

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 11, 2020 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON 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
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCES

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY
TREASURER TOM GERBER

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

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 27, 2020
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 27, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN
APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from American Electric Power dated April 29, 2020. This is a letter and it states “Dear Public Official, this letter is to inform you that AEP intends to file an application to adjust it’s distribution rates with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio next month and to provide you with information regarding the expected impact on AEP Ohio’s Plan Proposals on customer’s distribution rates”. It goes on to say “However, because we understand that the Covid 19 crisis has associated impacts on customers and the economy, we’re requesting a temporary delay of the normal rate case procedural schedule. AEP Ohio understands the critical need for reliable electric service and is committed to the health and safety of our customers,*

- communities, and employees.” I will give this to President Kemp to review.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Vickie Ionno, Health Commissioner with the New Philadelphia City Health Department, dated April 29, 2020. This is a letter. The subject is “New Philadelphia City Health Department Reports 5 New Positive Covid 19 Cases a Day”. The attachment is a media release.*
 3. *To Council and Administration from Mary Ann Otte, Executive Secretary to Mayor Day, dated April 30, 2020. This is the Mayor’s End of Month Report.*
 4. *To Council and Administration from Vicki Daniels, dated April 30, 2020. This is the April 2020 Income Tax Report.*
 5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 1, 2020. This is an email, the subject is “The John Knisely Municipal Center City Hall Will Remain Closed Until Monday, May 11th”.*
 6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 5, 2020. This is an email and the subject is City Land Lease for Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium and Surrounding City Property. The attachment is the Stadium Lease.*
 7. *To City Council from Tanya Dickey, Administrative Assistant to Auditor Gundy, dated May 5, 2020. This is an email with the attachments “Expense Report with Encumbrance Detail for April 2020, Statement of Cash Position from Revenue and Expense for April 2020, Statement of Cash Position with MTD totals for April 2020.*
 8. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 7, 2020. This is an email with the subject “Closing to the Public Extended as We Await Glass Installation”*
 9. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 7, 2020. This is a forwarded email titled Brownsfield Coalition Grant.*
 10. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 8, 2020. This is a forwarded email that says “May 8, 2020 Census Update”*
 11. *To Council and Administration from President Kemp, dated May 8, 2020. The subject is “Council Meeting May 11, 2020. It states “we will again have Committee and Council Meeting Monday night in Council Chambers. To be in compliance we will all wear masks and observe social distancing.”*
 12. *To Council and Administration from President of Council Kemp, dated May 11, 2020. This is a forwarded email and the subject is “documents for 2020 CHIP”*
 13. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 11, 2020. This is the Mayor’s Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

Mayor Day had the following report:

- **Salute to the Graduating Seniors of 2020:** On behalf of all of us in City government and all citizens of New Philadelphia, I want to give our congratulations to the graduating seniors of New Philadelphia High School and Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School. None of us ever imagined that you would end your high school careers this way. But know that the way you adapted and persevered through this pandemic has been an inspiration to all of us. You will always hold a special place in our hearts and in the City's history. Now as you go forward, be courageous, fearless and kind. Help us make this a better, safer and more loving world. I want to give a special shout out to the teachers and administrators who have gone above and beyond to help the seniors complete their graduation requirements and continue to educate all students during this public health emergency. To me, you are the unsung heroes of the pandemic.

- **State Budget Cuts Could Impact City Airport Project:** Governor Dewine's \$778 million cut in this fiscal year's state budget has reduced the budget of the Ohio Department of Transportation's aviation divisions by \$30 million, which in turn threatens funding of PAPI light replacement at Harry Clever Field. PAPI lights are a key safety feature at airports, because they allow pilots of incoming aircraft to make sure they have the proper approach angle for a safe landing. During a telephone conference last week with ODOT-Aviation officials, they indicated that, even though the City's application for a grant to install new PAPI lights has been approved, there is a chance that it won't be funded because of the budget cuts. They said a definite answer should come this week.

- **The Tuscora Park Swimming Pool, Rides, Summer Showcase and the First Town Days Festival.** At a meeting last Thursday with City Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno, it was determined that, because of Governor Dewine's mass gatherings order, the opening of the swimming pool, the Summer Showcase concerts and the First Town Days Festival events would have to be postponed at Tuscora Park until the order is lifted. It will be up to the Governor and State Health Department officials to decide when and if such events can be held. At about the same time the City learned that the Ohio Department of Agriculture laid off amusement ride inspectors because of Governor Dewine's state budget cuts. The Park rides cannot be opened without inspections. So, it's unknown at this time when the rides will be able to open.

- **Small Businesses can apply to Restart Tusc for Financial Help:** If your small business needs financial help to reopen, Restart Tusc is still accepting applications for grant funding. The application is available online at www.tuscedc.com. The deadlines to apply follow Governor Dewine's reopening schedule: Medical, dental services and veterinary services; Manufacturing, distribution, and construction; Consumer, retail and services: Deadline to apply is May 15. For those small businesses allowed to reopen on May 15th: Personal care services; Outdoor Dining-Restaurants and bars: Deadline to apply is May 25 For those small businesses allowed to reopen on May 21st Dine-in service-Restaurants and bars: Deadline to apply is May 25 There will be a third round of applications accepted when Governor Dewine opens up other businesses, especially entertainment venues. To date, the Restart Tusc initiative has raised over \$100,000 to help Tuscarawas County's small businesses reopen and get back to business.

- **Reopening of City Hall has been Delayed Until New Glass is Installed at Customer Counters:** It's possible that the John Knisely Municipal Centre (City Hall) will be closed the remainder of the week. High demand for tempered glass has delayed the local vendor's installation of new windows at the Health Department, Water Office and Income Tax Department customer counters. The installation is necessary for the protection of the public and City employees. We are hopeful that it

will take place by Friday. In the meantime, continue to utilize the night deposit slot at City Hall and online payments for water bills and income tax department filings and payments.

➤ Need a Mask? Contact the New Philadelphia City Health Department: If you need a face mask, the City Health Department has had a number of them donated by local seamstresses. Call the Health Department at 330-364-4491 extension 1208 to make arrangements to receive them while City Hall is closed. As of 1pm today the New Philadelphia City Health Department reported 71 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City. That's an increase of seven from last Friday. Continue to practice social distancing and the other safety measures that are recommended to slow the spread of the virus. And be patient. All of us are feeling the strain of living through this pandemic.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I want to start with the progress of the Wabash Avenue Project. Last week we did the tie-in on Lakeview. It was laid out in the road farther than originally thought. That's why you saw a snag there for about a day and a half we lost out there. Now they're back moving very quickly. I know there's some services that need to be put in yet this week when they move up that line, but I believe the water line should be done this week. A large part of what's going to slow them down is when they do the storm sewer. We all know it's going to be curb, gutter. I would say the water line is ahead of schedule. Also, the paving list for 2020 I handed out tonight. We will have some changes because we made this list before Covid 19. Also the contractor for the new cemetery, top soil is moved, polls have been dug and concrete will go in tomorrow. That building will go up rather quickly.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question:

What was the cost per ton for asphalt this year?

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:

\$68.00 a ton

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

Mr. Popham had the following report:

Probably 6 or 8 weeks ago there was an issue in the fire department where an engine blew up in one of the fire trucks. The original estimate to fix the engine which had a hole in the transmission and the gear box came in at \$58,000.00. The truck was returned Friday. The pump was tested and passed the certified test and it came in at \$47,800.00 which was a lot cheaper than the original estimate. The fire truck is a 1995 E1 Pumper. Now because of this rebuilt motor and transmission this truck should be good now for hopefully another 20 years.

TREASURER . . . MR. TOM GERBER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I too want to commend the Class of 2020. My heart goes out to them. This generation of Americans came into this world during the tragedies of September 11th, now they are graduating in the middle of a world-wide pandemic the likes of which this country hasn't seen in over 100 years. It's really important that this generation reflects upon what they're going through. Each generation that has faced difficulties in their formative years has gone on to do great things in our country. The generation that fought the revolution made the world safe for democracy. The generation that lived through the Great Depression and World War II literally saved the world. I am anxious to see what this group of young people will do. I am very proud of the young people in New Philadelphia in particular and what they have had to endure. I want to ensure them that we understand that you missed prom, you missed your athletics, and you missed your graduation, but your best days are yet to come. Your best days are ahead of you and you will do great things. I hope that when you get to our position that you will have done such great things that something like this will never be possible again in our nation. So, again I just want to thank that class and I really encourage them because I'm anxious to see what they will do going forward. I think they will be remarkable young men and women and will be a tremendous asset to our country. Lastly, Mr. President did you assign the CHIP Program? (President Kemp replied he assigned it to Mr. Holland)

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission meeting for this month has been cancelled.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet tomorrow night here in Council Chambers at 5 o'clock with five variance requests to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will be meeting tomorrow evening in Council Chambers at 6:30 PM. Also, the long awaited PAPI Project that we thought we had completed and ready to finalize is now being held up because of the potential lack of funding. We will continue to wait.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Park Board will meet May 20, 2020 at Noon at Tuscora Park.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY
There will be no Cemetery Board Meeting this month.

HEALTH BOARD MR. KELLY RICKLIC
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 13 at Noon in City
Council Chambers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

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

Mr. Holland had the following question for Mayor Day:

Have you had a report on the Master Planning Process?

Mayor Day had the following reply:

I spoke to Michael McInturf on Thursday and he's close to having another
draft to show to Council.

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

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. Zucal had the following comment:

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the New Philadelphia Police and Fire Departments. I believe each of our school buildings have had some type of car parade to help celebrate our students and reunite with them in some way during this Covid 19 Pandemic. I have to say the response from our safety forces has been tremendous.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

5-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO HAVE AN HONORARY DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF BANK LANE SE DESIGNATED IN HONOR OF JIM LOCKER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, SPECIFICALLY, THE PORTION OF BANK LANE SE FROM 3rd ST SE TO 4th ST SE WOULD HAVE SIGNAGE PLACED UNDER THE STREET NAMES THAT WOULD READ “HONORARY JIM LOCKER LANE”, THE STREET NAMES THEMSELVES WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.
6th Reading

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I just wanted to take the opportunity to talk to the Mayor about the potential for reopening the track at the stadium. I've heard a lot from constituents in regards to that. I know that's an Administrative function to decide how that goes and I know he did reach out to some of us and ask our opinion. I just wanted to for the record state that I know there was some discussion as to whether or not that was a New Philadelphia City School District decision. I know there are a lot of people who would like to return back to be able to use the track. My personal recommendation to the Mayor would be that the track be reopened, that the barricades continue to be placed around the field and that the track be monitored either by park police or the employees of Parks and Recreation to ensure that all the proper protocols are being followed to allow people to be able to use it. I've heard from a number of our senior citizens who are asking for it. I think Mr. Maurer talked about that earlier. They say the concrete is really difficult for them on their legs, hips, and backs, the track is much more favorable for them. My hope is that between the Park employees, Park Police and our own City Police continuing to monitor that, we may have a track available very shortly. If people continue to violate the procedures then we may have to shut it down again.

Mr. Maurer had the following comment:

Up until two weeks ago I didn't realize there were signs up at the stadium that allowed New Philadelphia students to be on that field so from that standpoint they weren't doing anything wrong. There were signs that said New Philadelphia students were allowed on that field.

Mayor Day asked Council if anyone would volunteer to monitor the field. Mr. Maurer said he would monitor when he's there.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

I'd love for the seniors to be able to walk on that track. It wasn't just the kids on the field but also personal trainers not social distancing.

Mayor Day said the Health Commissioner has the final say.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I was one of those that was very concerned. I won't turn away from that, what I saw on that field was a direct violation of what we had recommended.

Mr. Maurer suggested that a committee be put together to discuss the reopening of the stadium to come up with a solution.

Mayor Day said the Committee will include Council people.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

The fitness people having their classes in the stadium, is that because the fitness centers are shut down? Would fitness center representatives be included in the committee?

Mr. Fete had the following comment:

The current order bans mass gatherings but encourages walking and running. The problem is we're the only stadium open in town. I believe that 90% of the state will be open by this coming Friday. Once gyms are open a large part of the element causing problems will be back in their gyms. Right now there are no outlets at all.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question for Mr. Fete:

Who shut down the other stadiums in the County.

Mr. Fete had the following reply:

The County Health Department.

Mrs. Ramos asked if we could talk to the County Health Department about getting the other stadiums to reopen.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:13 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp