

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 10TH, 2014 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:

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 MAYOR DAVID E. JOHNSON IS EXCUSED FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING.

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

ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
MOTION PASSED

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2014.
MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. E-mail from Robert Knauss to the President of Council Sam Hitchcock objecting to the proposed project on the quadrant at our City square.
2. Special /Contact Committee Meeting Minutes from February 24th, 2014
3. Salary Committee Meeting Minutes from February 24th, 2014
4. Request from the Service Director to the President of Council, Sam Hitchcock dated March 10th, 2014 in regard to Chapter 971 (Garbage and Rubbish Collection)
5. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from February 11th, 2014
6. Finance Committee Meeting Budget Hearings from February 27th, 2014
7. New Philadelphia Fire Department February 2014 Month-End Summary dated March 4th, 2014
8. Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2014 Revenue for the General Fund for February 2014
9. Auditor's Financial Statement for the the Month of February 2014
10. City of New Philadelphia Budget Report with Encumbrance Details as of February 28th, 2014
11. City of New Philadelphia Statement of Cash Position with Month to Date as of February 28th, 2014
12. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for the Month of February 2014
13. February 2014 Report from Joel B. Day, Income Tax Administrator, Month-End Tax Revenue by Year starting with 2009 through February 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON.....NO REPORT
EXCUSED ABSENCE

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

The Service Director reported on the following:

- The Service Director reported that he prepared information for President of Council, Mr. Hitchcock on extra trash pickup and about Garbage and Rubbish Collection:

The Service Director announced that we need to look into chapter 971 pertaining to extra trash pickups.

The Service Director reported we are seeing an ever increasing amount of rubbish resulting in more tonnage being hauled to the landfill, especially from clean outs by landlords.

This is a huge expense for the City.

The Service Director announced a change in the ordinance maybe needed and possibly a special fee. The Service Director is asking that the President of Council consider this for a Committee Assignment.

The Service Director passed around, for council to look at, documented photos.

(We see everything from couches, mattresses, box springs, appliances; it is an expense to the City.)

The Service Director hopes we can thoroughly go through the procedure and revamp the ordinance.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock assigned the request to the Safety Health and Service Committee.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDYNO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

The Safety Director reported that on March 3rd, 2014 the Police Chief received a letter from the Reeves Foundation. Captain Paul Rossi had applied for a grant to purchase laptop computers for in the cruisers. They were notified by the Reeves Foundation they have been granted the grant for \$12,060 to purchase five laptops which means every cruiser will now have a a laptop computer.

President of Council congratulated Captain Paul Rossi.

TREASURERMR. AARON HILLYER.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE

The Law Director reported the following for the past two weeks:

- He filed two answers to Workers Comp Claims which were filed against the City.
- The Law Director filed five cases in Common Pleas (the petitions to appropriate property and fixed compensation). Those were filed on February 28th, 2014 in accordance with the people at ODOT that were unable to reach an agreement in terms of taking the property for the expansion of the West High Widening Project.
- Tomorrow the Law Director is prosecuting all morning in the New Philadelphia Municipal Court.
- The Law Director announced that he is conducting a Mediation Hearing Thursday with regard to a complaint concerning one of our Chip Grant Recipients. The mediator has no authority to enforce their will on anyone but they are there to see if they, as a third party mediator, can help the two parties reach an agreement. If they don't reach an agreement it goes on to the next stage.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

Mr. James Zucal announced the Planning Commission Meeting for the month of March has been cancelled due to lack of an agenda. The next Planning Commission Meeting is tentatively set for April 8th, 2014.

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

Mr. James Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 here in Council Chambers at 5:00 PM there is one variance request.

AIRPORT COMMISSION..... MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. John Zucal announced that the Airport Commission will meet Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Airport Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger reported that the Park Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th, 2014 at 7:00 PM has been cancelled. The next Park Board Meeting will be held April 16th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Tuscora Park Office.

HEALTH BOARD.....

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is Wednesday, March 19th, 2014 at 12:00 Noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Cox reported that the Finance Committee met on Monday March 10th, 2014 at 6:45 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre with two items to discuss.

Item one: Requested we add to Budget line item 101-2300-5-8500 – \$12,060 for Police Car Laptops (Reeves Foundation) Passed 3 yeas (Mr. Lautenschleger, Mrs. Ramos and Ms.Cox)

Item two: Resolution 11-2014

A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize a contract for Health Care Benefits between the City of New Philadelphia and all Non-Bargaining Unit Employees with Health and Medical Insurance under Two Plan Options.

With this resolution we are not changing anything. What this resolution does is explains fully the Health Care Benefit Options. We are only updating the language so there will be no misunderstanding to this issue. This was the agreement Council accepted 2013 to annul the 90/10 plan.

Motion by Lautenschleger seconded by Ms. Cox

2 yeas and 1 nay (Ramos)

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM

Ms. Cox thanked everyone who participated in the Budget Hearings. There were two evenings scheduled for the Budget Hearings this year- February 20th, 2014 and February 27th, 2014.

The Finance Chair said she knew it took a lot of planning on the part of the Auditor, Mayor, and Departments Heads to create this budget. Ms. Cox thanked everyone for their support and effort and everyone who participated in the hearings.

Ms. Cox reported that the Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 27th, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers in the Knisely Centre.

There were two questions carried over from the February 20th, 2014 Meeting.

Item one: the Law Director said he would generate a Resolution for the Lodging Tax.

Item two: the Law Director said the 2½ % wage increases (not supported by legislation) could be removed from the budget.

Passed with 2 yeas Ms. Cox & Mrs. Ramos and 1 nay Mr. Lautenschleger.

BUDGET
Municipal Court

Ms Cox reported the court revised their original request by moving the wages and benefits of the Assignment Commissioner back to a Court Fund and recalculated their Medical Insurance.

No changes were made in regard to any of their line items.

Police Chief

<u>Police Department 101-2300</u>	First Draft	Change
1230 Medical Insurance	\$252,240	\$240,000
<u>ADDED</u> 8500 Grants/Donations	\$0.00	\$12,060 (Laptops Police cars – Reeves Foundation)
<u>Police Department 225-2300</u>		
1230 Medical Insurance	\$144,390	\$130,000

Possibly the purchase of cruisers, new tasers, couple shotguns, for our bean bags round and three or four new vests this year.

Sewer Disposal & Sewer Revenue

<u>Sewer Revenue 713-3902</u>	First Draft	Change
1230 Medical Insurance	\$29,325	\$27,000
<u>Sewer Disposal 713-3903</u>		
1230 Medical Insurance	\$173,000	\$160,000

There is a need to purchase a pickup truck (3902) and update the SCADA System. The system runs on Windows XP and Microsoft is no longer going to support that as of April (3903).

Water Office, Filtration, Distribution & Replacement

<u>Water Office 711-3701</u>	First Draft	Change
1230 Medical Insurance	\$26,900	\$25,000
<u>Water Filtration 711-3702</u>		
1230 Medical Insurance	\$120,300	\$112,000
<u>Water Distribution 711-3703</u>		
1230 Medical Insurance	\$152,100	\$142,000
<u>Water/Sewer Office 713-3901</u>		
1230 Medical Insurance	\$21,000	\$20,000

There were a couple people retiring out of 3702 (not hiring one) and upgrades to the SCADA computer System (3702).

The project in regard to automatic meters they are going to do by routes and will be paid by Water and Sewer Funds. Service Director is hoping we do about 25% of our accounts a year (total accounts 8,212.) When everything is completed, one person can read the whole city in one or two days.

Street & Sanitation

<u>Street Department 203-4100</u>	First Draft	Change
1230 Medical Insurance	\$270,000	\$250,000
4100 Office Supplies	\$ 500	\$2,000
4300 Materials	\$195,000	\$215,000
4500 Safety Supplies	\$ 700	\$1,200
<u>Sanation Fund 219-1900</u>		
1230 Medical Insurance	\$179,351	\$167,000
4100 Office Supplies	\$ 600	\$ 750
4200 Operating Supplies	\$20,000	\$25,000
6600 Landfill	\$395,000	\$525,000

Service Director informed everyone be aware that the new three year contract (for landfill) is based upon our tipping fees. We are seeing those fees around \$30,000 a month, up to around \$40,000 a month, so combined with thir increase that number really needs to be around \$525,000. We actually spent around \$122,000 more than what we brought in last year. In all probability we will see a recommendation in November to increase the rates.

Fire Chief

<u>Fire Chief 225-2500</u>	First Draft	Change
1220 Workers Comp	\$72,055	\$45,000
1230 Medical Insurance	\$154,878	\$130,000

The Fire Chief wanted us to know they are down two people and by the end of the year may be three. The most important need we have at this time is getting those three people back to full staff. We are missing some calls, we are passing some calls off the Smith Ambulance, and that is revenue.

Future needs: We need a brush truck, captain’s command vehicle (which does not have to be replaced this year), boat and the fire station issue.

Cemetery

<u>Cemetery 209-4500</u>	First Draft	Change
1230 Medical Insurance	\$52,000	\$48,000
3100 Utilities	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000
4000 Fuel	\$13,500	\$15,500
4200 Operating Supplies	\$5,000	\$7,000

Increase in line item 4200 for a new computer system.

Airport, City Hall, Sidewalks, 437

<u>Service Director 101-1300</u>	First Draft	Change
1230 Medical Insurance	\$60,000	\$56,500
<u>City Hall 101-1700</u>		
1230 Medical Insurance	\$28,000	\$27,000

<u>Airport 202-2100</u>	First Draft	Change
5900 Capital Improvement	\$0.00	\$10,000
<u>Master Capital 437-7700</u>		
5307 Paving- West High	*	\$150,000

*No changes but wanted everyone to know the SIB Loan is for ten years- First year is interest fee and 2-10 years is at 3%.

<u>Airport Capital Improvements 475-7500</u>	First Draft	Change
3402 Consulting Services Paving	\$12,000	\$14,200

Ms. Cox moved to accept the budget for this evening and was seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger

Vote: Ms. Cox yea, Mr. Lautenschleger nay (said he didn’t agree with one piece) and Mrs. Ramos yea. Motion passed with 2 yea (Ms. Cox and Mrs. Ramos) and one nay (Mr. Lautenschleger).

General Fund Expenditures for 2014 \$6,043,500 - 2013 \$6,105,911
Total Budget for 2014 \$23,300,000 -2013 \$24, 200,000

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL....NO REPORT

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

Mr. Maurer reported that the Safety Health & Service Committee met on Monday March 10th, 2014 immediately following the Zoning & Annexation Committee Meeting in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre with one items to discuss entering into a contract with ODOT to do our Bridge Inspections for 2014 at no cost.

The Committee gave their blessing on it and recommended the Law Director draw up the resolution. (A sample resolution was provided by ODOT)

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos did report that the Zoning & Annexation Committee did meet tonight at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. Ramos announced that she would present her report at the next scheduled Council Meeting.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer did announce that Special & /Contact Committee will meet March 24th, 2014 at 6:45 PM to discuss (For the second time) Council Procedures and Bylaws.

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

Comment from the President of Council, Sam Hitchcock:

1. The Local media was notified by the Law Director that the New Philadelphia Council invited public input on how the City spends the Bed-Tax Funds. Any persons, or parties with an interest in determining how the money should be spent, was invited to address Council during the Visitor's Comments period tonight.
2. The Finance Committee has already finalized their Budget Hearings and have already made a decision on the disposition of the Bed Tax Money for this year but have agreed to look at it again in early 2015 to see what the financial condition of the City is at that time.
3. The President announced the Legislation has not been passed. The Committee has done their work but it has to go to Council floor.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Eric Reip
1103 Baltzley Valley Road SE
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Mr. Reip expressed his thoughts on how the Bed Tax funds could possibly be used.

Mr. Reip, operator of New Philadelphia Canoe Rentals, suggested that the City consider developing the riverfront property behind the Waterworks Ball Fields.

Council Member Darrin Lautenschleger thanked Mr. Reip for coming in and said he believes Reip's suggestion has merit and said Council Members might want to look into also having a boat launch ramp built in the area.

Mr. Lautenschleger reminded all that a few years ago there was a proposal to develop a boat launch ramp, a smaller style, something appropriate for small craft such as canoes and kayak was discussed. Mr. Lautenschleger thought there was some funding potentially available and maybe we want to look back into that.

Service Director, James Zucal agreed, and said he believes a boat launch ramp would be useful not only for recreational purposes but also for safety reasons. The Service Director felt Mr. Reip's discussion was very well said and that he will take that seriously, possibly explore and talk to the Mayor to see what is available.

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 REGARDS TO ZONING LANGUAGE AND APPLICATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (7TH READING)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Lautenschleger,
Seconded by Mr. Zucal
Roll call, 6 yeas and 1 nay (Mrs. Ramos)
Amended Ordinance 22-2013 passed

- 2-2014 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A FY 2014 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUCCESSFUL PROPOSER TO PREPARE SUCH APPLICATION AND TO ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT THE CHIP SHOULD THE CITY RECEIVE THE GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3RD READING)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Ms. Walker
Roll call, 7 yeas
Ordinance 2-2014 passed

- 3-2014 AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3RD READING)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Mr. Lanzer
Roll call, 6 yeas and 1 nay (Mrs. Ramos)
Ordinance 3-2014 passed

- 4-2014 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

Comment from Council Member John Zucal:

The lodging tax is embedded within the temporary appropriations for the New Fiscal Year. Collectively, we as a City Council have experienced the impact of loss of local government dollars and other funds we seek to implement 2014 Fiscal Budget.

Great deal of discussion and commentary has taken place about the loss of income indicating the State leadership has chosen to balance its budget on the backs of counties, cities, and school districts.

The underling premises continue to be that we as a City have been dealt an unfair hand.

I ask you as members of City Council to join me and reflect on the current legislation that pertains to lodging tax in the City of New Philadelphia and to view the decision of City Council through the lens of our lodging venues, historic sites, and tourism destinations.

The intent of such a tax is to support our hospitality sites by growing tourism and business.

Based on Council's passing of Ordinance 2-2013 our local hospitality sites are required to add an additional tax to their rate structure. One could contend those increase rates place these businesses in an unfair competitive advantage or at best the management must find creative ways to get customers in the door.

One such way to increase traffic to our hospitality venues is through reinvestment of such funds into local historic sites, tourism destinations, and our community. Which has always been the spirit and intent of the lodging tax. I realize our City is faces challenging financial times.

However to balance our City budget on the backs of our hospitality sites is in many ways is no different than the State of Ohio balancing its budget on the backs of the counties, cities and school districts.

Essentially, we are asking the lodging locations to raise their rates without any tangible return on investment for them.

I ask before our final reading on this legislation is there a common ground or some compromise that would produce some tangible reinvestment in the community so our lodging sites may see our commitment as a City Council to them a proactive response to our historic sites while growing businesses in New Philadelphia.

Real change will take place in our City when Government, public, and private sectors work in cooperation and collaboration to grow the community.

Mr. John Zucal thanked everyone for their time consideration.

5-2014 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR 2014, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

6-2014 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AUTHORIZING TH SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR SANITARY LANDFILL SERVICES FOR A TERM BEGINNING MAY 15, 2014 AND ENDING MAY 15, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

RESOLUTIONS:

3-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3RD READING) (APPOINTMENT OF MR. DEAN HOLLAND)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Lanzer,
Seconded by Mr. Zucal
Roll call, 7 yeas
Resolution 3-2014 passed

Council Member Mr. Zucal thanked Mr. Holland for his willingness to serve on the Airport Commission.

4-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3RD READING) (APPOINTMENT OF MR. DON KENNEDY)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Lanzer,
Seconded by Mr. Zucal
Roll call, 7 yeas
Resolution 4-2014 passed

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock:
Recognized Mr. Holland, who was present, commended, and expressed appreciation to Mr. Holland and Mr. Kennedy for their willingness to serve on the Airport Commission.

5-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND MICHAEL R. TAYLOR FOR HIS 11 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS COUNCIL AT LARGE FROM JANUARY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000, TREASURER FROM DECEMBER 2002 THROUGH AND AS THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013. (1ST READING)

6-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO

COMMEND LORI STATLER FOR HER YEAR OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS THE TREASURER FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM JANUARY 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013. (1ST READING)

- 7-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED FOR HER 5 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS WARD I COUNCILWOMAN FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM AUGUST 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013. (1ST READING)
- 8-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND JOHN J. SCHAAR FOR HIS 24 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA THROUGH HIS SERVICE AT THE DEPARTMENT WASTE WATER PLANT FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 1989 TO NOVEMBER 18, 2013. (1ST READING)
- 9-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND JOHN ALLEN "DOC" DAUGHERTY FOR HIS 34 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM JULY 25, 1979 TO DECEMBER 29, 2013. (1ST READING)
- 10-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND KENDALL BICK FOR HIS 25½ YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 1988 TO FEBRUARY 2, 2014. (1ST READING)
- 12-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THE NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE SAID CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ACT AS THE SIGNATURE DESIGNEE AND TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE 1 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (PL 93-383) TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. (1ST READING)
- 13-2014 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, TO DIRECT AND MAINTAIN ALL REVENUE GENERATED BY THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (BED TAX) IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF BALANCING THE BUDGET AND TO REVISIT THE ISSUE IN EARLY 2015. (1ST READING)

Comment from the President of Council Sam Hitchcock:

Mr. Hitchcock reminded all of the Economy of 2008 the Wall Street Problem and etc.

And reminded all of his involvement with First Town Day Festival and the Summer Showcase and his need to get sponsors and to sell ads for the booklets to help promote these events.

Mr. Hitchcock thought he was going to have a difficult time getting the sponsors and selling the ads but much to his surprise the majority stayed on board and one of the sponsors put everything in prospective for him

"In good times the ad is a donation but when business is bad it is an investment" and Mr. Hitchcock wanted to pass these words of wisdom on to the Council to consider.

We have a lot of things that draw people into our community to stay in motels.

The bed tax is coming from people that come into our community.

Mr. Hitchcock commended the Finance Committee for their tight reins on the budget.

But to be successful as a community we need to invest into something to take a proactive approach to make business better for us.

When this comes for review, he hopes we could put a portion into the organization that promotes tourism for our area, Maybe not all of it but a token effort would be appreciated.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:
NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Mrs. Ramos raised the issue of the City of New Philadelphia becoming truly transparent regarding Public Records for our residents and taxpayers.

Her concern for a more transparent government she requested the following

To be put on line in addition to Council Minutes:

Proposed Agenda,

Proposed Ordinances (so the public can comment)

All Salaries, Benefits, including health care costs (to the employer and what the taxpayer is paying towards employee health care), pensions, pension pick-up, overtime, longevity, bonuses; uniform allowances, departmental budgets and union contracts be posted on the City website in an accessible way for the taxpayer.

The residents have a right to know exactly how their money is being spent

President suggested Council Members post minutes from their meeting on line as well.

The Law Director, Marvin Fete and the President of Council, Sam Hitchcock suggested that she talk to Mayor Johnson regarding her concern.

The Law Director said talk to Administration first, if you do not feel you are getting resolution there ask that it be put in Committee and put in legislation form.

Council Member Zucal reminded all that this falls under the Public Record Law and is accessible upon request.

Council Member Zucal feels we are transparent. Anyone who wants any information can get it.

There is a procedure in place.

Council Member Mrs. Ramos said she has tried and it is difficult.

Mrs. Ramos said a lot of Cities our size are posting that information on line.

Council Member Zucal asked who and Mrs. Ramos replied Tiffin and Norwalk and a number of other cities as well.

The Law Director stated both Mr. Zucal and Mrs. Ramos are correct as having a transparent government.

To request the document the Public Record Law. Upon request or

The 21st Century Method of going on line.

Comment from Council Member Lautenschleger:

“You are not going to be able to post everything on line but suggested she formulate her ideas to Administration to review.”

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____