

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 13, 2017 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. JOSH HUGHES, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

- MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 20-2017 AND RESOLUTION 21-2017 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
RESOLUTION 20-2017 AND RESOLUTION 21-2017 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA AS AMENDED
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 27, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 27, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL ARE ACCEPTED

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock introduced and yielded the floor to State Representative for the 98th Ohio House District Al Landis who gave a presentation on the State budget process.

Representative Landis gave the following presentation:

Basically what I want to do is talk about a couple things, number one is the budget process and what we're doing in Columbus. (Rep. Landis used a slideshow for visual effect) One of the goals that we've had is to try to run the State like a business and to be more responsive and reduce the size of government. Every two years we do a budget. It starts out with the Governor and one thing that I'm finding out is two years is the budget cycle and this is just the basics of the organization of the State you know the three whole bodies of government. Those are the Executive, which is the Governor and his cabinet; the Judicial, Supreme Court; and of course the Legislative, the House and the Senate. There are 99 House Members. We represent just over 1% of the 11 and a half million people. That's when it really hit home in 2010, you know, being elected in November and going down for Orientation. You're going in with your idea of what you want to do and how you want to do it. It really hits home when you're told that 99 members of the House represent 11 and a half million people. It takes you back a little bit because it's quite a responsibility. Holmes County and Tuscarawas County probably make up about 120,000 people, the people

I represent. I currently serve on three Committees. I serve on Economic Development and Commerce and Labor and Military and Veteran's Affairs and Energy and Natural Resources. The Budget probably will not come through any of the Committees that I serve on. With my responsibility as Chair of Energy I wasn't assigned to finance lower energy the subcommittee that's going to hear the budget. So, the Budget starts with the Governor, and basically I had people in my office, Budget Director Tim Keene as early as July of last year. The warning signs were there that it was going to be tight. We were talking about what we're going to do as far as education, what we're going to do as far as the Opioid addiction, just all kinds of things like that. We were anticipating somewhere around \$72 Billion Dollars in the Budget and this year the Governor comes in at just under \$67 Billion. That's a lot of money, and it's got to be spent responsibly. The process probably started mid last year. On January 30, 2017 the Governor presented the Budget to the House and a group called LSC (Legislative Service Commission) takes the 35 hundred page Budget and breaks it down into a House Bill. So it takes about a week or so to get broken down then it goes to our Finance Chair who is Ryan Smith. The good news about Ryan Smith is he's from a small community. He's from the Vinton County area from Bidwell, Ohio. So he's lived in a rural district much like ourselves. I think that gives us a lot of help, rather than somebody being from a large, metropolitan area. So the Executive Budget comes over and it starts out with the Finance Committee. They break it down into 6 Subcommittees. Those subcommittees started two weeks ago having hearings. This is where I encourage people to come down to the House and testify either as a proponent or as an opponent or as an interested party. Mayor Day and I have been talking about specifically some of the healthcare with the Health Department. We forwarded a schedule

to him as to when the Health Committee would be meeting and what bills are going to be heard during that period of time. What we can also do, I just met with a school today. They're interested in coming down and participating in the process with the education part of it. So what I'll do tomorrow when I'm in Columbus is I will go to the Chair of the Education Committee who is Andrew Brenner, and that will also go to the Chair of the Subcommittee and pass along the contact information from the school so that that school is added to the list of notifications as to when the Committee meeting was going to be held during that process. Believe me Committees can go a long time, hours. Typically right now they're meeting three days a week; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, sometimes multiple times during the day depending on other Committee schedules and the caucuses. In the Committee process a person can come in. Let's just talk about the Health Department. They can come in and they can offer testimony as an opponent to accreditation in the way it's going to be set up. The Chair will listen to the testimony. Even if you're coming in person you have to have written testimony there. That way it's on our computers there. Plus we can take it back to our offices, we can take it home in the evenings and we can review it because there's a lot of reading during this process. As I mentioned, the Budget this year is just over 3500 pages. So, we depend on the subcommittees very, very much. During the testimony people are going to be asked questions, and a lot of people are intimidated by that. Basically, that's how we get our knowledge out. When you're reading your testimony you're staying to a script and you're keeping it between the lines. Once you get into the question then you can really put the heart and the beat into what you want to say. They can ask you, and you can also ask them where they stand on this or how they feel about this. It's a formal process but it shouldn't be intimidating. It's communication, and again it's a little bit on the formal side but once you get into the questioning period you can really really get your point across. You can get into the personal side of running the City. Here's what I'm saying, from the service side. Here's what I'm saying from the safety side, and you can tell stories of what you've seen over the last several budget cycles. We're seeing the revenue is slow coming in. It's below projection. Now, you know the Governor in January while addressing a joint session of the House and the Senate made the opening remarks that he felt that Ohio is on the risk of sliding into a recession. We didn't necessarily agree with that as a House and a Senate. His opinion was that we were sliding that way. I believe a few days later he kind of walked it back a little bit and maybe clarified a little bit more about what he was saying, but revenues are down. Tax collections are down. Now in part we reduced taxes on businesses, we reduce taxes on individuals, so it's bound to be down a little bit. Collections are down, casinos are not doing up to expectations. I think that sometimes they come in above mark other times they fall below, but I think that's why they call it gambling. I'm not sure that that public school education has worked out so well with the lottery, but that was somebody else's choice not mine. So on January 30, 2017 it comes over to the House. We start working on it, we have it for about 12 weeks, then it goes to the Senate. They will go through the same process. They will have committees, they will have subcommittees. I'll just take a step back. Once we get through the subcommittees, we talk about this several times a week in out caucuses, and you're all familiar with what a caucus is. Republicans meet, Democrats meet, and talk about kind of what the game plan is. Kind of what the President is figuring tonight with the agenda. We talked about what's going to be coming up in the bill. We talked about how it's going to be managed on the floor, who's going to speak to the bill, anticipate who's going to speak against the bill, and we actually have a

pretty good idea of how many votes we're going to have going in in order to pass the budget. Now, during the hearing process we can amend it. Any member can offer an amendment in their caucus. Any member in the committee process can offer an amendment. We prefer not to have it on the floor, and what happens a lot of times is when something is tabled during the Committee process somebody will have the idea of ..I want the public to know that this is being considered, so they'll try to do a floor amendment. What happens is, lets say that Councilman Holland stands and says "I've got amendment 1, 2, 3, 4 in this bill." He'll speak to the bill. Somebody who is the author of the bill that's being considered will stand up and say wait a minutes, we considered this bill in caucus and we considered this bill in committee and we decided that we didn't want to submit it in. So typically what will happen is one of the leadership will stand up and they'll move to table the amendment. We don't like floor amendments, we just don't like them because members don't have an opportunity to go through it. We don't have any County Commissioners in the room and we don't have anybody from Emergency Management. During lame duck back in December we went into caucus at 11 o'clock in the morning and we were going through what was going to be on the House floor that day. It was one of the final days of the 131st General Assembly. During that period of time, to me it's even more trying than the budget time because of what they call "Christmas Tree Bills". You've got the bill in, and then everyone tries to decorate it with amendments, trying to get something through that they weren't able to get through earlier in the year. So you have to take every amendment very, very cautiously what's being in there, and it's got to have a nexus. It's got to have some type of relationship to the bill. There will be everything from soup to nuts in there and you've got to kind of sort through all that stuff and make sure it doesn't happen. I was working with the Tuscarawas County Commissioners, I was working with the local Mayor, I was working with Emergency Management, because we were trying to protect the integrity of bills coming through and not have something there that's going to be distractive to our region here, to our district. So, we went into caucus at 11:00am , caucus, session, caucus, session. I don't know how many times it went on but it went on until 3:30 on Friday morning. My wife asks "how can you stay awake that long?" Because it's interesting. Because you have to pay attention to what's going on. We went through reams of paper as amendments were being added. We went back to our caucus rooms. Our policy staff and our aids were all reading wheelbarrows full of paper that we were going through, watching out for what was going on in our district. Making sure that things didn't get in that were detrimental to Tuscarawas County or Holmes County Commissioners to Emergency Management and didn't happen to effect one Mayor. There's a lot of negotiating even on that point. I'll tell you what the Mayors were concerned about was AT&T's amendment concerning the 5G towers they want to put up. So there was a lot of negotiating and that was one of the last ones we put to bed, literally about 3 o'clock in the morning. So, we had been watching everything that was going in and it's quite the process. With the budget you have more time, you have more time to look at it. You have more time to study amendments and to talk to colleagues and see where they stand on it. Plus you have the committee process and can hear what's going on. So once we're finished on the House side we'll take it to the floor vote, again there's 99 House members, so the majority takes the win or the loss. It's an up or down vote. There's no present you've got to vote. If you're there you've got to vote. Let's say that it passes on party lines. Let's say that it's 66-33 (66 Republicans, 33 Democrats) , it goes right down party lines. Then it goes to the Senate and it starts over again, and we'll have a shorter window because we on the House side think that we can do a little bit better job and everything's prepped. So it goes over to the Senate. Right now I would anticipate the Budget going over probably sometime mid-April. Probably right after the Spring Break. Then they'll do the same process. The committee starts over again, the subcommittee starts over again, the testimony, the amendments, and we have a constitutional amendment. The Ohio Constitution requires the budget being balanced by June 30th. So what will happen is it's probably going to go into about the last week of June and they're not going to agree 100 percent with what we want to do. That's okay because we like to leave them a little wiggle room also to work with. We like them to be able to add some amendments to it. We like them to be able to maybe expand a little bit more for education or a little bit more in the local government. We don't like to hog it all we like to share it if there's possibility there. They'll go through the committee process. They'll talk about it in caucus several times several times for a week then it goes to the Senate floor, again 33 members. The make-up over there is 24-9 (24 Republicans, 9 Democrats). They will vote to pass their version of the State Operating Budget. It doesn't go to the governor, because they make changes in the Budget it has to come back over to the House for conference. Chances are we're not going to agree with everything that they changed. There's going to be negotiating required and that's when it goes to the conference committee. There's x number of Senators with Democrats and Republicans representing there. On the House side again a mix of Republicans and Democrats together in a conference. Their final decision goes to the Governor for his signature and it goes into law about 90 days after it's signed. So it has to be done by June 30th. Typically it goes right up to that last minute. There's been many times where we're back in our office. So, it's quite the process but it's worth every effort. I

took the liberty of showing you this is what historically we've seen on the budget process, and you've got to think of this as a large pizza pie. 52% goes to Medicaid, or related. In the last biennium Medicaid took up about \$19 Billion, Primary and Secondary Education about \$8 Billion, Higher Education, \$2 and a half Billion, Tax Relief, Property Rollbacks and Homestead, about \$1.8 Billion, Corrections, about \$2 Billion, Others, about \$3 Billion, for a total of \$36 Billion. Medicaid by far is the biggest driver. The Governor took some liberties a couple years ago. He went around the Legislature, he went to the Controlling Board and expanded Medicaid. He won't do that again because we closed that loop-hole. It's got to come back through the Legislature from here on out. We did approve in the next biennium that we would continue to fund Medicaid but we put a lot of guardrails on there. We went in and said okay, we want some accountability. We want to know where the money's going. Is it effective, is it efficient? Where does the money go if there's any carryover? Does it just go back into the GRF? These guardrails should have been on it in the first place. With the Affordable Care Act in jeopardy the way it is right now. When I got down there in 2011 we had \$.89 in the Rainy Day Fund. Most of us can find that in our car seats or our cushions of our chairs at home. \$.89, so we had built that fund to \$2 Billion, and we have people asking and questioning, well why don't we release that money for infrastructure or why don't we release it for schools, why don't we release it for local government funds? Because we saw this train wreck coming. This \$2 Billion is going to be needed. If the feds don't pay for the Medicaid expansion we're going to be on the hook for a lot more than \$2 Billion. We have to have that money available so that that's our safety net. That's so we can maintain the local government funds. That's so we can fund our schools and make sure we don't have a shortfall. That's so we can fund the higher education and corrections. That's our safety net. That's why it's there. That's why we're very cautiously moving forward with how we spend that money. Typically that's how it looks., 52% Medicaid, and I'll tell you something I was wrong, I was wrong thinking that we could drive those Medicaid costs down by cutting unemployment. I thought that if we got people back to work, you know we were approaching some place around 11% when I took office in early 2011. We're down around 5%. Medicaid costs continue to rise. Medicaid roles continue to rise. That was not the solution, not the only solution anyways. While I'm on the subject the Opioid crisis. Ohio leads the nation in deaths. I was wrong. I was wrong thinking that if we got people back to work that we had to help them grow their self esteem, that we would be able to help fend this off. It hasn't happened. It's going to take more than jobs. I told you to look at it as a pizza pie. 85% of the revenue that comes into Columbus goes back out locally. So let's say that we had a good year where we're collecting a lot of revenue, the larger the pie. Well, 85% of a larger pie is a bigger slice for you. We're in a down year. You're still going to get 85%, Columbus only holds on to 15%. That doesn't change. It hasn't changed since I've been there, and I think that's very important to know. Again it was introduced on February 14 in the House. We had anticipated that April the Senate would pass and probably mid-June then into Congress, and then late June goes into law. That is the track that it takes. So, again there's two parts to what I want to talk about tonight. The process itself, I can't speculate what the final numbers are going to be. We're going to know that probably the last week of March going into the first week of April as to where the numbers are. I'll be glad to answer any questions right now as to what I think is going to happen. One thing I think is going to happen is I think that the tax shift will be taken out. I don't think that's going to survive. If you look at my calendar I have half hour meetings lined up when I get there until I go to caucus, until I go to session. After session I have a half-hour break scheduled. As a matter of fact I took some advice from Senator Hottinger on 15 minute meetings, because I'm trying to get everyone in that is a stake-holder that has an interest in the budget. What we're going to do is we're going to try to move as many people through and get them through as quickly as you can. So, that's the way the day goes. I mean I talked to stake-holders every day. I encourage people to come down during the Committee process. If you want to be added to the list of a particular Committee for a particular issue I can get your information. I can give that to a Committee chair and we'll call you. We'll make sure that your aware as to when it's going to happen. My office will reach out to you. We'll try to be available. I may not be personally but I have a Legislative Aid and I have Constituent Aid and we can get a Page to help move your around to make sure you get to the right Committee. We're going to do all we can to accommodate you coming down. It doesn't matter if you're a proponent, opponent, or just an interested party because it's so important to hear from you during this process.

Auditor Beth Gundy had the following question:
What did you mean by tax shift?

Representative Landis had the following response:
They're trying to tax services, cable television, cosmetic surgery, things like that. Basically they're going to do more of a consumption tax, and I can't disagree with the process or

where he wants to get with it, but I think getting there is very difficult. I think of cable as a luxury, but yet there are people in rural areas who depend on it for their phone service, for their communications. That's something that's of great concern to me. I had some folks in from Massillon Cable two weeks ago, and they're going into the back waters of Beach City, they're going into Dundee, and some of those more rural places that don't have cell phone towers. It's almost a necessity.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

Thank you very much for working with the Mayor and New Philadelphia in regard to the Howden properties and the research that was done especially with EPA folks. Very important and I think it's going to be quite significant once we get to the point of being able to create an agreement with someone.

Representative Landis had the following response:

As many of you know we've been working with the EPA, and I don't know how we've done it I guess it's just the way that I do business but they have become a partner, and they have been to a point where they're proactive with me, not just reactive. I helped them on a reactive thing where they had an issue here in Tuscarawas County. They said "Al, can you help us?" We facilitated a meeting. I saved that company a lot of money and a lot of court cost. By building that relationship with Director Butler it allowed us to talk to the EPA about the deed restrictions and it almost seemed too easy. I asked the Mayor "did I just hear what I thought I heard?" that this raise was changeable, but why did it take so long to get to this point?

Mr. Holland had the following response:

Franchise agreements and those perhaps being zeroed out by the State. We're very concerned about that in that we negotiated those franchise agreements and depend upon those franchise agreements for dept service. Can you speak to that?

Representative Landis had the following response:

Anything I say right now would just be speculation as to what they're going to do. What I would say is send me an email and let me make sure that whatever committee that we're going to send that through that I'm in contact with the Chair and the Subcommittee Chair just to make sure because I'm not sure how this is going to look when it comes back over. That's not something that has been on our bullet point so it's not real high on our radar yet. We may be working our way to it but it's not there yet. So it was very important to me that you get that to me. I can go to the Chair of the Committee and to the Chair of the Subcommittee and just get a response as to where we are. Again we're only two weeks into the process so I really can't speculate as to what they're going to do with it.

Mr. Holland had the following response:

We're looking at the reality that Obamacare vs. the American Healthcare Act. They're going through the mark ups and all of that now and I know that we don't know what that's going to look like as it shakes out. Ultimately, do you have a feel for some of the areas that you might be concerned about as it relates back to Medicaid?

Representative Landis had the following response:

Well, I came out of manufacturing and we dealt with faulty systems. Whether it's in a plant or whether it's in government I don't think you replace one plan until you have another plan in place that is equal or better to the one that you've already got. I think that there's some very conservative folks in Washington that just want to be done with it right now and I think that we need to act cautiously, I'm not a Congressman, I'm not a Senator. Let's glean out of it what's good because I don't think it's all bad. I think there's some things that we can glean out of it like the pre-existing condition, allowing students to stay on up until 26-years-old. My concern is that we're not going to have the funding here in the State. That they're going to roll out something and it's going to be up to the State and I think we're going to be a day late and a dollar short. If they allow this thing to gradually phase in over two, three years, allowing the States to adjust their budgets and their cycles. I think we're going to be much better off. My concern is it's going to happen sooner rather than later and the State could be left holding the bag a little bit on cost. This is something we took under very close consideration four years ago when we were looking at Medicaid expansion. Because once you get something it's hard to take it back. So you have people who are depending on it. By the same token our insurers are fleeing the scene. The doctors don't like it. People are complaining about service. I think it's failing. I think we need to do something and

we need to do it soon, but I think we need to do it cautiously. There have been some other things that have fallen through our system and they want to do away with it until we have something in there in place that is equal or better to than what we've already got. We don't want to take a step back. Do I want to see people lose their insurance? No, but we've got a problem when our unemployment rate is at 5% and over the summer there were 140 thousand jobs listed in Ohio that weren't filled. I talked to somebody today who talked about a local company that wants to hire 50 people in Tuscarawas County. They can't get anybody. Two hours before I came in here I talked to somebody else who said their business has plenty of openings, \$40,000 a year. They can't get anybody to pass a drug test. People just don't seem to have the same frame of mind that we did growing up, that we worked and we saved. Some folks seem to have this mindset that if they want to buy a new coffeepot they'll go to work for a few hours and buy the coffeepot and go back to whatever they were doing. I think we're really concerned about that. When I was in New Philadelphia earlier today at the corner of 250 and 77 there was a "panhandler" asking for money. There's jobs available but you have to be responsible. We have this group across the street here with Scott Bell. His classes teach people how to fill out an application, how to interview, how to build your character. I think we need more of that. So Dean, just in a long about way, I'm concerned that something will be done quickly with the Affordable Care Act and the State's going to be left in debt. That's something that we don't want because when you look at that \$2 Million Rainy Day Fund and you see that that is a safety net for medication, education, and incarceration. Those are three of the biggest drivers, so that's my biggest concern.

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following comment:

In our last Meeting in the end of February this Council passed a Resolution in opposition to the Governor's proposal in the budget to "amp up" Municipal Income Tax collection, centralize it through the State. As a Councilman and personally I don't want to see the State taking any part in Municipal Income Tax Collecting. I wanted to pass that along. I'm sure you're hearing from the Municipal League and from folks all the time about that process. I wondered if you had any insight at this point.

Representative Landis had the following response:

As many people that are lining up against it there are that many people or more saying this is something that we need for our contractors. I think there was a bill by Cheryl Grossman a couple years ago, House Bill 9, that tried to help streamline this. Do I think that the State should collect a fee for collecting income tax for the City? No. Do I think that we need some type of streamlined program for a plumber, or for the heating and air conditioner contractor that's working in multiple municipalities or counties? Yeah I think we need something. So, is this the right vehicle? My personal opinion is that it may stay in the House side, but I'm not sure what the Senate's going to think about it. There is a lot of support for it. Every day there's something in my office. Not as many coming in yet from the Municipal League and the likes, but they're on the list, and we're going to listen. That's one of the most important parts of my job is listening.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I think our concern is that more money is taken from the Municipality that we need to operate and provide services to our people here. The more locally things are controlled the better it is. I hear you saying they'll listen but they'll probably do it anyway.

Representative Landis had the following response:

I don't think it's going to be haphazard because again everybody in this room has a lobbyist in Columbus and they may come up with an agreement. I had House Bill 14 last time with the PVC piping where the municipalities would have to consider using PVC even though engineers and experts are saying they want to do something else. I went into an IP meeting because it was coming through my committee, I was a Chair. I had to be quiet. I had to let the bill's sponsor and the opponents and the proponents talk about the bill. Basically I sat there and I was just about to absorb as much information as I could. The majority of the room there included a lot of engineers, a lot of waterworks people, a lot of people that are in the service area. They're installing pipe, they're saying "this is a solution looking for a problem." It was brought to our attention that this problem was of Statewide effect. We asked the sponsor and those that were backing the sponsor to give us a list of effected communities. It came down to seven. Too me that's something in going back to what you were saying about the income tax having decisions made at the lowest level, I think seven municipalities doesn't constitute changing State law. I think the people that are involved in the PVC can go to those seven communities or seven counties and work out something and solve it at their own level rather than having a State Mandate. At the second IP meeting folks were lining up

out the door to get in to testify against the bill. Basically I slowed the bill down, I had sponsor testimony, I did proponent, I did opponent. I didn't feel that this was going to go past the House, certainly not past the Senate. We don't rush things through, at least not in my committee. There's times when I thought I could move a piece of legislation through, it's House Bill 8 in the 132nd General Assembly, thought I could move it in three meetings, it took five, and it took hours of negotiating right before I went into that meeting to come up with a compromise. By taking those extra two meetings and the time that was spent on the phone with the opposite side of the aisle we were able to move that piece of legislation out of committee unanimously. The ranking member who is a democrat said "Al, we're going to support it on the House floor."

Representative Landis Begins Speaking About the Opiate Crisis

Everybody in this room has been scared about what's going on, not only in New Philadelphia but Tuscarawas County. We have a crisis, and I've been meeting with Jodi Salvo and some of the ADAHMS Board. In late January I had the opportunity to hear Attorney General Mike DeWine speak at a retreat. One of the things that he said was that he would come to our districts and so it would have to be a Friday, it would have to be in the middle of a snowstorm. My first call was to my office to start the wheels turning to get the Attorney General to Tuscarawas County. As of right now the plan is to have the Attorney General at Welty Middle School on Thursday, April 20, 2017 and we're going to do a Town Hall. The goal is to have a Roundtable. Now I don't have the commitment from the Attorney General to make it up in time but the Roundtable, he will have his Heroin Opiate Task Force here. We're trying to get the Attorney General himself here on April 20th. To me it's the opportunity to have the chief law enforcement officer in the State of Ohio available here and I'm going to take advantage of it. So we're working with that. At first I told my office that Al Landis is bringing Attorney General to Tuscarawas County. My second call was to Jodi Salvo. Jodi says "we're in", so now it's we. My next call was to Scott Robinson from the Chamber, told him what we wanted to do. He said "we're in". So now we are bringing the Attorney General here. We want him to be on the front line of prevention. I actually had a second idea and I called Jodi and I talked to our communications team in Columbus and it was an opportunity to get young people involved in prevention. That lead to a third thought, and we're rolling the third one out right now. It's called I've Got Your Back. I think some of you have seen the photo of myself and Jodi Salvo standing back to back saying "I've got your back that's what friends do." It costs the State nothing. People are asking "how can we get involved?" My wife and I have had this discussion over dinner. What can we do with the opioid issue? We're a community we've got to stand back to back. We have to stand together and say "no more, we're not going to let this happen." I previewed it over at Welty Middle School just two weeks ago and I had an 8th grader come up to me and say "Representative Landis, people are seeing their parents do it, they're seeing their peers do it." If this program saves one life it will have been worth it. Well now we're rolling, and I can't tell you how many people, we've got 25 or more photos already in our queue ready to go up on our Statehouse page standing back to back. I think some people in this room have already done a photo together at the ADAHMS Board meeting a couple weeks ago. It costs nothing, but it sends a message out there that we as a community are going to stand together, we're going to stand back to back, we're going to prevent this. I can't save a life. This man right here (palming to Safety Director Greg Popham) he knows, he's skilled. He also knows how to fight a fire. Mr. Popham will tell you that the first thing you do to fight a fire is take away the fuel source. If we can stop it from the 8th grade on up and prevent this I think we're going to be further ahead. About a month ago I spent an hour and a half across the table from somebody who had been an addict and has been clean for two years. Two and a half weeks before I got there they overdosed. I spent an hour and a half with them. There was a 15-year-old student in the home. So what can we do about the addiction? What can we do about the next generation coming up? What I did is after I left that apartment, an hour and a half hearing that story, I called the coach because this person was interested in football and they were interested in wrestling. I called a coach and I left a message that evening. The gentleman called me back the next morning and said "how can I help?" I said "sir, we've got a 15-year-old in your school who is at risk", and of course due to privacy we can't say a whole lot. I told him if he could have one of his coaches or student leaders mentor this young man that would be helpful. The guy goes "you've got it, I'll help." I think that's what we have to do. We have to reach out there especially to those at risk. So, Step One is the Attorney General coming to town to talk to all of us and answer questions. We may even be having a little bit of a fair type of thing, there may be some addictive services available. We may even have Narcan there. We haven't gotten that far yet but we may be able to provide Narcan to families that are at risk. We've got the I've Got Your Back campaign, and then there will be another program rolled out probably in the new school year in September.

Mayor Day had the following comment for Representative Landis:

I'd like to see you include our Health Commissioner Vicky Ionno and our Director of Nursing Nicole Bache in this because they're on the front lines. We have a Vivitrol program in the County. We're treating an average of 26 people a month and I can tell you we've been doing this for almost three years now and there has only been one person that made it through the whole program to get clean while the rest of them have fallen back into their addiction. So, they're on the front lines and you need to include them in this Roundtable.

Representative Landis had the following comment for Mayor Day:

I had the Attorney General's office send me a list of who you'd like to have there. I have Jodi Salvo going through the list now determining who the Attorney General wants to see there and who you would like to see there. We're going to add and subtract and the healthcare workers are right on the front line.

Mayor Day had the following comment:

They hear the stories every week from the addicts themselves.

Representative Landis had the following comment:

What's happened is somebody came up to me at the Statehouse and said that they knew a doctor that all he wanted to do was be an emergency room doctor. He's walking away from it. We can't afford to let these people burn out. This is what part of this roll out is in the I've Got Your Back campaign. That includes our first responders, our nurses and our doctors. We have to stand with them because they've got a rough job. Ambulance Services are running back and forth, Fire Departments, EMTs are running back and forth. There are people being dropped off in emergency rooms with needles in their arms. Everybody saw the photos from East Liverpool, Representative Tim Ginter's area. When that photo was taken my Legislative Aide was doing double duty and she was working in Tim Ginter's office when the grandmother called and was trying to get the custody of the children back. It's first hand, I see on Facebook people that are working at Aultman and people that are working in Akron. Akron is a war zone. Just on Facebook, and again, I'm not sure what's fake news and what isn't, but this came from State Senator Sean O'Brien's Facebook page, 12 overdoses in 24 hours in Trumbull County. We've got a problem, we've got to stop it. Prevention is the only way I can think to do that.

Law Director Fete had the following question:

I would like to thank you for what you did on that AT&T Amendment. It was literally a seminar with other Law Directors and I wanted to let people here know that you went to bat for us on that and help put a stop to that. I was literally in the Seminar with Law Directors from all over the State as that was being discussed in December during the lame duck session and I want to thank you on behalf of our community and in my position what you did was appreciated. I put a bug in as a prosecutor for criminal justice reform in regard to the opium addiction issue. As a father of two young boys this is a mission that I care a lot about. We had somebody from our church, from a very well respected family that runs a business here that lost a daughter to opium addiction. One of the things that I would like to plug and I think the Attorney General is on board with this, is criminal justice reform that limits or reduces penalties for people who self-report. Right now the people who want help and don't know where to go to get help, if they could pick up a phone and call a police officer and tell them they have drugs and don't want to be doing them anymore. Rather than them getting penalized for that they instead get the help they need. I'd like to see criminal justice reform that limits penalties for people that self-report to enable them to get the help they need.

Representative Landis had the following comment:

We passed several bills where we protect people calling when there's an overdose. We've even done things where we're protecting them even if they're involved in the process. If that person passes and you gave them the drugs you've got to be able to come down hard.

We had a hard time getting that bill through late last year. There was a lot of controversy too, but again if a person passes I think you have some responsibility. I have a bill going through right now with State Representative Bill Blessing on House Bill 19. What it is, if there is a fire or explosion during the manufacturing of an illegal substance such as meth, now they can be charged with arson. It's already in statute but some people are using it and other people aren't. So we're making it a Fourth Degree Felony if it's over \$1000.00 in property damage. They can be charged with a Fourth Degree Felony, so we're

putting a little bit more bite into it. There are a lot of people in this room that have campaigned at large levels and here locally. You can go door to door and you can see the results of what's happening in our neighborhoods. Some very nice neighborhoods have had some meth labs busted. I'm hoping we'll be able to get this bill through the House before the end of June, over to the Senate and get it signed by the Governor, just to add more bite to it. Do we want to be compassionate? Sure we do. We want to try to help. I think that we should do all we can, but I hear what you're saying on the reform for sure.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

To give you an indicator of the way things are going here from a narcotics perspective, I spoke with the Fire Chief in mid-December last year. He told me that in 2015 they had used Narcan three times for the entire year. That particular week in December of 2016 they had already used it 6 times, so it's a rather dramatic increase that we're experiencing.

Representative Landis had the following reply:

Here's a case of one step forward, two steps back, okay? We made Narcan available to families, to EMTs, to First Responders of all sorts, State Highway Patrol, Police Officers. I had dinner one year ago in February with my nephew and his wife who is a med student at Case Western Reserve. She said people are abusing Narcan. They're having Narcan parties where people overdose, take them to the brink and use Narcan to bring them back. Sometimes it's more than one dose. Sometimes it takes six doses of it to bring them back. In Ohio a State Patrol Trooper saved a man with Narcan. His wife and two children came in to the Post a few days later, it wasn't in Tuscarawas County, and they thanked the State Patrol for saving their father. That was the third time that week he had been saved. Now you've got communities in Southwest Ohio, Chillicothe has put an Ordinance in that if you have Narcan more than once you'll be charged with a crime, Inducing Panic, I think. At the gas station on my way home a gentleman said "Hey Al, you're doing a great job, but you've got to stop saving the addicts." I said "pardon me". He said "you've got to stop". I said "sir, I'm a firm believer in where there's life there's hope." He goes "yeah, but you're giving Narcan away and you're charging \$350 for an Epipen." He's got a point. I don't control the cost of an Epipen but we're trying to make it available in schools for sure. If it's your loved one I don't want to be the one to decide if you help somebody or not. I think that, Greg (Popham) you've been on the front lines, many of you have. You save somebody and move on from there and hope for the best.

Safety Director Popham had the following comment:

We are seeing multiple occurrences of Narcan. The squads are going out weekly and they're going back to some place where they've been a week before. That's when it starts to get disheartening that you saved them once, saved them twice.

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

It will be interesting if and when we get some statistics we'll find out how many people we saved or saved multiple times that that's an incentive to keep on using.

Representative Landis had the following comment:

One of the things we don't have is a clear record of how many deaths we've actually had that are opium related. This is a conversation I had with Jodi Salvo this afternoon as I was coming back from one of the schools and we talked about "how do we get organized?" "how do we get the data to flow in so that we can use it?" To me it's Problem Solving 101. I can legislate and that takes time, but these programs like I've Got Your Back are something that I can do, something that you can do. People are saying "what can I do?" Get to know somebody and say "if you have an issue call me" I'm going to invite that person that I met with a few weeks ago to come and let them hear what the Attorney General has to say to let them know that we have your back. We just have to get it to the schools, because when an 8th grader comes up to you right here in New Philadelphia and says "people are seeing their parents do it, people are seeing their friends do it." If it saves one person it's worth it.

COUNCIL TOOK A 10 MINUTE RECESS AT 8:37 PM AND WENT BACK ON THE RECORD AT 8:46 PM .

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Judge Nanette DeGarmo Von Allman, dated February 28, 2017. This is The New Philadelphia Municipal Court 2016 Annual Report.*
2. *To New Philadelphia City Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day, dated February 28, 2017. The Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council.*
3. *To Clerk of Council from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated February 28, 2017. This is the Budget Report with Encumbrance Details, Statement of Cash Position with MTD, and the Auditor’s Monthly Statement to Council.*
4. *To Clerk of Council from the Ohio EPA, dated March 7, 2017. This is the final issuance of certification for the Rover Pipeline Project. Facility Description 401 Certification , Receiving Water: Various Watersheds, ID# DSW401154852, Date of Action: February 24, 2017*
5. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated March 13, 2017. The Investments and Savings Program for February 2017.*
6. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated March 13, 2017. The City of New Philadelphia February 2017 Deposits.*
7. *To President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock from Service Director McAbier, dated March 10, 2017. This is a letter regarding the Carlisle Property Natureworks Program. It states the following: “Dear Sam, Could you please assign to Committee a request for passing of the Resolution attached for preparation, submit bid and enter into contracts for the Natureworks program for recreational improvements to the Carlisle land.”*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTS ...MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- **Conditional Awarding of a \$196,000 Grant for Renovation of the Tuscora Park Tennis Courts:** This morning my office received a letter from James Zehringer, the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, announcing that the City has been conditionally awarded \$196,000 in grant funding for renovation of the Tuscora Park tennis courts. The grant, through the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, will be officially awarded when it receives final approval by the National Park Service. Mary Fitch of Director Zehringer’s office told me this afternoon that, if all goes according to plan, the project contract should be approved with a start date of June 1st of this year. With the addition of this grant, the money pledged to the project totals \$371,000: with the City and school district pledging \$50,000 each and local foundations pledging a total of \$75,000. The estimated cost of the renovation is \$392,000.
- **NPBCA’s 8th Annual Shamrock Run is Wednesday March 15th :** Residents in the Tuscora Park area should be aware of runners and walkers participating in the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association’s 8th Annual Shamrock Run this Wednesday March 15th. The event starts at the park at 6:30pm. The course includes Fair and Ray Avenues and 3rd Street, and the streets in the neighborhood of Tuscora Park. If the course is too slippery because of snow, I would expect the event to be rescheduled.
- **Planning Commission Meeting has been Cancelled Due to the Lack of a Quorum:** Tomorrow’s scheduled City Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled because a quorum of the members could not be present. At next month’s meeting the members will get their first look at a list of City-owned township

land that should be annexed into the City. After studying the list, the commission will make a recommendation for an assignment to Council's Zoning and Annexation committee. The commission will also review the Southside Park master plan.

➤ All Downtown Street Lights have been Upgraded to Energy Efficient LEDs: This past week the installation of new LED lights in downtown street lightening was completed. If you haven't done so already, I invite all residents and Council members to drive through the area at night to see the difference LED lighting makes in the appearance of our downtown. The new lighting should cut the City's downtown street lighting bill by two-thirds. I've asked Service Director McAbier to track the bills over the next several months to confirm that.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I'm letting all Councilmembers know about the Sidewalk Program for any constituents in their ward or Council-at-large folks. I'll bring it back up because it will be the 1st of April we'll roll those out and we'll have to go out and grade them by June 1st to get started. So please everyone if you have anybody remind them to come in. Again it will be the 1st of next month and I'll remind everybody again next month just to make sure everybody got it. I know last Council meeting we touched on the house at 368 4th Street NW. The blighted home there that we had, and Habitat has set their contract back so they do own it now and again they'll tear it down this year and build on it next year.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

For the Sidewalk Program, does that include curbs?

Mr. McAbier had the following response:

No, just sidewalks.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDYNO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

We received information last week that the Ohio Department of EMS, Fire, Transportation and Safety Board has awarded to the New Philadelphia Fire Department the Star Life Award. This would be for the incident the Chief showed us in Council Chambers where they saved the life in the house fire on 4th Street. In May they'll be going to Columbus to receive the award.

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I'd like to reserve my comments for an Executive Session that I'm requesting regarding an update on current litigation that involves the City.

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEARS
COUNCIL WILL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission Meeting as I indicated in my report that was scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled due to lack of quorum of the members who couldn't be present. So, we'll be meeting next month and among the things that the Planning Commission will be taking a look at is a list of City owned Township land that could be annexed into the City. Also they'll be reviewing the Southside Park Master Plan to to see how the Planning Commission can help in making that come into a reality.

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

We will have a Meeting tomorrow night at 5pm here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

I would like to express my sincere excitement and thanks regarding the Mayor's report this evening that indicated that the grant has been funded in the full amount. That is just tremendous when we consider what we were looking at with the condition of the tennis courts and the fear among a lot of the people on the Park Board especially that they were looking at some loss potentially of a recreational facility in our park and that would have been devastating so it's extremely exciting. I want to thank the Mayor, I want to thank the Service Director, I want to thank all the members of the Park Board and everybody else who actually contacted us with ideas and thoughts and so on. I also want to thank Tom Farbizo who kind of carried the ball over the goal line with a lot of great ideas. The next meeting of the Park Board will be announced and they'll be scheduling that in our next Council Meeting on March 27, 2017. Don Kemp the President of the Park Board will be here to talk about the Southside Community Park and to kind of deliver it to Council. As you know we're part of the funding process for that. He wants to deliver that to Council for kind of formal acceptance which allows the City to start the planning process to look for ways to fund it.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

One of the items that came up consistently during the campaign of 2016 was the condition of the tennis courts. Bravo! I think it's a wonderful thing for our community. It's something that is used throughout the Spring and Summer and early Fall. Our tennis courts are really needed in this community and again, bravo.

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

This is something that I think everyone can agree was long overdue.

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following report:

On the Agenda this evening is the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 4-2017. A reminder, the Committee had recommended approval of that on 3rd Reading. One of the items that was introduced and requested by the Council President to be reviewed was a document planning process to move to paperless in the City, especially with Council. Ironically once that was assigned to the Finance Committee I spoke with a former colleague of mine at the Conservancy District where they had begun that process before I left employment there and I asked about that and that turned into an hour long discussion where he updated me on the complete enterprise content management system. So, we'll be hosting a meeting on that and looking at the proposal the City had received regarding that and some thoughts that may come about, so that's a good thing. We'll also be looking, I'll work with the other Committee members, to schedule a meeting now regarding the wage scale study that was done. The Law Director has been able to meet with the HR attorney and we can move that process along.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following comment:
Also included in that assignment was the tablet proposal?

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following response:
Yes. Absolutely.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening at 7pm here in City Hall. We reviewed Resolution 20-2017 which is acknowledging the City of New Philadelphia's participation with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the City of Dover to apply for a grant concerning the bike route and this will allow our participation at no cost to the City. We also reviewed Resolution 21-2017 which addresses the intersection of Bluebell and West High and the traffic improvements. The Ohio Department of Transportation has come up with a \$433,000.00 grant to improve this intersection and there are no match requirements on the part of the City of New Philadelphia. Resolution 22-2017 was actually a duplicate of Resolution 21-2017 and therefore not necessary to address.

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

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR KELLY RICKLIC.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Julie Levengood Stephon 440 3rd Street NW, Director of the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association had the following comment:

This Wednesday evening is our annual fundraiser our Shamrock Run, so if you’re not doing anything and want to come battle the temperatures, I think a high of 27 degrees Fahrenheit is forecasted, come down to the Tuscarawas County Public Library, that’s the starting point. We will be running or walking through the neighborhood to Tuscora Park and back. Again, this is a fundraiser for our organization and those funds we reinvest back into the Community through our different events, our Christmas lights, our flower projects, so we appreciate the public taking part in this. Also, I wanted to let the Council know that beginning on April 1st we’re going to have community service workers back on the Square cleaning. Between the beginning of May and the end of August we have six different events going on downtown, so I feel that it’s important that we keep our downtown looking nice, not just during the week and not just during events but to kind of give back to the Community our organization likes to organize things such as this so we can keep it looking nice downtown. We’re very thankful that we can partner with the Probation Department, Sheriff’s Department, Job and Family Services. People need to complete community service hours and we will give them an outlet to do that. So they get their hours done, we get the help that we need, and the City benefits from having a nice, clean downtown. We’re also very grateful for the cooperation we have with the guys from General Services. Ray and the guys always help provide anything we need and they pick up trash for us, so we’re really excited to be doing that again this year. So you should come out Wednesday night and join us in the cold and the fun.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

3-2017 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 521 OF THE NEW PHILADELPHIA
CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE SECTION 521.00.
3rd Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 3-2017
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
ORDINANCE 3-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

4-2017 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA,
OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE
FOR BIDS, RECEIVE BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST
AND BEST BIDDER AND AWARD THE 2017 CDBG PROJECT.
3rd Reading

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 4-2017
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
ORDINANCE 4-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

17-2017 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO
HONOR THE MEMORY OF DAVID A. MILLER FOR HIS 46 YEARS OF SERVICE AND
DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS CAROUSEL OPERATOR
FOR TUSCORA PARK FROM 1967 THROUGH 2013.
2nd Reading

18-2017 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS
COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE
A NEW DUMP TRUCK.
2nd Reading

19-2017 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO
APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOE SCIARRETTI BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT
COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.
1st Reading

20-2017 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF DOVER TO APPLY
FOR A GRANT BIKE ROUTE, BIKE SAFETY SIGNAGE, AND BIKE LANE MARKINGS
AND AFFILIATED PURPOSES.
1st Reading

21-2017

A RESOLUTION ENACTED BY THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA) WHEREAS, THE (LPA/STATE) HAS DETERMINED THE NEED FOR THE DESCRIBED PROJECT: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT EH INTERSECTION OF SR 39 AND BLUEBELL DRIVE.

1st Reading

COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:01 PM.

AT 9:31 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MR. MAURER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:32 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock