

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 27, 2023 WITH PRESIDENT KEMP PRESIDING. COUNCILMAN RIPPETH OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DAN LANZER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MR. MITCH PACE
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENCES COUNCILMAN KELLY RICKLIC
AUDITOR BETH GUNDY

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 5-2023 AND RESOLUTION 6-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 5-2023 AND RESOLUTION 6-2023 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
- MR. PACE MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 4-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 4-2023 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA WITH THE ADDITIONS
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED
- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13,2023 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS,
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Gerber, dated March 14, 2023. This is the City of New Philadelphia Deposits to the General Account.*
2. *To Mayor Day, Service Director McAbier, and Councilman Pace from Erin Wright, Senior Community Development Specialist for OMEGA, dated March 22, 2023. This is an email regarding RTP Resolution: Southside Trail.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 24, 2023. This is an email titled “Storm Update” for March 24, 2023.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 24, 2023. This is an email titled “Upcoming Changes to Electric Bills”.*
5. *To Councilman Lanzer from President Kemp, dated March 27, 2023. President Kemp asked Councilman Lanzer in this email to take Resolution 6-2023 into his Committee.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 27, 2023. This is an email titled “Storm Update”.*
7. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 27, 2023. The Mayor’s Report.*

Mayor Day had the following report:

Streetlight Surveying:

We are looking for non-working streetlights in your neighborhood. So if you see two guys in a car shining a flashlight on AEP power poles, know that it's me and retired AEP customer service rep Dave Heck at work. This past Sunday night we searched neighborhoods in the northeast section of town and found nine streetlights not working. Mr. Heck, a New Philadelphia resident, took it upon himself to start the search a couple of weeks ago in the northwest and southwest sections, where he found 35 lights out. He reports the outages to AEP, which sends out work crews to repair or replace the streetlights. Our streetlight patrol will continue over the next few weeks until we've covered the entire town. I want to thank Mr. Heck for volunteering his time to perform this important public service and thank AEP for its prompt response. I'd also like to give AEP a big shoutout for working diligently to restore power in the aftermath of last Saturday's windstorm.

Next Steps Toward Construction of the New Philadelphia Towpath Trail:

Following word that Tuscarawas County received approval of its request for technical assistance from the Ohio Appalachian Community Grant Program, I submitted an application to procure a state-funded planner to handle the engineering and design requirements to build New Philadelphia's section of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail. From the ACGP's list and at the recommendation of Dan Rice of the O & E Canalway Coalition, I selected Environmental Design Group, DLZ and MS Consultants, all from Akron. All have worked on other Towpath Trail construction projects. The engineering and design work has to be completed by November to meet a deadline to apply to have our construction project funded by the ACGP.

Interesting Facts About Our Neck of the Woods:

The Cleveland-based non-profit Center for Community Solutions has published new Ohio Legislative District Fact Sheets. And the fact sheet for the Ohio House 51st District has some interesting information. For instance, there are more children under 5 years of age in our area than the state-wide percentage. And while our House District has more high school graduates than the state-wide percentage, it has lower percentages of persons with associate or bachelor's degrees. It's worth the read if you'd like to know how we fare in comparison to all of Ohio. The fact sheet can be downloaded here: <http://www.newphilaoh.com/downloads/House-Legislative-Districts-2023-HD51.pdf>. If you want to see other House District's fact sheets, go here and choose a district: <https://www.communitysolutions.com/resources/community-fact-sheets/ohio-legislative-districts/>

NADO/DDAA Conference Takeaways:

"A rare moment in time." That's how Gail Manchin described the increased level of Federal funding of programs and projects in America's Appalachian region. Manchin is the Federal co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). At the recent National Association of Development Organizations and Development District of Association of Appalachia conference I attended in Washington D.C., she told attendees that our region will probably never see such support from the Federal government again, so we'd better take advantage of the opportunities that come with it. She was talking specifically about Federal money from the CARES and ARPA acts and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

However, there's a big problem. There has not been an increase in funding that would allow Local Development Districts (LDD), like the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA), to hire additional staff to help develop projects, and administrate the programs and money. That was one of the takeaways I had from attending the conference as a member of OMEGA's board of directors. I joined a delegation of Appalachian Ohio LDD members that went to Capitol Hill to urge our area Congressmen and Ohio's Senators to provide more funding to the LDDs. Some other takeaways from the presenters at the conference were:

- Divided Federal government won't end anytime soon. A big battle over President Biden's proposed budget is looming.
- Expanding broadband internet access in Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties is a top priority for the Appalachian Regional Commission.
- The ARC is helping to build a technology economy in the region. Software developers in rural areas earn an average of \$38 per hour, more than twice the median hourly wage of the average rural worker.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) includes a Federal push to install 500,000 electric vehicle charging stations across America.

There was little talk about improving and expanding the region's electric grid to handle the use of electric vehicles. Other breakout sessions at the conference dealt with economic development, infrastructure projects that could be funded by the BIL, and sharing project ideas with LDD representatives.

Mr. Pace had the following question for Mayor Day:

In the February 27, 2023 report you had mentioned a second School Resource Officer. Have you heard anything back from Supt. Wentworth regarding this?

Mayor Day:

No, I have not. Actually we're meeting on Wednesday concerning another matter and I'll bring that up to see where the School Board is on that.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

There are grants available for School Resource Officers. Do you know if they've applied for those?

Mayor Day:

I don't know, but we will find out on Wednesday. Our last conversation about that, that's one thing they did point out. There's Federal and State money available.

SERVICE DIRECTOR..... Service Director Ron McAbier:

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

To bring everybody up to date on the Glen Drive Project. We had four companies bid on that, the project was awarded to Kinsey Excavating in New Philadelphia in the amount of \$579,591.83. Once I get a start date I will report back to Council, so that we get that much needed project moving forward. Also, I wanted to go over a few things with the storm on Saturday. A call came in at about 2:30, our weekend duty workers went out. They started with traffic lights, then the wind became even more severe. We had a few fallen trees during that time, some of them had fallen on houses. We removed all that stuff Saturday, moved one from a truck on Saturday. We made everything safe by the end of the day. We'll do the final cutting of the trees that are near yards tomorrow, and I'm sure we'll spend the rest of this week hauling brush. Folks that have stuff in the back yard just move it to the front yard and call General Services at 330-339-2121. We'll clean that up.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

Mr. Pace had the following question:

Has the School Board or anybody reach out to you or anyone on the Safety Forces to be a part of the Safety Committee?

Mr. Popham: No

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

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following comment:

In lieu of a report I'm going to ask for an Executive Session this evening to discuss personnel matters.

MR. PACE MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
COUNCIL WILL GO INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TONIGHT
FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND A 5 MINUTE RECESS

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY
The Planning Commission will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of next month in Council Chambers at 1:00 PM. At this point we're still working on Agenda items.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER
The Board of Zoning Appeals met March 14th at 5:00PM in Council Chambers. 210 11th Street NW Non-compliance with 1167.03A. After going to the Board Members and having a lengthy discussion It was approved on a 4-0 vote.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER
The Airport Commission will be meeting April 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE
The Trout Derby that's being held on April 29th will be a great event for the kids and even adults. Mark your calendars. It will start at 8am.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND
The Health Board will be meeting April 12th at Noon in Council Chambers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE...MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening at 7:00 pm. We had two items to discuss. The first item we discussed was the Michael Baker Airport Consultant Contract. We voted unanimously to move that along to Council. The next one was Resolution 6-2023 which was the ODOT Paving Contract. Basically it's about 1.1 million dollars worth of paving that we're going to get for about \$64,000, so that's great news. We voted for that unanimously for that to move on to Council and we're asking for that to pass on 1st Reading.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

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

SALARY COMMITTEE.....NO REPORT.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE

Mr. Pace had the following report:

The Parks and Cemetery Committee met tonight at 7:15 and we discussed Resolution 4-2023. It was for the ODNR Grant for Phase 2 of the Southside Community Park. It was voted unanimously to pass it on to Council tonight and pass it upon 1st Reading.

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE.....MR. STEVE RIPPETH

Mr. Rippeth had the following comment:

No formal report but we do have a matter that will be coming before Committee and I'll be scheduling that meeting by the end of this week.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

4-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THROUGH THE OHIO RECREATIONAL TRAIL PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC RECREATION PURPOSES, AND ONCE THE GRANT OFFER IS RECEIVED, FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GRANT CONTRACT AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ACCEPT ANY GRANT MONEY AWARDED TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA
1st Reading

MR. PACE MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 4-2023
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 4-2023

MR. PACE MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 4-2023
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 4-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

5-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AT HARRY CLEVER FIELD AIRPORT
1st Reading

RESOLUTION 6-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE MATTER OF THE STATED DESCRIBED PROJECT
1st Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON AMENDED RESOLUTION 6-2023
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON AMENDED
RESOLUTION 6-2023

Mr. Rippeth noted that the Resolution should say "Service Director"
Not "Safety Director".

MR. RIPPETH MOTIONED FOR RESOLUTION 6-2023 TO
BE AMENDED WITH "SAFETY DIRECTOR" CHANGED
TO "SERVICE DIRECTOR"
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 6-2023 HAS BEEN AMENDED

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
6-2023
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 6-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

**AT 7:51 COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO A 5 MINUTE RECESS BEFORE GOING INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:56. AT 9:02 COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION
OF COUNCIL.**

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp