

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 24TH, 2014 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING.

MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX  
MR. DAN LANZER  
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER  
MR. ROB MAURER  
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS  
MS. WINNIE WALKER  
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK ANNOUNCED SAFETY DIRECTOR GREG POPHAM, SERVICE DIRECTOR JAMES ZUCAL AND THE NEW TREASURER TOM GERBER ARE EXCUSED FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING.

MR. JOHN ZUCAL MADE A MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCE 26-2014 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA  
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL 7 YEAS  
MOTION PASSED ORDINANCE 26-2014 HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA.  
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL 7 YEAS  
MOTION PASSED

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2014.  
MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS  
MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

**CORRESPONDENCE** . . . . . CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. Request to the President of Council dated November 20th, 2014 in regard to DJW Development Phase 4 to assign to Committee a request to review and accept the final plat for DJW Development Phase 4 from Amy Gilland, Assistant Service Director.
2. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for November 10th, 2014
3. Salary Committee Meeting Minutes from October 9th, 2014
4. "TRAFFIC ADVISORY" dated November 18th, 2014 from ODOT.  
West High Avenue is scheduled to reopen at noon on Thursday November 20th, 2014.
5. New Philadelphia Fire Department Report for October 2014.
6. A Notice to Legislative Authorities from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control dated November 7th, 2014 in regard to permit renewal objections. All permits to sell alcoholic beverages in our political subdivision will expire on February 1st, 2014 in order to maintain privileges every permit holder must file a renewal application.
7. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for November 2014 dated November 21st, 2014

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor apologized for not having a written report for this evening.

The Mayor reported the following:

- West High Avenue opened last Thursday at 12:00 o'clock.
- The Mayor hosted the Lighting Ceremony in the square last week-end.

The children sang like Angels, we had a Steel Band there.  
Debbie Knisely and the NPBCA should be commended for helping to set this up.  
Mayor Johnson also thanked Ray Grewell, the traffic guys, the park staff, who spent a lot time cleaning up, and all others that helped make that night a success.

- The downtown parade is scheduled for December 5th, 2014 and the Mayor announced we might have a visit from the jolly fat guy.
- The Mayor reported that we received a certificate from AEP  
A Certificate of Recognition recognizes the City of New Philadelphia for the commitment to energy efficiency and environment by taking part in the AEP Ohio Savings Incentive Programs for Businesses in 2013. As a result of our leadership we will save 3,229.04 Kilowatts or 250 tons of CO2 annually. Ohio AEP thanks us for being an energy efficient leader by participating in this program. The certificate was signed by Andrew McCabe, Manager Commercial and Industrial Programs AEP Ohio.
- The Mayor announced that Keith Limbacher is leaving the City at the end of the month, he is taking another job which left the Cemetery job open we interviewed one person and that was Kelly Herron. Kelly said he would step up and help us out.  
Right now Mr. Herron is not needed at the park he is going to be the full time Superintendent  
We will have to look in the Spring to hiring someone to assist Rod Miller.
- The Mayor commented that we as Council should start look at the Managers.  
The Mayor stated, he is losing them right and left. He cannot hire some with license in water and wastewater because they want more money than we are paying our managers.  
The Mayor thinks it is time we take a serious look and help these people out. "The Non-bargaining work hard and get more dumped on them every day."
- *Mayor Johnson wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.*

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL  
EXCUSED ABSENCE

The Mayor reported on behalf of the Service Director.

- Updated Council on the West High Widening Project:  
*WEST HIGH AVENUE WAS OPENED AT NOON ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20TH, 2014.*

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

President of Council Sam Hitchcock thanked Ms. Gundy for her presentation for tonight's Special Council Meeting held at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM.....NO REPORT  
EXCUSED ABSENCE

TREASURER . . . . .MR. TOM GERBER .....NO REPORT  
EXCUSED ABSENCE

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MARVIN FETE

The Law Director reported the following:

- The Law Director reported that he modified the Fixed Base Operator's Lease and he is waiting for the Service Director to return from his vacation to to get a final approval
- Requested Council hold for one more reading Amended Ordinance 23-2014.

There is a difference of opinion between the Law Director and Matt Baker with our Consulting Firm on some language in the provision that is going to have a significant impact on at least one employee.

The Law Director is waiting to hear from Mr. Baker.

(The Law Director wants Mr. Baker's input on this issue before he signs off on the final version.)

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

Mayor David Johnson announced that the Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled for the Month of December.

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL**

Ms. Amy Gilland Assistant Service Director announced that the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, December 9th, 2014 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, there is one variance request.

**AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL**

Mr. Zucal announced that the Airport Commission Meeting has been cancelled for the month of December 2014. The next scheduled meeting is January 13th, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Airport Meeting Room.

**PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER**

Mr. Lautenschleger announced that the regular scheduled meeting of the Park Board for last Wednesday was cancelled it will be rescheduled and the date is forthcoming and he will report that as soon as he has it.

**HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX**

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is Wednesday, December 10th, 2014 at 12:00 (Noon) at Magoo's Restaurant 1816 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MS. SANDY COX**

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee is December 8th, 2014 at 7:15 PM in Council Chambers in regards to Ordinance 27-2014.

**SALARY COMMITTEE .....MR. JOHN ZUCAL**

Mr. Zucal reported that the Salary Committee met this evening at 7:15 PM in Council Chambers in attendance were Mr. Zucal, Mr. Lanzer, and Ms. Walker.

There was one item addressed, Proposed Ordinance 26-2014 - to repeal Ordinance 14-2012 to rescind the job tax credit agreement with Select Energy Services. The committee voted unanimously to accept the proposed ordinance and place it on tonight's agenda and recommended suspension of rules and passage on the first reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

**SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER**

Mr. Maurer reported that the Safety Health & Service Committee met tonight at 6:00 PM to discuss 2 items.

First item was Water, Sewer, and Sanitation rates.

The Service Director has recommended that there be no increase in water and sewer.

However, a \$1 increase per month on sanitation due to increases in fuel, tipping fees, truck repairs and personnel beginning in February. (The tipping fees increased by 25% in 2014)

It has been 3 years since our last increase to the Citizens.

The Committee voted 2 to 1 to have an ordinance drawn up and are recommending Council approve the increase.

Second item was the Animals and Fowl Ordinance more specifically (Dog Ordinance).

The Committee is going to accept the Safety Director and the Law Director's

Recommendation on what their improvements were and what we can do better to serve our citizens.

**PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ...MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER....NO REPORT**

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

President of Council Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Zoning and Annexation Committee

The request DJW Development Phase 4.

**SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE ..... MR. DAN LANZER....NO REPORT**

**PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE .....MS. WINNIE WALKER....NO REPORT**

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:**

NONE

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCES:**

**AMENDED**

- 23-2014 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 39-97 AND RECOGNIZE THE CITY HANDBOOK APPROVED BY COUNCIL IN 2007 AS THE OFFICIAL POLICY GUIDE FOR ALL NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (4<sup>TH</sup> READING)
- 25-2014 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)
- 26-2014 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 14-2012 AND RESCIND THE JOB TAX CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SELECT ENERGY SERVICES TO OFFER A THREE YEAR TAX CREDIT FOR INCOME TAXES AS THE RESULT OF NEW JOBS CREATED WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013, 2014, AND 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1<sup>ST</sup> READING)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Zucal  
Seconded by Mr. Lanzer  
Roll call, 7 yeas  
Suspension of the rules has passed for Ordinance 26-2014
- Motion to vote on passage by Mr. Zucal  
Seconded by Ms. Cox  
Roll call, 7 yeas  
Ordinance 26-2014 has passed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 34-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO AUTHORIZE NO RATE INCREASE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)
- 35-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND WILLIAM STEWART FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 12, 1994 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2014. (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)
- 36-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND SHELDON DEMATTIO FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM NOVEMBER 27, 1983 TO SEPTEMBER 19, 2014. (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)
- 37-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND BRIAN GRAHAM FOR HIS 35 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 26, 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 23, 2014. (2<sup>ND</sup> READING)

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

Comment from the Mayor:

“Last meeting I had asked you to assign request for funding for the two new positions.”

Reply from the President of Council Sam Hitchcock:

That has been assigned to the Salary Committee

Comment from the Mayor:

I would like to get that underway by the first of the year.

Comment from Mr. John Zucal:

Our plan is to have that meeting as quickly as possible.  
We wanted to wait until we heard the Auditor's Report.  
So we would have a clearer financial picture.  
We will be moving on that quickly.

Request from the Mayor:

And would you please assign to Committee Retiree Commendations for Mr. Bob Lipinski.

Reply from the President of Council Sam Hitchcock:

President of Council Sam Hitchcock assigned that to the Salary Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Comment from Mr. John Zucal:

Being in the Community that was once near and dear to the heart of Wayne Woodrow Hayes all we can say is beat that team up north.

*"GO BUCKS"*

Comment from the President of Council Sam Hitchcock:

President of Council Sam Hitchcock wished everyone a *"Happy Thanksgiving."*

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:53 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_