

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 13TH, 2014 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING.

MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK WELCOMED THE NEW MAYOR, DAVID JOHNSON THE CITY'S FIRST LADY, MRS. NANCY JOHNSON, THE NEW TREASURER MR. AARON HILLYER, AND THE NEW COUNCIL PERSON MRS. CHERYL RAMOS.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MS. WINNIE WALKER
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK ANNOUNCED THAT THE LAW DIRECTOR, MARVIN FETE IS ABSENT FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL 7 YEAS
MOTION PASSED

APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD 2014 THROUGH 2017:

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK ANNOUNCED THAT NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL.
COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN ZUCAL NOMINATED MS. PATRICIA MCKAY TO RETURN AND TO SERVE THE CITY COUNCIL AS CLERK
MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS.
BEING THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS
THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK CLOSED THE NOMINATIONS.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK ASK FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT MS. PATRICIA MCKAY AS CLERK
MS. COX MADE THAT MOTION AND MS. WALKER SECONDED
VOTE WAS TAKEN BY A VOICE COUNT.
ALL WAS IN FAVOR
AND NO COUNCIL MEMBER WAS OPPOSED.
MS. PATRICIA MCKAY WAS REAPPOINTED COUNCIL CLERK.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK CONGRATULATED THE CLERK. THE CLERK THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR 2014 THROUGH 2015 WAS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS COUNCIL MEETING.
THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK INFORMED COUNCIL THAT TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE FIRST PREPARED THE LIST HE TALKED WITH EVERYONE AND TRIED TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS SATISFY EVERYONE AND TO GET THE JOB DONE.
IT WAS A LOT EASIER BACK THEN. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED AND IT WAS PASSED
THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK STATED THAT HE IS NOT ANTICIPATING THAT TO HAPPEN TONIGHT.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK INFORMED ALL THIS IN NOT SOMETHING HE PUT TOGETHER IN FIVE MINUTES HE LOOKED AT ALL SITUATIONS AND PUT TIME IN THIS WHEN HE PUT THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT TOGETHER IT WAS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CITIZENS THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL PEOPLE TO BEST REPRESENT THE DIFFERENT AREAS WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH.

AND WITH THAT HE EXERCISED THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR FOR THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR 2014/2015 BE ACCEPTED.

MR. JOHN ZUCAL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AS WAS PRESENTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK IN THE DRAFT DOCUMENT TO EACH OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:
ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION.

MS. COX:

ONLY IF WE DO NOT APPROVE THEM DO THE ASSIGNMENTS REVERT BACK TO 2012 ASSIGNMENT LIST?

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR HAS ADVISED THE PRESIDENT TO TRY TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF GETTING NEW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS IN PLACE BUT IN THE EVENT IF THAT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE TONIGHT THE PRIOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AS THEY STAND WILL BE IN EFFECT.
THAT WOULD INCLUDE MRS. RAMOS FILLING THE CHAIR OF MS. ESPENSCHIED.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MR. JOHN ZUCAL:

SO THOSE REVERTED COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED AS WELL? WHATEVER THE ASSIGNMENTS THEY WOULD BE THE NEW ASSIGNMENTS.
WHAT MR. ZUCAL UNDERSTANDS THE LAW IS ALL STANDING COMMITTEES NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE CITIZENS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA?
I WOULD ENTERTAIN THE THOUGHT IF WE REVERTED TO 2012 THOSE ALSO WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED.
OUR ORDINANCE DOES STATE, STANDING COMMITTEES ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MR. DAN LANZER:

THOSE WERE APPROVED IN 2012

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MR. JOHN ZUCAL:

UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE APPROVED IN 2012
WITHOUT THE LAW DIRECTOR BEING HERE I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LEGAL INTERPRETATION

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK READ AN E-MAIL RECEIVED FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR:

“IN THE EVENT COUNCIL FAILS TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENTS IT WOULD FALL ON THE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK TO COME UP WITH NEW ASSIGNMENTS. COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE AMENDMENTS ON TH FLOOR TO THE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK PROPOSED COMMITTEE LIST. THEY CAN ONLY VOTE TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE.
DURING THE INTERIM OF A NO VOTE ON THE NEW ASSIGNMENTS COUNCIL DOES NOT COME TO A STOP
THEY WOULD MERELY REVERT BACK TO THAT WAS VOTED ON BY COUNCIL IN 2012
ANY NEW MEMBER WHETHER APPOINTED OR ELECTED SHALL TAKE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THEIR PREDECESSOR UNTIL SUCH TIME THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK MAKES NEW ASSIGNMENT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF APPROVAL OF COUNCIL.”

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MR. JOHN ZUCAL:

MR. ZUCAL THAT WAS HIS INTERPRETATION THAT HE HAD WITH AUTHORITIES AND FRIENDS IN COLUMBUS AS WELL.

ALTHOUGH IT REVERTS BACK, AS PRESIDENT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FURTHER APPOINT AND TRY TO RESTRUCTURE THOSE COMMITTEES FOR 2014.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:
IF THESE ASSIGNMENTS ARE NOT APPROVED TONIGHT,
BUSINESS DOES NOT STOP.
WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS UNDER THE OLD ASSIGNMENT LIST.

Motion was made by Mr. John Zucal to approve the 2014/2015 Assignment List

Motion was seconded by Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger

Roll Call

3 yeas 4 nays (Ms. Cox, Mr. Lanzer, Mrs. Ramos and Ms. Walker)

Motion failed

REQUEST FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MR. JOHN ZUCAL FOR
COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO VOTED NO TO EXPLAIN WHY THEY VOTED NO.

COUNCIL MEMBER MS. COX:

SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE 2014 LIST PER SE BUT JUST WANTED THE 2014 LIST TO BE THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT LIST.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MR. JOHN ZUCAL:

COUNCIL MEMBER MR. MAURER IS A VETERAN MEMBER OF COUNCIL WITH OVER 14 YEARS EXPERIENCE AN HOLDS A MASTERS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND IS VICE PRESIDENT WITH ONE OF OUR LOCAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE CITIZENS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA WOULD BENEFIT BY HIS QUALIFICATIONS RATHER THAN SOMEONE WHO IS NEW TO COUNCIL, NO DISREGARD FOR MRS. RAMOS, WHO CAN BEST ACT ON THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA.

WHO CAN BEST ACT ON THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA OBVIOUSLY
MR. MAURER IS A HIGHLY QUALIFIED MEMBER OF COUNCIL
TO BE A PART OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

THE REASON I PUT MR. MAURER IN THAT POSITION WAS FOR EXACTLY THOSE REASONS BEST REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY. WITH THE BEST PEOPLE THAT ARE QUALIFIED TO HOLD PARTICULAR POSITIONS ON THOSE COMMITTEES AND I GAVE WITH YOUR NOTHING PERSONAL WITH MRS. RAMOS I FEEL SHE WILL HAVE A LOT TO OFFER THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS A COUNCIL PERSON BUT AS A NEW PERSON ON COUNCIL I JUST THINK WE SHOULD CHOOSE WHAT WE KNOW IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR A PARTICULAR POSITION. YOU LISTED MR. MAURER'S OBVIOUS CREDENTIALS AND HIS LONGEVITY ON CITY COUNCIL. MY CHOICE HE WAS THE BEST FOR THAT POSITION.

MS COX:

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYONE IN THIS ROOM I JUST WANT TO KEEP THE LIST THE SAME NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYONE PERSONALLY.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

I WAS NOT THE ONE WHO APPOINTED

MR. ZUCAL:

UPON MY ELECTION I WAS NAMED CHAIR OF SPECIAL/CONTACT

MR LANZER'S ELECTION THAT CHANGED NO LONGER A MEMBER SPECIAL/CONTACT BUT OF SALARY. TO SAY THAT THESE ARE ALWAYS MAINTAINED FROM YEAR TO YEAR IS NOT TRUE.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

MS. WALKER WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR THE NO VOTE?

I WANT TO KEEP IT AS IT IS.

I DO BELIEVE THAT MRS. RAMOS CAN LEARN AND WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

I THINK SHE IS WELL QUALIFIED.

SHE DOESN'T BRING ANY BAGGAGE EITHER.

SHE HAS A LOT TO OFFER AND BRINGS A LOT WITH HER.

COMMENT FROM MR. LANZER:

NOT ALWAYS THE CASE I WAS APPOINTED TO THE SALARY COMMITTEE WITH NO SALARY EXPERIENCE.

MR. LANZER WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR THE NO VOTE?

MR. LANZER SAID HE ECHOED WHAT MS. COX AND MS. WALKER SAID NO OFFENCE TO MR. MAURER I THINK HE WOULD DO A FINE JOB ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP THE COMMITTEE AS THEY WERE IT WOULD BE A GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR MRS. RAMOS TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE WITH MS. COX AND MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER.

MRS. RAMOS: (THE OBJECT OF THE DISCUSSION):

WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR THE NO VOTE?

PART OF MY REASON FOR RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL WAS TO SCRUTINIZE THE BUDGET LIKE I DO MY OWN AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CITY AS MUCH AS I COULD TO BALANCE THE BUDGET.

THE PROBLEM IS WE ARE FACING A BIG PROBLEM WITH THE BUDGET. YOU'VE SEEN IT COMING PERSONALLY FOR FIVE OR SIX YEARS.

THE YEAR I'VE SET IN THE COUNCIL MEETING HERE WITH NO DISRESPECT TO ANYONE NOTHING WAS DONE ABOUT THE CLIFF WE ARE FACING OR WE MIGHT ALREADY BE GOING OVER. SO THAT IS WHY I VOTED NO.

I THOUGHT THAT I COULD BRING A FRESH PROSPECTIVE

I HAVE NO BAGGAGE I OWE NO ONE ANYTHING SO

I WOULD BE ADVOCATING FOR THE TAXPAYER.

MR. ZUCAL:

I THINK WE ALL ADVOCATE FOR THE TAXPAYER.

COMMENTS FROM MR. MAURER:

I AM NOT GOING TO POLITIC, WE ARE FACING THE MOST DIFFICULT TIME IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA'S HISTORY AND

I THINK MY EXPERIENCE ON COUNCIL ALONG WITH MY FINANCE BACKGROUND

I THINK I CAN DO A GOOD JOB.

I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT

I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE A LEARNING POSITION.

AT THIS POINT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING.

COMMENT FROM MS. COX:

I EXPECT YOU TO BE AT THE MEETINGS ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN BE THERE.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

THE SIMPLE MAJORITY HAS RULED

THE MOTION HAS FAILED

I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO AGAIN ACCEPT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AS THEY WERE IN 2012 WITH REPLACING COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED WITH MRS. RAMOS.

COUNCIL MEMBER MR. DAN LANZER:

MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2012 LIST ASSIGNMENTS

MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION

DISCUSSION:

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER:

ENCOURAGED THE PRESIDENT TO GO BACK AND REVIEW THOSE.

YOU JUST READ TO COUNCIL AN E-MAIL FROM THE LAW DIRECTOR

IF THE COMMITTEE CAN'T BE APPROVED OBVIOUSLY THE BUSINESS CAN CONTINUE UNTIL SOME UPDATES HAVE BEEN MADE.

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER ENCOURAGED:

ALL OF COUNCIL TO PUT OUR THOUGHTS IN WRITING AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE PRESIDENT SO WE CAN ALL SEE THEM TO SEE IF WE CAN REACH SOME COMMON GROUND.

BIGGEST PROBLEM WE NEED TO REACH SOME COMMON GROUND.

COMMENT FROM MR. ZUCAL:

I ECHO WHAT MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SAID

WE OWE IT TO THE TAXPAYERS, MORE THAN EVER THAT THOSE ASSIGNMENTS ARE NOT BASED ON HISTORY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HISTORY GAINS US EXCEPT A DEFICIT RATHER THAN BRING A HEALTHY PROSPECTIVE BASED ON SOMEBODY THAT HAS THE QUALIFICATIONS.

MR. MAURER DOES NOT WANT TO POLITIC FOR HIMSELF.

I WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME TO EXPLAIN TO THE CONSTITUENTS CITIZENS OF WARD TWO OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS WELL AS ALL THE CITIZENS AND HOW AN INDIVIDUAL WAS APPOINTED TO A FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT HOLDS AN MBA, WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE ON COUNCIL AND REPRESENTS ONE OF OUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTES IS NOT HIGHLY QUALIFIED THAT WOULD NOT BE ONE OF THE BEST INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON THAT COMMITTEE.

MR. MAURER DID STATE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, BEING WHERE WE ARE AT, IT IS NOT A TRAINING GROUND FOR ANYONE.

MR. ZUCAL:

I THINK THAT PUTS MRS. RAMOS AT AN UNFAIR POSITION THAT SHE HAS ZERO EXPERIENCE ON CITY COUNCIL AND SHE DOES HAVE SOME VERY CLEAR GOALS WHICH CAN ALWAYS BE MET BY REPRESENTING THE WHOLE AND NOT NECESSARY ON THE COMMITTEE.

EACH PERSON HAS A RIGHT TO VOTE AS A WHOLE AND YOU CAN CERTAINLY CARRY OUT WHAT YOUR ASPIRATIONS ARE THE WAY YOU VOTE FOR THAT WHEN THINGS COME OUT OF COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE FOR A VOTE.

MS. COX:

THERE ARE FOUR PEOPLE ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. I WILL CONTACT EVERYONE AND TRY TO MAKE SURE, IF I'M THE CHAIRMAN, THAT EVERY ONE CAN ATTEND. ALL SEVEN MEMBERS NEED TO BE AT THAT MEETING AND BE AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON.

MRS. RAMOS:

I DON'T HAVE A MBA IN FINANCES BUT I HAVE SAT HERE DURING THE LAST YEAR IT IS VERY FRUSTRATING THE CITY COUNCIL DOES (NOTHING AGAINST ANYONE) AND HAS DONE NOTHING NO MATTER WHAT YOUR QUALIFICATIONS ARE THAT IS MY BIG CONCERN I WAS SETTING HERE FOR A YEAR AND NOTHING WAS DONE TO ADDRESS THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE CITY. BUT YET COUNCIL PUT A LEVY ON THE BALLET TO INCREASE INCOME TAXES EVEN THOUGH THE TAXPAYERS ARE STRETCHED THIN, TO THE LIMIT. THAT FAILED BY 73%.

THAT IS A CLEAR MESSAGE FROM THE TAXPAYER THE FISCAL HOUSE NEEDS TO GET IN ORDER. YES I'M THE NEW MEMBER MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND I AGREE WITH MR. ZUCAL IT IS TIME WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS. WE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS.

MR. ZUCAL:

I AGREE I'VE HAD THAT SAME FRUSTRATION FOR OVER A YEAR.

I VOTED AGAINST THE BUDGET WHEN IT WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA AND I'M THE SAME PERSON THAT VOTED AGAINST THE INCOME TAX ISSUE TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT.

I ASK FOR A PLAN EVERY TIME I HEAR A NO VOTE.

TELL ME WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO TO CHANGE THINGS.

I HAD THE SAME INTEREST OF SERVING ON THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

MR. HITCHCOCK WHEN YOU WERE ASKING FOR INPUT FROM MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AS TO VALUE THERE WOULD LIKE TO SERVE. I ASK FOR CONSIDERATION FOR PUTTING ME ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE I DO WHAT TO SERVE AS PART OF THE CLEAR THERE ARE.

A LOT FOLKS ON THAT ARE CONCERNED AS TO WHERE WE ARE AT. SHED LIGHT AND THOUGHT.

I HAVE NOT SERVED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STILL WOULD VALUE THAT OPPORTUNITY.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

THERE ARE SOME STRONG ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS BUT I HAVE A JOB TO DO.

ROLL CALL,

4 YEAS 3 NAYS (MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER, MR. MAURER, AND MR. JOHN ZUCAL.)

MOTION PASSED

A COPY OF THE 2014 ASSIGNMENT LIST (WHICH IS THE SAME AS THE 2012) WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL.

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK ANNOUNCED THAT NOMINATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PRO TEM.

APPOINTMENT OF PRO TEM

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK ASK FOR NOMINATIONS
MR. ZUCAL NOMINATED MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. LANZER NOMINATED MS. COX
NOMINATIONS CLOSED
VOTED BY A SHOW OF HANDS

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER 3 VOTES
MS. COX 4 VOTES

MS. COX IS THE 2014/2015 PRESIDENT PRO TEM

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2013.
AND SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 30TH, 2013.
MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS 1 NAY (MR. JOHN ZUCAL)

MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. To Council a List of Accomplishments and Major Projects Administered by the Service Director's Office for 2013 dated December 30th , 2013 from the Service Director James Zucal
2. Request dated January 2nd, 2014 to the President of Council, Sam Hitchcock and all City Council Members from the New Philadelphia Management Group Members A, B, & D as recognized by the sanctioned AD Hoc Committee per Ordinance 21, 2013 in regard to the bargaining and non-bargaining disparities and inequality
3. Notice of Public Hearing #1 Date of Publication January 16th, 2014 the first of two or more Public Hearings will be held Monday January 27th, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 150 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 to provide citizens with pertinent information about the CDBG and HOME Programs including an explanation of eligible activities and program requirements
4. A Notice to Council from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, 6606 Tussing Road, P. O. Box 4005, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005. Dated December 31st, 2013
To Bigfoot Acquisitions, Inc., DBA Gavins, 110 South Broadway & Patio , New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 for Type TRFO/D1, D2, D3 Permit from Bigfoot Acquisitions, LLC., DBA Gavins, 110 South Broadway & Patio, and asking that objections be made no later than January 31st, 2014
5. Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2013 Revenue for the General Fund as of December 2013
6. Auditor's Financial Statement for the Month of December 2013
7. Month-End Tax Revenue Report by Year for 2013.
8. Statement of Cash Position with Month to Date as of December 31st, 2013
9. Budget Report with Encumbrance Details as of December 31st, 2013
10. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for the Month of December 2013
11. Special and Contact Committee Meeting Minutes from December 23rd, 2013
12. Zoning & Annexation Meeting Minutes from December 23rd, 2013, November 25th, 2013, April 22nd, 2013 and March 25th 2013
13. New Philadelphia Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from December 23rd, 2013 and December 30th, 2013.
14. New Philadelphia December 2013 Month End Summary for the New Philadelphia Fire Department Dated January 3rd, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

Mayor Johnson addressed the following:

- The Mayor announced that he has been in office for two days and
The Mayor's first day he saved the City a \$1,000.
- The Mayor has been talking with some of the Managers and his top his staff
to come up with ideas to get ready for the Budget.
- The Mayor announced later this week they will start interviewing the Supervisors.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

The Service Director reported on the following:

- Five Point Storm Sewer Project
Last Friday the contractor, Tucson, Inc.
Moved in to do the last portion of the Sanitary Sewer Line on Bank Lane,
That portion will be economically important because it is part of a job creation application
package. When that is completed that area will have water and sewer available. There is some
vacant ground in that area.
They hope to wrap that up in two weeks.
- The Service Director reported that in the Spring the paving will be finalized.
- The Service Director complimented our Service sector employees last week it was very difficult time
because of the cold weather conditions. Every department handled it well.
The Service Director particularly wanted to thank Ed Wilson and his crew who repaired two 6 inch
water main breaks, three service line breaks and numerous shut offs. They have all done an exceptional
job. The conditions were brutal. Working together the Street Department did an exceptional job as
working as a team.
- The Service Director provided a list of accomplishment s for last year (2013) to all Council and
requested that everyone take a look at them.
- The Service Director reported that he has been working closely with Mayor Johnson to bring him up to
speed on all projects.
The Service Director reported that they have had a lot to talk about.
The Service Director stated that he is very excited about working with Mayor Johnson.

Comments from Council Member John Zucal

Commended the members of our Street Crews, Water Department, and the folks that are out there
tonight. Those conditions were brutal. As a member of Council and a Citizen of New Philadelphia Council
Member John Zucal stated that he appreciated the hard work those guys put in.
Sanitation, Water Department the Street Department whoever it was the Citizens of New Philadelphia were
proudly served.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock:

Announced that he echoed the Comments from Council Member John Zucal.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock mentioned his 9 days in office as Mayor

All the Departments were very helpful to him

Mr. Hitchcock mentioned that the power behind the throne was the Mayor's Assistant Mary Jo Fragasse.

Ms. Fragasse is pleasant and very congenial.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock reported that the City Departments work liked a well oiled machine.

Comments from Council Member John Zucal:

Thanked the Department Heads and stated that they are the backbone of those efforts. They utilize resources
as best they can to see that is done.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock:

Requested that Council show their appreciation by giving a round of applause for their service.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

Question from the Mayor.

We received are final income tax in for 2013

And we are up how much?

Ms. Gundy reported about \$400,000 about 6%.

Comment from Council Member Mr. Lautenschleger:

Where do we stand with R.I.T.A.?

It is in the Finance Committee.

Comment from Council Member Mr. Zucal:

How are we doing with the Lodging Tax?

(That has been in Committee since July 22nd, 2013 and he didn't know where we stood with that.)

The Auditor replied:

\$25,000 the first month \$17,000 the second the month she doesn't have the December fully in yet.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

The Safety Director reported that that he wanted to echo what was in the news paper and radio last week stating the City of New Philadelphia is fourth in the state for being safest City in the State of Ohio.

The Safety Director mentioned that this is quite an honor to everyone in the City.

The School System, the City Department, and also the Citizens of the City.

It is a combined effort with everyone working together takes good witnesses, from the very beginning with something happening all the way through the Court Systems, the Police Department the Fire Department, the Service Departments; It takes everyone as a whole working together and finally someone has recognized that.

Mr. Popham reported that today he had a meeting with the Mayor and the Fire Chief we are going to start the process with the Civil Service Commission and to establish an eligibility list for the Fire Department with the two vacancies (We have one vacancy now and one February 2nd, 2014.) We have no eligibility list and at this point we are just going to establish the list.

Comment from the President on City of New Philadelphia being the 4th in the state for having a safe City.

The President stated it doesn't always have to do with the just the Safety Forces Police or the Fire Department. It could be any of the other departments everything we take for granite.

I think the award is well earned.

TREASURERMR. AARON HILLYER.....NO REPORT

The Treasurer, Mr. Hillyer, thanked the Citizens of New Philadelphia for giving him the opportunity to serve the City and to give back.

Mr. Hillyer stated that he is looking forward to working with all of Council and getting caught up to speed.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE

EXCUSED ABSENCE

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor announced the next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held Tuesday January 14th, 2014 at 1:00 PM here in Council Chambers at this time there is one item on the agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Mr. James Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday January 14th, 2014 here in Council Chambers at 5:00 PM there are two variance requests.

AIRPORT COMMISSION..... MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. John Zucal announced that the Airport Commission will meet Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Airport meeting room. We welcome new Council Member Mrs. Cheryl Ramos to that Committee we are anxious to see what support and work that she brings to that Committee. We are also looking forward to hearing from the new Airport Commission members Don Kennedy and Dean Holland who are replacing Ted Gentsch and Dee Grossman. Both will be serving on the Airport Commission and will bring some expertise from previous back grounds as well as being pilots themselves.

Request from County Commissioner Kerry Metzger, since the County Commissioners don't have a specific role and do not have voting capacity they are more of the liaisons of the Airport Commission, requests that there is no longer an appointee from the County Commissioners for the Airport Commission.

Mr. John Zucal announced this request will be discussed at the organizational meeting for 2014 tomorrow night.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER.....No Report

HEALTH BOARD.....

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is Wednesday, January 15th, 2014 at 12:00 Noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE reported the following:

No report at this time.

She will be having meetings soon.

She retired on November 30, 2013 after that did not have the Chairmanship of the Finance Committee so she could not have meetings.

She was told that the assignments were made to Mr. Lautenschleger during her absence.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL....NO REPORT

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer reported that the Safety Health & Service Committee had a meeting at 7:15 PM tonight.

To discuss Ambulance rates this was formerly in the Ambulance Committee.

Rate increases were for 2014. Mr. Maurer pointed out this is an Amended Resolution to correct rates on the Original Resolution. The Safety Health & Service Committee also approved this and recommended passage at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ...MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGERNO REPORT

Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger announced that the Updated version of Amended Ordinance 28-2013 has been distributed. (A portion of the ordinance was inadvertently left out by the Law Director in preparing that)

Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger announced that he will be having a meeting on January 27th, 2014 prior to regular Council to discuss the Service Director, Mr. Zucal's, Letter of December 13th ,2013 regarding City's portion of funding for the West High Avenue Widening Project. He will work with the Clerk to schedule that.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS....NO REPORT

Mrs. Ramos announced that she is looking forward to working with all of Council in moving things forward for the City.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER....NO REPORT

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

Assigned to the Contact and Special Committee the Revision of Chapter 121 Rules and Procedures from the Codified Ordinances. And the notice from the Board of liquor Control Bigfoot Acquisitions Inc. DBA Gavins.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMS. WINNIE WALKER....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

AMENDED

NO. 22-2013

AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY SUPPLEMENTAL SECTION 1141.05 AS ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 13-2013 TO ADDRESS RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING AND STORAGE IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA WITH REGARD TO ZONING LANGUAGE AND APPLICATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3RD READING)

Ms. Cox made a motion for the passage of Amended Ordinance 22-2013
Ms. Walker Seconded the motion

Mayor Johnson reminded all that this Ordinance was supposed to be held for a Fifth Reading.

Ms. Cox and Ms. Walker rescinded their motions
No action was taken.

AMENDED
NO. 28-2013

AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO ENACT A PAY INCREASE FOR NON-BARGAINING GROUP TIERS A, B, D AND E AS IDENTIFIED IN ORDINANCE 21-2013 PASSED DECEMBER 23, 2013 AND ALL HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO BE THE AMOUNT OF 5.25% INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2nd READING)

Motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Zucal,
Motion failed for lack of a second.

RESOLUTIONS

31-2013 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE RATE INCREASE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (4th READING)

Mr. Maurer made a motion to Amend Resolution 31-2013
Mr. Lautenschleger seconded the motion
Roll call 7 yeas Resolution No. 31-2013 has been amended

Mr. Maurer made a motion to pass Amended Resolution No. 31-2013
Mr. Lautenschleger seconded the motion
Roll Call 4 yeas and 3 nays (Ms. Cox, Mrs. Ramos, and Ms. Walker)
Amended Resolution No. 31-2013 has passed

1-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND DEE GROSSMAN FOR HER 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS A MEMBER AND SECRETARY ON THE NEW PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT COMMISSION. (1ST READING)

2-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND TED GENTSCH FOR HIS 13 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT COMMISSION. (1ST READING)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SAM HITCHCOCK:

Reminded everyone that there is a CDBG Hearing at 7:00 PM, before our next regular scheduled Council Meeting on January 27th, 2014 in Council Chambers.

Public Works & Economic Development Meeting at 6:30 PM

Mr. Dan Rice President and CEO of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition will give a presentation on an update on the Towpath Trail Project. And the goal to complete it in New Philadelphia by the Year 2020.

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:24 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____