

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 27, 2018 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. MR. HOLLAND 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. ROB MAURER
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC

EXCUSED ABSENCES

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 31-2018 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 32-2018 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTIONS
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 31-2018 AND ORDINANCE 32-2018 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 REGULAR SESSION HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Councilmembers and Administration from Mayor Day, dated December 13, 2018. This is an email titled "Need a brief Special Council Meeting next week for approval of an Appropriations Ordinance". This was replied to by Councilman Zucal, Councilwoman May, President of Council Hitchcock, and Councilwoman Ramos.*
2. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated December 15, 2018. This is the City of New Philadelphia November 2018 Investment and Savings Report.*
3. *To Council from Auditor Gundy, dated December 18, 2018. This is an email titled 2018 Lodging Tax Revenue with the attachement "Lodging Tax 2018". It states the following : "All, here are the total amounts for 2018. We don't collect for December 2018 until January of 2019."*
4. *To Council President Hitchcock and Clerk of Council from Councilman Zucal, dated December 26, 2018. This is an email titled "excused absense" and it states: "Dear Sam, I'm requesting an excused absense for tomorrow evening's meeting. I do want to share though my appreciation for members of the administration and City Council for their efforts in making 2018 a great year for our community. We have a great deal of which to be proud. I also look forward to a profitable 2019. Happy New Year!" Signed Councilman Zucal.*
5. *To President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated December 26, 2018. This is an email titled "December 27th Meeting" and it states: "Sam, I will not be able to attend the Meeting on Thursday, December*

27, 2018. See everyone in January. Happy New Year." Signed Beth Gundy, Auditor

6. To Council President Hitchcock from Fire Chief Parrish, dated December 27, 2018. This is an email titled "Permitting Process for the Fire Prevention Bureau". It says "Hi Sam, could you please assign the proposed permit process to the appropriate Committee in Council? I've attached a draft document for their consideration". It was replied to by President of Council Hitchcock.
7. To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated December 27, 2018. This is the Mayor's Report
8. To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated December 27, 2018. This is the Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock asked Mr. Ricklic to take the Fire Permit Procedure Request into his Committee for consideration.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

➤ 2018 was another Year of Growth in New Philadelphia: It's hard to imagine that the end of another year is upon us. Looking back, 2018 was a year when major construction projects got underway in New Philadelphia. Construction of the Menard's store on Bluebell Drive NW is progressing in anticipation of a grand opening in the spring of 2019. Also next year the new gateway entrance into the Kent State-Tuscarawas campus on East High Avenue will be completed as well as Gemini Industrial Machine's new building in the Regional Technology Park and the new addition onto the main County Library building. Construction of Five Barrel Bullet Brewery, New Philadelphia's first craft brewery, got underway on East High Avenue and should be opened in time for the summer of 2019. And the County Commissioners million dollar renovation of the Courthouse dome was completed, along with its special LED lighting, which was unveiled at the annual downtown Christmas lighting ceremony. Several new small businesses opened this year in the City: Starbucks, Chipotle, Jersey Mike's Subs on Bluebell Drive NW. Opening downtown were Love's Gallery, Off the Wall Music, Mustard's Restaurant, Charmed, Craft Bistro, the Gift Market and Diamond Tip Barber Shop. I expect our growth to continue in 2019 as the petrochemical industry continues to evolve from the Utica and Marcellus shale plays in Eastern Ohio. Because of our location and resources, New Philadelphia and Tuscarawas County are on the radar screens of many petrochemical-related companies. I'll have more to say about that in my annual State of the City Report, which will be given in February.

➤ Work on the City's Master Plan Continues: Architect Michael McInturf returned to New Philadelphia last week to gather more data for the City Master Plan his firm is developing with assistance from graduate students from the University of Cincinnati's School of Architecture. Preliminary findings from the study show that the three traffic pinch points we are all aware of - on the west side at I-77 and on South Broadway and East High Avenue at Route 250 - will impede future development of the City. Once a new Deputy Director of the ODOT district 11 office is appointed by Governor-elect Dewine, I plan to ask for ODOT's help in finding solutions to the traffic problems. We also have to discuss the traffic flows coming out of the new KSU-Tusc gateway roadway and University Drive NE.

➤ A Salute to Retiring Tuscarawas County Commissioner Kerry Metzger: I urge all New Philadelphia residents to join me in thanking Kerry Metzger for his 31 years of serving us as a City Councilman, State Representative and County Commissioner. His exemplary career of public service started here as a Ward Two council representative. As the New Year rings in, he will be retiring from holding a public office. And he will start a new career as an advocate for the county's Anti-Drug Coalition, as a supporter of victims of Lyme's disease and as Pappy to his four year old granddaughter Grace.

➤ HAVE A SAFE AND JOYFUL NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER IN 2019 !

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Just a few quick updates on the projects we have going on. The 12 bay hangar foundation is in and a complete entire floor has been poured in one day which is quite impressive. They had quite a few people down there. With that the building has been ordered and should be in sometime in February. You can kind of see not a lot going on down there for the next few weeks until the building gets there. I'll continue to update on that as needed. Also we had a preconstruction meeting on the Coniglio and Carlisle boat ramps a few weeks ago. Construction will start next week and be completed by May 1st. They believe it's a pretty straightforward project so I believe that's not an aggressive timeline so it should be good. Also an update on leaves, right now they have the Southside Spring Brook to do and a couple roads up on Silver and they will go to the northeast section after that. The other truck is in the northwest right now. I look for Friday, Monday, Wednesday for them to finish up all of that. That will put both trucks down on the northeast section next Thursday and Friday, so I believe by next Friday 95% to 100% might be done. Again I will continue to update on leaves and those other two projects at the upcoming meetings.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

Starting next week, January 2nd, the Mayor is going to start swearing in the new firefighter/ medics for the SAFER Grant, and the one firefighter to replace Jim Miceli. We're doing one a day so it will encompass about seven days of swearing in just for seniority. We should be done by the 11th.

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I'm pleased to announce that my office today continued the last of our interviews for the Victim Advocate position. I met with them afterwards in my office this afternoon. If all goes according to plan when I come to the first meeting in January I will have an announcement to make in regards to that and might even have the person here to introduce him or her to you. I'm looking forward to that. It's going to be a very exciting time for our community. I want to again thank this body for your support with that.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission did not meet this month. Its next meeting will be on the second Tuesday in January at 1:00 PM here in Council Chambers. I believe there will be at least one matter that we'll take up in that meeting.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER
The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet January 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM to discuss Ordinance 32-2018 which would authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio Development Service Agency Office of Community Development to allow the City of New Philadelphia to administer a Housing Revolving Loan Fund. The fund has two primary goals; to improve the affordable housing stock within the Community and providing for the affordable housing needs of low and moderate income persons. The State of Ohio requires as a condition for continued eligibility and participation the City of New Philadelphia enter into a Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administrative Agreement. After a Committee discussion and input from Mayor Day it was placed on tonight's Agenda for 1st Reading. I do have one item I discussed with the Law Director, in Ordinance 32-2018 in the fifth paragraph, item two, it currently reads "providing for the affordable housing needs of loan and moderate income persons from the Housing Revolving Loan Funds". I think that should read "providing for the affordable housing needs of low and moderate income persons from the Housing Revolving Loan Funds".

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Safety Health and Service Committee met this evening at 7:15 PM to discuss the permanent appropriations for 2018 for the Airport Capital Fund which was required because

the contractor has made a draw on that project. So to have the money appropriated so we can pay them this year. A motion was made to add it to the Agenda tonight and to pass on 1st Reading emergency so the funds can be released. The motion was made by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Lanzer and passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

Concerning the merger of Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital the new Pediatric Therapy Clinic is now open and making it possible for families to receive pediatric therapy care locally and avoid the trips up North for this highly specialized care. The center has incorporated aquatic, speech and sports therapy to meet these specialized treatment needs.

The hospital is experiencing a learning curve regarding budget development, the Cleveland Clinic way, and submitted it's first budget. Because of the size of the hospital and number of personnel the operating budget impact to our region is in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The two primary needs of the hospital, at this moment, are Orthopedic Surgery and General Surgery and the hospital is searching for these specialized physicians.

The Community Corrections Planning Board recently met in Judge Thomakos Court and a report from the Quick Response Team (QRT), of which the New Philadelphia Fire Department is a member, has determined 1) that the greater number of QRT responses is in the Dennison Uhrichsville area more than any other area of the county, 2) drug related criminal offenses increased more than 33% in 2017, and 3) the average age of drug offenders is 34 for men and 35 for women.

The Community Corrections Planning Board is undertaking an update of the Tusc. County Comprehensive Plan for Corrections Services and as soon as the update is completed a copy will be provided to each council member.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

31-2018 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AMENDING AND ADJUSTING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 31-2018

MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 31-2018

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 31-2018
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 31-2018 HAS BEEN APPROVED

32-2018 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock made the following comment:
Seeing as this is the final meeting of the year (donning a party hat and along with the Clerk and Law Director) I would like to wish everyone a very safe and prosperous New Year.

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 7:52 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock