

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 24, 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. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC

EXCUSED ABSENSES: MRS. BETH GUNDY
COUNCILMAN PACE
COUNCILMAN RIPPETH

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
4 YEAS (MR. HOLLAND IS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY AND CAN’T VOTE)
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 20 ,2023
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
3 YEAS (MR. HOLLAND IS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY AND CAN’T VOTE, MR.
RICKLIC ABSTAINED)
MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated July 12, 2023. This is an email titled “Work Session with Wendy Moehler of Compass Point Planning”.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Jami Bailey, dated July 13, 2023. This is an invitation to the Armor Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting on August 6, 2023 from 12:30 to 3:30.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Jami Bailey, dated July 17, 2023. This is an email titled “Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail Public Meeting”*
4. *To Councilwoman Ramos from President Kemp, dated July 20, 2023. This is a forwarded email from Mayor Day titled “Please Assign the Little Theater’s Zoning Request to the Zoning and Annexation Committee.” President Kemp asked Mrs. Ramos to take this request into her Committee.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated July 24, 2023. This is an email titled “Letter from Police Chief Pohovey about purchasing equipment for fleet vehicles”.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated July 24, 2023. The Mayor’s Report.*

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

How to Fund a Second School Resource Officer for New Philadelphia City Schools

Safety Director Popham, Police Chief Pohovey and I will meet later this week to review the Police Department budget and decide how to fund a second School Resource Officer for New Philadelphia City Schools. Currently the City is charging the school district \$58,410.65 for a single SRO, which is about two-thirds of the total cost of the officer's wage and benefits. The Police Department also provides a cruiser for the SRO, who works approximately 180 days each school year. The budget review will tell us if the cost to provide a second SRO to the school district needs to increase. Once that's determined, we will meet with Superintendent Wentworth to negotiate an agreement. There is also the matter of finding an officer to fill the SRO position. But we will deal with that once the budget question is answered.

City Planning Commission Recommends Rezoning of The Little Theatre Property

City Council's Zoning and Annexation Committee will be considering a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone the parcels on which The Little Theatre is located at Carrie Avenue and 5th Street NW. The parcels' current zoning is Residential. At its monthly meeting last week, the Commission members unanimously agreed that the property be rezoned to Business to allow The Little Theatre to complete its renovation project. The parcels adjoin existing Business zoning on Carrie Avenue NW. If the Zoning and Annexation Committee approves of the rezoning, it will take legislation to the full Council for a vote. Prior to the Council's action on the legislation, a public hearing will be held to hear comments from neighboring property owners.

Thanking Habitat for Humanity Volunteers for Their Work on Tuscora Park's Airplane Ride

This Thursday (July 27th) RTY, Inc. will be honoring the Habitat for Humanity volunteers who repaired and repainted the airplanes on the kiddie ride at Tuscora Park. The airplanes were taken to Habitat's Canton workshop this past winter, where they were restored to "like new" condition. RTY has invited the volunteers and their family members to attend a "Thank you" ceremony at 4:30pm, followed by an evening of entertainment at the park. Habitat for Humanity has been a partner in community housing projects in New Philadelphia. The fact that the organization volunteered to take on this restoration project at Tuscora Park is a welcomed surprise.

A StoryWalk Brings a New Feature to the Southside Community Park

The City Parks Department is partnering with the Tuscarawas County Public Library to construct a StoryWalk in the pollinator garden at the Southside Community Park. A StoryWalk places an illustrated children's book, displayed page-by-page, along a walking route. At the pollinator garden, each page will be displayed on placards mounted on stands located along the route. The idea behind a StoryWalk is to encourage children to read, and families to enjoy the outdoors. The garden is a perfect setting.

The project will be completed by Saturday, August 19th when the County Library will have a dedication ceremony from 2pm to 3:30pm in the garden, with a ribbon-cutting at 2:15pm to officially open the StoryWalk. The project is being funded by Brian and Amanda Huprich, in honor of Brian's parents Ken and Carol Huprich.

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

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I want to give two updates on the projects. The first one is going to be Glen Drive. They will be doing under drains all this week and they will be working on Saturday also, because the curb machine is coming on Monday morning. They will do all the curbs that following week and repair all the driveways that following week. Last week there was a pre-construction meeting for Franklin Square that was supposed to come in last week. The start was moved to this week. I was down there today and they did mobilize some things. They won't start from the river until Wednesday. He's thinking two weeks before he comes into the Mill Ave. part that's going to come underneath the tracks. There's no schedule yet for our Small Cities Paving, so again there shouldn't be any conflict with the Mill Ave. paving.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question:

Have there been any problems with the construction on Glen Dr. as far as traffic?

Mr. McAbier:

I've heard none, and Matt Miller, the construction manager, has heard none.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

A few Council meetings ago we gave rewards to police officers for helping out at a fire. A week or so ago there was another situation that happened on Southwood Dr. when an apartment caught on fire. There were people on the 1st Floor roof along with a dog. Once again, the police officers were able to get the people and the dog off the roof. They definitely went above and beyond their scope of duty.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

On the corner of Tusc. And Miller where the Variety Discount Store had the big fire, I know some of the windows are open and some are boarded up. Do you know what's happening there? I've had residents question what's going on.

Mr. Popham said at this point he hasn't heard but he'll look into it.

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

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

We've had two major tragedies in my Prosecutor's Office. I'm attending the second funeral tomorrow in Wooster. Two of my prosecutors lost family members, and I have another one that was on maternity leave, so we are down two out of three prosecutors. So, it was kind of an all hands on deck. I appreciate the Administration working with us and not asking me to do too much, because we had to cover a lot of court cases. I ask that you keep Chris Rice and Donna Miller, who are two outstanding prosecutors that work very hard for the City, I would ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting again on August 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM. We'll have a work Session with Wendy Moehler of Compass Point Planning, as we continue our work on revising our Zoning and Planning codes.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on August 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER

The Airport Commission will be meeting August 8, 2023 here in Council Chambers at 6:00 PM. We've been really struggling getting quorum on a month-to-month basis from not just the Council members but also the appointees.

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

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND

The City Health Board met Wednesday, July 19th at Noon in City Council Chambers. A Couple of the items that were covered at that meeting were the 154% increase in Lyme Disease across the City of New Philadelphia. We want to remind everyone to check for Ticks anytime they've been out in tall grass, to wear long sleeves and socks, and tick Repellant. The second item discussed was that we're well into the mosquito season. The Health Department has sprayed on the Southside of the City. If anyone is having mosquito problems please Call the Health Department so they can put you on the list for spray. We want to remind Everyone to check for standing water, that includes items like a bird bath. Just remember that Stagnant water causes mosquito breeding. Please use mosquito repellant and wear long sleeves When possible.

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.....NO REPORT

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

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE.....MR. STEVE RIPPETH.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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COUNCIL COMMENTSNONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. McAbier had the following comment:

On Glen Drive for Phase 2 I will be having legislation move forward for an OPWC Grant. The deadline is in September, so as soon as I get that legislation I will pass it along so we can get that passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

The Mayor sent a letter about the Police Chief request.

President Kemp:

Yes, Mr. Ricklic please take that request into your Committee.

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp