

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 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
MR. DAN LANZER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENSES

MR. ROB MAURER
LAW DIRECTOR FETE

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 23, 2021
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 23, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN
APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Councilman Holland from President Kemp, Dated August 23, 2021. This is an email with the subject “Please Assign the Attached”. It states “Please assign to Dean’s Public Works and Economic Development Committee as Resolution 31-2021. It was sent to Mr. Holland.*
2. *To Clerk of Council from Attorney Rachel Dunfee. These are two packets of information. They were sent on September 1, 2021. They were sent on September 1, 2021. Each packet contains an annexation petition, the accompanying affidavit, the property deed, and a surveyor’s map. The first is Investment Source LTD Annexation, the second is Ruth Annexation.*
3. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Gerber, dated September 1, 2021. This is the Deposits to the General Account.*
4. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Gerber, dated September 13, 2021. This is the City of New Philadelphia August 2021 Investment and Savings Report*
5. *To President Kemp from Law Director Fete, dated September 9, 2021. The Attachment is Resolution 33-2021: Backhoe Purchase, and Ordinance 19-2021: Amend False Alarm Ordinance. It states “please assign to the Safety, Health, and Service Committee.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated September 13, 2021. The Mayor’s Report*

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

As a correction I spoke to the Law Director this evening. I think he’s going to recommend that Resolution 31-2021 go to the Finance Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- Mosquito Spraying in Uhrichsville by the New Philadelphia Health Department At the request of Mayor Mark Haney, the New Philadelphia Health Department will be spraying for mosquitoes this week in several areas in the City of Uhrichsville. Mayor Haney has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno that has Uhrichsville paying our Health Department to spray in neighborhoods in the north Uhrichsville area and along McCauley Drive on both sides of US 250. The MOU expires on September 30th. It also gives Mayor Haney and Uhrichsville City Council the ability to request spraying in other areas of the City during that period. Though Uhrichsville is not within the New Philadelphia Health Department's jurisdiction, the Ohio Revised Code allows such requests to be granted. This is a one-time, end of the mosquito season event. I am proud that our City Health Department stepped up to help a neighbor in need.
- The Ground has been Broken for Construction of a New Marriott Hotel on West High Avenue Construction of the City's newest hotel is underway. Developers estimate it will take 16 months to complete the 88 room Marriott Town Place Suites hotel on West High Avenue. Like you, I have concerns about how traffic flow will be impacted by the development. That's why I've contacted several of the property owners in the area, and ODOT District 11 officials, asking for their help in developing a new access road that would go behind the hotel and neighboring businesses to Bluebell Drive. The area also needs sidewalks. From the plans unveiled at last Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony, the Town Place Suites will be a four-story structure that overlooks the Tuscarawas River.
- The Date for the City's Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Night is Set. Mark it on your calendars: This year the City's annual Halloween Trick or Treat Night will be on Saturday, October 30th from 6pm to 8pm. If you would like trick or treaters to come to your door, please leave the porch light on. Be mindful of kids and adults at crosswalks and intersections. City police will be patrolling the neighborhoods and passing out candy from their vehicles when possible.
- Working with ODOT to Create Bicycle Lanes on East High Avenue. Last week, I met with District 11 engineers to review the plan by the Ohio Department of Transportation to install bicycle lanes on the berms of East High Avenue from 13th Street NE to the KSU-Tusc campus gateway entrance, and possibly beyond to Baltzley Valley Road. The exact layout will be determined once measurements confirm the required width for bike lanes. ODOT is actively developing bike paths in counties across Ohio. The East High path is expected to be completed by the end of next month.
- A New Member is Appointed to the City's Board of Zoning Appeals. I have appointed Kathy Rentsch of New Philadelphia to fill a vacancy on the City's Board of Zoning Appeals. She is a lifelong City resident, an owner of rental properties, and has been a very active supporter of our community and our schools. Also, as I told her, she is the daughter of the late NPHS coach and teacher Al Dunn, so I know she will be fair but firm in her decision making.
- Development of the Artagain Alley is Progressing. The Artagain Alley project has been fully funded and is proceeding on schedule in time for its official opening on October 17th during the Art on the Alley downtown festival. Last week, Wood Electric installed overhead lighting in the alley, which is located between the Mancan building and the former Hotel Lee on West High Avenue. The City recently paved the walkway, which extends from Allen Lane SW to West High. Murals are being created to mount on the brick walls along the alley.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

The Water Department will began flushing on Sunday, September 19 at 10:00am and end at 6:00am on Sunday, September 26. Typically you might get dirty water or low-pressure during that time. The Lakeview Project is wrapped up. They fixed the beacon lights that flashed. Also last week they had to bring in topsoil and probably reseeded 40% of the whole project. That will be the final punch list and I'll report on it at the next Council meeting. Also, the two basketball courts at Tuscora Park are in use. The

Southside Basketball Courts, we have another 10 days for that to sit, for that 30 day window. Also, today we awarded the job of 2nd Street on Minnich Avenue from 2nd to 4th replacing that waterline to Palmer and Sons out of Wooster, Oh. That bid came in at \$213,475.00. Last, I want to talk about the lagoon and the Park Pond. The lagoon will be dredged by Paragon next week. Paragon will come in and remove about 18 inches of sludge. After that we will go with bottom aeration and start with some new fish. The park pond we'll use Alec Hillyer, Natural Lake and Pond Consultant. With the help of the Department of Natural Resources they're going to dredge, use bottom aeration, add fish and possibly chemicals.

Mr. Ricklic asked Mr. McAbier what the engineer's estimate was for the Minnich Ave. Project. Mr. McAbier stated it was \$207,200.00.

Mr. Zucal asked Mr. McAbier what Mr. Oliver's class at Buckeye Career Center is going to do to help with the Tuscora Park Pond. Mr. McAbier stated that they're going to help Alec remove the algae. Mr. Zucal asked what the plan is to stay ahead of this problem next year. He said bottom aeration and chemicals to start out. Mr. McAbier said next year Mr. Hillyer will be handling both the lagoon and the park pond.

Mrs. Ramos asked if the road around the stadium would be closed while they're dredging the lagoon. Mr. McAbier said it won't be.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Mrs. Gundy had the following report:

I will have an appropriation ordinance for our next meeting.

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers tomorrow at 1:00 PM. On the Agenda, a couple of annexation requests, a rezoning request and a property donation.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet here tomorrow night at 5:00 PM with one variance request to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM here in Council Chambers. One of the issues that will need to get taken care of at the airport is the crack sealing. We usually rely on City Services to help us with that. We need to get crack sealing along the runway done.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Park Board will meet on Wednesday at noon at Tuscora Park.

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. JOHN ZUCAL

As you could imagine the Health Board continues its battle against Covid and the variations. Right now of the 88 counties in Ohio we sit at number 52 with 612 cases per 100,000. We need to be very diligent and thoughtful about where we continue to go. This is not going away and the mutations will continue to take place. Vickie Ionno continues to ask us to do all we can to limit the spread in this City.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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 here in Council Chambers at 6:15 this evening to discuss Resolution 34-2021, which actually defines a partnership with the City of New Philadelphia and the Ohio Department of Transportation to construct a joint use path that extends from Kent State Tuscarawas to Downtown New Philadelphia. The agreement as proposed details responsibilities of both parties and the project is fully funded by ODOT. Concern was expressed by Committee Members for on street parking. Mayor Day commented concerning the ODOT need for project approval. After Committee discussion and input from Mr. McAbier and Mayor Day the Committee voted to return Resolution 34-2021 to the Ohio Department of Transportation for redrafting to reflect the project from the University to 13th Street. With no further business we adjourned at 6:36.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... .MR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

No formal report but I'd like to announce that on the evening of the September 27th Council Meeting I'll be holding a Committee meeting here in Council Chambers.

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

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

The Zoning and Annexation Committee did meet tonight to discuss annexation of certain City owned property located in Goshen and York Township. No action was taken because we need to get the parcel numbers correct on the legislation. We have scheduled another meeting, also to discuss an additional annexation request on September 27 at 6:30pm.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met this evening at 6:39. We had one item to discuss and it was a liquor license renewal request from Mini Shop Inc at 150 South Broadway New Phila. We had a brief discussion and agreed at this time during my Committee Comments to have a voice vote from Council to have this paper signed so we can get it back to Columbus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

6 YEAS

THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL REQUEST WAS APPROVED

Mr. Lanzer stated the meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Connie Russo of 324 West High Ave. New Phila had the following comment:

Cheryl Ramos had passed out these flyers for Field of Freedom this coming Friday night. I hope you can attend this free event. We're praying for our City, we're praying for our Nation. We're inviting you all to come.

Mr. David Bridges of New Philadelphia had the following comment:

I've lived in the same house on Ray Ave. for 36 years. This is the first time I've been to a Council Meeting. I do have an issue on certification of zoning for a property I'm going to be selling. It's on Tuscarawas Ave. We've owned this property for 16 years. My question is, the property is going to be sold, hopefully it will close this Friday. The new owner is requesting a statement from the City that this property will continue to be zoned for business and commercial use. I did have a statement from Jim Zucal from 2005. I did meet with Mr. McAbier's office this morning and they said that this letter from Mr. Zucal should be fine. The buyer is asking for something in addition to that.

Mr. McAbier had the following statement:

Everything that Mr. Zucal had written is correct. I think what Mr. Bridges is wanting is something more recent.

Mr. McAbier said he can have an updated letter for Mr. Bridges by tomorrow or Thursday at the latest.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I'm concerned with the substance abuse problem that we have in this community. This event, the Field of Freedom, September 17 through 19 is a combination of local churches getting together in addition to the ADC (Anti-Drug Coalition) , the ADAHMS Board, and other agencies. People are available to help people with substance abuse problems and other issues. There are three days; the 17th is the Unity; the 18th is Community and 19th is Celebration. You can find all the details on the fieldoffreedom.com website. Everyone is invited and I think this is a great opportunity for us to all join together and assist in the issues that are plaguing our community.

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I know we have several occasions on Council floor to recognize businesses that contribute to the welfare and economic growth of the City of New Philadelphia. I was pleased to hear tonight that the Mini Shop was granted their request. The Mini Shop and Mustards are just such an asset to our

Community. Mustards gives a type of dining experience that you don't get in very many places. I know I've had family from out-of-town who visited and they were so impressed by the quality of the food, what's being served there, the atmosphere, and the genuine hospitality when you walk in.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

16-2021 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AMEND CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1161.18 SECTIONS (b)(2), (d)(1), AND (d)(8) WITH REGARDS TO NONILLUMINATED SIGN SIZES, CHANGING THE SIGN SIZE RESTRICTIONS FROM 2 SQUARE FEET TO SIX SQUARE FEET.
1st Reading

20-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND ENACT THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Zucal motioned to adjourn at 8:01 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp