

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 24, 2021 WITH PRESIDENT 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 ABSENCES

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 20-2021, RESOLUTION 21-2021, AND RESOLUTION 22-2021 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 20-2021, RESOLUTION 21-2021, AND RESOLUTION 22-2021 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA AS AMENDED
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 10, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE MAY 10, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from President Kemp, dated May 14, 2021. This is a forwarded email from Auditor Gundy and it says "Don, could you please assign this to a Committee." President Kemp assigned the request from Beth to the Finance Committee.*
2. *To Councilman Ricklic from President Kemp, dated May 21, 2021. This is a forwarded email from Law Director Fete. It states "Mr. President, please assign the following to the Safety, Health, and Services Committee. Resolution 22-2021 needs passed ASAP so that repairs can be made to the airport. It states "Kelly, please take this request into your Committee."*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 24, 2021. This is the Mayor's Report.*

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

City Hall's Mask Mandate Ends on June 2 nd The mask requirement to enter the John Knisely Municipal Centre (City Hall) will end on Wednesday June 2nd, the day Governor Dewine's remaining

COVID-19 health orders will expire. City Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno and myself agree that protocols like hand sanitizing stations and daily disinfection of the customer areas of City Hall should continue beyond that date. The pandemic has taught us that frequent hand washing and disinfection were also effective deterrents of the spread of colds and flu.

Please Show your Appreciation of New Philadelphia's "Thin Blue Line" I want to bring to your attention the fact that the pandemic has resulted in a marked increase in calls being answered by the men and women of the City Police Department. Last week alone, in two days, our police responded to over 70 incidents, ranging from domestic violence, drug overdoses, mental illness and traffic accidents. And because we are located on an exit off of Interstate 77, our city is a frequent stop for drug dealers, human traffickers and the homeless. Given that, we depend upon our police officers for crime prevention and business and neighborhood protection. Their jobs are not getting easier. In fact, I expect them to be more difficult as summer sets in. So, I am asking the churches in our community to include our local law enforcers in their prayers, and for residents and businesses to thank them at every opportunity. Back the Blue. They need our encouragement.

Demolition at the Joy Redevelopment Site on Schedule Officials of the county's Economic Development and Finance Alliance (port authority) report that the demolition of the buildings at the Joy Redevelopment property on Mill Avenue SW is now expected to be completed by the end of August. They told me that the Ohio EPA will begin removing contaminated soil from the site in early September when the water table is low. That will minimize the risk of exposing ground water to the soil. Meanwhile, 4Ward Planning of Pittsburgh, the firm hired by the EDFA to do a marketing and financial feasibility study of the site's potential, is scheduled to begin its work in June.

Reconstruction of City Basketball Courts set to begin in July Vasco Sports of Massillon plans to begin the reconstruction of the City's three basketball courts on July 12th. Vasco is the same company that rebuilt the city tennis courts at Tuscora Park. The basketball courts, two at the park and the third at the old South School on South Broadway, will carry the same color scheme as the tennis courts. The project's estimated cost was around \$88,000.00.

Funding came from the following sources: - \$15,000.0 from the City's Parks and Recreation Department - \$25,000.00 from the Rosenberry Foundation - \$45,000.00 from the Reeves Foundation - At least \$1,000.00 from the New Philadelphia boys' and girls' varsity basketball programs' fundraisers. The basketball court project is the second phase of the City Park Board's three phase plan for outdoor recreation upgrades at Tuscora Park. Phase three will be construction of pickle ball courts and a new restroom facility in the grassy area just north of the tennis courts.

Tuscora Park is Ready to Reopen for the Summer Season The City's Parks and Recreation Department and RTY are putting the finishing touches on their plans for the official summer reopening of Tuscora Park on Friday May 28th. Right now, the swimming pool will be open daily from 11:30 am to 7pm. The hours could be adjusted if lifeguards are not available. The rides will be open on weekends from Noon until 9pm and weekdays from 4pm to 9pm. The main concession stand's hours are from 11am to 9pm. And the new RTY Park Place Youth Center and welcome center will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 11am to 7pm. RTY's Summer Showcase season opens on Sunday May 30th at 7pm with a performance by the New Philadelphia High School's Jazz and Steel Drums bands. For updates on what's going on at Tuscora Park during the summer, visit the park's website at www.tuscorapark.com. I want to thank members of the New Philadelphia Rotary Club for the work they've done over the past two weeks to get the park ready for its reopening.

Grants Awarded to Trumpet in the Land, the Rotary Heritage Fund and the Kent State PAC The Mayor's office has awarded three more \$2,000 grants to help local organizations reopen from their forced closures last year due to the coronavirus pandemic. In its' application, the Trumpet in the Land outdoor drama said it will use the grant to purchase signage and sanitation supplies. The Rotary Heritage Fund applied for a grant because it was unable to hold its annual fundraisers to support facade improvements to downtown buildings.

The third grant went to the Kent State - Tuscarawas Performing Arts Center, which also lost substantial revenue because of the cancellation of its fall and winter seasons. In its application, PAC executive director David Mitchell said the grant will be used to purchase television advertising of upcoming PAC events. The grant money comes from lodging tax dollars paid to the City by local hotels and motels. City Council appropriated \$10,000 into the Mayor's office budget to help art-based and tourism organizations in the City recover from being shut down during the pandemic.

Soap Box Derby Returns to New Philadelphia Our City will be hosting the 66th running of the Tuscarawas County Soap Box Derby on the weekend of June 27th. This marks the annual event's return to New Philadelphia. The derby will be held on Wabash Avenue NW. Racers will go down Wabash Hill to the finish line adjacent to Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium. I encourage you to attend the event to show your support of the racers and to thank members of the Derby Association for bringing the derby back to our town.

Good Luck to Graduating Seniors On behalf of residents and businesses in New Philadelphia, I want to congratulate the high school graduates in our town. We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best in your journey forward. Your final school year was one we will all remember.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

We're continuing to work at the Southside Park. If we all remember there were 80 items on the punch list. There are 14 items remaining on the punch list. Nothing real big, some electrical items needed fixed but those got corrected on Friday. It did pass ECOBA on a few bathrooms with some electrical items. There were some streets that needed to be cleaned, nothing major, just 14 minor items needed completed and will be completed soon. Also, the cemetery office, the wall has been put up. The phone will ring at the new office starting at the end of business day tomorrow. Supt. Herron had a call list that had been going on ever since the residents had learned about the new opportunity there. In the past five days 25 lots have been sold. Next week we will pave that area and landscaping will be done either this week or the week after. We have a preconstruction meeting on Lakeview scheduled for this coming Thursday at 2:00 PM. At that time I hopefully can report back a starting date and what end they may start at when they come across Wabash Ave. with a crosswalk. On the Gas Line Projects, I talked with them yesterday. All the main line is in, now they have over 67 services put in. Now it will be reclamations moving forward. All the main line is installed, almost 1700 feet of line.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

Mr. McAbier, I know your plate is really full and I know it's full for the General Services Department. I continue to hear from the residents up on Chauncey NW about the situation with the asphalt that continues to crumble. I spoke with the Trunks the other day just looking for something to remediate that issue. They know it doesn't happen overnight, but maybe a long term plan.

Mr. McAbier said he would address that issue when they come to it. There are a lot of streets that have worse problems than Chauncey Ave.

Mr. Maurer had the following question:

I had an email from a constituent concerning Southside Park. The area from Springbrook Dr. to York Dr. there are no sidewalks. Has the City considered doing something for that area?

Mr. McAbier said it's way too early to start thinking about that. Anything we do is based off of funding. Mayor Day said a lot of that property belongs to Goshen Township so we need cooperation from them. Mayor Day said the Park Department doesn't handle the sidewalks that is handled by General Services.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

I would like to thank the Dover Police Department and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Department for helping our police department last week when they were extremely busy. Secondly, we are doing an agility test as part of our hiring procedure tomorrow night and hopefully within the next month we will have two additional police officers. Another note in the police department is that they have reached their goal for the canine officer. \$22,000 was the goal that was set and that goal has been met. So, I'd like to thank everyone who made donations and contributions to the Second Canine Fund. In the Fire Department the new chassis refurbished box ambulance is now in service. The Police Department has been extremely busy with extremely serious calls. On Friday they arrested a subject in New Phila who had two attempted murder charges in Stark County against him. Last week an individual had his throat cut. With all the mental health issues out there they are just busier with more serious calls than what they've ever been.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

Where is the physical agility test going to be administered?

Mr. Popham had the following answer:

At Tuscora Park

TREASURER MR. TOM GERBER

Mr. Gerber had the following report:

I live on the Southside of New Phila. I noticed as I was coming to Council the new basketball courts by the City garage. There were at least twenty to twenty five students there playing. After I passed that I drove by the Waterworks. It was packed with cars and the fields were packed with students. The reason I bring this up is that City Council has done everything possible to help the youth of our City.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

Today I had a very productive meeting with the judge, the Chief of Police, the Court Administrator, and the Income Tax Administrator. What we're trying to do is go after people who are not filing their taxes. Once they file and we know whether or not they owe us money we have a mechanism in place to collect that money, which is by going through the Attorney General's Office. We won't prosecuting those cases, but we are prosecuting cases where people haven't filed because that's the only recourse that you have. Among the things that came out of that Meeting was we were going to look at whether or not we can legally serve people with a process server. Criminal complaints have to be personally served. I'm also looking to see what other areas are doing. I can't imagine we're the only ones who have trouble processing these things through. I also informed the judge and I want to inform Council that the Ohio Attorney General's Office informed us that our Victim Advocate Program is being cut from \$42,000 to \$27,000 this year. The Victim Advocate Program comes out of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). This is a Federal Act where the money is derived from people who are convicted of white collar crimes. That money goes toward this act and is distributed to the states. Apparently the state isn't getting enough money so they're cutting everybody. I spoke to the County about it and they've been cut so significantly. They've got three Victim Advocates and with the money they're being allowed to take for next year they can only afford one. We're going to have to look at alternative sources of funding. I'm also looking at the Reeves Foundation. I'm open to any other type of grant money to help us keep this program. We may have to get creative and look at the CELOCS funding. I'm asking for assistance from the State but this is a federal program. At some point in time I might need this assigned to a Committee.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting on June 8, 2021 here in Council Chambers. We're still developing the Agenda.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting on Tuesday, June 8 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

I would ask for support from members of Council as we approve legislation for the Hangar. Also, anyone is welcome to join us at our next meeting. We will be touring the basement of Harry Clever Field. We have been having some problems recently with water dripping down the walls. We need to explore making sure that that system is waterproof and we're not having any issues with mold growing there as well.

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

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Health Board has had its recent challenges with some of the legislation that continues to impact us in regards to trying to have greater control at the State level over our City

Health Department. At our most recent meeting Mrs. Ionno reported that we definitely made an impact at the State Level. I'm very confident to walk away from that believing that our health department will be exempt from any of those challenges at the local level.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

Just a reminder to members of Council and Administration that we will be having a Salary Committee Meeting on June 14th. We want to go through the process of recognizing some of the accomplishments of some retirees; Mike Pearch from the Fire Department, and Ann Proctor from the City Health Department.

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 tonight at 6:00 PM. We had five items on our agenda: a snowplow, airport maintenance, the Nuisance Ordinance, the Auction Resolution. Those four items were approved out of Committee and will be on the Agenda either this evening or at the June 14 Council Meeting. The fifth item was the Goshen Township Service Contract. We had some good discussion between Council and Administration. I will be getting with the Law Director to see about some items that we could present at the next Council Meeting at 6:30 PM during my Committee Meeting. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

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

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

A have a few comments. The first is as we celebrate Memorial Day we typically think about those who served the Country as members of the armed forces. I also would like to think and hope that as we celebrate Memorial Day that we also remember our first responders and those in the medical profession who’ve lost their lives through this Covid pandemic. In many ways I believe they’re very much heroes too who gave their all to help those in need. I know we can look across the State and Nation at the number of doctors, nurses, and first responders who lost their lives.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize 32 students from New Philadelphia City Schools Central Elementary and Welty Middle School for volunteering to plant flowers in the downtown quadrant. It was really redeeming to see our young people giving freely their time after school to get that accomplished. They’ve learned how to give back to their community. The kids did a fabulous job and they had a lot of fun.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

8-2021 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL WOF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FROM INDUSTRIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE.
4th Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 8-2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 8-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

9-2021 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA,
OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES IN THE
CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS
ZONE.
4th Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 9-2021
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 9-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

12-2021 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW
PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO AMEND CODIFIED ORDINANCE
549.10 SLINGSHOT; BOW AND ARROW
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

14-2021 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OHIO
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES FOR THE PY 2021 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND
PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING ORDC TO
SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE PY 2021 CHIP ON BEHALF OF THE
CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA
2nd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION
14-2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 14-2021

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 14-2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 14-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

19-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE,
OHIO FOR THE PY 2021 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND
PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM
2nd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION
19-2021
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 19-2021

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 19-2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 19-2021 HAS PASSED

20-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD THE ANNUAL CITY AUCTION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 AT 6:00 PM
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 20-2021

MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 20-2021

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 20-2021

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RESOLUTION 20-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

21-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FYDA FREIGHTLINER WESTERN STAR ZANESVILLE TO PURCHASE A FREIGHTLINER 108SD SNOW PLOW TRUCK THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$159,900.00
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 21-2021

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 21-2021

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 21-2021

MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RESOLUTION 21-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

22-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO TRANSFER UP TO \$35,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND #101 TO THE AIRPORT HANGAR MAINTENANCE FUND #475-7500-3501, FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS NEEDED AT THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HARRY CLEVER FIELD AIRPORT
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 22-2021

MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 22-2021

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-2021

MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RESOLUTION 22-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Holland had the following statement:

The President had asked me to begin working on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and begin a listing of those projects to be considered. I'd like to remind Council of that and ask you if you have any projects for the Mayor or Service Director to consider. If you could send me a note on that please.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

What are the parameters for that money to be spent?

Mr. Holland had the following reply:

Mrs. Gundy had sent out some guidelines.

Mr. Zucal asked for the Chauncey Ave. Project to be considered and Service Director McAbier said it can't be used for that.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kemp had the following comment:

I'd like to piggyback on the Mayor and congratulate all the 2021 high school graduates and wish them all the success in the world.

Mrs. Ramos motioned to adjourn at 8:19 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp