

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 10, 2019 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. PRESIDENT HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DAN LANZER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. ROB MAURER

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

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 30, 2019
REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE MAY 30, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN
APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Councilwoman Ramos and all of Council from President of Council Sam Hitchcock, dated May 31, 2019. This is an email titled “Planning Commission Minutes from May of 2019” It says “Cheryl, please take these Zoning Commission recommendations into your Committee for consideration.*
2. *To Councilman Zucal and all of Council from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated June 3, 2019. This is an email titled “Resolution for Eugene Grasselli” and it says “John, please take into your Committee consideration of a Resolution commending Eugene Grasselli for 30 years of service with the City of New Philadelphia.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated June 4, 2019. This is an email with the subject “Expense Report with Encumbrance Details, Bank Report, Statement of Cash Position with MTD Totals, and Statement of Cash Position from Revenue and Expense for the Month of May” and it has all of those for the attachments.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated June 5, 2019. This is the May 2019 Auditor’s Report.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator for the City Vickie Daniels, dated June 9, 2019. This is the May Income Tax Report.*
6. *To President of Council Sam Hitchcock from Councilman Holland, dated June 9, 2019. This is an email titled Council Absense and it states: President Hitchcock, I would like to request an excused absense from the City Council Meeting June 10, 2019 due to an out of state family emergency. Signed respectfully, Councilman Holland.*

7. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated June 10, 2019. This is the City of New Philadelphia May 2019 Deposits.*
8. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated June 10, 2019. This is the Mayor's Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ...MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- **Construction of the Waterworks Fields Boat Ramp is Nearly Complete:** The contractor is putting the finishing touches on construction of the boat ramp at the Waterworks Fields Park. But before its opened for public use, directional and instructional signs have to be erected on the grounds, and navigation and warning signs posted along the river water way. The City is also awaiting approval from AEP to use a small portion of its land off of Mill Avenue for a portage around the sewer line concrete encasement that spans the river. When everything's ready, we will have an official opening ribbon-cutting ceremony. In the meantime, the contractor will move on to finish the second boat ramp at the former Carlisle Canoe Livery on State Route 416. I expect that project to be completed by mid-July.

- **New Philadelphia is about to gain another Industrial Business:** Hawkins Incorporated, a chemical distribution company from Minnesota, is purchasing a warehouse on Commercial Avenue SW to expand its business into Ohio. Company officials came to New Philadelphia last week to meet with myself, Service Director McAbier, Fire Chief Jim Parrish and Mike Scolati, the City's Building and Zoning Code Administrator. They wanted to learn more about the City and County, our city services and our permitting processes. Primarily Hawkins provides treatment chemicals used in municipal and industrial water and waste water plants. The company is publicly traded on the NASDAQ and expects to employ up to 10 sales drivers and warehouse personnel. I would like to thank Harry Eadon and Jason Ricker of the County Economic Development Corporation for helping bring Hawkins to our town.

- **Railroad Task Force turns its Focus to Purchasing the Local Rail Line:** In an update meeting today, my Railroad Task Force learned that RJ Corman officials have decided not to purchase the rail line that runs from Dover through New Philadelphia to Uhrichsville. Instead, Corman said it would be interested in being the operator of the line if a local group could buy it from CSX Railroad. State Representative Brett Hillyer has been working with CSX in Columbus to keep the door open for a local purchase. So today, the task force began planning to form a local ownership group and a purchase strategy to present to CSX.

- **City Cemetery Rules and Regulations are Being Updated :** I have been working with Kelly Herron, the City's Superintendent of Cemetery Operations, to rewrite the cemetery rules and regulations. They have not been revised since the 1970s. The revised version will be presented to the Cemetery Board for review and further refinement. Then I will ask that they be assigned to Council's Parks and Cemeteries committee so legislation can be written to codify the rules and regulations.

- **Don't Forget You can get a Good Workout Walking the Crider Avenue Walking Trail:** If you're looking for a new place for your morning, afternoon or evening walk, I encourage you to use the Crider Avenue Walking Trail. It's located at the end of Crider Avenue off of Beaver Avenue NW. The trail winds through a wooded area that will put your closer to nature. There is a large parking lot and picnic tables too.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following statement:

I'd like to go over the 2019 Sidewalk Replacement Program. We're fortunate enough to get 12 applicants in and also we were able to fund each and every one of them. So we didn't have to turn anyone away. Our portion of that will be \$9,349.50. It was well received and I really don't like to turn anyone away. Letters went out to them Friday so if any of you guys get calls that would be why. Also starting next week paving. Basically in town we'll be paving from sun up to sun down because Newton's will come in and do our local paving starting Monday and they'll start at 2nd and Front Southeast and continue out that way and jump over to 3rd Street and the Wabash area, and continue until they're finished. I look for possibly another two weeks with Shelly and Sands on the Rt. 416 Project, that's weather permitting.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

Just to clarify, some folks are thinking that the project they're seeing now in spots is completed. That's not the case, that's just an intermediate coat, is that correct?

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:

That's correct. Right now the only thing we have 95% completed is from our City Garage up to South Broadway.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I had an interesting request from the police department last week that required me to do a little bit of research. It's extremely rare that I deny a public information request, but this one involved an uncharged suspect in a criminal investigation. The statute on public records is pretty clear. I irony is the party that requested it requested that entire investigation. That puts a burden on the City of New Philadelphia to have to redact anything that can lead to any investigation of the person who was investigated. So it's essentially a meaningless document once you're careful to make sure it's all redacted. That was something I hadn't come across and I think it was the first one I had to deny. We'll see if the person still wants it once we inform them that everything regarding the person has been redacted. This was in relation to a custody case.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here on June 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM.

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

Due to Board Member's scheduling conflicts the Meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers will be moved to June 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM with six variance requests to

be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Pending a quorum for tomorrow night’s meeting, the Airport Commission will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM at Harry Clever Field Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Park Board meets next Wednesday, June 19 at noon at Tuscora Park.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Cemetery Board Meets this Thursday, June 13 at 8:00 AM in the Service Director’s Meeting Room.

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC

The Health Board will meet Wednesday, June 12 at noon at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

No formal report, however I do recommend passage of Resolutions 7, 8, and 9 this evening as we will be recognizing Brody Ferris, Keralyn Songer, and Nicole Strong for their outstanding work in saving the life of Gil Gaynesbloom. I don’t see any of them here this evening but again we will be having our Commendations and I know that the Mayor has a special treat for them at a later point and time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

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

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

I just wanted to announce that we are going to have a Committee meeting on July 8 at 6:30 PM to consider the rezoning for the properties that HRN owns on Kaderly Ave. Residents are encouraged to attend. Those are 1226 Kaderly and 1230 Kaderly.

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

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

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

Since the last time that we had a City Council Meeting the kids are now out and about enjoying their summer break. As always I think we try to do a very good job in the City of New Philadelphia reminding residents that you’ll see kids on bikes, skateboards, scooters more than usual, so let’s be attentive as we drive around the community recognizing that their safety is one of our utmost concerns, so just a subtle reminder.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

8-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE PARCEL NO. 43-01837-000 LOCATED ON 428 CARRIE AVE. N.W. AND PARCEL NO.'S 43-01472.000, 43-01473.000, AND 43-01474.000 LOCATED ON KADERLY STREET NW IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE.
3rd Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 8-2019
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION

Madelyn Morrow of 1420 5th Street NW New Philadelphia had the following comment:

When you live in an area most of your life you assume it's going to remain pretty much the same. You don't want to wake up one day with a filling station beside you, or a Lawson's store beside you. When it becomes a business zone those are the things that can happen. Also, if it's rezoned to business will the tax rate go up?

Mrs. Ramos had the following response:

I'm the representative for your area and Mr. Penrod had the same question. I called Larry Lindbergh the County Auditor, and he told me that your tax rate is how you use it. So if you're using your property as a residential that's what it's taxed at.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I just wanted to say before we vote on this that we had a good Public Hearing. This is about the Pace Sankar Property. The residents that were here expressed their concerns and Mr. Pace promised to address it and especially he said he'd do something about the dust right away. I just wanted to note that it sounded to me like you (Mr. Pace) were willing to address the concerns that you were able to address.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I hear what you're saying out there folks. I heard the group that was here for the Public Hearing. I also heard Mr. Pace make a commitment to helping the neighborhood in what has been an existing business area for quite a while now. I do have those same concerns though about spot zoning that continue to encroach on residential neighborhoods, and I know Mrs. Ramos is very considerate of that as well that we do look at that as we move forward. The good news is I heard some positive things from Mr. Pace tonight that he wants to make the neighborhood better and has already committed his dollars to upgrading some of those building areas as well, from just putting down asphalt to making the homes and businesses look better. I just urge Council to be considerate of the fact that we do have to watch encroaching upon the residential neighborhood that exists there.

5 YEAS
ORDINANCE 8-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED

9-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AMENDING AND ADJUSTING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
2nd Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

7-2019 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND BRODY FERRIS FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS HE TOOK WHILE WORKING AS AN EMPLOYEE OF LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, WHICH SAVED THE LIFE OF HIS CO-WORKER GIL GAYNESBLOOM.
3rd Reading

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I would hope that given the nature of what we're trying to accomplish that we could possibly hold off for a 4th Reading to see if we can get those three

fine individuals here to recognize them on the floor of Council. I know I'll work with Ms. Courtright and we'll do a good job of hopefully getting in touch with them and invite them to the June 24, 2019 Meeting of Council to recognize them in an appropriate way.

8-2019 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND KERALYN SONGER FOR THE HEROIC ACTIONS SHE TOOK WHILE WORKING AS AN EMPLOYEE OF LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, WHICH SAVED THE LIFE OF HER CO-WORKER GIL GAYNESBLOOM.
3rd Reading

9-2019 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND NICOLE STRONG FOR THE HEROIC ACTIONS SHE TOOK WHILE WORKING AS AN EMPLOYEE OF LITTLE CAESAR'S PIZZA IN NEW PHILADELPHIA, WHICH SAVED THE LIFE OF HER CO-WORKER GIL GAYNESBLOOM.
3rd Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Zucal motioned to adjourn at 7:58 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam Hitchcock