Appalachian Leadership Institute Shares Ideas on Redeveloping the Howden Property I recently participated in a Zoom meeting with a team of Appalachian Leadership Institute fellows, which selected redevelopment of the former Howden Buffalo property as a class project. The team was led by Diane Lautenschleger of the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau. It envisioned the property as a possible community hub, with shops and restaurants, residential housing and businesses that take advantage of the property's location between the downtown area and the river, and along a rail line. It was ironic that the team's concept was similar to the one under discussion with the county's Economic Development and Finance Alliance (port authority), the new owners of the property. I was very appreciative of the team selecting the New Philadelphia site, out of all the possibilities in the 13 state Appalachian region.

. Progress Made in the City Gaining Ownership of Land at Harry Clever Field The City is one step closer to gaining ownership of the land at the southeast (33) end of the runway at Harry Clever Field. Nathaniel O'Neil, a real estate specialist with the Ohio Department of Development Services, sent word last Friday that a Transfer of Jurisdiction document has been reviewed and approved by the Ohio History Connection and has been sent to the Ohio Department of Transportation for its approval. The land is part of the Schoenbrunn Village tract, which is owned by the State of Ohio and managed by the Ohio History Connection. The City needs to own the land to continue to receive Federal funding for airport improvements. ODOT has agreed to assume ownership of the land, then transfer it to the City.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

When you pre-register and you're not going to be able to make it make sure you cancel that appointment.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

An update on the Cemetery Office Building: Siding has been delivered and they'll continue to put that up. Drywall has been delivered and approximately 60 % of the inside work is completed. Three weeks ago three column barium were delivered. The niches each have 48 spots for urns. The gas line project for Dominion is moving along. Almost 16,000 foot of new line most of it being mold under the sidewalks. Tentatively they'd like to start the week of February 15 and they look to be done the first week of July. I will remind everybody at the next Council meeting before that date to keep everybody up to date on what's going on. Mushrush Contractors was awarded the contracts and they'll be the ones doing the work. Also from the General Services Department leaves have been completed.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question:

What is the price difference between a column barium and a gravesite?

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:

We're working on that in the Cemetery Committee meeting. Anywhere you go it changes from the top. It's all about location. Right now it's \$1,000 per column barium.

Mr. Ricklic asked if the prices for column bariums and lots would come to Council in an Ordinance. Mrs. May said it's set by the Cemetery Board. Mayor Day said hopefully those prices will be set next month.

Mr. Maurer asked if there would be new sidewalks where the gas line project is taking place. Mr. McAbier said there would be in some areas.

Mr. Ricklic asked if the new sidewalks in those areas would be ADA compliant. Mr. McAbier said they would be.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

I was approached by a supervisor in the police department with the possibility of having another tool in the toolbox to battle the area's drug problem. That tool would be another canine. I discussed this with the Mayor and the Police Chief. We are pulling numbers to see what it's going to cost and what we can possibly get donated. We'll get back with you with the progress of acquiring another tool for the toolbox.

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

LAW DIRECTOR . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

We have been stretched really thin at the Law Director's Office. At one point I had one attorney out with Covid, I had another attorney who was out of state because of a death in the family, and I had an office manager who was out for about a week due to a personal family matter. Our Victim Advocate Debbie Liebold will also soon be leaving us because she took another position. She's done a phenomenal job for us. My time has been dedicated to helping to fill in where I can, making sure cases are prosecuted, and finding a new victim advocate. I'm pleased to report that we did find someone for that position. Her first day was today. I'm not going to go into great detail about her because I'm going to bring

her here and introduce you to her. She has a remarkable unique American story. She did work with Debbie Liebold and shadow her during Debbie's last days here. We now have both attorneys back and our office manager is back so we're in much better shape now. I also wanted to praise the Health Department. My parents were able to get their first shots. They couldn't say enough about how orderly and well supervised it was. If there was ever any question that we needed a health department, that question has been answered and wiped out in my opinion by the way they handled the pandemic.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet the 2nd Tuesday of February at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers. We have several rezoning issues that we'll be dealing with.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet February 9 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers with one variance request to be heard at this time.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers. I would highly recommend the approval of the reappointment of Josh Limbacher. Josh is a pilot and he does a lot of work at the airport, volunteers his time there. He filled the position previously held by Dr. Varatti who had resigned. Chris Bauer is the owner of Diversified Engineering. He's a pilot himself so he brings a lot of experience to us in many ways and he was very helpful in making us understand how we can use the new hangars. Alex McCarthy is the Director of the Tuscarawas County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. He is the Tuscarawas County Commissioner's appointee to the Airport Commission.

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

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

HEALTH BOARD MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Health Board will meet on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Noon in Council Chambers. I would just like to echo what Mr. Fete had said in regards to the Health Department. I was Fortunate enough to take my 88-year-old father to get his Covid vaccine. The Health Department did a wonderful job. There were also some folks out there helping out. Matt Tharp with the New Philadelphia Fire Department gave my father his vaccine. Also, Alex McCarthy was out there with his assistant keeping things running smoothly. You could see the collaborative spirit that was at this event.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

I'll be meeting this week with the Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, and Service Director in reference to the 2021 budget. We may even meet next week too, we're trying to trim the fat before we present it to Council. I need to set a Committee meeting on February 8, 2021. We have four meetings to get this through Council and passed. We have to pass it by March 30, 2021.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

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

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

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Committee met tonight at 7:01 PM. We had several items on the Agenda. The first item was to recognize to Victim Advocate. The second item was a request for water service on Blake Avenue. I will ask the President of Council to have the Clerk run a roll call for that. The next issue was the Sign Removal Ordinance. I'm going to have the Law Director draw up the Ordinance for the next Council Meeting. We did table two items: the Nuisance Ordinance and the bow and arrow and crossbow issue, which we'll discuss at later Committee Meetings. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO DENY ACCESS TO WATER AT 811 BLAKE AVE
7 YEAS
ACCESS TO WATER AT 811 BLACK AVE HAS BEEN DENIED BY COUNCIL

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Committee met at 6:45 this evening. The first thing we discussed was the reappointment of Chris Bauer to the Airport Commission. We discussed it and voted unanimously to add that to the next Meeting’s Agenda. We also discussed the reappointment of Alex McCarthy and added that to the next Meeting for 1st Reading, as well as the Resolution to reappoint Josh Limbacher to the Airport Commission. We also discussed Resolution 5 and 6 which pertains to the Trail Grant Application. It was voted 2-1 to add that to tonight’s Agenda. We’re asked for that one to be passed on 1st Reading.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

President Kemp had the following comment:

I have a commitment on the 8th of February. I know if our Council doesn’t meet on Monday it can meet on Thursday. Would it be okay to move the Meeting from Monday the 8th to Thursday the 11th?

Mr. Zucal made a motion to move the Meeting from Monday to Thursday. Mr. Ricklic seconded the motion. Mr. Maurer told Mr. Kemp he could fill in for him as President Pro Temp on Monday the 8th and Mr. Kemp agreed. Mr. Zucal and Mr. Ricklic rescinded their motions.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

- 5-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BICYCLE AND

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY PROJECT, PHASE 1 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND BE IN FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE TO MEET THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM DEADLINE.

1st Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR RULES TO BE SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 5-2021

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 5-2021

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 5-2021

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)

RESOLUTION 5-2021 HAS PASSED

6-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) AND/ OR THE CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND (COTF) FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING A TRAIL GRANT.

1st Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 6-2021

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 6-2021

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 6-2021

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)

RESOLUTION 6-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I'd like to ask the Administration that if possible we could have a copier available available for the Clerk on Council nights. Her copy machine only makes single copies. Tonight there were so many things I needed to copy and I came early but unfortunately no one was here.

Mayor Day agreed that the Clerk should have a key to have access to a copier.

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:12 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp