

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021 WITH PRESIDENT DON KEMP PRESIDING. PRESIDENT KEMP 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 ABSENCES

NONE

➤ MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

➤ MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 25, 2021
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 25, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN
APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Jami Bailey, Executive Administration Assistant to the Mayor of New Philadelphia, dated October 29, 2021. This is the Mayor’s Month End Report*
2. *To Council and Administration from Vickie Daniels, Income Tax Administrator for the City, dated November 1, 2021. This is the October Report.*
3. *To Clerk of Council from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, dated October 29, 2021, responses must be postmarked no later than November 29, 2021. This is a notice of legislative authority to New Philadelphia Hospitality LLC DBA Hampton Inn New Philadelphia located at 1299 West High Ave. New Philadelphia from Riverview Hospitality Corp DBA Hampton Inn 1299 West High Ave New Phila. Oh. 44663. This is a D5A D6 Permit Class. It says “please complete and return this form to the division of Liquor Control whether or not there’s a request for a hearing.” I forwarded this email to President Kemp.*
4. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated October 29, 2021. This is the City of New Philadelphia October 2021 Deposits to the General Account.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated November 8, 2021: The Mayor’s Report.*

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day gave the following report:

- Honoring the Military Veterans of our City and County: Events have been planned this week to honor New Philadelphia's and Tuscarawas County's military veterans. Beginning on Wednesday, the Vietnam War Memorial Traveling Wall will be on display at the VFW Post 1445 on Park Avenue NW. According to Post Chaplain Jerry Chenevey, the Traveling Wall will be open for public viewing through 3pm on Sunday, November 14th. A dedication of the Traveling Wall will be included in the City's Veterans Day events on Thursday, November 11th. The day will begin with the annual Veterans Day ceremony at 11am on the Courthouse quadrant downtown. The Traveling Wall dedication will be held at 1:30 pm at the VFW post. I encourage all New Philadelphia residents to join me in honoring our military veterans this week. Thank them for their service to America.
- The Remains of WWII Veteran Private Emmet Schwartz Come Home: Also on the courthouse courtyard, on Sunday, November 21st at 1pm, a public service honoring the life of Private Emmet Schwartz will be held. The casket containing the remains of the 24-year-old New Philadelphia resident will be placed in the Courthouse rotunda from 2-4pm for public viewing following the service. The surviving members of his family will also be in attendance. Private Schwartz was a 1939 graduate of New Philadelphia High School. He was killed in December of 1944 in the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest. His remains were buried in a cemetery in France and identified by DNA analysis earlier this year. Private Schwartz' casket will be escorted to New Philadelphia on Friday, November 19th by the U.S. Army Funeral Honors Team. The actual time and funeral cortege route will be announced as soon as it's known. The City's safety forces and General Services Department are involved in the escort and cortège route planning. Please stand along the route if you can to welcome Emmet home. His casket will be buried at Evergreen cemetery on Monday, November 22nd.
- The New Signage Process for Downtown New Philadelphia: One of the duties of the City's Downtown Design Standards Board of Review is to review the design of signs placed on downtown storefronts. It's a new process that was put into place last year when the board was created. Any applications for sign permits received by the City Service Director are taken before the DDSBR to determine whether they fit the design standards being developed by the board. If necessary, design changes are then recommended. Meanwhile, the board is putting a call out to local artists and high school art clubs to come up with designs for wraps that will be placed on traffic signal boxes in the downtown area next year. The traffic box wraps present another opportunity to showcase the artistic talent in our City.
- The Mayor's Office is Collecting Winter Clothing for Needy Children: There are elementary and middle school aged children living in New Philadelphia who don't have a warm jacket, a hat, or gloves to wear in the wintertime. The Mayor's office is asking for your help to address this problem. The Administration's Executive Assistant Jami Bailey has placed a box in the Mayor's office lobby at City Hall, where you can place new or gently used clothing items to donate to these needy children. The lobby is open daily from 8am to 4:30pm. Contact Jami at jbailey@newphilaoh.com or call 330-364-4491 extension 1242 for more information. All donations will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution to the needy kids.
- The City Partners with the Ohio and Erie Canal Coalition to Fund a Connectivity Study: *The City is partnering with the Ohio and Erie Canal Coalition to fund a study to determine the best route to take to connect New Philadelphia's stretch of the Towpath Trail with the City of Dover's. New Philadelphia has pledged \$12,000.00 from next year's budget to help fund a \$19,000.00 connectivity study by the Envision Group of Cleveland, the same company that developed the blueprint for bike and pedestrian trails from the Kent State-Tusc campus to downtown. The City's towpath trail will extend from the boat ramp at Waterworks Park and follow the fence line around the Gradall plant. Then it will either go to Mill Avenue SW or possibly across a section of the County garage property to Front Avenue SW. The study will determine the most feasible route from that point to connect to the trail coming from Dover on Tuscarawas Avenue NW. The City will collaborate with Dover officials on the project. They will now be included in the monthly teleconferences we have with Dan Rice, the President and CEO of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition. All of us met last week with the Tuscarawas County Commissioners to update them on the progress being made to complete the entire towpath trail construction from Bolivar. Once the trail is completed, you will be able to travel the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath from Cleveland to New Philadelphia.*

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

We had two of the waterline projects finally get finished last week. Minnich Ave. has been completed and so has Ohio Ave to Oak Ave. We continue to do dredging at the lagoon. Hopefully in three more weeks they'll get the last third of it done. Both boat ramps have been removed from Waterworks and from Rt. 416. We'll install them again in the Spring. Also, we started leaves today and got North and South Broadway completed. We'll go down East High Ave. tomorrow. We'll continue to update the route on our Facebook page.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

In the fire department up and coming November 20 from 11am to 1pm is a toy drive. This is in conjunction with Job and Family Services. All the toys and items collected are going to stay local. The fire department today is 350 calls above what they were last year at this time. Two weeks ago at a Council Meeting I spoke a little bit about a cruiser that they didn't know where it was at. Well, they received notification that somewhere along the line and somehow this vehicle has been totaled. We now have to wait for a replacement which will be a 2022 rather than a 2021.

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I issued a legal opinion this morning that might interest the Public. I was asked whether or not OSHA vaccine requirements apply to City employees, and they do not. As a political subdivision we are not subject to those regulations. Madison, who I told you about last time who passed the BAR exam was sworn in this morning and is officially an attorney.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet here in Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM. One item on the Agenda is an annexation request from a property owner on East High Ave.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday, November 9 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers with one variance request to be heard at this time.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will meet pending a quorum tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY
The Park Board meets at Noon on November 17th at Tuscora Park.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY
The Cemetery Board meets this Thursday at 8am in Council Chambers.

HEALTH BOARD MR. JOHN ZUCAL
The Health Board will meet on Wednesday at 12 Noon at the Park Pavillion.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

I plan on a Committee meeting next Council meeting on temporary appropriations. I met with the Council President, the Mayor, and Auditor Gundy and we went through temporary appropriations and we chiseled out everything.

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee will be meeting prior to the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Sharon Ricklic of 819 North Broadway St. had the following comment:

I am a teacher at Welty Middle School and I had asked Mayor Day a while back to share a post on Facebook for a service project that Welty was doing, raking leaves for senior citizens. I wanted to come here tonight and personally thank you for sharing the post and supporting all of our volunteer efforts that we have done through the years. I wanted to share with you as well the fruits of our labor of what happened this past Saturday. I have three student volunteers with me tonight and they're actually kids that were in my group. I have two 8th graders; Abigail Warner and Evan Jaberg, and 7th grader Brie Roshaven. Abigail I had last year in class. She's a very strong personality and a firm believer in equal rights for any kind of group that she feels is being wronged. Evan is an old soul in a young person's body. I had him in 7th grade as well and we hit it off right away because we're both lovers of history. Brie is in my 7th grade classroom as well. She enjoys helping others. These three represent 70 volunteers that worked this past Saturday. These young people raked about 45 yards. Many of them brought younger brothers and sisters and older brothers and sisters, and I could not have done this project without the help of their parents because they drove them all over the City. Those of you who know me, you know how passionate I am about the youth of this community. You know that I want to expose them to community service activities. It was very rewarding to see these kids come together and help others in our community, what is more rewarding is many of these kids on their own have made arrangements to go back to some of these resident's yards and rake leaves again. In addition they're also going to wash some windows and clean out some gutters. My main goal of creating this volunteer group was to plant that seed of volunteerism, to instill a sense of community service. It pleases me to see these kids take the initiative to go out on their own.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

Thank you Sharon for that, and Brie, it's really good to see that you're here. Brie was a student at Central Elementary while I was principal there. I'm very proud of her in continuing the legacy of helping our community, and Sharon, you've done a fabulous job with that. Keep up the good work and thank you to all who participated. Very much appreciated.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I was a recipient of their work effort and can actually comment on their work ethic. They came to my property and went to work. If this is the work ethic that we have coming out of the youth in our community we have a bright future for our community. Thank you again.

President Kemp had the following comment:

I know Sharon, you've been doing this for years, giving back to the community. We thank you for your dedication because it does mean a lot to this community. The students don't know how lucky they are to have you as an instructor that teaches them that lesson.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

It's great to see what Sharon has instilled to a lot of her students, which is a commandment to her, that the students that she had always come back to see her. It's the students that get it while they are there. She's a wonderful person and an outstanding teacher. I thank Mrs. Ricklic and her students for their efforts in giving back to the community.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

President Kemp had the following comment:

I'd like to congratulate Mrs. Ramos and Mr. Lanzer on their reelection. I'd also like to congratulate Mitch Pace and Jim Seldenright on their election to City Council. I'm a Vietnam Veteran and I brought my hat tonight so I'm going to wear it for the rest of the Council meeting.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

- 25-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENTS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY ORDINANCES IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT WHERE SUCH OFFENSES CARRY A POSSIBLE LOSS OF LIBERTY, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION THEREOF.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

- 37-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN DOVER TOWNSHIP, PARCEL NUMBER 12-00257.001
3rd Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 37-2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 37-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

- 38-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PARKWAY AUTO SUPERSTORE TO PURCHASE A 2022 FORD EXPLORER BASE REAR DRIVE AS A PROBATION VEHICLE, AT A COST OF \$30,842.38.
2nd Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 38-2021
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 38-2021

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO AMEND RESOLUTION 38-2021

*Mr. Ricklic explained that the legislation was table during the last Council Meeting because it did not state where the money was coming from. He has passed out an Amended Resolution that states the money will be coming from Fund 254: The CILOCS fund.

MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 38-2021 HAS BEEN AMENDED

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED RESOLUTION 38-2021
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 38-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

- 39-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF BALTIC FOR AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
1st Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:03 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp