

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 24, 2022 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
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MR. MITCH PACE
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

EXCUSED ABSENSES

MR. KELLY RICKLIC
AUDITOR BETH GUNDY
SAFETY DIRECTOR GREG POPHAM

- MRS. LANZER MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 33-2022 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 33-2022 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF RESOLUTION 33-2022
MR. SELDENRIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED
- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Gerber, dated October 11, 2022. This is the September 2022 Deposits to the General Account.*
2. *To Councilwoman Ramos and President Kemp from Assistant to the Service Director Jonalee Fernatt, dated October 11, 2022. This is an email titled “Parklane Bid from Tucson”.*
3. *To Councilmembers from Mayor Day, dated October 11, 2022. This is an email titled IAFF Vote Reports. This email was replied to by Councilman Holland.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated October 19, 2022. This is an email titled “Questions from Ward 4 City Councilman Jim Seldenright”. It states : Councilmembers, below are the replies to the questions from Councilman Seldenright related to the proposed Goshen Twp. Location of the new homeless shelter”.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Larry Lowdermilk, Information Specialist for the City of New Philadelphia, dated October 21, 2022. This is an email titled 237 16th St. NE Request Water Service to a Township Parcel.*
6. *To President Kemp from Law Director Fete, dated October 21, 2022. This is an email titled “Urgent, please assign for Monday” with Resolution 33-2022 as the attachment. President Kemp asked Mr. Lanzer to take the legislation into his Committee.*
7. *To Council and Administration from Service Director McAbier, dated October 24, 2022. This is an email titled “Proposed Restrooms at Tuscora Park”*
8. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated October 24, 2022. The Mayor’s Report*

*President Kemp noted that Mr. Lowdermilk’s request had been assigned to Mr. Lanzer’s Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

➤ Special Recognition of Two City Employees:

As you've heard me say before, one of the great joys of being mayor is to recognize City employees for their achievements and for going the extra mile to help our citizens. I want to honor two of our employees tonight: Police Officer Jenn Horner and Assistant General Services Superintendent Mike Pyle.

You may know Officer Horner as the City's School Resource Officer. But recently she revealed that she is also an amazing athlete. The proclamation I am giving her tonight (Monday) tells the story. Mayor Day read the Proclamation for Officer Horner for her participation in the Peace Officer Memorial Run in California, wearing her full uniform for this 13.5 mile race, and received two medals. Mayor Day Proclaimed Monday, October 24 as "Officer Horner Appreciation Day".

I think that if you would ask him what he enjoys most about working for the City, Assistant Superintendent Pyle would say "helping people." The certificate of commendation I am presenting to him tonight (Monday) clearly illustrates that. Mayor Day read how Mr. Pyle took it upon himself to replace the wheel of a resident's trash can when she called to say it was broken during trash pick-up.

You can see copies of both commendations at newphila.com in the Mayor's Report section.

Both Officer Horner and Mr. Pyle were in attendance and were presented their awards.

➤ Honoring the Traffic Box Wrap Artists:

Tonight (Monday), we are honored to have with us the high school artists who created the designs for the traffic box wraps in downtown New Philadelphia. The City would like to present each student with a Certificate of Recognition for their contributions to our growing downtown public art gallery.

The certificate identifies each student "for reimagining the everyday use of the Downtown New Philadelphia traffic boxes into creative visual art displays of original work. Your work helps the City of New Philadelphia look brighter and a place we are proud to be a part of."

Students, when I call your name, please come forward to receive your certificate:

Rae Ann Haring of New Philadelphia High School, Marlee Shepard and Nicholas Carpuso of Indian Valley High School, Nora Bryon of Dover High School, Olivia Swigert of Claymont High School and Buckeye Career Center, and Vanessa Hernandez of Strasburg High School.

➤ Revisions to the City's Zoning and Signage Codes to Get Underway:

Upon the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, Compass Point Planning of Blue Ash, Ohio has been contracted to update the City's zoning and signage regulations. Compass Point was one of two companies that answered a Request for Proposal issued this past July. The work will get underway on Tuesday, November 1st in a meeting with the Planning Commission and members of the Mayor's Property Review Committee. Compass Point has done similar work for the cities of Wooster, Vandalia, Xenia, Tipp City and North Olmstead. Future work sessions will be conducted with City Council and New Philadelphia residents and businesses. The process will take about a year to complete at a cost of \$48,000.00. Half of that amount will be paid this year from the Mayor's Economic Development budget line. Many sections of the City's zoning and signage codes have not been updated since 1987.

➤ Ohio EPA Sends the Bill for Operating the City Water Plant:

Have you ever wondered how much the Ohio EPA charges the City to operate its water plant, or the number of service connections that are in the City? This morning (Monday), the Ohio EPA sent an email notification that revealed both numbers. According to the OEPA's fee structure, the City of New Philadelphia will be paying \$10,986.66 to receive its 2023 License to Operate (LTO). That's based on the number of service connections in the City, which the OEPA says is 8,199. The email asked that the Water Department confirm that number before the invoice is sent in November.

