

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON February 22nd, 2016 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MR ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
THE AGENDA IS ACCEPTED

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
MR RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
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CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council Clerk Julie Courtright from Erin Begue, Funding Administrator with W.E. Quicksall and Associates, Dated February 22nd, 2016, A request for a public hearing for the Ohio Office of Community Development, to go over a proposed area for the Community Development Block Grant Application that is due June 2016.*
2. *To Council President Sam Hitchcock from Tony Danzo, Project Manager with Municipal Services, Dated February 22nd, 2016, request for Public Hearings on March 14th and April 25th concerning the 2016 CHIP Program Grant.*
3. *To Council from Mayor Joel Day, Dated February 22nd, 2016. The Mayor's Report.*
4. *To Council from Tom Gerber, Treasurer for the City of New Philadelphia, dated February 22nd, 2016. Revised Investment Policy for the City of New Philadelphia.*
5. *To Council from Tom Gerber, Treasurer for the City of New Philadelphia, dated February 22nd, 2016. Investments and Savings Programs for January 2016*
6. *To Council from Beth Gundy, Auditor for the City of New Philadelphia, dated February 19th, 2016. Permanent Appropriations Budget and Capital Expenditures.*
7. *To Council from Beth Gundy, Auditor for the City of New Philadelphia, dated February 19th, 2016. 2016 Appropriations*
8. *To Clerk of Council Julie Courtright from Stacey Plybon, Financial Disclosure Analyst with the Ohio Ethics Commission, dated February 16th, 2016. The Official Report of All Elected Officials for 2016, whether elected or appointed to a vacancy at any time In 2015 or 2016, and those officials who served in 2016 and are required to file a 2015 Financial Disclosure Statement.*
9. *To Clerk of Council Julie Courtright from Mary Jo Fragasse, former Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and Human Resources Director for the City of New Philadelphia, dated February 22nd, 2016. Ms. Fragasse wrote the following letter:*

Hello Julie,

I regret that I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, but I thank you in advance for reading the following on my behalf.

I wish to thank New Philadelphia council for the invitation to attend and receive a commendation for my service and dedication to the City of New Philadelphia. I extend a sincere thank you and please know I am truly honored.

As most present probably know, my family and I have lived in New Philadelphia our entire lives. I graduated from New Philadelphia High School. In addition, I was very fortunate to be able to attend the local campus of Kent State for the majority of my course work in attaining a 4-year degree as a single parent, while raising three children. Several of my relatives have been employed with the City of New Philadelphia over the years.

For those present who may not know....working at the City of New Philadelphia was never a "job", for me, but a true joy! It was very gratifying to serve both the citizens of New Philadelphia and fellow co-workers the past 15 years. It was my passion to work very hard to resolve any issues or problems and to address any requests that were asked of me.

I received a letter informing me that I would not be continuing as part of the current administrative staff. I was very disappointed, but I accepted what I have always knownthat the mayor chooses to place the persons he desires to serve in key positions. I did not regret the mayor's decision because I knew that I served the citizens and employees of the City of New Philadelphia with great pride and joy.

I will always love the City of New Philadelphia and want to see the City thrive and prosper! Please know that I truly wish the very best to the current members of Council, Administration, And Employees of the City. It was my pleasure to work together with everyone throughout The years!

Warmest Wishes,
Mary Jo Fragasse

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To President of Council

Sam Hitchcock and New Philadelphia City Council from Patti McKay, Former Clerk of Council, Dated February 22, 2016, "I will not be able to attend the Council meeting tonight to personally accept my Commendation. I am deeply honored and thank you. Sincerely, Patricia A. McKay

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

The Mayor reported the following:

➤ **REVIEW OF THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – request of the Council President**

Mr. President, I am requesting that the employee handbook now in committee be returned to the administration for review and revision. Much time has passed since the handbook was put in committee. And I would like Director of Human Resources Kurtz to review it and make necessary revisions to bring it up to date.

➤ **VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND BUCKEYE CC DIRECTOR FOR A DAY**

This past Thursday I had the honor of being invited to attend VFW Post 1445's annual "Voice of Democracy" contest banquet. Four students, all from New Philadelphia's Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School, were awarded scholarships for their winning essays on American patriotism. Then on Friday, I was invited to be a "Director for a Day" at Buckeye Career Center. As such, I was able to experience the enthusiasm to learn by Buckeye students

and the quality of the vocational and college prep education they were receiving from Buckeye's dedicated and passionate teaching staff. Superintendent Bob Alsept and staff are doing a remarkable job. And by the cleanliness of the hallways, classrooms and grounds, it was evident that Buckeye pride is shared by the support staff. I bring these visits to your attention because they illustrate the diversity of educational opportunities for New Philadelphia's young people. That diversity is a key asset in marketing our city. No other community in Tuscarawas County has the educational offerings of New Philadelphia, from the pre-school level to college graduate levels. Its why we all should be encouraging people to live, learn and do business in New Philadelphia.

➤ **INTEREST BASED BARGAINING TRAINING**

The interest based bargaining training session on February 11th went very well. Representatives of the administration and all four city bargaining units attended and participated in exercises to build trusting relationships and share ideas. Interest based bargaining will be used when negotiations begin in March. We are still trying to find compatible dates for all the participants.

➤ President of Council Sam Hitchcock had the following reply for the Mayor: "Your request regarding the Employee Handbook is well taken. It will be hereby removed from the Finance Committee and placed back with the administration for further review."

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier Made the Following Statement:

"The Resolution that you have in front of you tonight is for the grant from the ODNR which is the Natureworks Grant. That will go toward the purchase of the property at the end of Crider Ave. NE leading up to the reservoir. This was brought to Council last March, but could not be acted upon in time for the application to be completed and sent in by the May 1 deadline."

"This grant would be the first step in purchasing the property. It would pay for this up to the \$36,437 toward this purchase price. The next grant that is available is the Clean Ohio Funds, and it's based on an appraisal of the property. So right now the Charles G. Snyder Company is doing the appraisal. That should be done and back by the end of next week. That grant would pay up to 75 percent of the appraised price. So, if this number was to come in well below the asking price we could step away from it, but if it doesn't, we move forward with purchase of the property, and in cooperation with the New Phila Schools, they would share 50 percent of the remainder of the amount. Last year's numbers that were presented were a total of \$32,000 with us sharing \$16,000, the school sharing the other \$16,000. The school is interested in it for the New Phila High science class, also to take their middle school kids, and their elementary school kids.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM.....NO REPORT

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy Made the Following Statement:

"Today I was part of a conference call with Moody's along with our investment bankers and our bond council (for the upcoming bond issue for the new fire station). Mayor Day was with me and Chief Parrish observed us. We are well on our way toward getting a rating after these reviews. All of our material and with the discussion we had today over the phone."

TREASURERMR. TOM GERBER

Mr. Gerber Made the Following Statement:

➤ Today we had an Investment Committee Meeting which consisted of Auditor Beth Gundy, Mayor Joel Day and myself. The items that were discussed were the revised investment policy for the City dated today (February 22). The reason why this was done, it was at the

recommendation of the previous audit plus a company called Meeder Investments. They asked “when was your investment policy revised?” “Shockinglly” it was August 6, 1996. So, I guess it was due. Anyway, we revised it, and I turned that in to Ms. Courtright today.

- We talked with Meeder Investment Company out of Dublin, Ohio, in which we will be doing business with to maximize our return on Investments.”
- We reviewed the January 2016 Investments and their returns.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete Made the Following Statement:

“Among the issues that I’m working on currently is the Contract Dispute Resolution Settlement. I am researching for granting wage laws as applies to the roof work that we have to have done to the Municipal Court, and also looking into what’s required for a street name change. I’m also looking into Federal Law with regards to tree obstructions as they obstruct people coming in and landing in our airport. I’m also examining JEDs (Joint Economic Development Programs) and TIFs (Tax Incentive Financing), which is a way for us to develop economically through companies that are located just outside of our area that are in a township and are still benefitting from our services, and seeing if there’s a way that we can tap into the revenue that they’re generating since they’re getting services from us.”

Mr. Lautenschleger Had the Following Question for Law Director Fete:

“I don’t know if you had the opportunity today to read the newspaper either in hard copy form or online but there’s a story about the demise of Sears and the government units were talking about the tax revenue that may be lost or not derived as a result of that and in general the mall. Our City Income Tax Director Vicki Daniels was quoted as saying “the information that the City has collected is not public information.” I’m not sure if she’s been through public records training, but unless it was a personal request of a mall manager or employee it would be my argument that unless a record does not exist, that certainly is public information. Of course that’s the life I lived with for 15 years and dealt with. I was a little disappointed to see that, and maybe some training and maybe some follow-up could clarify that. I’d asked that same exact question and was informed that at some point we’d get an answer.

Mr. Fete Had the Following Response:

“I believe that it would be of public record, based upon my own knowledge of the law as well as the training that I was required to go through as an elected official. We’d probably all benefit if everybody here went to the training, because it’s amazing how open the records are. You can make an anonymous request via email and they have to supply it, and they can’t charge an exorbitant amount (for the information). My opinion would be that it has to be delivered, but I did not read that article.”

Mr. Lautenschleger Had the Following Response:

“The specific media request to the Income Tax Administrator may have involved a specific type of a record that doesn’t exist, which I understand. The interpretation I took from the story is that the basic question, which I had asked, is do we have an idea of what the Sears amount would be in terms of Income Tax, and do we know what the mall represents in terms of Income Tax in our income tax collection each year? That would be a matter of public record.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day reported the following:

The Planning Commission will be meeting on March 8, 2016 at 1:00pm. We'll be continuing our discussion of strategic planning.

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

Mr. McAbier reported the following:

There was no meeting this month, the next meeting will be March 8, 2016 at 5:00pm here in Counsel Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal reported the following:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Airport Commission will be Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Meeting Room at Harry Clever Field.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger reported the following:

The Park Board met Wednesday February 17 at Park Place Teen Center and we had quite a crowd. It was quite an active meeting and went for a lengthy period of time. In the absence of a secretary I had to take the notes.

- Many of you recall that we reported at various times that some new sound boards were going to be installed in the roof and in the round pavilion itself to help with the acoustics in that building. That's been completed and there is a marked improvement for anybody who's been there.
- Chris Bollon, President of the New Philadelphia Little League was in attendance at the meeting. One of the things that they would like to do for fundraising is to sell banners and place them over the fences that will be removed after each evening of play. It's a good fundraising project. Nobody seemed to know for sure if that was illegal or not. He wanted to get the grace of the Park Board and make sure that the park staff was aware of it. They were very understanding and supportive. In addition, they plan on a number of projects in upcoming years to help improve the fields as well.
- Michelle Ramsell, Director of the Tuscarawas County Public Library was on hand. She was asking for support for the development of a Little Library, where a box would be placed in a secure location in the park and folks could come in and take books in and out, on the honor system. She's going to work with some of the park staff and put that in place hopefully in time for this season.
- Carey Gardner from RTY was on hand. He was able to report that the total profit for 2015 from RTY at the park was \$26,342. As a reminder through the years since RTY has come in and through an agreement with the City, operated rides and certain concessions at the park, more than \$1 million dollars has been returned to the City of New Philadelphia, for projects at the park system. So, it was another good year. In fact it was a better year than in 2014. Some of that was due to some special pricing introduced. Reduced pricing on rides during the week, increased pricing on the weekends. That went very well and was very well received.
- We had some folks on hand who were from the Leggett Kingscott Achitects Group in Columbus, who will be looking at development of a Southside Community Park Master Plan, and a scope of service that they'll return to the Park Board in upcoming weeks.

- President Hitchcock in his capacity as Director of the Park Place Teen Center was there to provide an update on the conceptual drawings and so forth for a Boardwalk Development Project to be located near the park pavilion and Teen Center and in addition Joe Croft, a Project Manager, is graciously volunteering some of his services with President Hitchcock and RTY was on hand. At this point the current quotes for that project could be done for around \$125,000. Some fundraisers are being planned. President Hitchcock and Mr. Croft and others are working on some of the final details.
- Some staff members from Omega (Ohio Mideastern Government Association) were on hand to talk about various grant funding sources, some of the requirements, and what could be done, and what couldn't be done with some of the projected needs at the park including things such as the tennis court, The Boardwalk Project, other types of improvements. They gave a synopsis and a summary and offered their services in the future.
- The Park Board Agreed to meet again on Wednesday, March 16 at noon at the Tuscora Park Office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

Mrs. May reported the following:

In the past the only thing we would report on at Counsel for the Health Board Meeting was the next date and times. At the Mayor's request I'm going to expand on the reports a little bit each month and give you some information on the Health Department and some key topics we discussed hopefully so everyone can see what a great asset the Health Department is to New Philadelphia.

- We met on February 10 and Lee Finley, the Director of Environmental Health gave a short presentation about the Zika Virus.
- Director of Nursing Nicole Bache reported that she did the first school based immunization clinics at the high school. They were able to give 40 shots. Another visit is scheduled March 4 at Welty Middle School.
- It was reported that during the month of January 19 Vivitrol shots were given to opiate, heroin, and alcohol addicted clients. Those are a once in every 28 day injection used to treat addiction to alcohol, heroin, opiates, painkillers, and such. It's a relatively new program. They started that in May of 2015.
- The next Health Board meeting is planned for March 9 at noon at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger reported the following:

The Finance Committee met this evening at 6:30pm in Council Chambers to discuss three items.

1. Resolution 4-2016, we had held on to this legislation after our previous meeting. We're assured that the figures that were included in it for the City's share and the total cost of the CDBG's project for this year were accurate. They are, so we have before us for 1st Reading this evening Resolution 4-2016. The committee has recommended that the legislation be approved after 3 readings.

2. We discussed our annual development of the proper legislation for bidding of materials and supplies for the 2016 Calendar year. On a motion by Mr. Maurer, Seconded by Mr. Zucal the committee voted 3-0 request that the Law Director prepare the appropriate legislation and present it to the committee at the next available committee meeting.

3. We began the discussions of the 2016 Budget. Auditor Gundy has delivered to all Councilmembers the Proposed Budget for 2016 along with a Budget Summary Report and a highlight of the Capital Expenditure Items that are included in the budget. As it stands presently there was a discussion held on a number of items related to that. I'll give you just a couple of highlights from the Budget Summary Report.
 - The total budget that was presented to Council is shown as \$31,323,204; The Operating Budget is a total of \$20,874,394, total wages are nearly \$8.6 Million, total wages and benefits are slightly more than \$12, 400,000.

 - At the end of 2015 the General Fund ending balance was about \$700,000 less than compared to the same period, December 31, 2014. According to the Auditor that's primarily due to the General Fund receiving only 47 percent of Income Tax Revenue in 2015 as compared to 67 Percent of Income Tax Revenue in 2014.

 - A number of items are contained in that budget, we did ask that some brief fund descriptions be provided, especially for our newer Councilmembers. Those are included in our packet. The committee agreed that we need some time for them to look over everything. We scheduled a meeting for March 7, 2016 at 6:30pm here in Council Chambers to start to dig down into the budget, line item by line item. The Auditor is going to prepare a different type of approach of looking at the way a budget could be presented and handled in upcoming years.

 - The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

SALARY COMMITTEE.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal reported the following:

- The Salary Committee will have their first meeting in March as they had requested and stated previously to go over 2 candidates for the Income Tax Review Committee. The 2 recommendations are Kevin Warren and Pat Cooper. If any member of City Council has a recommendation, email either Mayor Day of Mr. Zucal so the vetting process can begin on that individual so that can be finalized at the Salary Committee meeting on March 14.

- You do have before you this evening Resolutions 5 through 12- 2016. They recognize the outstanding administration and employees for the City of New Philadelphia who will be commended this evening. Mr. President, I would ask that we entertain the opportunity to suspend rules on each of those Resolutions and to include those as part of this evening's agenda as we move through them.

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

Mr. Maurer reported the following:

- The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met this evening at 6:15 to discuss House Bill 68 which deals with increasing alcohol in craft beers from 12 to 21 percent. This assignment was brought about by Mr. Holland attending a County Commissioner's meeting at which they passed a Resolution opposing this issue. Mr. Holland sited alcoholism,

drunk driving fatalities and numerous other things caused by the harmful effects of alcohol and felt that City Council should pass something similar for the safety of New Philadelphians. Mr. Maurer agreed with Mr. Holland's comments however felt that this did not belong in New Philadelphia City Council. It was introduced in the Ohio House February 2015 and one hearing was held a year ago in June. The House Committee has had no oppositions to the proposal and Mr. Mauer felt that wine and liquor have far higher alcohol content at a cheaper price. We elect our State Reps and Senators to represent us on these issues and New Philadelphians can call their offices if they have either support or opposition to the issue. Mr. Ricklic is not a consumer of alcohol but he feels that people are going to drink or find ways to get it regardless of the alcohol content. He represents 18,000 citizens and does not feel like we need to tell them what they can or cannot drink. No action was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 by Mr. Holland.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE..... MR. DEAN HOLLAND...

Mr. Holland reported the following:

- A special meeting of the Public Works and Economic Development Committee was called on February 16 at 6:30pm here in Council Chambers to review a letter submitted by Judge VonAllman of the New Philadelphia Municipal Court requesting that Contributions in Lieu of Community Service (CILOCS) be directed 100 percent to the Municipal Court. After a great deal of discussion and input from Auditor Gundy, a motion was created to create a Resolution that would establish a separate fund in the operating budget for this purpose. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:58. Tonight Resolution 14-2016 will be at the first reading.

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Julie Levengood Stephon, Director of the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association Ms. Stephon had the following comment:

- We're looking forward to the Spring, and we have a large group of volunteers that have asked if they can help clean up the downtown. I contacted the Mayor and the Service Director and we've set a date tentatively so one of our local churches can come in and help clean out the mulch beds and get those ready for Spring.
- I've also been working with the Mayor and the Service Director for our upcoming Second Saturday. We're not releasing dates yet, but that's going to be coming up this Summer.
- Next month we have our annual Shamrock Run. It's a 5k Run/Walk and so please be mindful of our runners that our going to be on the street. It will start and end at the Tuscarawas County Public Library.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS:

- 4-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, RECEIVE BIDS AND AWARD FOR THE 2016 PROJECT YEAR THE CDBG CONTRACT.
(1ST Reading)

No Action was taken

Resolution 4-2016 has been held for the March 14th regular session of Council.

- 5-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND JAMES F. ZUCAL FOR HIS 16 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS INFORMATION SERVICE SPECIALIST FROM MAY 1998 THROUGH JULY 1999, ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR FROM JULY 1999 THROUGH JULY 2008, AND SERVICE DIRECTOR FROM JULY 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.
(1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules by Mr. Zucal

Seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger

7 yeas

Rules are suspended

Motion for passage of Resolution 5-2016 by Mr. Zucal

Seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger

7 yeas

Resolution 5-2016 is passed

President of Council Sam Hitchcock made the following comment:

- Mr. Zucal is someone that I really didn't have a chance to work with until I became President of Council. Over the first four years of my term I thought that it was a very pleasant working relationship that I had with him. I thought he was very friendly and courteous to me in learning my job. I thought his reports were very accurate and I felt as though Mr. Zucal was a very strong benefit to the City of New Philadelphia. I appreciate not only the years of service you gave to the City but even more valuable I appreciate your friendship.

Law Director Marvin Fete made the following comment:

- I met Jim in 1988 when I was a freshman at Ohio University. We washed trucks together at UPS in the Winter. I think he was engaged to his wife at the time, she stuck by him then and she continues to stick by him. I love her for it because he's a dear friend of mine. We get our strength from God and our family. He's got a very strong family that is supporting him. Behind every good man is a good woman. I just want to recognize her because I know what my wife puts up with and I can only imagine some of the nights Jim wasn't home because of the things he had to do for the City of New Philadelphia. I want to thank Jim's beautiful wife, and Jim for their service to the community.

Mr. John Zucal made the following comment:

- Looking past the fact that he's my brother, and looking at the fact that he served the City of New Philadelphia, I think in a very, very honorable way, in a variety of different capacities. The one thing I know about Jim is that he loved the City of New Philadelphia in his role and he would always say "I know what I need to do is what's best for the citizens of New Philadelphia, not what's best for me personally, or best for anyone else, other than what effects them in their lives and makes our community a better place for them to live." I think because of that he always was able to look himself in the mirror with honor and integrity. His boss for the last few years Mayor Johnson often echoed "did we leave the City in a better position than when we found it?" I think that Jim in his position as Service Director could certainly do that. It's easy to cast stones in that position because it's one of those that you could never do enough because there's always a pothole in Ohio created because of Winter weather. There's never enough paving that's going on. There's always a piece of debris that somebody sees and they can't understand why

it hadn't been picked up. It's one of those jobs that is much easier to critique from the outside than when you actually inherit that position. I know that Jim always tried to do his best and I'm very proud that he was our Service Director and more proud of the fact that he is my brother.

Mr. Ricklic made the following comment:

- I'd like to thank Jim for his service and his friendship. For the times that we worked together as I was Water Superintendent and Jim was a GIS Information Specialist, moving up to the Service Director. The day to day business that we conducted trying to help the citizens in any way we could, trying to find a way to say "yes" to the citizens, not tell them "no, we can't help them". I want to express my thank you. The position that he held, it was very honorable to work with him. This friendship meant more to me than the things we accomplished and the issues we resolved. Thank you very much, Jim.

Safety Director Mr. Greg Popham made the following comment:

- Jim, in the time that I've known him, he never did anything that he didn't put 110 percent effort into. Jim did one heck of a job for the City.

Mr. Lautenschleger made the following comment:

- According to Jim, he was the deciding vote on whether to let me in to the Zucal family or not. While I'm fortunate that the vote came down on my side, I can say that the example he set on how you conduct yourself in public, how you deal with people who sometimes aren't going to be pleased with what you have to tell them, but that you treat them with respect that you would expect also, and that you listen. Probably more than anything the example of listening that I saw him do when I saw him in action with anybody, whether it was picking (cont.) up a scrap of material in the street, or dealing with items conducting millions of dollars worth of the City's budget. I understood that not only did he take that role very seriously, but he could look himself in the mirror at the end of the day and know that he had done the right thing day in and day out. Thank you very much.

*Mr. Zucal is Presented with a Framed Commendation by Council President Hitchcock
Council President Hitchcock says the following:*

"Now it is my privilege as President of Council to present this Resolution to Mr. Zucal."

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND JAMES F. ZUCAL FOR His 16 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS INFORMATION SERVICE SPECIALIST FROM MAY 1998 THROUGH JULY 1999, ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR FROM JULY 1999 THROUGH JULY 2008, AND SERVICE DIRECTOR FROM JULY 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of New Philadelphia does hereby commend James f. Zucal for his service and dedication to the people of New Philadelphia, Ohio as Information Service Specialist, Assistant Service Director and Service Director for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

SECTION 2. This Resolution Is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect and maintain the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, ohio.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

Mr. Zucal said the following after being presented the Commendation:

➤ I appreciate it everyone and I thank the City of New Philadelphia. I really feel honored. I don't have a prepared speech but I'd like to say that the time I spent here in the City was a bright, beautiful chapter in my life and I thoroughly enjoyed it every day. It was quite challenging. I worked with some great people, five mayors counting Sam. It was an awesome time. I enjoyed every minute of it. I will miss some of it. I do know that I left the City in a lot better shape than when I found it. I know Kelly Ricklic and I worked closely and we worked together on a mapping project, we worked together on curb re-uses. We cared about the City, we picked litter up off the street. I believe first and foremost I really cared mostly about the role of government in a small city such as New Phila where my grandfather owned the tavern on 1st drive and Kelly's father owned the shoe shop. My family kind of worked this two block area very closely. I think the role of government is to always answer to the taxpayers first. In a small city such as this I really care about the people I went to church with and the people I saw in the street. We need to focus again on family and we need to focus on the taxpayers and we need to care about the people that pay us to do a job. Thank you.

6-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND AMY GILLAND FOR HER 16 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS DATA PROCESSOR FROM MARCH 1998 THROUGH MAY 2008 AND ASSISTANT SERVICE DIRECTOR FROM JULY 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

(1st Reading)

Motion to suspend rules by Mr. Ricklic

Seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger

7 years

Rules are suspended.

Motion for passage of Resolution 6-2016 by Mr. Ricklic

Seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger

7 years

Resolution 6-2016 has passed

7-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND MARY JO FRAGASSE FOR HER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR FROM JANUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH APRIL 2015 AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES FROM APRIL 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

(1ST Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules by Mr. Zucal

Seconded by Mrs. Ramos

7 years

Rules have been suspended.

Motion for passage of Resolution 7-2016 by Mrs. Ramos

Seconded by Mr. Zucal

7 years

Resolution 7-2016 has passed

8-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND PATRICIA A. MCKAY FOR HER 6 YEARS FOR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS CLERK OF COUNCIL FROM JANUARY 11, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

(1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mr. Ricklic
7 yeas
Rules have been suspended.

Motion for passage of Resolution 8-2016 by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mrs. May
7 yeas
Resolution 8-2016 has passed

9-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND DAVID E. JOHNSON FOR HIS 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FROM JANUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007, TREASURER FROM JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM JANUARY 10, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

(1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules by Mr. Zucal
Seconded by Mr. Maurer
7 yeas
Rules have been suspended

Motion for passage of Resolution 9-2016 by Mr. Zucal
Seconded by Mr. Ricklic
7 yeas
Resolution 9-2016 has passed

President of Council Hitchcock made the following comment:

➤ I have known Dave Johnson for a long time, even before he stepped into public service. I served under him as Council-at-Large for two terms when he was President of Council. I served as President of Council when he was Treasurer, and also for the two years that he was the Mayor of New Philadelphia. I believe that Dave took over the City reigns when the City was in an awkward position financially. I believe that he did a good job and is a good steward of the City finances, and I believe that his service to the citizens of New Philadelphia was exemplary. He made the statement that he was always told by his mother that when you borrowed something you should turn it back over in better condition than he received it, and I firmly believe that Dave did that with the City of New Philadelphia. I think his service was honorable, and I commend him for his time with the City in all positions that he served.

Mr. Lautenschleger made the following comment:

➤ While I enjoyed the time that Mr. Johnson was Mayor, I'll take you back a few years before that when I saw what I felt was Mr. Johnson at his best and when I knew that he was very dedicated to the City. That's when he was President of Council and oversaw what I believe was the most contentious meeting I was ever a part of with the City. That was when a meeting was moved from this chamber to the Jim's Place chamber to discuss the final vote on the zoning request which would have permitted Walgreen's to be constructed. We had a standing room only crowd inside that building. We had hot tempers flaring everywhere. I felt at that time President Johnson handled the room very well. He was able to speak to not only the people who may have been in favor of that proposal, but also the

people who were against it and actually calmed them both down so that they were able to present themselves in a healthy manner so that actually the merits of the topic were discussed. I always appreciated that and I don't know if I ever did tell him that. That's when I knew that he was not only dedicated to the position, but more importantly to the folks because I did see him tell a couple people that he was worried about them personally. So, I appreciate that and I knew then that he was plugged in. Thank you.

Mr. Zucal made the following comment:

- I'd like to thank Mayor Johnson too for his many years of service to the City of New Philadelphia, especially those as Mayor. I mentioned it earlier, I'll say it again, that I know one of his comments always was to leave it in better shape than when you found it, and I believe he did that. He always acted with honor and integrity. A person of great character. I know you can look yourself in the mirror, and just the way you conducted yourself throughout the entire experience was always, I believe first class. That always speaks more of a man than any other accomplishment I think you can look at. Again, I thank you for that, I thank you for the way you treat people here in Council Chambers whenever they would come with their concerns, just some kind words to a son like mine was always well appreciated.

Law Director Fete Made the following comment:

- The Johnson family name as everyone knows is synonymous with public service from their nation to their state to the City. His father was a State Senator. His mother is here this evening. She served our Country in World War II. From her all the way down to her great-grandchildren it's just a great family. Like I said before we get our strength from God and our family and he's got a fantastic family behind him. I want to thank the Mayor for his service and thank his family for being behind him and for their service to our community.

Mr. Johnson was presented a framed Commendation by Council President Hitchcock

Mr. Hitchcock made the following comment:

- I don't think you'll find anyone who loves the City of New Philadelphia more than Dave Johnson. One of the most valuable things I received from Mayor Johnson was his friendship.

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Now, therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio:

Section 1. The Council of the City of New Philadelphia does hereby

Commend David E. Johnson for his service and dedication to
The people of New Philadelphia, Ohio as President of Council, Treasurer, and Mayor for the
City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Section 2.

This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency
measure and its immediate passage is necessary in order to
Preserve, protect and maintain the health, safety and
Welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Section 3.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

Mr. Johnson made the following comment:

- Thank you so much. This means a lot to me and I appreciate it. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the people that worked for me, and the people that I worked with on Council for a long time and I'm sorry I don't get to work with the new group. The City has been wonderful to me. I lived here my whole life. I live in the same house I was born in. I intend to die in that house. I just have been so fortunate in my life. I've been married to Nancy for 42 years. I have wonderful children. Thank you all. I hope you will keep up the tradition has proceeded you in these chairs. You have some great people to follow, and to all the great people that remain, thank you.

10-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND DAN LANZER FOR HIS 4 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS COUNCIL-AT-LARGE FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015

(1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mrs. May
7 yeas
Rules have been suspended

Motion for passage of Resolution 10-2016 by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mrs. May
7 yeas
Resolution 10-2016 has passed

11-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND WINNIE WALKER FOR HER FOURTEEN (14) YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS COUNCIL-AT-LARGE AND AS A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. AMONG ACCOMPLISHMENTS, MS. WALKER MADE SURE THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA WAS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE AND FOLLOWED THE GUIDELINES OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. MS. WALKER ALSO CO-FOUNDED THE SOCIETY FOR EQUAL ACCESS AND WAS A MOTHER'S MARCH CHAIRMAN FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES FOR TEN (10) YEARS. MS. WALKER SERVED ON CITY COUNCIL FROM JANUARY 1, 1996 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND FROM JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mr. Maurer
7 yeas
Rules have been suspended

Motion for passage of Resolution 11-2016 by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mr. Maurer
7 yeas
Resolution 11-2016 has passed.

12-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND SANDY K. COX FOR HER TWENTY-FOUR (24) YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS COUNCIL-AT-LARGE. MS. COX WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR TWENTY-TWO (22) YEARS, EIGHTEEN (18) OF THOSE YEARS AS CONSCIENTIOUS CHAIRPERSON. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF ALL COUNCIL COMMITTEES, PRO-TEM TEN (10) YEARS AND SHE ALSO SERVED TWENTY-FOUR (24) YEARS AS COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HEALTH BOARD. SHE WAS COUNCIL-AT-LARGE FROM JANUARY 1, 1990 THROUGH DECEMBER

31, 1995, JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2013 AND FROM DECEMBER 12, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(1ST Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mrs. May
7 yeas
Rules have been suspended

Motion for passage of Resolution 12-2016 by Mrs. Ramos
Seconded by Mrs. May
7 yeas
Resolution 12-2016 has passed.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Johnson made the following statement:

- Sandy was someone who cared very much for this City. She ran the purse-strings like they were her own. I know she gave Beth a lot of problems, and Beth gave it right back to her. Sandy is a good person. She loved the City. She worked very, very hard.

President of Council Hitchcock made the following statement:

- My first service at City Council after retiring from the Police Department was with the guidance of Sandy Cox. I didn't have a lot of contact from her in relation to Council activities when I was a policeman but when I decided to serve on City Council, Sandy was always someone you could go to if you had a question. She knew the City finances inside and out. She also cared very, very much about the community and she cared about the citizens and wanted to make sure that anything that took place in this room is something that would be of the most benefit to the community. We didn't always agree on everything, but I can honestly say that the way she voted she felt it was the best thing for the citizens of New Philadelphia.

14-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE CILOCS FUND #254.
(1ST Reading)

No action was taken
Resolution 14-2016 has been held for the March 14 regular session of Council

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I just want to say thank you very much for your service to the community. I'm a citizen here, And I'm merely a citizen. All of you represent 110 years of service to the community, if my math is correct. I wanted to say thank you, and certainly wish you well. We moved here as a family because of people like you, and people sitting in this room, and I want to say thank you to everybody.

MR. MAURER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:43 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock