

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 9, 2019 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. MRS. RAMOS 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
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE: NONE

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 22-2019, RESOLUTION 24-2019, AND RESOLUTION 25-2019 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 26-2019 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 22-2019 AND RESOLUTION 24-2019, RESOLUTION 25-2019, AND RESOLUTION 26-2019 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 25, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 25, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator for the City Vickie Daniels, dated December 3, 2019. This is the November 2019 Income Tax Report.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated December 3, 2019. This is an email and the subject is Horizon Network to Network all Municipal Buildings Together with Fiber Optic Cable. It has the attachments City of New Philadelphia Prospect Sheet and City of New Philadelphia Service Agreement*
3. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated December 9, 2019. This is the City of New Philadelphia November 2019 Deposits.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated December 9, 2019. This is the Mayor’s Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- Discussing Future Projects at Harry Clever Field with the FAA: Recently I participated in a teleconference with Federal Aviation Administration officials in its Detroit office to discuss future projects for Harry Clever Field. At the top of the list was the relocation of the runway taxiways to meet FAA standards. We also discussed replacement of the airport beacon light and the acquisition of property that would allow expansion of airport amenities and services. We have this conversation with the FAA-Detroit officials on an annual basis so they know what grant funding requests could be coming from the City over the next five years.

- New Philadelphia is the Target Area for an Ohio Dept of Health Tobacco Study : Because our City has the greatest population in Tuscarawas County, it has been selected by the Ohio Department of Health as the target area for an ODH grant to fund a local anti-tobacco campaign. The county Anti-Drug Coalition's tobacco subcommittee is spearheading the effort, which hopes to decrease accessibility and availability of tobacco products to youth, as well as educate youth, parents and organizations on the harms of tobacco, especially vaping products. The New Philadelphia Health Department will oversee the subcommittee's work and offer advice when necessary.

- Thank you to the NPBCA for putting us in the Holiday Spirit : Thanks to the work of interim director Rick Arredondo, the board of directors and members of the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association, the Downtown Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Parade returned the Spirit of Christmas to our town. Both events drew large crowds and showcased the musical and artistic talent that is alive and well in New Philadelphia. If you have Christmas shopping yet to do, please do it locally. We support each other by supporting our local businesses. Remember those in need this holiday season. Don't forget that McInturf Realty's Christmas in the Park is coming up on Sunday December 15th from 4pm – 8pm at Tuscora Park.

- The First Step to Utilize Broadband Technologies to Manage and Deliver City Services: I would now like to yield the remainder of my Mayor's Report time to Carl Hoffmann of Horizon Networks and James West of Pioneer 360. They are going to explain the agreement the City has reached with Horizon to connect all municipal buildings with fiber optic cable. They will also describe how the broadband fiber connections between our buildings will increase productivity, eliminate unnecessary computer hardware and raise the level of security across the network. The new fiber network will also open the door for the possibility of putting an Internet Wi-Fi cloud over the downtown area and for the City to utilize technologies that require high speed broadband connections. The cost to the City will be about what is paid now for just Internet service to all of the municipal buildings. Horizon has agreed to bare the expense of building the new fiber network, because it will help them to offer their services to New Philadelphia businesses and residents.

Mr. Hoffmann and Mr. West, thank you for being here. You now have the floor...

Mr. West began the presentation by stating the Mayor had asked him two years ago to create a fiber optic network for the Municipal Building as well as the residents of the City.

Mr. West gave a presentation with the overhead projector that showed Horizon's plan for a fiber optic network. He said the Municipal Court alone pays \$8640.00 for two 55.5 upload/ download connections. That costs about 86.4 cents per megabyte. That is an extremely high cost. He went on to explain the differences between fiber optics and cable. He explained that fiber optics are much faster than cable. He said right now the City is sharing bandwidth with everyone in the local area. Right now the average speed is 20 megabytes per second. He explained that on fiber you don't have to share bandwidths and it's much more stable. Internet services on fiber are significantly faster. Mr. West noted that Municipalities are the number 3 target for hackers and malware.

Mr. Dean Holland asked if there would be an opportunity to televise Council Meetings. Mr. West said yes there would be. He said this would also allow for video arraignments from the Police Department. Mr. Hoffman said security cameras at Tuscora Park could prevent lawsuits, and the fiber optics would have a more secure firewall which will prevent malware and hacking.

Mrs. Ramos asked where the trenches for the fiber optics would be dug. Mr. Hoffman said 90 percent of the fiber optic cables are above ground. He explained that fiber is much more reliable than cable.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Superintendent Ray Grewell and I and officials from ODOT did the final walk through on the Bluebell Project. Leaf cleanup on the South Side is done. Next week we'll go up Tuscarawas Avenue and head west. We'll be finishing clean up in areas of the City until the first of the year.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy had the following report:

I have some news on our real estate tax bill for the fire station construction bonds. Because of the increase in evaluations the millage rate has gone down for all the tax payers. That has decreased from 1 mill to .9 for next year, and of course they evaluate that every year at the County Auditor's Office. I also want to inform Council I will not be at the next meeting.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Could you explain to us what increases are going to be in the temporary appropriations?

Ms. Gundy had the following reply:

Pay increases, close to Mr. Holland's proposal.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

I'd like to relinquish my time to the Fire Chief so he can explain the new position Community Care Coordinator.

Fire Chief Jim Parrish gave the following report:

(Chief Parrish distributed handouts to Council and Administration) Our new program N.P. C.A.R.E.S. stands for New Philadelphia Community Access Resource Education and Solutions. We have several members in our Community that have health problems. Some of them are lonely, and some just don't know what resources we have available. So we partnered with Access Tusc and Pathways to Wellness. This is a program that incorporates the nonemergency duties performed in the Fire Department by using a new position called a Community Care Coordinator. That person interacts with the Community and can develop a lot of different programs. They have a long resource list. They would help with fall protection for example a ramp or handles in the bathroom. We don't physically do that but there are organizations like church groups that will help with that. The Community Care Coordinator is a part time position. This will start on a temporary trial basis. Down the road insurance companies will possibly be supporting this as well. Right now the citizens will be referred by the Fire Department. Citizens can also contact Access Tusc if they need the help of the Community Care Coordinator. Access Tusc has provided us with a Grant for some funds towards the person's salary starting the first of the year as well as the hardware and the software. The salary range for the position would be \$20 an hour so \$400 a week.

Mr. Zucal said he thinks this program will ensure a greater quality of life for those involved.

Mr. Holland asked if there was any provision made for a vehicle for the person with this Position.

Mr. Parrish said Paula Lancaster has been offered the position, and she's good with the vehicle she's currently driving. He said eventually he'd like to have a vehicle with the City name on it.

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

This Thursday I'm going to a Continuing Education Seminar that I attend every year. It is on legal issues facing municipalities. It brings me up to speed on what's going on. I get to interact with other Law Directors from other communities. Hopefully I'll have more to report to you on some of the issues facing us either presently or in the pipeline.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will not be meeting this month. Our next meeting will be on January 14 at 1:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet tomorrow night in Council Chambers at 5:00PM with two variance requests to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will not be meeting in December. We'll be back in business in January.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Park Board will meet December 18 at noon at Tuscora Park.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Cemetery Board will not be meeting in December.

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC

The next Meeting is December 11, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at Buckeye Career Center in the Joe Carlisle Café.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

The Salary Committee met this evening and addressed the non bargaining requests for salary increases for both non bargaining and elected officials. After discussion we have elected to place Ordinance 22-2019 on tonight's Agenda and are recommending passage upon 2nd Reading. The Committee is looking for the support of Council with this endeavor as we continue to try to move forward with what has been very much needed over a great period of time. Resolutions 24 and 25 were also recommended by the Committee to be placed on tonight's Agenda. That includes the AFSCME Agreements with both the clerical and the maintenance in service and technician end.

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

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

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Safety, Health and Service Committee met this evening with two pieces on our Agenda. The first was the Ambulance Rate Increases that was recommended by the Ambulance Committee. The second was the feral cat issue which will be on the Agenda for next meeting. Those were the only two issues we got through. The ambulance legislation was put on tonight's Agenda to be passed as an emergency.

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

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

We did have a Public Hearing for Ordinances 16 and 17 tonight. There were no objections from the Community so we will be moving to pass those and approve those tonight. The Public Hearing for Ordinance 18-2019 will be at 7:00 o'clock on December 23rd.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met tonight at 6:30. We had one item to discuss which was the liquor request from GAC Corporation DBA Oak Shadows golf course. After a very short conversation we all agreed unanimously at this time that during my Committee report to add a voice vote of Council to get this approved and have Ms. Courtright send it to Columbus.

ROLL CALL

7 YEAS

THE LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

New Philadelphia Fire Lt. Matt Graham had the following comment:

We had a momentous occasion this evening and I thought I'd bring it to Council. We ran our 3,000th call just a little while ago, so we're actually at 3,001. I wanted to recognize our employees who I work with and so humbly lead. Without their dedication and service we wouldn't be able to provide the great service that our City and our Citizens demand. We've got some truly awesome individuals that I'm very proud of. I just wanted to take this moment with us running the 3,000th to recognize all of them and to let Council know how fortunate we are to have them.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I'd like to say that the downtown decorations are fabulous. They are beautiful.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

- 16-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE PARCEL NO.'s 43-00557-000, 43-07785-000, 43-08473-000, 43-02499-000 LOCATED ON 401 CANAL STREET SE IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FROM INDUSTRIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE.
4th Reading
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 16-2019
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 16-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED
- 17-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE PARCEL NO. 43-04652-000 LOCATED ON 333 CANAL ST. SE IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, FROM INDUSTRIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE.
4th Reading
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 17-2019
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 17-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED
- 18-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE LOTS ABUTTING THE AREA AROUND THE OLD ZIMMER BUILDING LOCATED ON KADERLY ST. NW, SOUTH TO AN UNNAMED ALLEY, EAST TO 4th CR. NW, SOUTH TO PARK AVENUE NW, EAST TO 4th NW, SOUTH TO MINNICH AVE NW, WEST THROUGH KADERLY ST. NW ONTO AN UNNAMED ALLEY TO 5th DR. NW, NORTH ON 5th DR. NW TO PARK AVE NW, EAST ON PARK AVE. NW TO 5th ST. NW, NORTH ON 5th ST. NW TO HARCATUS OWNED PROPERTY, WEST TO KELLY ST NW AND THEN NORTH ON KELLY ST. NW IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FROM INDUSTRIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE.
3rd Reading
- 19-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO CREATE THE NEW PHILADELPHIA SAFER GRANT FUND #224 FOR THE PURPOSES OF MANAGING ALL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM FEMA PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S AWARD UNDER THE SAFER GRANT PROGRAM.
2nd Reading
- 21-2019 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.
2nd Reading
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 21-2019
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 21-2019
- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 21-2019
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

ORDINANCE 21-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED

22-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO ENACT SALARY RATE INCREASES FOR DESIGNATED NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR 2020, 2021, 2022, AND 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATTACHED EXHIBIT A AS LISTED THEREIN, AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS LISTED THEREIN.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

23-2019 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020.

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 23-2019

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 23-2019

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 23-2019

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I just want to understand the need for an increase in water sewer rates. We really need to work on our infrastructure, but 19% of that goes to salaries across the other parts of the City that also do work.

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RESOLUTION 23-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED

24-2019 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA OHIO TO APPROVE A 2.5% WAGE INCREASE FOR THE YEARS 2020 AND 2021 FOR AFSCME LOCAL 1958 AND OHIO COUNCIL 8, CLERICAL CHAPTER OF THE CONTRACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021.

1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON RESOLUTION 24-2019

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 24-2019

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 24-2019

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

RESOLUTION 24-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED

25-2019 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE A 2.5% WAGE INCREASE FOR THE YEARS 2020 AND 2021 FOR AFSME LOCAL 1958 AND OHIO COUNCIL 8, SERVICE, MAINTENANCE, AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES CHAPTER, AND SETTING THE SANITATION LABORER (NEW HIRE) RATE AT \$12.85 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 2020 ON THE CONTRACT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL FOR JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021.

1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 25-2019

MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 25-2019

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 25-2019
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 25-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED

26-2019

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW
PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO AUTHORIZE A RATE INCREASE FOR
AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA
FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020.
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON
RESOLUTION 26-2019
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 26-2010

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
26-2019
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 26-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

From time to time communities take the time to recognize an individual who has contributed greatly to that City. I was approached recently with the proposal that we at least consider changing the name of one of our streets to recognize the late Jim Locker.

President Hitchcock had the following comment:

I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Locker and also sit beside him on Council. Mr. Zucal would you take that into your Committee?

Mr. Zucal had the following reply:

Gladly

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:44 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam Hitchcock