➤ Halloween Trick or Treat Night Is This Saturday:

The annual Halloween Trick or Treat Night will be held this Saturday, October 29th from 6pm to 8pm. Please be aware of kids crossing the streets at crosswalks. City police will be on patrol. If you're suspicious of any candy your child receives, take it to the police station at 122 2nd Street SE.

Service Director Ron McAbier:

I want to go over the Park Lane Waterline Project that started last Tuesday. They were there a few days last week and then went over to the new hotel to tie the water

and sewer line. You won't see much going on there until Thursday. They assured us that they'd still be able to make it to where they'll get that paved. Also, next Monday, the 31st General Services will concentrate on leaves. Make sure you have leaves in the curb strip, not in the road. Also, we have a third of our 2200 tons of salt. We should have the rest of it by the end of this week, so we're getting ready for the Winter season. Also, I'd like to report on the backhoe that we passed an emergency ordinance on. That has come in and has been put into service. We also received the dump truck for the water department.

Mr. Pace had the following question:
Have you heard back on the grant for the skate park?

Mr. McAbier:
No, I have not.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following comment:
I'd like to request an executive session to brief council on pending litigation.

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TONIGHT'S
COUNCIL MEETING
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL
MEETING FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY
The Planning Commission will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of next month at 1:00 PM. Tentatively
We will discuss the presentation given to us by Compass Point Planning. They'll be in town next week
To start the study of our zoning and sign regulations.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER
The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet November 8th at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers. Right
Now there's one variance request we will be discussing.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT
The Airport Commission will be Meeting November 15 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE

The Park Board met Wednesday, October 19th at the Park Pavilion. We discussed the Waterworks Field Project that is currently underway. That should be completed within the next week. We also Talked about the Field 2 dugouts. The current dugouts will be torn down and new dugouts will be Built, probably starting around mid-November. A new item that was discussed by the Park Board was A rainbow trout stocking program at the Tuscora Park Pond. I've been working with the ODNR to set Up the agreement. Once we get the agreement set up, it's a zero dollar agreement with the City, but We'll get roughly 600 or 800 trout stocked in the Tuscora Park pond that can be caught and kept. Lastly I want to congratulate head coach Mike Johnson and the varsity football team on a victory Over Dover on Friday. Great game and good luck Friday night against Canfield.

*Mr. McAbier noted that the agreement for the trout with the ODNR has been okayed as Written by Law Director Fete.

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND

The Health Board met on Wednesday, September 14th at noon here in Council Chambers. Covid is on the decline in New Philadelphia. There were 170 new Covid cases in August, there were 110 new cases in September. Based on the Current reporting system we anticipate that the count for this month will be Even lower. Everyone is still encouraged to follow the safety guidelines that Are published by the Center for Disease Control. All vaccines including the 3rd booster are available in the City Health Department from 6 months and older as Well as Covid testing kits. Appointments for vaccines can be made by contacting The City Health Department. Anyone that's self-testing positive should self Quarantine for a period of at least 5 days and then wear a mask for 5 days. The New Philadelphia Health Department also has flu vaccines that are available for New Philadelphia residents on a walk-in basis.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.....MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

We met immediately following the Public Hearing this evening at 7:02 and we had two items to discuss. The first item was Resolution 33-2022, which was concerning applying for an ODNR grant for restrooms closest to the Pickball Courts at Tuscora Park. We voted unanimously to add that to tonight's Agenda with recommended passage on 1st Reading. The next item was a Water Service Request

for a township parcel not able to be annexed into the City. We voted unanimously for that to be added for a Roll Call vote during my Committee Comments.

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR WATER SERVICE REQUEST
4 YEAS, 2 NAYS (MR. HOLLAND AND MR. PACE)
THE REQUEST WAS APPROVED

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

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

SALARY COMMITTEE.....MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT.....NO REPORT

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

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS.....NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS

President Kemp had the following comment:

Yesterday I had the opportunity to attend the Dedication of the Mural that's on the side of Jim's Place on West High Ave. I think that's the fifth mural that she has done in the City. I urge everyone to take a look at it. Each of the letters depicts something significant about our City. We've got Goshen Dairy, Shoenbrunn, so many things represented in that New Philadelphia sign.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

16-2022 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE PARCEL 43-04799-000 IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FROM INDUSTRIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE.
4th Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 16-2022
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 16-2022 HAS BEEN APPROVED

20-2022 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO DESIGNATE APPROXIMATELY 1450 FEET OF AN UNNAMED ALLEY OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 525 FEET IS UNDEVELOPED ON THE WEST SIDE OF 5th STREET NW TO ANOTHER UNNAMED ALLEY, AS LOCKSMITH LANE SW.
3rd Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 20-2022
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 20-2022 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

30-2022 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PER THE ODOD BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DEMOLISHING EXISTING DILAPIDATED AND UNSAFE STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA.
3rd Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 30-2022
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 30-2022 HAS BEEN APPROVED

33-2022

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM AS ADMINISTERED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND UPON AWARD OF THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD BIDS FOR THE TUSCORA PARK RESTROOM FACILITY.

1st Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 33-2022

MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS

MR. PACE MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 33-2022

MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS

RESOLUTION 33-2022 HAS BEEN APPROVED

COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR A 5 MINUTE BREAK AT 8:05 PM BEFORE GOING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:10 PM. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:19PM

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp

