

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2015 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. HITCHCOCK WELCOMED BILL STEFFEN AND SCOUT TROOP #84 THEY MEET REGULARLY AT THE BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THEIR SCOUTMASTER IS MR. DOUG CARPENTER. THE SCOUTS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON THEIR CITIZEN MERIT BADGE WHICH ENCOMPASSES LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. MR. HITCHCOCK SAID WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THE SCOUTS WITH US TONIGHT. MR. HITCHCOCK ENCOURAGED THE SCOUTS TO STICK AROUND TILL AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING TO QUIZ SOME OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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 ADD TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
ORDINANCE 2-2015

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL 7 YEAS
MOTION PASSED

- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL 7 YEAS
MOTION PASSED

- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2015.

MRS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

1. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for the Month of January 2015
2. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for January 2015
3. Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2015 Revenue for the General Fund for the Month of January 2015
4. Auditor's Financial Statement for the Month of January 2015
5. City of New Philadelphia Budget Report with Encumbrance Details as of January 31st, 2015
6. City of New Philadelphia Statement of Cash Position with Month to Date as of January 31st, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor announced that he did not have a written report for tonight his hopes are to have The State of The City Address for Council next week.

Mayor Johnson welcomed Scout Troop #84 and mentioned that he has two Eagle Scouts.

The Mayor reported:

- There was a fire in a duplex the Mayor was able to listen on his police radio in his office as to what was actually happening.

The Mayor reported the Fire Department was so efficient.
The Police Department, Street Department, and the Fire Captain all working together
The Mayor said, "It made me proud to live New Philadelphia."
The Fire Chief had a video and was going to try to bring it but there wasn't time for it tonight.

- Mayor Johnson requested the President of Council assign the Geese Problem at the New Philadelphia Parks to a Committee.

Comment from Councilperson John Zucal:

The Mayor brought up a great point as to how our Police, Fire, Street Department and City Services all working in coordination for the good of the citizens in handling a catastrophic event.
"We should be proud."

New Philadelphia is ranked as one of our safest Cities in Ohio year in and year out.

Mr. Zucal suggested a banner be put somewhere in the City saying New Philadelphia is ranked as one of the safest Cities to live.

We are fortunate we have an environment our kids/young adults don't have to worry about some of the issues other parts of Ohio do.

Let's not take the quality of life we have in New Philadelphia for granted.

Comment from President of Council:

"Mr. Zucal that was well stated." Mr. Popham would testify the professionalism does not come without extensive and continual training.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Since our last meeting he reported on the following:

- The Service Director thanked our teams out there in the field doing the service work. Whether it is a water leak or the park, cemetery, or street crews they are all doing an outstanding job. We have had a tough winter this year a lot of snow and ice. We are out there treating the roads the best we can keeping cost to a minimal. We are patching potholes every day. It is the freezing and thawing cycle; the crews are working diligently and performing their tasks very well. The Service Director shared with Council that they have used 400 tons of salt already this year at roughly \$70 a ton. We are doing our best to keep our traveling public safe.
- As the Mayor mentioned we had quite a few complaints about the local resident Canada Geese population we have. The Service Director met with Bryan Kay, Private lands Biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife that deals with goose problems all over northeast Ohio. We do recognize that we have a problem and they have extended a helping hand to help the City through this problem. We have geese at Tuscora Park, Waterworks Field, and Community Field they are on City property. We have a lot of complaints from young mothers with children in strollers; Not only are the geese a threat to the Children but what they leave behind. We would like to have a Council Committee study that. There are ways of harassing the geese to make them leave the park areas. We have no intention of getting rid of the ducks we just want to get rid of the geese. Everyone loves to go out and feed the ducks in the summer and that is a good thing.

Comment from President Hitchcock That is our mascot. (The ducks)

The Service Director stated we want to educate the public.

We have issues now where straw is being brought in for bedding; people are buying 50 pound bags of shelled corn. We are creating a society of lazy lethargic geese.

We have to do something about it we want to clean up the park

The Mayor met with Rod Miller, Park Superintendent today. We want to keep the Park Board informed. We do want to study this and alleviate the problems especially at Tuscora Park.

The Mayor mentioned there is a lot that can come out of this:

We want to educate the public;

If you are going to give the geese food and a place to stay they are not going to leave;

Some Cities have stringent ordinances on not feeding the geese. We could look at a time frame, possibly fall to spring. They do leave later in the year.

We do not have any intentions to force away the ducks.

We have to control the goose problem.

Comment from the Mayor:

We will not harm the geese we have ways that have been successful we can scare them away. There is no intention of harming the geese there are ways of making them leave.
Comment from Council person Mrs. Ramos:

Besides not feeding them and making them comfortable, did the Biologist give any other suggestions?

Reply from Service Director:

We have a resident population of the geese and ducks at the park.
The water is open in that small area the ducks are treading water and they keep it open.
If it were to freeze the Mallard Ducks and the geese can fly away.
We have a small group of ducks that are resident ducks (the white ducks) they can't.
We would have to put them in a pen and keep them.
If the water was to freeze the ducks and geese are gone.
As long as the water is open and the food is there they have comfort they are not going any where. We are going to work on all this.
It is a project about informing the public, it would require some harassment techniques by our employees to keep them away. It would be on going. We have generations now that are bringing their young back.

Comment from the President:

Mr. Hitchcock said he will assign that to the proper committee.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy reported that there is something new in the Income Tax Department.

Joel Day is the one who works with that intimately and he will be the one to explain that to everybody.
Mr. Day distributed a handout to everyone that explains the new Online City Income Tax Payment that began on Friday. We had the service up on the website in the morning and had the first payment in the afternoon. It was a delinquent taxpayer from 2013. It is already starting to work for us. Mr. Day gave a walk through on how it works. When you land on on the income tax page you will see on the bottom of the page.

I have a highlighted explanation of what you can use. You can use smart phones or tablets by scanning the QR Code. Before you do that we recommend you go on line and create your own account. That way it will work seamlessly with your smart phone or tablet.
The next page is the log in page where you can create your account or coming back to make a payment that is where you log in.
There are two methods of payment; set up an account or make a onetime payment.
The onetime payment screen is the screen with dollar sign; this is used if you have an account already set up.

Mr. Day gave a brief explanation/history of Payment Services Network Inc.
They are very reputable company fully compliant with credit card industry, with multiple levels of security. Paying by credit/debit card or E-check is really a safe way.
Also included with the hand out was a sample of the posters that will be put up around town to inform the people of the service.
We will receive a daily report on payments made by email.
Once payments are approved the money is sent right to the Income Tax Department Bank Account.
This is only another payment option that people have; you can still pay by personal check, money order, or cash.
This option should reduce the number of delinquent taxpayers.
Particular those whose employers don't withhold New Philadelphia Income Tax or people who are self employed.
We are hoping that businesses and individuals can also use this payment option to make monthly or quarterly withholding and estimated Income Tax payments.
As far as the Cost to the City:
\$299.00 was paid to implement the service and integrate it with the City website.
There is an annual PCI security compliance fee \$89.00.
Please encourage everyone to use it, it is up and running on the website.

Comment from the Mayor:

Is it going to cost the Taxpayer? (He just wanted to let the people know there is a fee.)

Reply from Mr. Day:

Payment online or by mobile device
\$1.00 fee for checking/savings payment
2.75 % debit/credit card user (\$.50 if payment is less than a \$100.00) is applied to debit/credit card payment.
You don't have to use it.

Comment from councilperson Zucal

This is an option not a requirement.
They treating checks as an ETF they have to have money in the account when they come in.
You have to enter the account number and the routing number.

The Auditor thanked Mr. Day and announced that opens this option up for other payments to the City.
It is not going to take much time to integrate other departments. That is something that can be looked at.

Comment from President Hitchcock:

Thank you Mr. Day for your forward thinking on this.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Propham echoed the Mayor's comments on the Police, Fire, and City Services when there is an emergency going on.

The Safety Director highlighted the Fire Department and reported that in the news the big thing is Body Cam.

The Fire Department now has a Helmet Cam.

If you have the opportunity you need to let the Fire Chief show you that.

It is amazing.

The Helmet Cam it is going right into the house and the apartment and the fire as the Fireman are spraying the water and actually battling the fire in different levels, to the point of being extinguished.

It is amazing to watch that as it is actually happening and not like after the fact.

Mr. Propham stated "Great job by all the Services of the City."

TREASURER TOM GERBERNO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete reported the following:

- On February 4th, 2015 Mr. Fete had a meeting at his office with the Mayor, Service Director and Assistant Service Director Amy Gilland; on some issues that are before the City.
- On February 5th, 2015 Mr. Fete responded to a written request regarding unused vacation time. Also had a phone conference with Committee Chairman John Zucal on that issue and it is my understanding Mr. Zucal is going to have a Committee Meeting on the Amended Ordinance 23-2014 on February 23rd, 2015 for one hour. The Law Director encouraged everybody to read Amended Ordinance 23-2014 again and call him if you have any questions.
- The Law Director had a meeting with Doug Jackson to discuss a pending criminal case as well as budget issues.
- The Law Director had a phone conference with Jennifer Syx from inSight as you recall the Law Director sent out the sample ordinance had that all filled in except for one portion, the boundary description. That ordinance will be all ready to roll by your meeting Mr. Lautenschleger.
- On February 7th, 2015 Mr. Fete corresponded with an attorney regarding payment for unused sick time for a past employee.
- Drafted an answer to a Workers Comp claim in the City that will be filed tomorrow morning.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

The Mayor announced that there is no Planning Commission Meeting for February
And that the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 10th, 2015, at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

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

Mr. Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 10th, 2015, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the Airport Commission will be meeting at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, February 10th, 2015 in the Airport Meeting Room, at Harry Clever Field.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced the next Park Board Meeting will be held at noon February 23rd, 2015 at The Pro’s Table Restaurant.

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the next scheduled meeting for the Health Board is Wednesday, February 11th, 2015 at 12:00 (Noon) at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMS. SANDY COX

- Ms. Cox reported that the Finance Committee met tonight at 7:05 PM in the Council Chambers with one item on the agenda:
Ordinance 2- 2015
The amending and adjusting of the temporary appropriation Ordinance for 2015.
- Ms. Cox stated as a Committee, we decided to put this on the agenda tonight.
This is to increase the Treasurer’s Fund of Profession Services \$5,000.
The Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

- Mr. Zucal reminded members of Council and Administration as well that the Salary Committee will be addressing as Mr. Fete our Law Director proposed this evening we will be meeting on February 23rd, 2015 to discuss again the vacation pay that has been somewhat up in the air in regard as to how Council would like to handle that. We do need to make some resolution with that so again Mr. Zucal is encouraging the Law Director to make sure we all have a clear understanding of what is being proposed and where we want to go with that we need to move sooner than later on that and have that resolved. Please take some time to review the proposed ordinance and to understand what the law director is asking of us in regard to handling the vacation pay.
- Mayor Johnson proposed a while back some various position moves within the City that he feels could streamline operations in the City and also maybe potentially save the City some money. Mr. Zucal said he applauds the Mayor for taking that initiative and we do not want to lose an opportunity to at least explore that, for the members of the Committee to voice their opinion, and potentially to have that proposed in front of all of Council.
- We will also be looking at some efforts to recognize Bill Bichsel III for his service to the Park Board.
- **Down the Road:**
Chief Parrish and Mr. Zucal have been in conversation;
“We have been moving along nicely with paying off the property that we acquired for what potentially would be a new fire station.
In March we would like the opportunity again to have another meeting, but to move a little bit forward, again not making a firm decision but begin to look for some RFQ (request for qualifications) and RFP (request for proposal) about what that fire station might look like and to get some community input, which Mr. Zucal thinks is very important.
The more we engage the community in this process there are opportunities to allow them to have access to these facilities for different uses. I think we would get more public buy-in and that is something we have to be very visionary and forward thinking about.
These are just some issues that the Salary Committee is going to be addressing in the very near future.”

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

Mr. Maurer reported that Safety Health & Service Committee met tonight at 7:15 PM with two topics of discussion:

1. The 2015 Annual Contract with the Tuscarawas County Sheriff to House Prisoners at the County Jail at the rate of \$60.00 per day.
Mr. Maurer reported the Committee is recommending that it be read for three readings and passed on the third reading.
2. A piece of legislation that would authorize the Service Director to advertise for bids, receive bids

and award a contract for three years of Sanitary Landfill Services.
The Committee is asking the Law Director draw up an ordinance and we are asking passage on that also.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ...MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Darrin Lautenschleger did not have a formal report but did remind Committee Members and Members of Council that the Public Works & Economic Development Committee will meet February 16th, 2015 at 7:30 PM or immediately following the 7:00 PM Zoning and Annexation Committee Meeting in Council Chambers with one item on the agenda.

Discussion of the Community Reinvestment Area designation in the City with our representative Jennifer Syx from the inSight Advisory Group.

Comment from the Mayor:

February 16th, 2015 is an official day off for the City.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs Ramos announced that the Zoning & Annexation Committee will meet February 16th, 2015 7:00 PM in Council Chambers we have 2 items of business on the Agenda.

1. Rezoning requests for the Zoning and Annexation Committee dated January 23rd, 2015
419 Tuscarawas Avenue NW submitted by Christopher J. Wagner, Esq., of 162 North Broadway on behalf of David E. Moreland, property owner.
2. 1121 Tuscarawas Avenue NW Presented by Brian Bauer, Architect, MKC Associates for Frontier Communications.

Comment from the President of Council:

Mrs Ramos, what is the status of the issue that was in your Committee on the relocation of the Social Security Office. You had one meeting on it and do you have another meeting scheduled any time soon?

Reply from Mrs. Ramos:

Mrs. Ramos informed the President that she plans to have another meeting but she is still researching The issue but added the office is not moving.
At her meeting on this issue she requested all the Committee and committee members look into this issue.

Concerns from Mrs. Ramos:

We don't even know what the 2025 Plan is.

The Federal Government Employees sent us a request to pass a resolution to support bills that are at the Federal level. We have to see where those bills are at.

Mrs. Ramos said she went on the Social Security Website and completed a survey that is offered to the public in regard to the Vision 2025.

Mrs. Ramos reported that she is going to call the person in charge of that to get a written copy of the results of the survey.

Mrs. Ramos announced that the office is not leaving and informed Council that there are things you have to get on line.

Some people need to have a print out of their wages/benefits so you have to get that on line now.

If you lose your Social Security Card you have to apply for that on line.

Concerns from Ms. Cox and Mr. John Zucal:

All that is asked that we support the resolution and request that the office remain in the City of New Philadelphia. We need to do this we are the City where the office is located and it does generate income for the City.

They want are support because in 2025 they are going down to four Social Security Offices across the state.

We don't need to lose any business at any level.

This is an important service for our Community as well as Carroll County.

That is something they are expecting to happen they wanted us to be on board to support the office which the majority of Council wants.

This is an opportunity to be proactive out on the front end.

A number of people that utilize that office don't have access to online or feel comfortable using it.

They depend upon the person to person interaction that can only take place in one of those offices.
Mr. Zucal requested that a meeting be held sooner not later stating we don't want to see a reduction in Social Security offices.
We are the County Seat and we should support this.
Everyone locally has supported this except for the City that the Office is located.
A union initiative to try to get citizens to do something.
All we are being asked is to do is say we don't want to see it happen. We want the Social Security Administration office to stay here.
All it is saying we support our Social Security Administration office.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER....NO REPORT

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

2-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AMENDING AND ADJUSTING THE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR OF 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1ST READING)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox Seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger
Roll call, 7 yeas
Rules for Ordinance 2-2015 have been suspended

Motion to vote on passage by Ms. Cox
Seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger
Roll call, 7 yeas
Ordinance 2-2015 has been passed

RESOLUTIONS:

1-2015 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AUTHORIZING POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2nd READING)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Councilperson Mrs. Ramos:

She wanted to know the status of the new Employee Handbook.

Councilperson Ms. Cox:

Informed Mrs. Ramos that it was turned over to the Law Director and the Mayor.

Reply from the Mayor:

The Mayor told Mrs. Ramos that they are working on that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comment from the Law Director:

Mr. Fete welcomed the young men that we have here tonight and commended them on the wonderful example they show as representatives of our community by being members of this troop organization. "I think that is terrific it is really important that you are here this is where you get to act locally. This is where we try to do what is best for our local community. You are a wonderful example of that and I want to thank you for being here this evening."

Comment from the President:

“Well Spoken Mr. Fete.”

Mr.Hitchcock than encouraged the Scout Troop to stick around and ask Council Members questions.

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Patricia A. McKay

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock