

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 8, 2020 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON KEMP PRESIDING. REVEREND JIM BORTON 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

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 16-2020 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA FOR 1st Reading
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 16-2020 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

PRESIDENT KEMP ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO THE FRONT OF THE MEETING TO ACCOMMODATE GUESTS.

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO MOVE THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO THE FRONT OF THE MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT KEMP
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE FRONT OF THE MEETING

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

5-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO HAVE AN HONORARY DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF BANK LANE SE DESIGNATED IN HONOR OF JIM

LOCKER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, SPECIFICALLY, THE PORTION OF BANK LANE SE FROM 3rd ST SE TO 4th ST SE WOULD HAVE SIGNAGE PLACED UNDER THE STREET NAMES THAT WOULD READ “HONORARY JIM LOCKER LANE”, THE STREET NAMES THEMSELVES WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.
8th Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

10-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND SUE GEIST, REGISTRAR/ OFFICE MANAGER FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON RESOLUTION 10-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 10-2020

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 10-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 10-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

*President Kemp presented Ms. Geist with a framed copy of the Resolution signed by members of Council and Administration.

11-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND JAMES SMIRALDO RS, INSPECTOR FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON RESOLUTION 11-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 11-2020

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 11-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

*President Kemp presented Mr. Smiraldo with a framed copy of the Resolution signed by members of Council and Administration.

12-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND LEE FINLEY RS, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILDELPHIA DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON RESOLUTION 12-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 12-2020

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 12-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

*President Kemp presented Mr. Finley with a framed copy of the Resolution signed by members of Council and Administration.

13-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND ANN PROCTOR RN, PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILDELPHIA DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON RESOLUTION 13-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 13-2020

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 13-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 13-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

*President Kemp presented Ms. Proctor with a framed copy of the Resolution signed by members of Council and Administration.

14-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND NICHOLE BACHE RN, DIRECTOR OF NURSING FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILDELPHIA DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON RESOLUTION 14-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 14-2020

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 14-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 14-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

*President Kemp presented Ms. Bache with a framed copy of the Resolution signed by members of Council and Administration.

15-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND VICKIE IONNO RN, HEALTH COMMISSIONER FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILDELPHIA DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES ON RESOLUTION 15-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 15-2020

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 15-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 15-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I just wanted to take the opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation for you, Ms. Ionno. I know your team has down a thankless job, but they followed the leadership that you provide. You as a Health Commissioner make the tough decisions each and every day throughout the course of this pandemic and you have lead the City of New Philadelphia down a path that certainly we couldn't have done without the great attitude you bring to the position, the calming effect you have, and your ability to motivate your staff to go above and beyond. We're truly blessed to have you in the position you're in and have all the members of your staff who work so hard day in and day out for the Citizens of New Philadelphia. My eternal gratitude is expressed.

Mr. Maurer had the following comment:

I just want to say thank you team. In my years that I've been here we've had our differences but we've never experienced anything like this. Everyone has come together. I'm so proud of everybody in this room. Thank you for saving our lives.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I would like to echo Mr. Zucal and Mr. Maurer's comments. I have had occasion to call our Health Commissioner at night on the weekends. Mr. Mayor just to bring that to your special attention she has been able to provide information that has calmed citizens. We're grateful to the team as a whole, and we're grateful how the team has worked together to protect us.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

Being part of the Health Board as a Councilmember I do know the effort you put in each day and what you do during the Meetings. The Board as a whole is very strong and they work together to help everyone. My relationship with the Health Department goes long before what's going on today. Working with Lee and working with each one of you in that department for my other jobs, you're always a professional. You always did everything you could do to help myself and the people that I was representing and the people I saw come in to the Health Department. So with that, truly from myself and every Councilmember here, your department is nothing but a protection of our health as a whole. You look at what the problem is and go and solve it. From what Lee does to what Jim does to what Sue does at the front, and Nichole, and everyone there. I want to thank each one of you for that.

President Kemp had the following comment:

I've only been here 6 months and I got to work with Vickie a very short time, but the professionalism really comes through in the work that she does.

*President Kemp presented Ms. Ionno with a framed copy of the Resolution signed by members of Council and Administration.

Ms. Ionno had the following comment:

I couldn't have done it without the support of our wonderful New Philadelphia Council, and our Mayor. We had to make some really tough decisions through this pandemic, something we've never experienced before. We saved some lives and we helped people get back into recovery sooner rather than later. I also want to commend my staff. I couldn't have done it without them. We have a solid team and everyone of them played an important role.

Mayor Day had the following comment:

I really appreciate this recognition from Council. As I refer to our department it's "The hardest working Health Department in Ohio". For a staff of six to do the work that they've done to protect this community and just provide good education and health services. They truly have gone above and beyond anything that was expected from them and they are six very special people, six people who are very dedicated to the health of our citizens and they make New Philadelphia a better community.

16-2020

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A FIXED BASED OPERATOR LEASE WITH PROFESSIONAL AVIATION MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT GROUP LTD., AN OHIO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS IF FULLY REWRITTEN, FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NEW PHILADELPHIA HARRY CLEVER AIRPORT.

1st Reading

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 16-2020

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 16-2020

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-2020

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RESOLUTION 16-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Executive Assistant to the Mayor Mary Ann Otte, dated May 29, 2020. This is the Mayor's Monthly Report.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Service Director McAbier, dated May 29, 2020. This is the 2020 Paving List.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mr. Thad Marshall, dated May 29, 2020. This was an email the subject is "Police Brutality in New Philadelphia. This was responded to by Councilwoman Ramos on June 8, 2020.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated June 8, 2020. This is the Mayor's Report.*

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT MINUTES FROM THE MAY 28, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 28, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

➤ **CUSTOMER WINDOWS INSTALLED, CITY HALL RESUMES REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS:** Now that new protective tempered glass is in place, City Health Commissioner Ionno has approved the restoration of regular business hours at the John Knisely Municipal Centre (City Hall). Beginning tomorrow (Tuesday June 9th) offices in the building will resume regular business hours from 8am until 4:30 pm. New protective tempered glass has been installed at the Health Department, Water Office and Income Tax Department customer counters on the lower level. The glass will give employees and customers added protection against spreading droplets that could contain the coronavirus and also raise the level of security in the offices. Slots have been installed on the counters that will allow employees to receive customers' documents and payments. The Health Department still requires anyone entering City Hall to wear a facial covering. A hand sanitizing station is located in the lobby of the main entrance. The night deposit slot on the west side of the building can still be used to make Water Office payments or Income Tax filings and payments. Payments to both offices can also be made online. Visit the City's website at www.newphilaoh.com for more information.

➤ **COVID-19 IS STILL ACTIVE IN NEW PHILADELPHIA:** According to the latest statistics from the City Health Department, seven new positive cases of the coronavirus were reported in the City over the past week. The City's third death from the virus was on June 3rd. To slow the spread of the virus during the summer months, remember to practice social distancing, wash your hands often, wear a facial covering if you're around groups of people and stay home and call your doctor if you think you have any of the virus' symptoms.

➤ **THE NP FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMPASSION STATION NEEDS YOUR HELP:** The loss of income because of the pandemic has hit some families in New Philadelphia very hard. Paula Lancaster, the Fire Department's Community Health Worker, has identified families in the City who cannot afford to buy personal hygiene and cleaning products. She is asking for donations of the following new and unopened products:

- • All-purpose cleaner
- • Dish soap
- • Bar soap/body wash
- • Laundry soap
- • Shampoo/conditioner
- • Toothpaste
- • Toilet paper
- • Feminine hygiene products

She is receiving the donations in the fire station lobby and is calling the effort "The Compassion Station." Ms. Lancaster and Fire Chief Parrish will coordinate with the Salvation Army and the Great Dover-New Philadelphia Food Bank to distribute the products to those families in need. Please help out if you can.

➤ **TUSCORA PARK'S PLAYGROUNDS WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH:** Public playgrounds, like those at Tuscora Park, are among the facilities allowed to reopen this Wednesday. Governor Dewine's order also allows art galleries, museums and indoor movie theaters to reopen on June 10th. Once they do, I encourage all New Philadelphia residents to make

it a point to visit the Tuscarawas Center for the Arts on Robinson Avenue SE, Schoenbrunn Village on Delaware Drive SE and the Quaker Theatre on West High Avenue downtown. All local businesses and attractions that have been closed because of the pandemic need to see us and need our financial support as they reopen.

➤ **RTY HIRES A NEW DIRECTOR AND RE-BRANDS THE PARK PLACE TEEN CENTER:** RTY, Inc., the local non-profit group that operates the rides, concessions and teen center at Tuscora Park has hired Holly Claus of Massillon as the center's new director. She recently moved back to the area after working for a Chamber of Commerce in California as an event planner. She also worked for the National Park Service. At a meeting last Friday with City and RTY officials, she explained her new vision for the facility, which includes re-branding it as the Park Place Youth Center and developing programming for kids 8 to 16 years old. Ms. Claus will also create ways to better promote Tuscora Park's attractions.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

Can any Minutes from the Boards and Commissions be put online as well as Committee and Council Meetings?

Mayor Day had the following reply:

Yes they can be posted online. We'll make a note of that.

Mr. Holland had the following question for Mayor Day:

In your previous report you had that the Department of Agriculture had furloughed the amusement ride inspectors. Do you know if they had been reinstated ?

Mayor Day had the following reply:

The rides will be able to reopen on June 19th. Our inspectors are coming on June 12th. Once those rides are inspected and allowed to open they will be opened.

Law Director Fete had the following question:

The order that you referenced, that allows the playground equipment to open too, is that correct?

Mayor Day had the following reply:

Playground equipment opens this coming Wednesday.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

An update on the Wabash Avenue Project, all the waterlines are complete. I would say 85% of the storm sewers are complete. We had some civil engineering issues. Some of the catch basins need raised now. I believe by Thursday all the construction part of water and storm sewer lines will be complete. On that project we still have curbs to do and paving, but MJ has done an excellent job. Paving and the curbs need to be done yet and that project will be finished way ahead of schedule. Also, the cemetery, the new maintenance garage, last week the contractor was back on the job. By next Council meeting the concrete should be poured and the roof and everything will go up. Last week we also had our first contractor meeting on the office building so that's also moving forward. We'll be bidding that out later this month. We also had our first preconstruction meeting on the State Route 39 paving. The tentative schedule for that to start is the 3rd of August. They will start in Dover and they believe they'll be in New Phila by August 24th. It will be evening time paving. Also last week we had a Board of Control for Southside Phase 1. We'll be signing those contracts and get them moving, so we should be seeing something moving by the middle of July.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

Could you again review the dates and timelines on the Poplar Avenue Project?

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:

We will go out to bid on June 22nd. Our start date will be in the middle of July. We'll start on North. They will have 60 days to complete the project. They'll do that, do the 2nd Street curbs and then go into Poplar Avenue. That should all be done by October 6th. They'll start mid July.

Mr. Maurer had the following question:

Was the original completion date for Wabash August 4th?

Service Director McAbier had the following reply:

I don't remember the original date but it was much later than it will be finished.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

I passed out some information from the New Philadelphia Fire Department. The New Philadelphia Cares Coordinator Paula Lancaster in the performing of her duties noticed that there was a shortage of some items that people need during this time. She came up with this Compassion Station Project. Already in the Fire Department there's a corner in the training room that today already is filling up with some of these items. A lot of these items are things for people that are on Medicaid. The idea is to collect these items and they will put together a way of distribution.

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

As a parent that has two small children that have been cooped up, I'm really thankful that they're opening the rides and the playground equipment at Tuscora Park. We did have an incident last week, we had some parents and their kids wanted to climb on the playground equipment. The Park Superintendent and the Police were called and I was called. I spoke to the officer on the scene and got his take on it. I told the parents that we're not going to cite them because their kids climbed on playground equipment. That's not what the City is all about, that's not what the Administration is about. That's not something that I'm ever going to do. I think it's time that we get back to a little more normalcy for the summer and we let our kids be kids. Each parent needs to exercise their own good judgment.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM. This will be a reorganizational meeting. We hadn't met in 3 months because of the virus.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers with three variance requests to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will meet tomorrow evening, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM here in the Council Meeting Room. We had a great opportunity this past Friday, Eric Hubbard our Fixed Base Operator and Sarah Dugger, one of our local artists, and myself took a view of Harry Clever Field. We're looking at some potential locations for a piece of art that would highlight the life of John Glenn who learned to fly right here in New Philadelphia at Harry Clever Field. Sarah was just basically looking at some of the locations around the airport.

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

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Cemetery Board will meet June 11, 2020 at 8:00 AM in Council Chambers.

HEALTH BOARD MR. KELLY RICKLIC

The next Meeting of the Health Board will be Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

Mr. Maurer made the following statement:

No report tonight but I will have a Finance Committee Meeting before the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

The Salary Committee met this evening at 7:15 PM here in Council Chambers. We had one item on the Agenda and that was to move forward with the passage of Resolution 16-2020 which is the Fixed Base Operator Contract. The Committee unanimously supported the approval of moving forward. Council did pass the Resolution this evening with an emergency measure and has accepted Resolution 16-2020 naming ProAv as the airport's Fixed Base Operator for the next 5 years.

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:

Thad Marshall of 126 Summit Avenue NE had the following comment:

In the wake of worldwide protests against police brutality, we had an officer in the NPPD commit an act of police brutality. This so far has happened seemingly without investigation and without any discipline. The officer punched a man in the face despite the fact that he had already been handcuffed as well as being physically restrained by two other police officers. The Police Chief’s official statement was that the response was justified because the man had spit. This is not acceptable to me. If a belligerent patient had spit at a doctor or a nurse and that doctor replied with a punch to the face that doctor would be fired and not only that would have their license revoked for life. My question is why are we okay with this City to allow our police officers to do this without consequence after they restrain people. It’s not the job of our police department to hand out punishment, that’s the job of the courts to oversee proportional punishment and rehabilitation which this was not. I feel the Citizens of New Philadelphia deserve some public answers about what we are doing to stop police brutality in our City as well as why no investigation or disciplinary action has been taken in this case.

Mr. Zucal had the following response:

As a City Council we are in the legislative arm of the City. We all have thoughts and opinions and I’m sure there are ways of which we can handle matters better but realistically that judgment rests with the Police Chief, the Mayor, and the Safety Director.

Mr. Maurer had the following question for Mr. Marshall:

Do you know what happened prior to the recording?

Mr. Marshall had the following reply:

I don’t. However in my opinion there is no reason why someone should be punching someone in the face.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

As the Pastor said in this evenings Invocation “...if we humble ourselves and pray, He will hear us and heal our land...” we must do something, we must humble ourselves and pray and then our land will be healed...we must do something first.

Mr. President, there are consequences to every decision we make...whether the decision is intended for good or bad, helpful or hurtful...it really doesn't make any difference, the one thing we can count on when we make a decision is there will be consequences to that decision...it will happen.

I would ask the question, what has happened when anybody in this country thinks that Defunding the Police makes sense?

Law enforcement are the first responders, those that we depend on in time of emergency, those that on a daily basis we know will respond in time of trouble, respond when we are desperate and in need, respond and create active criminal and terroristic intelligence to keep us safe in our homes, at our work settings, during worship time in our houses of worship and when we are enjoying family time together...these are our first responders...our first line of defense...those we rely on and place our trust in...and yes they are human, with the same human frailties we all have.

What we have seen on television over the past 10 days is merely the tip of the iceberg if the irresponsibility of dialogue of *Defunding the Police* continues. Cliché's serve no purpose and those simply repeating something that might tickle someone's ears without thought...quite possibly could lead to the destruction of us all.

Certainly I don't have the answers to our nation's questions regarding law enforcement but, just perhaps there needs to be common sense applied in dialogue that includes additional training, new and different service delivery program development, expansion or redesign of Neighborhood Watch programs, appropriate law enforcement staffing level determination, and proper funding levels to support community demands for service. But...to just say Defund law enforcement or abolish the police is lunacy...especially when nobody has offered any kind of logical program to take the place of what we know today as law enforcement. Let's just all get along and we will all be happy...Wow.

Mr. President, I began my comments relating that there are consequences to every decision and passing legislation under the guise of 'Justice' will ultimately lead our nation further down a rocky road that we may never be able to return from. The 'Justice in Policing Act,' purports to improve things in law enforcement when in fact it will reduce overall policing effectiveness especially when the act takes away necessary policing equipment that not only keeps us safe but, makes doing the job of a law enforcement officer more hazardous while making it more difficult to hire qualified and capable personnel. Congress can't seem to manage those areas they are charged with the responsibility to oversee, why would we put them in charge of policing our communities and depend on Congress to keep us safe in our homes?

I just want to remind everyone that defunding, or even worse abolishing law enforcement, leaves us...the citizens, without security for our families and our communities...when we lose our last line of defense, our first responders...what are the consequences...I hate to even think about it.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I just wanted to say I had the privilege of participating in the protest march last Sunday. What we saw was our citizens practicing their 1st Amendment protections, that they could gather and assemble and they could express their views. I found it very inspiring that they were able to do so without any type of physical aggression, no vandalism or violence. I can't thank the law enforcement that was present that evening enough. Racism and bigotry should not be accepted in any level at any place.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:34 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp