

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 24TH, 2014 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING.

MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND A PRAYER OF COMFORT AND RESOLUTION FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE MISSING MALAYSIA AIRLINE JET FLIGHT 370, WITH THE HEART BREAKING CONCLUSION, MET ITS END IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WITH NONE OF THE 239 ABOARD SURVIVING.

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

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MRS. 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, MARCH 10TH, 2014.
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. Letter to Mayor David Johnson dated March 19th, 2014 from Mrs. Cheryl Ramos in regard to "A Focus on Transparent Public Records."
2. Letter dated March 13th, 2014 to President of Council, Sam Hitchcock from the New Philadelphia City Schools to request a clarification of the lease for the Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium between the City of New Philadelphia and City of New Philadelphia Board of Education.
3. Notice of Public Hearing No #1 to be held April 14th, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers in regard to 2014 CHIP Program. Citizens are encouraged to attend this Hearing to provide their input on the City's CDBG and HOME Programs.
4. Minutes from the New Philadelphia Airport Commission Meeting held January 14th, 2014.
5. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from March 10th, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

The Mayor apologized for not having a written report for this evening:

The Mayor addressed the following:

The Mayor announced that there are two openings (which were determined necessary positions) to be filled
The Mayor requested the passage of Ordinance 5-2014, Ordinance 6-2014, and Resolution 11-2014.
(So we can get started on what we need to do.)
The Mayor requested an Executive Session following the Legislation Agenda (Council Members only)

Ms. Cox made a motion for an Executive Session after legislation for the purpose of land acquisition
Mr. Lanzer seconded the motion.

Executive Session will be held after the Legislation as requested by Mayor Johnson regarding land acquisition.

Council Member John Zucal's Issue regarding property acquisition will be discussed in the Executive Session with Council Members, Administration, and the Individual who will be assisting with that as well; following Mayor Johnson's land acquisition with Council Members only.

Roll Call 7 yeas
Motion passed

President of Council Sam Hitchcock:

Be advised we will have the Executive Session after legislation following a ten minute recess.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

The Service Director reported on the following:

- The Service Director commended Mark Henke for his duties as General Services Superintendent. Mr. Henke stepped in on one of toughest winters on record since 1978. He is doing a good job. 2000 tons of salt has been used this winter with the first application in November of 2013. It has been costly to the City but Service Director thinks our traveling public has received very good service from our City.
- The Service Director reported on the potholes that are being patched every day. Two crews are out using a cold mix and the durapatcher machine as often as they can. The calls, in regard to potholes, have been significantly reduced and we are very happy about that.
- The Service Director reported the Water Department is busy repairing water leaks. Keep in mind we do have an aged infrastructure in place. The Water lines, with the freezing and thawing cycle, do break quite often. Our guys are doing a great job out there. This is something we have to invest in not just as a country but as a community. Keep our infrastructure the best in the world. A lot of the work that is in the ground was WPA work from 1930's. We are dealing with a lot of old stuff out there and we have to reinvest in that.
- The Service Director reported:
He spoke with Mayor Johnson and had a meeting with the Superintendent of the Schools, Robert Alsept and asked the Finance Chair, Ms. Sandy Cox to look into the following:

In regard to and as part of the CDBG Program (Community Development Block Grant program) the spinoff called the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Program (NRG Program) which we applied for last year at no cost to the City which we would like to participate in.
West Elementary Bus Lane
So the Buses can get off of Tuscarawas Avenue into a Bus Lane
And to make it safer for our traveling public, parents, and students at the school.
The Service Director thinks it is a great idea and would like to pursue that further.
- The Service Director announced that he was turning over some of his report time to Mr. Tom Farbizo, Chairman of the Airport Commission so Mr. Farbizo could give his Annual Report that is required by City Code.

Question from Council Member Mrs. Ramos:

Are you going to be working on the Bus Lane this summer?

Mr. James Zucal replied:

We are pursuing a Grant for that we will have some other work in that area as part of our yearly CDBG. We had applied for this last year and would like to try again this year and step up our game a little bit.

Comment from Council Member John Zucal:

There is public input requested on that. The more input we have from a survey prospective that takes place within the City for that area of West School it is crucial. Erin Begue has requested that if you go to the New Philadelphia City Schools Website npschools.org on the front page is a link that takes you to the survey. It is short, specific, and allows you to rank order of some of the recommendations that have been made. That input is very helpful it goes directly to Erin Begue at Quicksall and Associates to help us as a Council and as a School District to determine where folks would like to see that type of project go and what their feedback is so that really helps strengthens our position.

Comment from President of Council, Sam Hitchcock:

Commended Mr. Henke and his Department for an excellent job, with the various weather situations we have had; it is a first class operation.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock recognized Mr. Tom Farbizo, Airport Commission Chariman.

Mr. Frabizo thanked the Service Director Mr. James Zucal; Mayor David Johnson, President of Council, Mr. Sam Hitchcock, and the Law Director Mr. Marvin Fete.

Mr. Farbizo distributed a Report to the Council "2013 Annual Report for Harry Clever Field."

For the Citizens in the audience, Mr. Farbizo informed them that this is an annual requirement that we do each year. It is an update of the Airport, the Capital Improvements that took place in 2013, and the Revenue Collected from the Airport Facilities.

Mr. Farbizo informed everyone that there are three Council Members that serve on the Airport Commission Mrs. Ramos, Mr. Lanzer and Mr. John Zucal.

There was a list of the Capital Improvement that took place in 2013

Ramp Rehabilitation Project Phase C (95%/5% cost share w/FAA \$408,818.74

This project was started in 2012 and finished in 2013.

The City has collected the following revenue from the airport facilities

Farm Lease with Lautzenheiser Farms \$3, 175.20

Fuel Farm \$1,091.20

Maintenance Fees \$13, 822.73

Resources Energy (Oil /Gas Wells) \$1,463.40

Airport Restaurant (Schwartz) \$4,668.22

Mr. Farbizo announced that the information in this report is gathered from the monthly meetings and information from the Service Director.

Mr. Farbizo thanked everyone.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

The Auditor, Beth Gundy is requesting that Council Suspend the Rules and Pass Ordinance 4-2014 which is our Annual Appropriations and Resolution 11-2014 which deals with the Health Care Benefits for the Non-Bargaining Employees.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

The Safety Director reported in the Police Department, Dispatcher Winona Goss submitted her resignation last week. Her last official day is April 1st, 2014. She is taking employment elsewhere.

In the Fire Department we have completed both the Promotional Examine and the Entrance Examine.

Those reports have gone to the Civil Service Commission we are waiting on the official results and the Certified Scores to come back to make all of that official. There were twenty-nine applicants that took the Entrance Test and there were nine firefighters that took the Promotional Examine.

TREASURER . . . MR. AARON HILLYER.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

The Law Director reported the following:

Tuesday, March 11th, 2014 he Prosecuted all morning in the Municipal Court.

Wednesday March 12th, 2014 the Law Director had a brief meeting with the Service Director and the Assistant Service Director on Issues that might be coming up before Council and Mr. Fete gave his input on some other legal issues they had.

Thursday March 13th, 2014 we had Chip Mediation with one of our Chip Recipients who was not happy with the end results. The Mediation began at 9:00 AM was scheduled for all day but ended around noon we were unable to resolve anything to their satisfaction.

It will be up to them if they wish too go to the next step which is actually taking it to the State level.

Last week had a call from the Honorable Judge Nanette VonAllman on how we could work together to better utilize prosecuting and going after people that don't pay or file their taxes or are delinquent.

I intend to follow up with that and schedule another meeting with the Income Tax Administrator.

We have been working very closely with Joel Day he is very aggressive going after a number of people that have not filed. The judge and the prosecutor's staff are not interested in putting people in jail.

As a last result we will have to prosecute those individuals.

Reviewed a request form Steven D. Sherer, Treasurer of the New Philadelphia School System, he had asked the Law Director to review the lease options for the Quaker Stadium with the City of New Philadelphia and the Board of Education. The Stadium is owned by the City of New Philadelphia and the Board of Education leases it for one dollar. Currently the lease is good until 2019. The Law Director agreed with the document that was submitted to him and doesn't think any action needs to be taken until 2019. There is even a renewal option for 10 years after 2019. I don't see that there is any reason to address that at that time or a need to go to Council.

Comments from the Law Director, Marvin Fete on the recent loss of a Great Public Servant, Ray Nelson.

Mr. Fete wanted to say something because of his family relationship and his professional relationship with Mr. Nelson. (The Prosecutors have a unique relationship with the New Philadelphia Police Force.)

Mr. Nelson was somebody that the Law Director knew in his family.

Mr. Nelson was Mr. Fetes' first exposure to Police Officers and what it meant to be a Police Officer.

And the respect that carried with it.

Mr. Nelson is somebody that served the New Philadelphia Police Force with great honor and distinction.

Mr. Nelson served at a time when people were protesting the draft in Vietnam but he was an individual who volunteered joined the U.S. Marine Corps and knew he was going to Vietnam where he earned two Purple Hearts and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Inurnment of Ray's cremated remains will take place at Arlington Cemetery later this week.

The Law Director requested that a Processional be formed for Mr. Nelson so people can honor him, pay their respect, and in the future have this for all our Veterans.

It is important to hold our children up have them see that and see what it means to represent something larger than yourself.

The Law Director asked, "Keep Mr. Nelson's Family in your thoughts and prayers and continue to honor his service by the service that we do here."

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

Mayor Johnson announced the Planning Commission Meeting is tentatively set for April 8th, 2014 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers. At this time we do not have an agenda.

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

Mr. James Zucal announced providing we have an agenda, the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, April 8th, 2014 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. John Zucal thanked Mr. Tom Farbizo for his leadership as the Chairman of the Airport Commission. He has been doing that for a number of years and does a very fine job in keeping us moving in the right direction.

We are thankful for him and his Annual Report.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced that 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, April 16th, 2014 at 12:00 Noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Cox reported:

The Service Director has asked for the following Ordinances and Resolution be passed this evening:

Ordinance 5-2014 Advertise for bids and enter into contracts for Various Materials and Supplies. Second Reading.

Ordinance 6-2014 Advertise for bids and enter into contract for Sanitary Landfills Services. Second Reading.
Resolution 12- 2014 CDBG request- Second Reading.

Ms. Cox reported the Auditor has asked for the following Ordinances and Resolution be passed this evening:

Ordinance 4-2014 To make appropriations for current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2014
Second Reading needs to be passed before April 1st, 2014.

Resolution 11- 2014 Health Care Benefits for Non-Bargaining First Reading and needs to be passed by April 1st, 2014.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL....NO REPORT

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER....NO REPORT

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos reported that the Zoning & Annexation Committee did meet March 10th, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Knisely Centre with one item to review.

A request for change of Zoning from Central Business District to Office at 203 East High Avenue on behalf of Ms. Ruth Ellen Walker and the Board Of Directors of the Friends of the Homeless. The use of the property was to expand the Pathway to Wellness Program.

In attendance were the Zoning and Annexation Committee Members: Mr. John Zucal, Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger, and Chair Mrs. Ramos and alternate Mr. Rob Maurer and numerous guests including Ms. Holly Waldenmyer, Vice President of the Board of the Friends of the Homeless. and Jackie Somer, Secretary of the Board of Friends of the Homeless.

After much discussion the Committee voted 2-1 in favor (Mr. Zucal and Mr. Lautenschleger yea) of accepting the Planning Commissions denial of the Zoning request change and (one opposed vote Mrs. Ramos nay)
Minutes will be submitted for the record.

Mr. Hitchcock requested that Mrs. Ramos present Highlights, Readers Digest version, of the training she went through this past Saturday which was for the Ohio Municipal League Training for New Council Members.

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. They talked about home rule emphasized getting a Charter for Cities to protect their home rule.
2. Liability of Councils Members and the City.
3. Open Meetings: be careful of accidently meeting (because two on a committee.) And the APPEARANCE of Impropriety. They talked about the Committee of the Whole.
4. Conflict of interest, emphasized that Council should not be voting on issues that provide benefit to an immediate relative or even second cousins that live in the same house. Members should excuse themselves from voting on issues that provide benefit even to Associations that they are members of.
And to make sure we are following the Ohio Ethics Law.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER

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

After a lengthy discussion the Special & /Contact Committee meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

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. (2nd READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Mr. Lanzer

Comment/Concerns from Mrs. Ramos:

Ward One

New Philadelphia City Council

I've been attending Council Meetings since January last year. Now as an Elected Official representing the residents of Ward One of New Philadelphia, I participated in the the February Budget Hearings as a member of the Finance Committee. I did vote to move the proposed Budget out of Committee with grave misgiving.

My concerns still remain the same from last year to now. Although the City has a very slim, in my opinion, carryover, there was no discussion of how to cut costs to save the taxpayers' money and grow a healthy budget. The Budget was passed before the news of the lost Howden Buffalo jobs and more jobs lost at Lauren Plastics. The increased tax levy was defeated by 73% just last November and still there is no discussion on how to cut costs for a healthy budget. The taxpayers overwhelmingly voted for the City to get serious about cutting the spending.

In reviewing the budget, overtime is costing the taxpayers in excess of ½ million dollars.

The taxpayers are paying over \$100,000 of employee's share of their pension; medical insurance costs are very high with the taxpayers footing 95% of the premium bill. Most of these items we cannot address this year with the exception of overtime, but these issues must be addressed shortly in the future. These costs are not sustainable.

Personally I feel that the budget is not healthy. No tax dollars are going in Master Capital Administrative salaries/ costs are being paid out of the water, sewer, and trash funds, services that the residents pay for. Additionally the City has borrowed more money from the State Infrastructure Bank (which is funded by tax dollars) for the West High Widening Project. This in nonvoter approved debt borrowing money from the taxpayers to be repaid by the taxpayers with interest.

The City must look outside the box and yes, expenses must be cut. There must be a healthy and robust discussion about how to be smarter and leaner in operating the City. Very hard choices must be made. I believe that the City should look at shared services, private public partnerships, and letting the private sector do what they do best.

The new fiscal year starts April 1st, so a budget must be passed. However, it will be the responsibility of the administration to cut costs and start to grow a healthy budget.

Comment from Mayor Johnson:

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Ramos for her suggestions. The Mayor invited her to walk into his office anytime and he will explain what budget cuts have been done and how we are saving money. It is not Council's job to do that it is ours. It has been done and nobody has asked him about it.

Roll call, 4 yeas and 3 nays (Mrs. Ramos, Mr. Lautenschleger, and Mr. Zucal)
Suspension of the Rules has failed on Ordinance 4-2014.

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. (2ND READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Maurer
Roll call, 6 yeas and 1 nay (Mrs. Ramos)
Suspension of the rules has passed on Ordinance 5-2014

Motion to vote on passage Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Mr. Maurer
Roll call, 7 yeas
Ordinance 5-2014 has passed

6-2014 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AUTHORIZING THE 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. (2ND READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox,

Seconded by Ms. Walker
Roll call, 6 yeas and 1 nay (Mrs. Ramos)
Suspension of the rules has passed on Ordinance 6-2014

Motion to vote on passage Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Mr. Maurer
Roll call, 7 yeas
Ordinance 6-2014 has passed

7-2014 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AT NO CHARGE TO INSPECT AREA BRIDGES.
(1ST READING)

RESOLUTIONS:

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 2007 AND AS
THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FROM 2008 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2013. (2ND 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. (2ND 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. (2ND 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. (2ND 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. (2ND 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.
(2ND READING)

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 AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Mr. Lanzer
Roll call, 7 yeas
Suspension of the rules has passed on Resolution 11-2014

Motion to vote on passage Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Mr. Lanzer
Roll call, 6 yeas 1 nay (Mrs. Ramos)
Resolution 11-2014 has passed

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. (2ND READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Ms. Walker
Roll call, 7 yeas
Suspension of the rules has passed on Resolution 12-2014

Motion to vote on passage Ms. Cox,
Seconded by Ms. Walker
Roll call, 7 yeas
Resolution 12-2014 has passed

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. (2ND READING)

8:15 PM COUNCIL WENT INTO RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES
COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 8:25 PM AND WENT INTO AND EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH (COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY) AS REQUESTED BY THE MAYOR, DAVID JOHNSON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF LAND. COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN ZUCAL'S ISSUE REGARDING PROPERTY ACQUISITION WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL BE ASSISTING WITH THE LAND ACQUISITION; FOLLOWING MAYOR JOHNSON'S LAND ACQUISITION WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY. COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 8:58 PM

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Cemetery Committee the research for Cemetery Land.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock expressed sadness for the loss of two respected leaders of our community, Carson Keener and Ray Nelson a former Police Officer.

Comments from Ms. Cox:

Carson Keener was the City's Surveyor and she met him when she first was elected to Council in the early 90's. Ms. Cox said he was a wonderful mentor and she learned a lot about the City from him. Carson Keener always took the time to explain in detail any subject especially zoning issues. He just recently retired from our Planning Commission. Carson Keener was very devoted to the City of New Philadelphia and will be deeply missed.

Ms. Cox also knew Mr. Nelson

She went to High School with him and knew of his work as a policeman.

The last couple years he has been doing electrically work and did some electrical work at her home.

Both of these people will be missed a lot.

Comments from President of Council, Sam Hitchcock:

Mr. Hitchcock first met Ray Nelson before Mr. Hitchcock was a police officer.

When he was working for the County Auditor's Office, he had a vehicle stolen from his home. At the time, Ray Nelson was an agent for a local organization called the "Felony Bureau". Ray interviewed him and in a short time was able to recover the vehicle, and identify the subject.

The next time Mr. Hitchcock met Ray Nelson was when he was hired at the New Philadelphia Police Department where Mr. Hitchcock was already a policeman.

Mr. Hitchcock became a narcotics investigator sometime around the mid 90's and on one particular occasion while he was serving the Department as acting chief, he decided to pull his first drug raid on a location near the High School where a great deal of drug trafficking had been taking place.

Ray was the Swat Team Commander at the time.

Ray and Mr. Hitchcock met in the basement meeting room of the Police Department with all of the officers who were going to be involved in the raid. Mr. Hitchcock laid out the details of a controlled drug buy operation that was planned, after which Ray then instructed his team, which included law enforcement personnel from other area departments, on what their entry procedures were going to be.

On the day of the raid after the controlled buy had taken place and Mr. Hitchcock received a signal from the informant, he gave the "green light" to Ray over the radio. The Swat Van came around the corner and stopped near the entrance to the apartment.

Ray and his team quickly exited the van and executed what Mr. Hitchcock considered to be one of the most efficient, effective, and impressive operations he had ever witnessed.

Within minutes of hitting the place, all suspects were being led single file out of the apartment and into police cruisers.

Mr. Hitchcock memories of Ray Nelson are of someone who was a true professional at his job and a good friend to his coworkers. Ray always had a smile on his face and a kind word when passing in the hallways of the police station.

The last time Mr. Hitchcock saw Mr. Nelson was when they were both grabbing a cup of coffee at Speedway on North Broadway. As always Ray had a firm handshake and a kind word.

"REST IN PEACE RAYMOND YOU HAVE DONE YOUR JOB WELL."

Comment from the Safety Director:

Fortunately he knew both individuals both as co workers and as a neighbor.

Mr. Popham said he has known Carson ever since he moved in town (1974)

When he became a neighbor and worked for the City.

"All the years I've been around I don't think there has been one occasion where I saw Carson upset or had an ill word to say about anyone." His spirits always seemed to be high. He was a very positive and a good employee for the City and he will be missed by many people.

Ray Nelson when he was a trooper after getting out of the military he joined the Highway Patrol.

When Mr. Popham started on the Police Department Ray was working for the Felony Bureau across the street from the Court House; Ray was then hired by the Police Department. "He was very professional but also very thorough, always did his job 100%."

Mr. Popham also spent several vacations with Ray going fishing. That was quite an experience with Ray and his father. A lot of Ray's father did boil over to Ray, especially during the latter years, a little bit on the stubborn side.

Ray would give anybody anything he had if it would help them out.

He was kind and a very giving individual Ray will be greatly missed

President of Council, Mr. Sam Hitchcock offered his and Councils condolence to both families.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request by Mayor Johnson:

The Mayor called a Special Council Meeting for Monday, March 31, 2014 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers with one item on the agenda Ordinance 4-2014.

"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."

Comments/Concerns from Council Member Mr. Lautenschleger who is a member of the Finance Committee

- Requested that in the future the Auditor, Beth Gundy stay for the whole meeting so she will be available to answer questions if they should arise. Mr. Lautenschleger requested that this be passed on to her.
- Concern/ Questions with the Enterprise Funds.

- (Possible use of the Enterprise Funds that might not be able to be used in the General Fund)
Questioned the Budget presented, to re-examine it prior to passage.

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:07 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____