

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 14, 2020 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON KEMP. COUNCILMAN ZUCAL OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENSES

SERVICE DIRECTOR RON MCABIER
LAW DIRECTOR MARVIN FETE

- MR. MAURER MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 20-2020, ORDINANCE 21-2020, AND RESOLUTION 30-2020 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 20-2020, ORDINANCE 21-2020, AND RESOLUTION 30-2020 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 23, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Members of City Council and Mayor Day, from Mr. Darren Lautenschlager, dated November 15, 2020. This is a letter and it’s concerning downtown events.*
2. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Gerber, dated November 25, 2020. This is the November 2020 Deposits.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated November 30, 2020. This is the Mayor’s Month End Report.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator Vickie Daniels, dated December 3, 2020. This is the Income Tax Report.*
5. *To Councilman Maurer and Members of the Finance Committee, dated December 8, 2020. This is a forwarded email from Law Director Fete. The subject is “2nd Street SE New Phila”. It states “Rob, please take this into your Committee.”*
6. *To Councilman Lanzer from President Kemp, dated December 14, 2020. This is an email titled “Resolution for Critical Infrastructure”. It states “Dan, please take this Resolution into your Committee”.*
7. *To President Kemp from Ron McAbier, dated December 14, 2020. This is an excused absense from tonight’s meeting.*
8. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated December 14, 2020. This is the Mayor’s Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

City Health Department Awaits Delivery of the Coronavirus Vaccine for First Responders The New Philadelphia Health Department is making preparations to give the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to health department employees and to members of the City safety forces once it arrives. Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno expects delivery of the vaccine on or about December 22nd. She said her staff is also developing plans to administer the vaccine to the general public, once it becomes available; This isn't expected until next spring.

Support of Local Businesses is Vital during this Pandemic As we journey through our first Christmas holiday season in the coronavirus pandemic, local businesses are counting on us to keep them open. They are following health department protocols to keep in-store shopping and dining safe. Many of our businesses have found ways for you to make purchases online or over the telephone. Using social media is a convenient way to find and contact New Philadelphia businesses. I know that Amazon brings it to your door, but so can our local businesses. And they also have curbside pickup. The owners of these local businesses need us this holiday season, and so do their families. Also, this holiday season if you have a few extra dollars, consider sending a donation to Schoenbrunn Village, The KSU-Tusc Performing Arts Center and other tourism and performance-based organizations in New Philadelphia. The pandemic has been particularly hard on their operations.

Seeking Grant Funding to Construct a Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail from the KSU-Tusc Campus Service Director McAbier and I are working with the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA) to obtain grant money for construction of a 3.2 mile bicycle and pedestrian trail from the KSU-Tuscarawas campus to downtown New Philadelphia. Preliminary engineering estimates put the construction cost at around \$3 million. The trail would give students and residents a safer route to travel to and from the downtown area. This would be the first leg of a system of bike and pedestrian trails designed by a study funded by the City, the Ohio and Erie Canal Coalition and local tourism partners. The pandemic has delayed KSU-Tusc's plans for student housing on campus. Ideally, I would like to have the trail opening coincide with the opening of the student housing. The trail would also give an economic boost to businesses located on or near it.

New Cemetery Office Building Construction Continues Construction of the new office building at Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery is progressing. The building is under roof and inside work is underway. Three cremation niche columbaria have been ordered, one hundred new burial plots have been pinned, and trees have been planted. I invite you to drive by the site on Delaware Drive SE to view the progress. The new cemetery will open in the spring.

This will be a Christmas to Remember.... The challenges presented to us by the pandemic should not dampen our enthusiasm to celebrate Christmas as we have in the past. This year gifts can be given in different ways: providing a meal or running an errand for the families of health care workers and first responders who are on the front line of this fight, or to people under quarantine or individuals and families grieving from the loss of a loved one. Gifts don't need to be wrapped this year, but they need to be given. With news of vaccines being delivered today there is hope that this pandemic will subside by next Christmas. In the meantime, be safe when you gather with family and friends. Protect each other and support each other. Merry Christmas New Philadelphia!

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Mrs. Gundy informed Council she will not be at the December 28, 2020 Council meeting.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....NO REPORT

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

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

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers. Right now on the Agenda are two rezonings on West High Avenue.

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

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The next meeting of the Airport Commission will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM here in Council Chambers. As many of you know we do have Magoo’s Restaurant that operates near the airport and we receive a monthly report as to how the restaurant is doing. I’m pleased to report tonight that Magoo’s had its finest month last month, dating all the way back to January of 2019. We are very pleased with Calvin and Barb Schwartz, their operation of Magoo’s and how that has been beneficial to our community.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Park Board meets this Wednesday at noon at Tuscora Park.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MR. JOHN ZUCAL

At the last Health Board Meeting we did discuss the Governor’s contribution of possibly \$200,000 to each of the Health Departments in the State of Ohio. Mrs. Ionno outlined some of the plans for the utilization of those funds. That was part of this evening’s Finance Committee meeting. One of the challenges is the contact tracing and the burden that’s placing on small Health Departments like our very own City Health Department. Lastly we want to encourage people to stay inside their family bubble, wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and hand sanitizing will go a long way to keep all of us healthy and safe.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

The Finance Committee met tonight at 6:15 PM to discuss three things. The first item was a Community Reinvestment tax exemption agreement with SAI Hospitalities, which is a Marriot flag ship. It’s going to be a hotel that they’re looking to build on the east side of Hog Heaven. It will be 52,000 square feet and have 80 rooms. It will be a \$9 Million investment. They’re looking at 8 full time jobs, 6 part time, and about \$320,000 new payroll. They plan to begin in late summer of 2021 and hope to have it completed by fall of 2022. What they’re asking for in return is a 10 year tax exemption of 50%. The Committee has recommended that it be added to tonight’s Agenda and are recommending passage at the next meeting. However, I will contact New Phila schools to see if they have any concerns. If they do we may pause and to another meeting or two and find out what the concerns are. The second thing was we had a couple 2020 appropriation adjustments to make. We’re asking that Council pass this this evening. The third thing was outside basketball courts. New Phila schools are looking to sell those to us for \$1.00. We are also adding that to tonight’s Agenda and pass that by year end.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... .MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

Mr. Ricklic stated that he rescheduled the Meeting that was previously being held tonight for January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS.....NO REPORT

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Todd McMath of 1838 Wild Cherry Lane had the following comment:

I work for Off the Wall Ministry here in town. I am Vice President of Operations and Marketing. We've been here for almost 11 years. We are a young adult ministry. We have young adults come from all over the country. We train them to be leaders with the hopes that they will train and disciple others. Many of them stay here. Many of them fall in love with this City that we have. We also have the music store right next door. Our studio is behind that, and we just bought the building next to the Quaker Theater. We're completely remodeling that building. The Branch Church will be moving into there hopefully around Easter. In a non Covid year we usually have around 40 students living in homes and apartments above the music store. These students have community leaders that have come and taught them. Chief Goodwin has come and spoken to them, we've had some community business owners. We've done community service. Behind the Big Lots store we pulled an enormous pile of tires and garbage out. We are invested in this City. We truly believe that God has called us here to be here. It's a great small town City for us to reside in and it's pretty inexpensive for us as a ministry to be here. We wanted to reach our arms out a little farther. So, as a non profit we decided to join the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association. We joined that with the hopes of partnering with additional, extending our reach. Being able to get to know more individuals and families, and business owners, and we were able to do that. With joining that association we've had the ability for our students and staff to join with and help several other things. We've grown the relationships we have with business owners. I can honestly say that I'm a little saddened that there hasn't been a lot of activity lately with that association. We tried to meet with some of the board members of that association and just talked about revitalization and what that would look like to make that association active again, to try to grow it, to have more events in our City, to have some great seminars for business owners. I am so excited of what the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association could be so much that pending Board Approval I'm willing to take over leadership of that Association. Right now there is no current director. I'm excited about working with Mayor Day to continue to grow the City. Even in this pandemic time I do think that there are good opportunities for us.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment for Mr. McMath:

I want to thank you for coming tonight and expressing your willingness to revitalize the program.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I know Mr. McMath well and I feel that this is a true blessing and a great opportunity. I know about Todd's energy, enthusiasm and love for our community. I know the great work that Off the Wall Ministry has been doing. I've seen it and I've been able to witness that. I'm fortunate to have Todd's son Jacob with me at Central Elementary School. Thank you for being willing to take that initiative on and thank you for your commitment to this entire community, and I look forward to working with you.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question for Mr. McMath:

Are you aware that there's another group of downtown business owners, the Downtown Business Roundtable?

Mr. McMath replied "absolutely".

Mrs. Ramos continued:

So you don't think there would be a competition?

Mr. McMath replied:

The New Philadelphia Business and Community Association has been established for many years. I know when we were actively meeting there was a big turn out at the meetings of City leaders, so I'm confident we'll gain those people back and then some. I've already spoken to several business owners who aren't currently members who would love to be.

Mr. Maurer had the following comment:

Mr. McMath I think you're exactly what they need. It just takes a passion for our City. Colleen Wirey was a leader of that group years ago and she had such a passion for our City. It takes that type of mentality.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

I think the Small Business Roundtable started meeting because of the inactivity of the other group.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

When and where will the organization be meeting?

Mr. McMath had the following reply:

Those are all things that we need to determine very quickly. I would think Mr. Zucal will probably begin to determine those things in January.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

- 18-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE ODOT PROJECT FUND #435
3rd Reading
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 18-2020
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 18-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED
- 19-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.
2nd Reading
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 19-2020
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 19-2020
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 19-2020
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 19-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED
- 20-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AMENDING AND ADJUSTING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2020.
1st Reading
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 20-2020
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 20-2020

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 20-2020
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 20-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

21-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) TAX EXEMPTION AGREEMENT WITH SAI HOSPITALITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

24-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP AT 278 HUMMEL VALLEY RD SW, PARCEL NUMBER 25-00670-000
3rd Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 24-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 24-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

25-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO AUTHORIZE THE RATES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021.
3rd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 25-2020
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 25-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

26-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES IN THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JAIL AND PAYMENT OF HOUSING COSTS TO THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
2nd Reading

27-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF HOLLY PAGE BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
2nd Reading

28-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PAT COOPER BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
2nd Reading

- 29-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVE FRANTZ BY THE MAYOR TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF TWO YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
2nd Reading
- 30-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO ACT AS THE SIGNATURE DESIGNEE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE 2ND STREET SE BASKETBALL COURT PROPERTY OWNED BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$1.00 AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING HIM TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE SAME
1st Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

Dee Grossman who is a member of the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association shared with me that she did drop off membership opportunities for the Members of City Council in their mailboxes. You can join as an individual and the cost is only \$25.00. It goes to support the organization and it is a charitable contribution under the 501c3 Status.

President Kemp wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp