

# New Philadelphia City Council

## Finance Committee

### Meeting Notes

November 13, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

**Present for all or portions of the meeting were the following:** committee chairman Darrin Lautenschleger and committee members Rob Maurer and John Zucal; committee alternate Dean Holland; Council members Aimee May and Cheryl Ramos; Council President Sam Hitchcock; Clerk of Council Julie Courtright; Mayor Joel Day; Service Director Ron McAbier; Law Director Marvin Fete; Treasurer Tom Gerber; Auditor Beth Gundy; Safety Director Greg Popham; City Income Tax Administrator Vicki Daniels and city resident Dan Lanzer.

**ITEMS:** Proposed Ordinance 21-2017, Proposed Ordinance 22-2017 and the 2018 budget.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 21-2017:** Ms. Daniels provided various materials and information to the Committee members in support of this ordinance, which would authorize the city's involvement in and payment of \$4,000 to join a coalition of municipalities around Ohio to retain special counsel for litigation against the State of Ohio concerning changes to the state and local income tax codes. Ms. Daniels said that if approved, the City of New Philadelphia would join about 160 other cities who already have become part of the coalition. She said that the legislation that is being approved through the Ohio General Assembly continues to strip cities such as New Philadelphia of their control over the collection of local income tax. Ms. Gundy said that recent changes approved by the General Assembly that vest the Ohio Department of Taxation with collection and distribution of local income taxes shift those taxes from being "local" to "state" taxes. Mayor Day said he believes like other cities around the state, New Philadelphia has been pushed to the point where it has no option but to join the coalition and fight the amendments approved by the General Assembly.

Ms. Daniels, Ms. Gundy and Mayor Day all encouraged the Committee to move the ordinance along as soon as possible. Mr. Fete said that regardless of whether the city joins the coalition or not, it still is faced with the mandate that it will have to comply with the recently adopted state legislation in 2018.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Maurer, the Committee members voted 3-0 to recommend that Proposed Ordinance 21-2017 be added to the agenda for first reading at tonight's regular session of City Council, that the rules be suspended and that it be approved on first reading.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-2017:** Ms. Gundy reported that this is a routine appropriations ordinance that provides for various adjustments that will be necessary prior to the end of the year. She encouraged approval as soon as possible of the legislation.

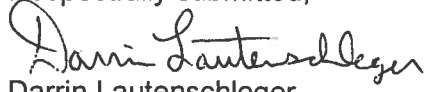
**ACTION:** On a motion by Mr. Zucal, seconded by Mr. Maurer, the Committee members voted 3-0 to recommend that Proposed Ordinance 22-2017 be added to the agenda for first reading at tonight's regular session of City Council, that the rules be suspended and that it be approved on first reading.

**BUDGET FOR 2018:** Chairman Lautenschleger informed members of the Committee and all members of City Council that they should have recently received the draft budget for 2018. Ms. Gundy referred to her summary provided when the draft budget was sent out concerning any significant adjustments included in 2018. Mr. Lautenschleger reminded Committee members that as with the 2017 budget, the goal will be to have the budget for 2018 approved no later than Dec. 31, 2017, in order for it to take effect on Jan. 1, 2018. He said he again encourages the administration to be prepared to discuss the budget at the first scheduled meeting to review it line by line, and to invite any department heads and managers who have requests that may prompt questions or that they would prefer to discuss with the Finance Committee.

**ACTION:** No formal action was taken, but the Committee agreed to hold its first review meeting on Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.

With no further business to be discussed by the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrin Lautenschleger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Darrin Lautenschleger  
Chairman