

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 25, 2019 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. COUNCILMAN HOLLAND 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
 MR. KELLY RICKLIC
 MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE: MRS. AIMEE MAY
 MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

- MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 3-2019 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
RESOLUTION 3-2019 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 11, 2019
REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE MARCH 14, 2019 SPECIAL SESSION
OF COUNCIL
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 11, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL AND THE
MARCH 14, 2019 SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated March 12, 2019. This is the City of New Philadelphia February 2019 Investment and Savings Report.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Judge Nanette DeGarmo Von Allman, dated March 18, 2019. This is the New Philadelphia Municipal Court 2018 Annual Report.*
3. *To Council and Administration from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated March 18, 2019. This is an email directed to Councilwoman May and it states the following: “Aimee, please take the attached assignment and documents into your committee for consideration. “ The attachments are FW: Assigning new cemetery construction to the Parks and Cemetery Committee.*
4. *To Councilman Holland, Council and Administration from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated March 19, 2019. This is the Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement Addendum #3.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 25, 2019. This is the Mayor’s Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- **Solid Waste Management District Grant Purchases a new Recycling Truck for the City:** The Stark-Wayne-Tuscarawas Solid Waste Management District has awarded the City a \$75,000 grant to purchase a new truck for our curbside recycling program. The new vehicle will replace the existing recycling truck, which nearly eight years old, has 95,000 miles on it and has become too costly to repair because of heavy use. The grant requires the City to keep complete maintenance and repair records on the new vehicle for five years.

- **AFSCME Employees and the City Agree to a New Three Year Contract :** The City has a new three-year contract with American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1958, which represents the service and clerical employees. The union members agreed to take a wage freeze this year to help the City with its tight financial condition in exchange for wage negotiation reopeners in years two and three and minimal language changes to the contracts. I thank the AFSCME employees for acknowledging the toll the loss of local government funding and other revenue has taken on the City's budget and the need to see the budgetary effects of the new businesses that will be opening in New Philadelphia this year. New contract negotiations are ongoing with the police and firefighters union bargaining units.

- **Construction of a New City Cemetery can get Underway:** Thanks to the persistence of City Auditor Gundy, the Ohio Auditor's office has finally approved a new City fund for utilizing cemetery endowment money to begin construction of the new City cemetery on Delaware Drive Southeast. The State Auditor's office held approval of the fund in limbo since City Council established it a year ago. The legislative aides in the offices of State Representative Brett Hillyer and State Senator Jay Hottinger were instrumental in helping to move the issue up on the priority ladder in the State Auditor's office and getting the approval in writing last week.

- **Alley Cats Marketplace will bring new Artists and Vendors to Downtown New Philadelphia:** From what I saw at last week's vendor's preview party at Alley Cats Marketplace, the new business on Allen Lane NW will soon become a key attraction in downtown New Philadelphia. Artists and crafters from Cambridge to Cleveland attended the preview and will be selling their merchandise at Alley Cats when the store officially opens on the first weekend in May. The grand opening will be part of the Art in the Alleys event that will be held downtown on Sunday, May 5th. In addition to art and crafts for sale, the event will also feature food trucks and live musical entertainment. Mark your calendars!

- **Utica Midstream Oil and Gas Speakers say more Pipelines and Underground Storage Needed:** The need for construction of more pipelines and underground storage facilities were strong topics of discussion at last week's Utica Midstream conference I attended at Walsh University in Canton. The industry experts say the amount of natural gas being extracted in Eastern Ohio has created the need to construct new pipelines to cracker plants being built in the region and also to petrochemical manufacturers in Michigan and Texas. A representative of Marathon Oil revealed that the company has taken core samples in Harrison County to determine whether underground storage caverns are located there. Conference speakers also told of cybersecurity issues now faced by oil and gas companies and the lack of qualified workers to fill job openings. Richard Simmers, the chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, said the state will continue to encourage development of petrochemical opportunities in Ohio.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER:

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Just a few quick updates: First the hangar, if anyone has been down there the driveway has been poured now. We've got some final grating left to do, get some dirt back in there and seed it. My belief is that by the end of this week the electrical should be done. It's finishing up

nicely and I'll continue to update. Also out at the handicapped fishing pier at Tuscora Park, there's a temporary mark up of it. Probably in the middle of April the project will start and it will take about seven days to finish.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy had the following report:

Our auditors from Rey will be in on April 8th. They may be contacting you. I will not be here at the meeting on Thursday but I urge passage that night of Ordinance 6-2019 for sure and Ordinance 7-2019 if that is also considered.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham relinquished his time to Fire Chief Jim Parrish.

Fire Chief Parrish made the following statement:

Smith billing does our ambulance billing. We have a contract with them that we've had since 2012. They charged us \$15 a run to do our ambulance billing and in 2016 that went up to \$25 a run. We do about \$2,000 ambulance calls a year. We have \$60,000 budgeted this year for ambulance billing. We're averaging about \$50,000. We take bids. Last year Smith stayed the same. Their competitor Ohio Billing was \$39 a run so they have been very competitive for us. We would like to propose that we look at doing that inside the fire department, hiring a person to do that. Mary Kurtz the HR Director for the City of New Philadelphia helped me put together a job description for that position which would include billing and coding and an administrative assistant. That would really help me out. We developed a pay scale for someone having this type of education and doing this type of work and it's between \$35,000 and \$45,000. We've explored the software and I'd like to go with a Tritech Visionair simply because I know it's compatible with our systems. That's what Smith Billing uses as well as it's the same software company that our dispatch uses. I would like to see this person start sometime in July. That gives us six months to get that person ready to go and familiar with the software and get them ready to go so we can go live January 1st. I've had this discussion with Bob Smith. I think this is a good opportunity for us and we're going to get a lot more out of our dollar by doing something like this. If you take the salary and benefits, typically I believe that's about 33 percent, so if we went to the high end with the experience of this individual that we're looking for we're still under budget. As far as the software the initial cost of that is \$500.00. If we purchased it it's around \$25,000 to \$30,000. It has to be HIPAA compliant. We could lease it for \$250.00.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

Does Ohio Billing figure into this at all?

Fire Chief Parrish had the following response:

No, their last quote was \$39.00 a run.

Mr. Zucal had the following reply:

So we've been paying people in Dover. If someone were given this position we would generate income tax for the City.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question:

You did say that we did budget the money in our appropriations?

Fire Chief Parrish had the following response:

Yes.

Service Director McAbier had the following question:

What are you doing on these last 6 months? Are you paying Smith Ambulance and this new person?

Fire Chief Parrish had the following response:

Yes. The money will be there because we also pay Holly on that rate.

Auditor Gundy had the following reply:

Holly doesn't work as many hours as this new person and

she won't make as much.

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I want to address something Councilman Holland brought up a while ago. He went into my office and saw the conditions the files I inherited were in. What I inherited were several boxes and I had very little space in my law office to keep those boxes and they were dirty, unorganized, dusty, and they were downstairs in an unfinished dirty, dusty basement, but thanks to the Mayor donating the space that we have at the old fire station all the files have now been transferred over to where our new prosecutor's offices are. Today I just had delivered three brand new filing cabinets and we're in the process of getting those organized so that it's much easier for us to find these older documents. Eventually my goal is to try and get them scanned. Right now I need to get a handle on what I have and what I don't have which is really important. I want to thank Dean Holland for bringing attention to that. I want to thank the Mayor for his efforts in allowing us to create a better space for our City employees and records for a new thing we're doing in the prosecutor's office. Also I want to ask everybody to please bear with me. During the months of April and May I signed up to coach in the New Philadelphia Youth Soccer Association. They needed six coaches and I signed up to coach my son's youth soccer team. I found out tonight when I went to the practice meeting that all the practices are on Monday evenings at 6:30. So, for those months I'm going to have to juggle some things. I also was very pleased to see that we got approval for our new fund. Brett Hillyer was very instrumental in that.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet here in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 1:00pm. We'll be continuing our work on zoning.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals met March 12, 2019 at 5:00PM in Council Chambers with fire variance requests. The first one was at 116 2nd St. NE noncompliant with 1165.06. After a long discussion it was voted on and approved on a 4-0 vote. The next one was 507-509 5th St. NW noncompliance with 1161.04 and also 513 and 515 5th St. NW also noncompliant with 1161.04 of lot coverage. Both of those requests were denied on a 4-0 basis. Next we had 331 Grafe Rd SE noncompliance with 1167.09. After a discussion it was voted on and approved on a 3-1 vote. Lastly we had another one at 650 Donald Dr. SW. It was voted on and approved for 1161.05. It was approved on a 3-1 vote. The next meeting will be April 9 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

As Mr. McAbier stated earlier the Hanger Project is going very, very well. Following our last Airport Commission Meeting several of our members were able to go and tour the hangars. Mr. Kennedy lead us on a tour. They are generating a punch list so that whenever everything is completed we can go through and make sure that some of these issues that we would like to see remedied before signing off on that will be done. We feel good about the space, as a matter of fact we may be able to add some additional revenue, maybe \$10 a month in one of those areas. Every little bit adds up. I think they're absolutely going to be fabulous and I think we're going to have a greater demand than what we ever imagined.

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

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening, here in council chambers, at 6:30 PM to discuss the Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement Addendum #3 which is to become part of that certain original agreement by the Goshen Township Trustees and Kimble Mixer Company and HSVG Property Company. Crane Carrier Company has purchased Kimble Mixer Company and HSVG Property Company and Addendum #3 recognizes years 11 thru 15 and the 75% tax exemption being provided by the City of New Philadelphia. After committee discussion and information from Mayor Day the Committee voted to send the Resolution to the full Council with the item being placed on tonight's Agenda for First Reading. There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

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

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

We will be scheduling a Meeting as soon as the Task Force meets on Ordinance 1-2019.

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

The Special and Contact Committee met this evening at 6:15 to discuss a notice for Council from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a D1 Permit request for Craft Bistro. D1 is for carry out alcohol. After discussing this with the Chief and then with Committee we found no reasons not to deny. At this time I'd like to ask for a voice vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR COUNCIL TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE VARIENCE
5 YEAS
THE LIQUOR LICENSE VARIENCE REQUEST FOR CRAFT BISTRO IS APPROVED

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

We'll also be having a Special and Contact Committee meeting on April 8 at 7:00 PM to discuss Building Permit fees.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAYNO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I'd just like to thank Judge Von Allman for her report. I thought it was a very well written report and I really appreciate her writing that for us.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

As I previously at our last Council Meeting recognized the Quaker Girls Basketball Team for a great season I would like to do the same for the Boys Basketball team. The irony of losing to the same school by the same amount of points in overtime those are pretty tremendous odds that we saw take place. Also Coach Voll was recognized during the State Championship series in Columbus for his 300th career win.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

1-2019 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO ENACT AN OPERATIONAL PERMIT PROCESS THROUGH THE NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ITEMS RELATED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY.
5th Reading

6-2019 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, 2019.
1st Reading

7-2019 AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA INCOME OHIO TAX ORDINANCE.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

3-2019 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO ADOPT THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AND LOCAL 1958 AND OHIO COUNCIL 8 AFSCME, AFT CIO TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021.
1st Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following comment:
Council be advised of a Special Council Meeting this coming Thursday.

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:01 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock