

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON KEMP PRESIDING. COUNCILMAN HOLLAND OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENSES

MR. DAN LANZER

- MR. MAURER MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 14-2020 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 14-2020 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

**Safety Director Popham requested an Executive Session during tonight’s Meeting regarding personnel.*

6 YEAS

THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED AND THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TONIGHT’S COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.

- MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL AND THE AUGUST 31, 2020 SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL AND THE AUGUST 31 SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated September 1, 2020. This is the August 2020 Deposits and the August 2020 Investment and Savings Report.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Law Director Fete, dated August 30, 2020. This is an email and the subject is “FBO Lease” and the attachments are “Fixed Base Operator Lease” and “Fixed Base Operator Lease Document”.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Lacey McKain, dated August 31, 2020. This is the Mayor’s Month End Report.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated August 31, 2020. This is a forwarded email and the subject is “Unemployment Rates: Week Ending August 22”.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Vicki Daniels, Income Tax Administrator for the City of New Philadelphia. This is an email and the subject is August Income Tax Report.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated August 8, 2020. This is an email and the subject is “August 2020” and the*

Attachments are "August Lodging Tax 2020 and August 2020 Revenue".

7. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated September 14, 2020. This is the Mayor's report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- **Awaiting State Guidelines on Halloween Trick or Treating:** Over the past two weeks the Mayor's office has received several inquiries about having Halloween trick or treating. I've discussed it with City Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno. We are awaiting recommendations from the State Health Department and Governor Dewine. If door-to-door trick or treating is allowed, I would expect it to be held on Halloween, Saturday October 31st during the early evening hours. In the meantime, I encourage residents to continue with plans to decorate their homes and yards.
- **Re-applying for a Federal EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant:** The City is again partnering with Columbiana County and the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) to re-apply for a Federal EPA Brownfield Assessment grant. Last year our first application as a coalition fell three points short of being funded. OMEGA has sought the help of a Columbus area grant writer to improve our re-application. The grant will fund environmental assessments and cleanups in both communities. For New Philadelphia, it would be used to address environmental concerns at the former Howden Buffalo and Puritan Laundry properties on Mill Avenue SW. Those concerns are preventing the redevelopment of both areas.
- **Addressing the Concerns of Lodging Businesses at the I-77 Interchange:** In response to an email I received last week from Councilwoman Ramos, Safety Director Popham and myself spoke with the manager of a local hotel on West High Avenue who is concerned about the vagrants and homeless people hanging around the area. Lodging operators call City police to run them off. But once police leave the people return. The officers feel that there is a mental health component in the problem. Community Mental Healthcare has offered to help. So Police Chief Goodwin and myself will be meeting with them this week to learn how. This situation, along with a recent story in the Bargain Hunter, point to the need for more police officers in New Philadelphia.
- **A Vacancy Filled on the City Airport Commission:** I have appointed New Philadelphia resident and pilot Josh Limbacher to fill a vacancy on the City Airport Commission. He has been an airport volunteer for several years and is a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association chapter 1077, which is headquartered at Harry Clever Field. His appointment was overwhelmingly supported by the current members of the Airport Commission. His term will expire at the end of the year.
- **We Remain a Yellow County for the Sixth Consecutive Week:** The New Philadelphia City Health Department is happy to report that, for the sixth consecutive week, Tuscarawas County remains the color yellow on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. Yellow is the lowest level and indicates a decline in reported coronavirus cases in our community. The Health Department encourages all of us to keep up the good work!
- **State Senator Jay Hottinger Visits our Town:** Last Friday State Senator Jay Hottinger was in New Philadelphia to view the construction progress at the Southside Community Park and learn about other projects underway in the City. Senator Hottinger secured \$400,000 from the State biennial budget to help fund the park's construction. During his visit we also discussed the need for legislation to help fund energy efficiency programs, like the one the City used to receive funding from American Electric Power to convert downtown street lighting to cost-saving LEDs. AEP eliminated their programs as the result of House Bill 6, the First Energy bail out legislation.

➤ *FREE FACE COVERINGS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT*

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Three ongoing projects to talk about. The CDBG Project on Poplar Avenue, curbs and sidewalks are 100% complete on North Avenue, curbing is 100% completed on 2nd Street. All the curbing is done on Poplar, and 75% of the sidewalk still needs done on Poplar Avenue. It should be completed by next meeting. On Rt. 39 the paving is completed. They're still waiting for a final inspection. Two weeks ago we met about the cemetery office building. We have a contract for \$199,326. It will start next month and they have 60 days to complete that project. Friday we did the water hookup service there and today the sanitary sewer line was installed. The garage is 90% done and should be completed this week. Hydrant flushing will begin at 10pm this Sunday and work until 6am. This may cause dirty water or low pressure.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question:

Was there an issue with the low bidder in the cemetery project?

Mr. McAbier had the following response:

His was not valid.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE.....NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission's will be meeting in Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers.

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

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission met last Tuesday. One of the items we discussed was Dr. Richard Varatti who had been an alternate member of the Airport Commission had submitted his letter of resignation. We had interest from an individual who has been highly active at the airport, a pilot himself. His name is Josh Limbacher. We as a Commission had made the recommendation to Mayor Day that Josh Limbacher would fulfil the tenure still left on Dr. Varatti's term and potentially seek a long term

appointment.

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

The Finance Committee met tonight at 7:15 to discuss four increases in appropriations. The first was Professional Services for an increase of \$8,000. It was grant money that we didn't appropriate enough earlier, there were two increases to the Health Department at \$10,000, and we got our second disbursement of Coronavirus relief. So we have asked that this be put on tonight's Agenda and passed at the next meeting September 28, 2020.

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Tom Farbizo of 936 3rd St. NW, New Phila had the following comment:

I’m happy to be here with this envelope containing two checks. (Mr. Farbizo gave the envelope to Mayor Day to open)

Mayor Day made the following statement:

There are two checks, one for \$1,920 and the other for \$4,320 from the Quaker Digital Academy Foundation.

Mr. Farbizo continued:

The reason for two checks, the one check is from the advertisement on sanitation trucks and the other is for the airport windows.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

It is my hope that at our next meeting on September 28 that we be able to convene a meeting of Committee of the Whole again to talk about some of the issues that he has addressed. After having spoken to some of the individuals who are directly responsible for leading some of the businesses that are being impacted by the vagrancy that’s taking place off of Interstate 77. I would like to continue to see what we’re doing in regard to that matter as well as to be able to reflect and maybe have some input from City Council on that. After speaking with the individual at length I think we have a multitude of problems that exist in that area. I continue to receive a number of contacts pertaining to issues with the failing infrastructure within the City, particularly the roads. For about five years I’ve been trying to assist some of the residents on Chauncey Avenue NW who’ve been experiencing some of the issues. A lot of our problems stem from concrete buckling. I did receive a letter in August from residents at 239 Chauncey Ave. NW who are asking for some help with buckling concrete around their home as well as that section of the street. It’s an ongoing problem for them. Anything our Council can continue to do to support infrastructure improvements would be wise.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

14-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AMENDING AND ADJUSTING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2020.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO A 5 MINUTE RECESS AT 7:53 , RECONVENED AT 7:57 BEFORE ADJOURNING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57.
AT 8:40 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

The 15 computers have been delivered to Mr. Erb. He is setting those up. As soon as he gets them all set up for the 9 Council Members and the 6 Administrators he'll distribute them. They will be inventoried by him and each one will have their own emails that will be set up in them, so they'll be ready to go. Right now he's checking to see if there's any other software that needs to be added. All 15 come with a case and the charger.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:42pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp