

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 9, 2017 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. LAW DIRECTOR FETE 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 ADD RESOLUTION 37-2017 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 37-2017 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1st READING

- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA AS AMENDED
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
MRS. MAY
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council, Administration, New Philadelphia Park, Erin Begue, Don Kemp, and Don Rice, from Mayor Day, dated September 26, 2017. This is an email titled “Coniglio Property Donation Closing Papers Have Been Signed”.*
2. *To Council, Administration, and Fire Chief Parrish, from Mayor Day, dated September 27, 2017. This is an email titled “New Philadelphia and Uhrichsville Conducting a Joint Study of Fire Services”.*
3. *To Council, Administration, and Fire Chief Parrish, from Mayor Day, dated September 28, 2017. This is an email titled “New Philadelphia and Uhrichsville Joint Press Release on Fire Services Study.”*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated September 29, 2017. This is the Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council.*
5. *To Council, Administration, and Council Clerk from Vicki Daniels, Income Tax Administrator for the City, dated October 1, 2017. This is the Month End Tax Revenue by Year.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated October 2, 2017. This is an email titled “Norad to Conduct Exercise in Northern Ohio”.*
7. *To Councilman Maurer from President of Council Sam Hitchcock, dated October 3, 2017. This is an email titled “Indigent Defense 2018” and in it President Hitchcock states “Rob, please take this into your Committee”.*
8. *To Council Clerk from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated October 1, 2017. This is the Check Report by Fund, The Auditor’s Monthly Statement, The Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense, and Expense Report with Encumbrance Detail.*
9. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, Dated October 9, 2017. This is the Mayor’s Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY
Mayor Day had the following report:

- Security Cameras are being installed at Tuscora Park: Pioneer 360, a New Philadelphia technology company, has begun the installation of security cameras at Tuscora Park. The City Park Board recommended the installation after learning that the instances of vandalism at the park have increased.

- The City Owns the Former Riverview Welding Property on South Broadway: Last week the donation of the former Riverview Welding property to the City was completed. Clean Ohio grant money will be used to develop a boat launch and parking area on the property. This will allow canoeists and kayakers to begin utilizing the Tuscarawas River for recreational purposes. There are also plans to bring the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail to that location. I would like to thank Joe and Cheryl Coniglio of Dover for the property donation. It will help enhance the recreational opportunities offered at the Waterworks park.

- Using Bike Trails to Connect New Philadelphia to Surrounding Communities: On Wednesday I will be attending another meeting with local government, business and county officials who have joined forces to help develop bicycle trails to and through New Philadelphia. The group is identifying routes that can be marked to connect the City to surrounding communities and connect businesses and attractions within the City. This is a collaborative effort with the Ohio and Erie Canal Coalition and the Ohio Rails to Trails group, which are working on trail development from Cleveland to New Philadelphia, then onto Uhrichsville and Dennison and eventually to Pittsburgh and Columbus. Bike trail development utilizes the natural beauty and tourism attractions we have in Tuscarawas County, and will help boost the local economy and employment. This is a prime example of using what we have to generate dollars and jobs.

- Menard's Plans to Start Construction of its New Philadelphia Store in 2018: Rodney Wekkin, Menard's real estate representative, informed me last Friday that the company still plans to start construction of its New Philadelphia store in the spring of 2018. Mr. Wekkin said he will be coming to New Philadelphia within the next two months to provide a more detailed update and discuss the Community Reinvestment Area agreement that Council has approved to help with the store's development.

- Annual Fall Festival is on October 15th at Tuscora Park: The annual Fall Festival at Tuscora Park is this Sunday October 15th from 4-7pm. See you there!

Mr. Zucal made the following statement:

I would prefer if Mr. Wekkin did come back because we had talked a long time ago about the CRA and I just think that Council being updated would be something that we should probably do.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock made the following statement:

I would also like to add to the Mayor's Report to the Fall Festival, we are also going to begin a Hurricane Relief Concert Series. It's going to start at noon and it's going to feature many local musicians around the area who are donating their time to try to raise a little bit of money for the hurricane relief. This is going to be the first of a series of events that are going to be taking place around the community to try to raise as much money as we can to send to the hurricane victims.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I want to talk about the Central School Project we had that was combining the CDBG money and going after the NRG grant. We learned a few weeks ago that we were unsuccessful in our grant application with the NRG. I was told about a critical infrastructure grant. So the next month to six weeks we'll go to Columbus and apply for the grant. It's not as large, the NRG grant was for \$500,000.00, and the Critical Infrastructure Grant is for \$300,000.00, so we will be still pursuing that because we believe it's a project that should help everybody in that area, the folks that live around the school. Once I know more about that in the coming months, if we're successful at winning the Critical Infrastructure Grant. Also, last week Newton's Asphalt was in and they finished South Broadway from York to the Corporation Limit line. We still have 5th Drive NW to do and 2nd Drive NE and Front Street SW. We're still working with the railroad on a right of way issue there to the tracks, how far we can go and how far we cannot go. That should be done here in the next couple weeks. Also, the house at 368 4th St NW you'll notice that it did come down last week. That's the spot that we foreclosed on and now Habitat has, so they are on schedule. He said it would be down this year and it is, and they'll build next year.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question:

How has the airport paving been?

Mr. McAbier had the following response:

The last three days it got snagged by the weather. So, it's not going like they thought. As far as the schedule they're behind by about four days.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

October 2nd in the Fire Department the Mayor swore in Joseph Clark II as the newest member of the Fire Department as a firefighter/medic. On October 5, 2017 Officer David Morris of the Police Department was promoted to Sgt. after going through all the civil service examinations and assessments. Sgt. Morris started with the New Philadelphia Police Department in 2009. Also, both fire and police, 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Thursday is the Open House.

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following question:

Do we know how much was generated from the Police Auction this year?

Auditor Gundy had the following reply:

It was just over \$30,000.00 in the General Fund.

Safety Director Popham had the following reply:

It was the biggest that we've conducted.

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

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

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission Meeting has been moved to October 17, 2017 at 1:00 pm here in Council Chambers. Michael McInturf, who is the head of the school of architecture at the University of Cincinnati has volunteered to have graduate students work on creating a Master Plan for New Philadelphia. So, he wanted to come and talk to the Planning Commission about that Master Plan.

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

We will be meeting tomorrow evening at 5:00pm here in Council Chambers. There will be four variance requests before us.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will meet tomorrow evening, Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

The next meeting of the City Park Board is Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at noon at the Tuscora Park Pavilion.

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC

The Health Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 12 noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following report:

I just want to remind all members of Council that Ordinance 19-2017 is on the Agenda for 1st Reading this evening. The Committee had recommended that it go the full 3 Readings. As a reminder this is kind of the 2nd piece in the process of our whole management paid system salary job descriptions and so on through our non- bargaining staff.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

The Salary Committee met this evening at 6:30pm in Council Chambers. Present were Mr. Lautenschleger, our alternate Ms. May, we discussed Resolution 37-2017 honoring Sgt. Randy Williamson for his 27 years of service to the City of New Philadelphia. It was recommended and passed by the Committee that we would add that to tonight’s Agenda and allow for 3 Readings. The Committee Meeting did adjourn at 6:34pm.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening here in Council Chambers at 7:00 o’clock to discuss the use of computer notebooks, Ipads, or other electronic equipment in lieu of printed copies of Council communications, legislative documents, or other printed material. Present were Committee members Ms. Ramos, Mr. Zucal, and alternate Mr. Ricklic. The Committee meeting was also intended to provide Mayor Day and Council President with financial information for budgeting purposes for the 2018 fiscal year. After Committee discussion and information from City IT Director Jeff Erb. There was no official action taken by the Committee. I will be meeting with Mr. Erb to develop computer specifications to be submitted to Council for approval.

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

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met tonight at 6:45 pm and we discussed two items. The first item on the Agenda was a request by WTUZ radio station at 2424 East High Avenue to hook into our sewer system. Upon recommendation from the Service Director saying that it would not put a strain or cause any hardship to our system, the Committee is recommending that Council approve this request by a roll call once I’m done with my report. The second thing that we talked about was the 2018 Tuscarawas County Contract for Indigent Services and the price is the same as last year’s \$27,000 and some change. So there’s no increase in that and there wasn’t any other changes in the contracts. The Committee has recommended that the Law Director draw up appropriate legislation and we will go 3 Readings on that.

ROLL CALL

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COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A REQUEST BY WTUZ RADIO TO HOOK INTO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM

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

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

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY

Mrs. May had the following report:

I don’t have an official report. The request for the Committee assignment last meeting for the grave markers was taken out of Committee and will be put in to the Cemetery Board agenda. Their meeting is this Thursday.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following comment:

Our Treasurer, Mr. Gerber, was a member of the State Patrol for many years as Post Commander. I had the opportunity and pleasure of working with Mr. Gerber and I see by the note that was put in the packets that he is retiring after 28 years and 12,000 students, from his career as a driver's education instructor.

Mr. Gerber had the following comment:

I had a young girl this morning who's being home schooled. The mother says "she hasn't done much driving, are you kind of nervous?" I say "ma'am, after 12,000 students we're going to be just fine". It's a joy to work with our youth. Our youth really are there to learn. That's what they want.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

16-2017 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1161.18(f)(3) TO CHANGE THE MANDATORY MINIMUM HEIGHT FOR FENCES AROUND EXISTING SWIMMING POOLS FROM NOT LESS THAN FIVE FEET IN HEIGHT TO FOUR FEET IN HEIGHT.
1st Reading

17-2017 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY CODIFIED ORDINANCE 901.01 EXCAVATION PERMIT AND FEE, TO INCREASE THE PERMIT FEE FROM FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) TO TWENTY DOLLARS (\$20.00).
3rd Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 17-2017
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
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ORDINANCE 17-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

18-2017 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1309.01 TO ADD AN EXCAVATION PERMIT FEE OF \$20.00.
3rd Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 18-2017
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 18-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

19-2017 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ESTABLISH A SALARY SCALE FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 39-97.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

37-2017 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND SERGEANT RANDY WILLIAMSON FOR HIS 27 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS AN OFFICER WITH THE NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE FORCE AND FOR SETTING THE STANDARD FOR THE DUTIES OF THE K9 OFFICER IN THE NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.
1st Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 7:54 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock