

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 29, 2022 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
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MR. MITCH PACE
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

EXCUSED ABSENSES

MR. DAN LANZER
AUDITOR BETH GUNDY

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 11-2022 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1st Reading
MR. SELDENRIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 11-2022 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED
- MR. SELDENRIGHT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 14, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 14, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated March 16, 2022. This is the City of New Philadelphia February 2022 Deposits to the General Fund.*
2. *To Clerk of Council from Kyler Lundholm from the office of Attorney Treasure R. Luikart, dated March 14, 2022. This is a Notice of Petition of Annexation. This correspondence contains The Notice, a map of the area of the proposed annexation, and a certificate of service. I forwarded this to President Kemp.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated March 20, 2022. This is an email titled 2022 Final Budget with that as the attachment.*
4. *To Council President Kemp from Councilwoman Ramos, dated March 17, 2022. This is an email requesting to take the annexation of parcels 25-01887-11 and 25-01989-000 into the Zoning and Annexation Committee for review. President Kemp asked Mrs. Ramos to take that issue into her Committee.*
5. *To Councilman Ricklic from President Kemp, dated March 26, 2022. This is an email titled “Please assign to the Finance Committee” and it contains the attachments Ordinance 7-2022 and Resolution 12-2022.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 28, 2022. The Mayor’s Report.*

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- Governor DeWine’s Commitment to our Region of Ohio: During his recent “State of the State” speech, I was very encouraged to hear Governor Mike DeWine tell the Ohio General Assembly that there is a “renaissance happening in our Appalachian region”, and that it is time to “make a long-overdue, comprehensive investment in Appalachia.” Tuscarawas County is among the 32 counties in Ohio’s Appalachian region. The Governor said he will work with community leaders to plan and implement improvements such as downtown re-development, expanding broadband coverage, workforce development, student wellness in schools and fighting the on-going battle against addiction. These are priority issues for the Tuscarawas County Mayors Association. I’m glad that Governor DeWine will join in our effort to find solutions. Our region is where Ohio began. And as the Governor stated, it is time to re-ignite “the pioneer spirit of the Ohioans who built this state!” You can watch Governor DeWine’s address at www.ohiochannel.org or download the text at <https://governor.ohio.gov/media/news-and-media/Governor-DeWines-2022-State-of-the-State-Address-Seize-our-Ohio-Moment-03232022>.
- Highlights of my Attendance at the NADO/DDAA Conference in Washington D.C.: The Governor’s remarks dovetailed into what I learned by attending the recent National Association of Development Organizations and Development District Association of Appalachia joint conference in Washington D.C. Several of the conference sessions dealt with the need to expand the broadband infrastructure throughout our region to attract more manufacturers and better utilize emerging Internet-based technologies. Other sessions explored alternative methods employers could use to find workers and ways to encourage local entrepreneurship. The abundance of oil and natural gas in the Appalachian region was not discussed at the conference, which I took as a reflection of the change of priorities in the Federal government. If Ohio directs its attention to Tuscarawas County and the Appalachian counties as the Governor said, it’s my belief that the pioneering spirit that once brought us steel mills and coal mines to build America, will re-emerge using new technologies and our natural resources.
- City has Again Achieved “Tree City USA” Designation: The Arbor Day Foundation has again recognized New Philadelphia as a “Tree City USA” community for its commitment to urban forestry. This is the 31st consecutive year for the City to achieve “Tree City USA” recognition. We will celebrate the achievement with a tree planting ceremony on Arbor Day April 29th.
- K-9 Cooper is now an Official Member of the New Philadelphia PD: *Last week, I had the honor of giving the oath of office to K-9 Cooper, the newest member of the New Philadelphia Police Department. Cooper, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois, is now officially on-duty with his handler, Officer Bradley Geist. Cooper is the second K-9 on the force. He joins K-9 Diesel and his handler, Officer Mike Pierce. K-9 units have proven to be invaluable crime fighting tools to our police force. I want to sincerely thank the businesses and community members whose contributions made the hiring of our four-legged officers possible.*
- Downtown Area Traffic Switch Boxes to Become Artists’ Canvas : The Tuscarawas Arts Partnership has put out a call for student artists to design original artwork to place on eight traffic switch boxes in the downtown New Philadelphia area. One student per school district in the county will be selected by the City’s Downtown Design Standards Board of Review. Their design will be printed on a wrap that will cover the switch boxes. Members of the DDSBR came up with the idea. I think it’s a great way to display the talent of Tuscarawas County’s young artists in the downtown area of the county seat. For more information, go to TAP’s website at www.tuscarawasartspartnership.com.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I’d like to chime in with the Mayor. I had the opportunity to hear the State of the State address which normally isn’t very exciting but this one was. The Governor talked about how now is Appalachia’s time. The time has absolutely come to help create scholarship and mentorship programs and he was encouraging funding for those programs. I think most significant was the latter portion of the program where the Governor was encouraging funding to create a funding stream, which he had not previously supported. He was now supporting that, and it was interesting to see the State Legislators respond to the Governor’s comments.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

At the last Council meeting I reported on the bid opening for the runway lighting. I did receive four bids on that day. After looking them over it was awarded to a company that bid \$343,225.00. It was a 25% reduction when looking at line items and the big difference in costs, directional drilling was down in the price and so was pvc conduit insulation, a \$5,000 reduction in price, and we have a \$21,000 match with that. Also, on March 22 for Glen Drive we had no bids received for that project. We had a couple plan holders we reached out to, one of them had a huge job going, the other one thought it was a rough timeline. We're going to have a bid out again. Hopefully by the second Council Meeting in April we'll have something. Also, on March 15 we were awarded a \$500,000 grant for the Kent State Connector Trail from Clean Ohio Trail Fund for that project. It will have to be approved by the State Controlling Board which will come in the next two weeks. So, if we get that that's \$2 Million so far for that. The Legislation that Council passed last Council Meeting for \$250,000 for the trail goes toward the engineering which should go a long way.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

A couple weeks ago after almost a year, K9 Cooper passed his State Certification to become an official certified Police Dog. Last Thursday Cooper was sworn in by the Mayor, and tonight he made his first find in a vehicle. Secondly, I would like to relinquish the rest of my time to Captain Jim Sholtz, Fire Inspector, and Jeff Mathias, Building and Zoning Code Administrator to give you a report on what they've been doing with some of the dilapidated buildings in the City.

Mr. Mathias and Mr. Sholtz gave a video presentation of their work over the past 15 months to eliminate dilapidated buildings in the City.

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

LAW DIRECTOR . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I just want to thank Captain Sholtz and Mr. Mathias for what they presented here. This has all been largely through the leadership of the Mayor to make this a priority for his office to go after these properties. We've been using tools such as the International Property Maintenance Code, the Fire Code, and the Building and Housing Code. We come after these people with every tool in our toolbox so that if I have to prosecute this case in a Court of Law they're not going to win. We've got experts who will take the witness stand and we've got a solid case. Also, I wanted to talk about Liquor License Requests. If you're applying for a Liquor License, we have the ability to object as a Council. The liquor license request we discussed earlier might just be a case of he's a real estate owner who wants to make this property more attractive. The Mayor and Administration are very forward thinking. We want businesses in our downtown area. We're not going to be obstructionists. We want to be able to work with you, so I encourage anyone who's looking to do that to come in and talk to the Mayor or our Building Inspector so that we have a better understanding of what's going on.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 12th at 1:00 PM. We'll continue our discussion about Air BNs and anything else that comes our way between now and then.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet April 12 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers with three variance requests to be heard at this time.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

Mr. McAbier touched on the bidding process that the airport is currently on. Other than that we are meeting April 12th.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE

The Park Board met on Wednesday, March 16th and we discussed the Pickleball Courts. So far \$170,000 had been raised. That will be enough to get the four courts started. The tentative start date is August 1st. That may move up depending on Vasco's schedule. I also have an update on Field 2. I run the New Phila. Youth Baseball Program. We took on a project on the park hill where we redid the field surface, the scoreboard, sprinkler system, and the foul polls. The Park Board will be meeting again April 20 at 12:00 PM at the Park Pavilion.

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Finance Committee met on March 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers to review the appropriations for 2022. After some discussion a motion was made to add to the Agenda for tonight's meeting and pass on 1st Reading due to a need to have a balance of appropriations by April 1, 2022. It was passed 3-0 to go on tonight's Agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JIM SELDENRIGHT.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DAN LANZER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland gave the following report for the Ambulance Committee:

The Ambulance Committee met this evening in Council Chambers at 7:15 PM. Fire Chief Parrish and Ambulance Billing Specialist Denise Phillips made presentations. They discussed ambulance billing and collection. They added that the ambulance billing rates will not be increased for 2022. Chief Parrish also pointed out the continuing increase in emergency responses. The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

The Committee met tonight at 6:40 to discuss Resolution 11-2022 which has been added to the Agenda tonight. This is a Resolution indicating what services the City will provide to a parcel on 12th St. NW which is located in Goshen Township but is going to be annexed into the City. It had some time restraints that we had to address, so the rules will be suspended tonight to pass this Resolution.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY

Mrs. May had the following report:

The Committee met this evening at 7:00 to discuss a D5 Liquor License Request for 112 Fair Ave. NE. There were no issues with the Police Chief and the only issue really was that they hadn't already applied for a food service license. After discussion with the Law Director he indicated that it wasn't necessary to have a food license, so there really was no objection. Mr. Seldenright made a motion for a voice vote during my report and that was seconded so at this time I'll ask the Clerk to call roll:

ROLL CALL VOTE
5 YEAS, 1 NAY (MR. HOLLAND)
THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST WAS APPROVED

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE

Mr. Pace had the following report:

The Fair Ave. Cemetery Buildings were vandalized a few weeks ago. Since then they've been cleaned up. I spoke with the Police Chief again today and there's still an ongoing investigation. At the new Schoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery I talked to Mr. Herron today and the contractors are currently on-site making lines for the hydrant. The next Cemetery Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 8:00 AM in Council Chambers.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Paul Beitzel from 3616 Crooked Run Rd. New Phila had the following report:

I feel like I've come to your meeting to speak about what the silent majority want you to know. I hope you have funds earmarked for repairing streets and potholes. We also have a blight problem in the City.

President Kemp commented that the Service Director is working on blighted houses it just takes time, as well as the potholes and street repairs.

Service Director McAbier commented that \$695,000 is earmarked for repaving.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

AMENDED 3-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE \$22,039.39 PAID TO CUSTODIAN D. CIERSZEWSKI FOR 1,656 HOURS WORKED, AND \$21,669.99 PAID TO CUSTODIAN M. INHERST FOR 1,629 HOURS WORKED, DUE TO WORKING ADDITIONAL HOURS IN RESPONSE TO THE UNEXPECTED MEDICAL LEAVE OF ANOTHER EMPLOYEE AND DUE TO THERE BEING 27 PAYS IN 2021, AND DECLARING THEIR PAY RATE FOR 2022 AND 2023
2nd Reading

6-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 6-2022
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 6-2022

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 6-2022
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 6-2022 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

11-2022 A RESOLUTION INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA WILL PROVIDE TO PARCEL NO 25-02357-000, LOCATED IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, UPON ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA
1st Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 11-2022
MR. SELDENRIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 11-2022
MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-2022
MR. SELDENRIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 11-2022 HAS BEEN APPROVED

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:31 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp