

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 27, 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
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCES

MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MAYOR DAY
SERVICE DIRECTOR MCABIER

- SAFETY DIRECTOR POPHAM REQUESTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REQUEST

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATION SECTION OF TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Councilmembers from President Kemp, dated December 14, 2021. This is an email titled New Phila. Council Assignments 2022.*
2. *To Councilmembers from Mayor Day, dated December 20, 2021. This is an email from the Rotary titled "Information on the Restoration of Storybook Lane."*
3. *To Council and Administration from Lori McCahill at the Service Director's Office, dated December 21, 2021. This is an email titled "2022 Vehicle Purchase List" and it has that as the attachment.*

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

President Kemp gave the following report on the Mayor's behalf:

- 2021 was the Year of the New Philadelphia City Health Department: The coronavirus pandemic continued to challenge the operations and resolve of every City department in 2021. But none more than the New Philadelphia City Health Department. If you remember, back in March the department received notice that a move was afoot in the Ohio Legislature to close health departments in cities with a population of less than 50,000. With the help of City Council, the New Philadelphia community and State Senator Jay Hottinger, Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno and her staff took on the fight to keep our health department open, in the midst of contact tracing, giving COVID-19 vaccinations, giving guidance to our school systems, compiling accreditation data and performing their other public health duties. As you know, the effort was successful. But the pandemic gave no time to rest. Our health department, and its staff of eight employees, then launched its weekly vaccination clinics at Tuscora Park and in August, completed the upload of the documents necessary to become an accredited department. Because of another surge of cases in the City, the Health Department remains on the front line of the fight to end the pandemic. I urge you to continue to show your support of the staff and their efforts. In my mind, this year the New Philadelphia Health Department earned the title of "The Hardest Working Health Department in Ohio."
- Amid the Pandemic, New Philadelphia Continued to Thrive I want to express my sincere gratitude to City Council for the many City improvements the members supported this year, among them: • Completion of the Phase 1 project at the Southside Community Park • Completion of the new Schoenbrunn Meadow Cemetery • Construction of new sidewalk and curbs on Lakeview Avenue NW, and a lighted pedestrian crosswalk on Wabash Avenue. • Helping to secure City ownership of the land at the southeast end of the runway at Harry Clever Field • Supporting tax abatement legislation to help the multi-million-dollar hotel project get underway on West High Avenue and the multi-million-dollar expansion of the Crane Carrier electric vehicle manufacturing plant on Reiser Avenue SE. As Council members, you should be proud of all that you have accomplished this year on behalf of the citizens and businesses in New Philadelphia. Speaking for them all, I say "thank you."
- Honoring the Service of Councilmen Rob Maurer and John Zucal Tonight, marks the final Council meeting for Councilmen Rob Maurer and John Zucal. Throughout their years of service, they were never bashful about expressing their love for this community and their principle of doing what they believed was the right thing for New Philadelphia. Over Mr. Maurer's twenty-year tenure, and Mr. Zucal's twelve-year tenure, they have played key roles in the City's growth and were wise stewards of taxpayers' dollars. Thank you for your service to New Philadelphia. Well done. As a token of the City's appreciation of your time on Council, I would like to present you with these "Key to the City" plaques.

*President Kemp presented Key to the City plaques to Mr. Maurer and Mr. Zucal on the Mayor's behalf.

- HAPPY NEW YEAR NEW PHILADELPHIA! Remain patient and positive. 2022 will bring us new challenges, but also new opportunities to grow and improve our City!

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....NO REPORT

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE
Mr. Fete stated that he'd like to reserve his comments for the accolades portion of this evening.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

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

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

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

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

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY
The Cemetery Board meeting this month has been cancelled.

HEALTH BOARD MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Health Board continues to be stressed by the various strains of the pandemic. Our Health Department is currently experiencing a shortage on the Rapid Response Test Kits due to the large number of people who have requested them. We do make every attempt to make those available to anyone who requests them. We also want to make people understand that if you test every single day for a week you're probably not going to get any different results. Please be aware that others may need those for testing.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

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

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... .MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact committee met this evening at 7:15 with one item to discuss. It was a Liquor License Request from Ramos Market and More. This is a new license Type C, which will be carryout. After a short discussion we had no objections. We voted unanimously at this time to take a voice vote from Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE

5 Yeas 1 Nay (Mr. Holland)

THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I just want to take the opportunity to wish all the Citizens of New Philadelphia a very Happy New Year.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

40-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO
COMMEND JEFFREY ERB FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE
CITIZENS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS THE CITY'S INFORMATION SYSTEMS
SPECIALIST
3rd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 40-2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 40-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I just want to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Erb for his years of service to the Airport Commission. Jeff served as the right hand man from the City Offices to the Airport Commission and he did an absolutely fabulous job.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I'd also like to thank Mr. Erb for all the help he gave me when I was Water Superintendent. Jeff always helped out where needed and never complained. It's good to have employees like that and we're going to miss him in the office.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

I was on the Airport Committee for eight years and I appreciated everything he did. He was always able to be first there with an answer. If we needed an answer to something he had it by the next Meeting.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

Jeff also had a huge responsibility in maintaining the operating data system for the City. He was always there when I needed help. He was always able to provide the information I needed and was able to get me back up and running.

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

I want to second what Mr. Holland said. Anytime I had a problem with my computer Jeff would fix it in about two seconds.

41-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND RICK MARCALETTIE FOR HIS SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS THE CITY'S ASSISTANT GENERAL SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT
3rd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 41-2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 41-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

42-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND JOHN ZUCAL FOR HIS 12 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS THE CITY'S WARD II COUNCILMAN
3rd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 42-2021
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS (MR. ZUCAL ABSTAINED)
RESOLUTION 42-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

43-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA,

OHIO TO COMMEND ROB MAURER FOR HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS THE CITY'S WARD IV COUNCILMAN

3rd Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 43-2021

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

5 YEAS (MR. MAURER ABSTAINED)

RESOLUTION 43-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

44-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND MAUREEN WENGER FOR HER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, INCLUDING 13 YEARS AS THE SECRETARY TO THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA

3rd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 44-2021

MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

RESOLUTION 44-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I'd like to take a moment to thank Maureen. She was in the Water Department when I was Water Superintendent and she was part of the switch-over from three month billing to single month billing. Those were stressful times and I want to thank you for all the effort you put forth. Answering the phone at the Water Department, I will tell you most of the calls are people with problems. I want to thank you for handling the customers so well. It was a joy to have Maureen work for me, a very dedicated employee, came to work all the time, you could always count on her. Maureen, thank you for your service.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

Maureen, I'd like to thank you for your roll as the Assistant to the Service Director in making sure that we always had those Agendas for the Airport Commission. Your thoroughness in being able to maintain that we had a quorum, and being able to do that in a timely fashion to ensure that we were able to reschedule. Thank you for all you did for the airport commission.

Mr. Jeffrey Erb had the following comment:

I would like to thank Maureen. I worked with her many years with the City. Her dedication to getting things done and knowing where things were just invaluable.

48-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, PARCEL NUMBERS 25-00089-000 AND 25-01172-000 OWNED BY INVESTMENT SOURCE LTD, PARCEL NUMBER 25-00763-000 OWNED BY MICHAEL AND RANDY MOSER, AND PARCEL NUMBER 25-00203-000 OWNED BY RYAN RUTH

2nd Reading

President Kemp had each recipient come to the podium where he read each Resolution in entirety and presented the Resolution to the recipient with family members present

Resolution 40-2021 (Jeffrey Erb Commendation)

Jeffrey Erb had the following comment:

This has been a pleasure. It's been 20 years of pleasure working for the City. I haven't met everybody in the City, but everyone I have met and worked with has always done an outstanding job working for the Citizens of New Philadelphia. The crew that is replacing us is going to do a good job also.

Safety Director Popham had the following comment:

I'd just like to thank Jeff. There were times I thought that he had moved his office to the Police Station. It seemed like every time I went there Jeff was in handling some sort of an issue. I just wanted to let you know that I appreciate all the hard work.

Resolution 41-2021 (Rick Marcaletti Commendation)

Mr. Rick Marcaletti was not present to receive his framed commendation. It will be mailed to him.

Resolution 42-2021 (John Zucal Commendation)

Mr. Zucal was joined by his wife Wendy, his daughters Caitlin and Madeline, his son Ethan and daughter-in-law Bailey to accept the framed commendation.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I'd like to begin by thanking my family. They gave a lot of time. When I sat down to figure out what things I missed over the 12 years with meetings I am very thankful to them. I'd also like to thank the citizens of New Philadelphia and the citizens of Ward 2 for electing me three times. I have some of my best friends on Council. We accomplished a great deal. My greatest source of satisfaction was the ability to help the citizens whenever they called. I'm not a politician, I'm a public servant.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I'd like to thank John for his service to the City. We are a service to the citizens and I think John is a true emblem of that. He is a friend of mine. John was very helpful with me when I got started on Council. With John helping people is always what came first. I want to thank you for your friendship and your leadership. You will be well missed on this Council.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

I would like to thank Mr. Zucal for all of his experience and leadership that he was able to show me over the years on Council. We may not have seen eye to eye on every issue, but we knew that each other had the best intentions, and I respect you for that.

Mr. Maurer had the following comment:

Mr. Zucal, I can't say enough about you. You've been a pillar in this Council. I've leaned on you. It's been a great ride.

Mrs. May had the following comment:

I just want to thank you for your insightfulness and your experience. You've always been helpful.

Safety Director Popham had the following comment:

I'd just like to thank Mr. Zucal for his support of the Safety Forces, which in turn results in the services that they provide to the Citizens of New Philadelphia.

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

I think the world of John Zucal. When I ran for Law Director 10 years ago Mr. Zucal supported me. That wasn't popular within his own party and it wasn't popular within Council. I

never forgot that. Out of that experience and being elected came a friendship that I am very grateful for. He's been an outstanding public servant.

President Kemp had the following comment:

I've had the privilege of being on Council with John for 2 years, but I can remember him when I was on the School Board, so we've known each other for a long time. Thank you for your service.

Resolution 43-2021 (Rob Maurer Commendation)

Rob Maurer had the following comment:

I've been on Council for 20 years and that's 26 meetings a year. I've spent a lot of time here. I'll miss it. It's been a great ride.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

You're a man of few words when you're on your Committees and when you're dealing with City issues. When you do speak it's loud and clear. That's what I appreciated about you. You didn't have very many non-tough issues. Watching you, you handled the issues very well. You scolded people when you needed to and you patted people on the back when you needed to. Thank you for your leadership in the City. You are also my friend. You and Mr. Zucal left the City better than you found it, and you're smart enough to let someone else take over. That's the sign of a true leader.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

I really enjoyed the eight years I served with Rob. He's been a good friend. We've had some even discussions over the years and Rob is always the one to keep an even keel. I think he's the biggest bridge builder in this place.

Mrs. May had the following comment:

I just want to thank you for your 20 years. I think that the knowledge that you brought to this place is very valuable.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I have heard it said that "all good things must come to an end", I don't necessarily understand that but here we are. Twenty years sitting in that chair is tough. You've been a stabilizing influence, a leader. I'm proud to call you my friend. Best wishes.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

Rob, I'd like to say thank you very much. Working those twelve years along beside you, sharing the responsibility in the Finance Committee and different committees we were sharing together. Those were always challenging assignments and you handled yourself with such class. The diligence you showed and professionalism, and willingness to go above and beyond to look at issues through the lens of others. I was proud to serve alongside you.

Mr. Fete had the following comment:

I've been friends with Rob Maurer probably longer than anybody I've known outside of elementary school. We had been friends since the 1980s, he went to Dover and I went to New Phila. I went to Ohio University with Rob. Two things happened 20 years ago, I passed the Bar Exam and Rob started on City Council. One of the jobs I had while I waited for my Bar results was recruiting Rob Maurer to run for City Council and managing his campaign. He went on to win. The challenges we had over the past year and working directly with him I can't say enough great things about him. I went to him during that time sometimes to vent, sometimes to listen, and sometimes to learn. I've worked for two U.S. Congressmen, I've worked at the Governor's Office at the State Level, I've worked the County level as a

Public Defender, and I've served the City level for the past 10 years. Of all the great things I've done the greatest thing I ever did was recruiting Rob Maurer to run for City Council.

Safety Director Popham had the following comment:

The Safety Forces are going to miss the support you have given them over the past 20 years. I want to thank you from them.

President Kemp had the following comment:

Rob, you've always been professional and upbeat, and you've always done a great job. You will be missed come January.

Resolution 44-2021 (Maureen Wenger Commendation)

Mrs. Wenger had the following comment:

Thank you for the opportunity. I appreciate it.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR A 5 MINUTE RECESS AT 8:30 AND
WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:35. AT 8:39 COUNCIL
RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

There was not an Ambulance Committee Meeting in 2021. They are required to meet at least annually. I would like to request an Ambulance Committee Meeting on January 10.

Mr. Popham had the following comment:

I don't know if we'd be ready to have a meeting by January 10. There were no changes so there's no urgency to have it by the end of the year.

President Kemp had the following comment:

Probably by our next Council Meeting we'll start streaming on YouTube, which will be an easier way for citizens to have access to our Council Meetings.

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:42 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp