

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 22, 2021 WITH PRESIDENT DON KEMP. 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

- SAFETY DIRECTOR POPHAM ASKED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TONIGHT'S MEETING TO DISCUSS CONTRACTS
- LAW DIRECTOR FETE ASKED TO PIGGYBACK ON THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE REQUEST OF THE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE LAW DIRECTOR
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD DURING TONIGHT'S REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated February 9, 2021. This is the City of New Philadelphia January 2021 Investment and Savings Report.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Chris Ohlinger. This is an email dated February 12, 2021. The title of this email is "Restrictions on Use of Crossbows and Slingshots".*
3. *To Councilman Ricklic from President Kemp, dated February 22, 2021. This is a forwarded email entitled "Covid 19 Vaccines to Law Enforcement Officers". This states "Kelly, Please take this request into your Committee."*
4. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated February 22, 2021. This is an email titled "Draft Budget".*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 22, 2021. The Mayor's Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

The Health Department's Vaccination Clinics at Tuscora Park are Going Well
City Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno says that the Health Department's mass vaccination clinics at Tuscora Park are going well, and will continue to be held each Thursday as long as there is supply and demand. The Commissioner said the recent winter storms caused transportation issues, resulting last week in the department not receiving its weekly shipment of the Moderna coronavirus vaccine. Using the supply on hand, the Health Department planned to administer 30 vaccines today (Monday) and 220 at Thursday's clinic at the park (120 second doses in the morning, 100 first time doses after lunch). Commissioner Ionno provided these COVID vaccination numbers: • February (to-date) 1,019 • January 596 • December 112 TOTAL to-date 1,727 The Health Department will be closed on Thursdays while the staff is at the park. To contact the City Health Department, call 330-364-4491 extension 1208.

Fresh the Market is Coming to Downtown New Philadelphia The farm to fork movement is coming to downtown New Philadelphia. Debbie and Jim Knisely, the owners of Alley Cats Marketplace, are opening an indoor farmers market in late April in a fully renovated building at 150 1st Drive SW (the former Packers Garage). The business is called Fresh the Market. They are seeking vendors for ice cream, produce, lettuces and artisan cheeses. Visit Fresh the Market's website at www.freshthemarket.com to apply. You can also visit the Fresh the Market Facebook page for more info. I thank the Knisely's for their continued investment in our downtown and leading its revitalization.

The old South School Basketball Court is now in the City's Park System The City's park system continues to grow. Last week I signed the closing documents to have the City take possession of the basketball court property at the old South School on South Broadway. It was purchased from the school district for a dollar. In a related matter, last week the City received a \$25,000 grant from the Rosenberry Foundation to put toward the reconstruction of the old South basketball court, as well as the two basketball courts at Tuscora Park. The reconstruction project is the second phase of the Park Board's plan to renovate the tennis courts at Tuscora Park, and now the basketball courts. The Tuscora Park Foundation has applied for grants to help fund the project. It's awaiting word on its application to the Reeves Foundation. The City plans to put \$15,000 from the Parks Department's budget towards the project.

Masonic Lodge Building Online Auction Ends on Thursday We should know by the end of the week who is the new owner of the Masonic Lodge Building at the corner of West High and 2nd Street SW downtown. Wallick Auctions online auction of the building ends at 6pm on Thursday February 25th. The New Philadelphia Masonic Brothers merged with the Tuscarawas Lodge 59 in Dover, so the building was no longer needed. It's one of the iconic downtown buildings and should attract a number of interested buyers.

Sheetz Re-construction Project is Underway The major remodeling project at the Sheetz on West High Avenue NW is proceeding on schedule. The business closed on February 15th to undergo a complete makeover, inside and out, with a convenience store, restaurant, car wash and fuel stations. Sheetz officials say they expect to reopen sometime in May. In the meantime, please be cautious in the area because it is a construction zone.

Wrapping Up Writing My Annual State of the City Report This week I'll put the finishing touches on my annual State of the City Report. 2020 was a year we'd all like to forget, but the City continued to progress. New Philadelphians showed their grit and compassion as we soldiered through the pandemic together.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

In the December meeting I talked about the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). It was unfunded in the first go-around, the biannual construction season in 2022 funding cycle. It has been funded for that year. As we all know it's been instrumental in the past two cycles of sidewalks and curbs on 2nd Street, Poplar Avenue, North Avenue. We'll continue to finish that northeast side of North Avenue. The cemetery building finally has heat. The drywall has been finished. Paint is next and flooring should be done in the next two weeks. As things get done I will continue to update Council. Also a quick update on Southside Park. The Nature Trail is 95% complete. All the electrical is about 60%. Both

restrooms are 95% complete. The dog park is 80% complete. The bridge is 100% complete but we did not do the final walk through because of snow.

President Kemp had the following comment:

Also I know the Tuscora Park Foundation is planning a Community Ribbon Cutting and Chicken Barbeque on June 19th. The Community can walk around and see how great the park has come along in Phase 1.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

Essentially I've undertaken some new legislation that the Mayor wants me to look at with regards to abandoned properties, so hopefully we'll have a third option for you, in addition to two that are before Council presently. In addition to that I also authorized, as many of you know we've had issues with Covid in the Prosecutor's Office. We had one person who had Covid who has long-haul issues with it currently. I have another one who was down for 14 days because he was exposed to it even though he never developed any symptoms. I've been taking a more active role in prosecuting cases in the Municipal Court since I've been full-time because I miss being in the courtroom. Out of necessity I've had to take a much larger role in terms of prosecuting cases. One of the things I learned when I was in there is our equipment for our current situation with everything being online is outdated. I found out that two of our computers don't carry the video very often. I found out that our prosecutors sometimes had to use their phone to log in and carry on a court hearing. I suggested that we get laptops but my attorneys wanted IPADs with a keyboard, which is less expensive. So I did authorize that. We continue to work our Victim Advocate into where she needs to be so that she's full-time.

Mr. Zucal had the following questions:

Could you give a synopsis on what that potential new legislation with regard to abandoned properties would be, and would that align with the International Property Maintenance Code?

Mr. Fete had the following response:

Myself and the Mayor have a property group that meets on a monthly basis. The group consists of the Fire Chief, the Building Inspector, and the Service Director and Safety Director. This is something the Mayor proposed to us a while back. He recently asked me to draft it and try to fit our City. It's actually out of Painesville, Ohio. It pays for an actual licensed building inspector that goes out and it also starts a date base of abandoned properties. It's all funded through the legislation.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission met here in Council Chambers on February 9, 2021 with some recommendations to the Zoning and Annexation Committee. We recommended that five properties, three on 11th Street NW, one on Maple NW, and one on West High be rezoned from Industrial to Business. Four properties on West High Avenue the recommendation is to rezone those to Business. The Planning Commission also requested further investigation of House Trailer Park Zoning, which has been on the books for years. It's not on our zoning map, so we're trying to get to the bottom of that. The next Planning Commission Meeting will be March 9 at 1:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on February 9 at 5:00 PM with one variance request with noncompliance with 1161.18, which was over allowable signage. After discussion it was approved by the Board Members 3-2 to allow the variance request.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers on Tuesday, February 9. One of the particular areas of discussion was the Beacon Tower. For most folks who may not be familiar with the effectiveness of our beacon, pilots who use that can see our beacon from anywhere near the Ohio river, the Marietta area all the way up to Toledo. The beacon is a very important tool for our airport to have. Right now we're discussing a potential new location for that. There's been consideration on property we lease from Kent State University. It does extend it's distance a little bit away from the airport, but still meets the parameters for effectiveness.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Cemetery Board met on Thursday and approved updated pricing for the cemetery.

HEALTH BOARD MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Health Board was unable to meet in February due to a lack of quorum. I did want to highlight the vaccination program. I want to thank our friends from the Fire Department for their job in assisting with that and very, very vital members.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

The Finance Committee met tonight at 6:15 to discuss the 2021 Permanent Budget. We are 99.9% of the way through it. I would like to thank Council for being very cooperative with the budget process. It's tough to balance the needs of the citizens and the departments and then get the majority of Council if not all to agree. It's been a great learning experience and thank you for being cooperative and making a difficult process much, much easier. We'll have to briefly meet again. My goal is to have something drawn up for the March 8 Council Meeting. I'd like to try to pass it that evening, just so that once we get to the March 22 Meeting in case we don't have a quorum because we'll have to suspend the rules.

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.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Executive Director of the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum and resident of 432 N. Broadway St. Wendy Zucal had the following comment:

President Kemp, Councilmembers and Mayor Day, and guests, we're here tonight in the capacity of the local managers of Historic Schoenbrunn. As you know that's owned by the Ohio History Connection. We're here to share some exciting news. Next year in 2022 we will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Historic Schoenbrunn Village. On May 3, 2022, that is the day the village was settled by David Zeisberger on May 3, 1772 so festivities will kick off. Commissioner Abbuhl has already invited the Governor to join us, so we're looking forward to a whole year of fun. Schoenbrunn Village is a very significant site so we should be very proud that it's here. It is a location of many firsts; the first settlement in Ohio, the location of the first school in Ohio, the first church, and the first code of laws. There's actually going to be a precursor. We have the opportunity to kick off the 250 Anniversary right here in New Philadelphia. As that date approaches we're going to share all kinds of events and activities with you. Tonight we want to unveil our new anniversary logo and it's our greatest hope to have this on a mural downtown so perhaps you could help with that. You see embedded in the 250th logo all the voices, the voices of the settlers that were here, our Native American partners that are in Oklahoma and Canada which we'll be inviting back, and also our Moravian Missionary Partners in the churches around the county as well as in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. So they will all be involved in and represented in this anniversary. Tonight the Ohio History Connection would have liked to have been here. I do have a letter which we'll pass to the Mayor sharing their support of this event. In the last decade we've been working very hard to bring the village back into good order. In the last year alone the Ohio History Connection invested \$75,000 into the village just in one year. Four buildings are missing that were originally rebuilt in the 1920s. Our goal is to get two done. Last year we got the Native American cabin done. At the end of March or the beginning of March depending on the weather we're going to start archeology to rebuild one of the missing cabins that was the first one to be built, and it was the largest one there. So we'll have two cabins in place in time for the anniversary. I also would like to take this opportunity to tell Council and the Mayor that we are big supporters of the Kent State Connector Trail. Schoenbrunn is right in the middle of that. There are so many wonderful benefits to that project. We're looking forward to linking downtown to Schoenbrunn to Kent State to the Zeisberger Trail and then also to the History Loop in Dennison and Uhrichsville. Lastly, I'd like to thank the Mayor and also the Cemetery Board and Kelly Herron because they're our neighbors who have helped us in many times of need.

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

I want to thank you for what you're doing. I've taken my kids down there to walk the trails both in the daylight and on the lantern tours. I thought last year what you did with Halloween, the Pumpkin Glow, was fantastic. I hope you continue that.

President Kemp had the following comment:

What an asset we have in Schoenbrunn and this community and just keep up the good work.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I went into an establishment as I was going in to work. As I go into the establishment there's three police cars outside. So I look in and one officer waves me in. I come in and I notice they have a subject and they're patting him down. I continued to go get my coffee and doughnut. I stepped back to watch the situation for a little bit, and I want to express that the three officers were very professional. You could see very clearly that the individual was very confused and disoriented. The one officer kept trying to help. At no time was he in a forceful or threatening position to this individual. I was very impressed because what I saw was the officers took some compassion and some patients with this individual. I don't know what the problem was. I didn't stick around to find out if there was anymore. Too often we have negative things to say about our police departments. The officers even wanted to make sure this man was wearing a coat because it was very cold out on that morning.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I would like to stand and recognize all of the City services for some of the tremendous work that they have done through some of the most difficult situations you can possibly imagine. Our Street Department was relentless in their plowing and keeping up with cleaning the streets. Snow is one thing, ice is another when it came down. The Sanitation Department does a great job. Riding on the back of the truck is not easy. In the Summer when it's 100 Degrees outside it's hard but in the Winter, you think about all the refuge covered in ice, they still have to pick that up and all the contents frozen inside. They still have to

manage to keep our City clean of ice and debris. Police and Fire, down from where I live on Broadway, there are a couple locations where police and fire are called for different events that take place there. I know that just within the past 48 hours they made a call again to one of those locations. When you look at all those City Services combined what we're able to accomplish makes me proud to be a Citizen of New Philadelphia, and it makes me proud to be a member of this Council.

Service Director McAbier had the following comment:

I wrote a letter of Commendation to the Street Department/ General Services. I started in Sanitation so I know what those guys go through day in and day out. I will share that letter with everybody tomorrow morning when I get in.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

2-2021 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AMEND CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1157.08 WITH REGARDS TO VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SIGNS.
2nd Reading

3-2021 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR SANITARY LANDFILL SERVICES FOR A TERM BEGINNING MAY 15, 2021 AND ENDING MAY 15, 2024
2nd Reading

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 3-2021

MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 3-2021

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 3-2021

MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

ORDINANCE 3-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

4-2021 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDERS FOR THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR 2021
2nd Reading

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 4-2021

MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 4-2021

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 4-2021

MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

ORDINANCE 4-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS BOWER BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS
2nd Reading

- 2-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ALEX MCCARTHY BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS
2nd Reading

- 3-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSH LIMBACHER BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS
2nd Reading

- 4-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JIM RANGE TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED FIVE YEAR TERM OF MIKE ERNEST BY THE MAYOR TO THE NEW PHILADELPHIA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2024
2nd Reading

- 7-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND DEBBIE LIEBOLD, VICTIM’S ADVOCATE AT THE NEW PHILADELPHIA PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA
2nd Reading

COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15 PM.
AT 9:01 PM RECONVENED BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

President Kemp had the following comment:
I would like to assign to the Safety, Health, and Service Committee the contract with Goshen Township.

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 9:02 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Don Kemp