

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 26, 2023 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. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENCES: MRS. BETH GUNDY
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MR. MITCH PACE

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS. LANZER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 12 ,2023
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 12, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated June 19, 2023. This is an email titled “Ward 1 Towpath Trail Meeting Reminder”.
2. To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated June 26, 2023. The Mayor’s Report.

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

Ohio Is Growing, but Not by Population

At the Mayors Association of Ohio annual conference I attended last week in Dublin, two issues were brought to light by presenters. J.P. Nauseef of JobsOhio told us that Ohio’s business outlook remains strong, but decision making on new construction and expansion projects is slowing. He speculated that the rising cost of capital and supply chain issues were to blame. And Lydia Mihalik, the Director of the Ohio Department of Development, revealed that Ohio’s birthrate is declining. As a result, her department is undertaking a migration effort to attract workers and families from other states and from other countries to Ohio.

Here are highlights from some of the other presentations given at the conference:

- Municipalities should make sure that their computer networks are secure because email is the number one vector for malware and cyberattacks.
- Layering Community Reinvestment Areas with a non-school tax increment finance district and creation of a New Community Authority (in essence a city-run homeowners association) could help attract new housing development.
- The Ohio Department of Commerce and Ohio Board of Pharmacy are expecting the numbers of medical marijuana dispensaries to increase, and that the State Legislature could approve limited recreational uses.

- Cities and villages must develop new ways to recruit and hire law enforcement officers. Soon, I will meet with Safety Director Popham, HR Director McKain and incoming Police Chief Pohovey to share ideas I learned at the conference.
- The use of more fuel-efficient vehicles is continuing to create a decline in state fuel tax revenue. That is the revenue used to fund road construction and repairs. As a result, the Ohio Department of Transportation is conducting a study to determine other ways to raise revenue, including a tax on vehicle miles driven on Ohio's roadways.
- Mark Owens, the Honorary Consul of Ireland, said that his home country has located several large businesses in Ohio. He urged the mayors to establish strong ties with Ireland because it is looking to make more investments in Ohio.

During the roundtable discussions, the mayors shared concerns and ideas about attracting and retaining younger workers, affordable housing, downtown development, and dealing with problematic rental properties and dilapidated structures. And there was a strong consensus that mental illness is the cause for the crime and social problems all communities are experiencing.

Increased Pay for Park Security and Crossing Guards

To help attract and retain security personnel for Tuscora Park and School Crossing Guards, I have approved the wage increase requests from department heads. Tuscora Park Auxiliary Police will now be paid \$20 per hour and the two park security positions will be paid \$15 per hour. School Crossing Guards will now earn \$15 per hour. Anyone interested in these positions should contact Lacey McKain, the City's Director of Human Resources, at lmckain@newphilaoh.com or by calling 330-364-4491 extension 1245

Police Officers Will Be Given Their Oaths of Office

History will be made this Wednesday when Captain Tessa Pohovey is given her oath of office to become the first woman promoted to Chief of Police for the City of New Philadelphia. She scored the highest among the four officers who took the Chief's promotional exam. Also during Wednesday's swearing-in ceremony, Officer Dave Morris will be promoted to the rank of Captain, Officer Wayne Clark to the rank of Sergeant, and the department's second K-9, Pablo, will be sworn-in. The ceremony begins at 2:30 pm in the City Council chamber on the lower level of the John Knisely Municipal Centre (City Hall).

Police Chief Mike Goodwin's Last Grand Parade

The City's current Chief of Police, Mike Goodwin, is retiring on July 7th. That means that he will lead the First Town Days Festival's Grand Parade for the last time this coming Friday evening. I'm encouraging everyone along the parade route to create signs thanking Chief Goodwin for his service to New Philadelphia and wishing him well in his retirement. The Grand Parade steps off at 6:30 pm from the Park Avenue and 3rd Street NW intersection, then makes its way downtown to North Broadway, where it will end at Tuscora Park. I selected Greg Rees of RTY, Inc. and Mike Popovich of Gradall Industries as this year's Grand Parade Marshals because of the key roles they played in the restoration of the Ferris wheel at the park.

Recognizing the Artists Who Designed the Latest Traffic Box Wraps

Now I would like to ask Wilma Mullet to come to the podium to present certificates of award to those high school students who designed the newest traffic box wraps that you will soon see in the center of town. Ms. Mullet is the executive director of the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership and also a member of the City's Downtown Design Standards Board of Review. She helped develop the traffic box project, which gives high school art students from across Tuscarawas County the opportunity to display their creativity in the county's seat.

The Best Five Days of the Summer Start on Friday!

The 46th Annual First Town Days Festival begins this Friday at 4pm with the opening ceremony and plate auction at the midway stage at Tuscora Park. Follow this web link to learn more about all the festival's activities: <https://www.firsttowndays.com/>

SERVICE DIRECTOR..... Service Director Ron McAbier:

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Glen Dr. is hitting stride now. All the catch basins are there. Last week they started laying some of the storm line and they started cutting back on some of the curbs. They started some new under-grates. They rerouted the new water line to get underneath the new storm line. Through that process when they come down to tie in, about ¾ of the way down into a line that heads in-between a couple of houses, they noticed a collapsed piece that wasn't in the project zone. That will be fixed. So, we have that priced out and we're going to repair it. Also, for the Sidewalk Replacement Program, there were 22 applications and we were able to fund 13 of those applications. We needed to come up with about \$36,812. It was well received. We need to talk about maybe increasing the funds during Budget time.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE.....NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting the second Tuesday of July at 1:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet here in Council Chambers on July 11th at 5:00pm.
At this time there are two variance requests to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER

The Airport Commission met last Tuesday at 6:00 PM. We were unable to have a quorum but
We did have a discussion. We'll meet again on the second Tuesday of next month in Council
Chambers at 6:00 PM.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

CEMETERY BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND

There has been a substantial increase in Lyme Disease not only in the City but throughout the County.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE...MR. DAN LANZER...NO
REPORT

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

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

SALARY COMMITTEE.....NO REPORT.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE.....MR. STEVE RIPPETH.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTSNONE

COUNCIL COMMENTSNONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 7:49 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp