

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 11TH, 2016 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MR. HITCHCOCK ALSO WELCOMED THE NEW MAYOR JOEL DAY, AS WELL AS THE 3 NEW COUNCIL AT LARGE AND SERVICE DIRECTOR.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MADE A MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCE 1-2016 TO THE AGENDA, PER RULE #14 OF THE BYLAWS
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL 7 YEAS
MOTION PASSED
- MRS. RAMOS MADE A MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION 1-2016 TO THE AGENDA
LAW DIRECTOR MARVIN FETE EXPLAINED THIS RESOLUTION IS REQUIRED WITH THE PASSAGE OF ISSUE 36 TO SET UP FUNDS FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION.
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
THE MOTION PASSED
- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MADE A MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION 2-2016 TO THE AGENDA
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
THE MOTION PASSED
- MRS. RAMOS MADE A MOTION TO MAKE A CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION 26-2015, WHICH WAS INCORRECTLY LISTED AS RESOLUTION 25-2015
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
THE MOTION PASSED
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
THE MOTION PASSED, THE AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED
- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON DECEMBER 28TH, 2015
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS
THE MOTION PASSED, THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATTI MCKAY

1. New Philadelphia Treasurer’s Yearly Report for 2015
 2. Mayor’s Report to City Council, Dated January 11th, 2016
 3. Human Resources Department Report to Council, Dated January 9th, 2016
 4. A letter from Christopher Notz from the Ohio Department of Transportation to the Mayor stating he had attached a copy of the original consent legislation that has been signed by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation. He thanked us for our prompt attention and cooperation in this matter. This was in regard to Resolution 22-2015.
 5. City of New Philadelphia Statement of Cash Position with Month to Date, as of December 31st, 2015.
 6. City of New Philadelphia Budget Report with Encumbrance Details, Dated January 7th, 2016
 7. Auditor’s Monthly Statement of 2015 Revenue for the General Fund for the month of December 2015
 8. City of New Philadelphia Budget Report with Encumbrance Details as of December 31st, 2015
 9. Auditor’s Financial Statement for the Month of December 2015
 10. Public Works and Economic Development Committee Meeting Notes from December 28th, 2015
 11. Mayor Johnson’s Monthly Statement to Council for December 2015, Dated December 30th, 2015
12. Council Clerk McKay “I would like to thank God, family, and our country, the President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Councilmembers past and present, administration, and all the employees of the city for giving me the past 6 years and I wish to the city much success with all their many endeavors. It has been an honor to serve you. Miss Courtright will do a terrific job. She is energized, enthusiast and has great communications skills, and I thank you, and with that I would like to present to Julie “Robert’s Rules of Order” the newly revised edition. Thank you”
- President of Council Sam Hitchcock “Since this was Miss McKay’s last official function, and I really appreciate her willingness to come in after her retirement had taken place. She’s been invaluable in not only helping Julie get everything in order here, but keeping on with her responsibility with making sure that everything goes smoothly with the transition. I don’t think we’ll find anybody that’s more dedicated to city service, to their responsibility to this great community and we all thank her for that.

Appointment of Clerk of City Council

- MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NOMINATED JULIE COURTRIGHT FOR CLERK OF COUNCIL.
- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CLERK OF COUNCIL
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
VOICE VOTE 7 YEAS
JULIE COURTRIGHT IS APPOINTED CLERK OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL

Oath of Office Administered to Council Clerk Julie Courtright by Law Director

“I, Julie Courtright, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially discharge the duties of Clerk of Council for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio”

Adoption of Committee Assignments for 2016 Session

- President of Council Sam Hitchcock announced there is one last minute request by Councilman Rob Maurer to be taken off the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association as a liason due to the fact that he works outside of city limits. Hitchcock said Councilman Dean Holland has agreed to take that place.

- MR. ZUCAL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE POSITIONS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT HITCHCOCK WITH THE EXCEPTIONS AS NOTED.
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ARE IN PLACE

Appointment of Pro Tem

- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER NOMINATED COUNCILMAN ROB MAURER AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
VOICE VOTE, 7 YEAS

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT ROB MAURER AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MR. MAURER HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

The Mayor reported the following:

1. "The demolition of the structures at the new fire station site began last Friday morning and if you looked over there today all the buildings are down with the exception of the property adjacent to that site that we'll be dealing with this evening. So, that progress is really starting to get underway. The ground's going to be allowed to settle once all that is cleared, it will be allowed to settle until Spring. I would recommend to Council to approve the legislation that's before you tonight that will allow the city to purchase the home at 146 Front Avenue so it can be razed for land for the new fire station.

2. "Related to the Menards Project, the issue of traffic flow through the Bluebell Drive Intersection will be discussed when Service Director McAbier and myself meet with ODOT District 11 officials this week. I know the existing traffic congestion has hurt the motel business located there. That has a direct impact on the city budget, because of the bed tax collected from those businesses."

3. "Downtown Revitalization, one of the items on the wish list of the New Philadelphia Downtown and Community Association is upgrading the electrical service in the four quadrants of the downtown square. Executive Director Julie Stephon has informed me that many of the electrical recepticals are not working and portions of the existing underground wiring present a safety hazard. The association would like to have an additional information sign located on one of the quadrants and the electrical service to be updated so more events can be held downtown. I'm working with Julie and the association's board of directors to determine the cost of this project and the best way to fund it. I intend to use some of the City's bed tax money to help pay for it. Ms. Stephon is also seeking grant money. I will also approach the County Commissioners for funding because the county building is occupying one of the quadrants, and the county shares a benefit in the revitalization of our downtown."

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

The Service Director Reported the Following:

1. "To follow up on what (Mayor Day) has said, the tearing down project (for the new fire station), bids were up on the 28th and Rem Construction got the job bid for it and he started Friday. So he's going full force with that project you guys see it's pretty much down. Again, I will say there's an urgency to pass the Ordinance in front of you tonight, 1-2016.
2. "Last month and prior to that for the new Council members it was brought up that we need to work on our water and sewer rates, so Ed Wilson and I will be working on that, and presenting something back to you on an adequate percentage, and one thing Mr. President, I'd like to add is we're dealing with the Arbor Day Foundation, which is the Tree City U.S.A, and we will need to have somebody from Council added to that because one of the outgoing Councilmembers was on that committee. It's a quarterly thing, just myself, Ray Grewell, the General Services Superintendent was on. It's always going to be short and sweet, there's just three of us there, but I wish if you could figure out someone for that."
3. "Next month I will be giving you all the packets for the CDBG, where the project will be located, because that all got finalized today with W.E. Quicksall and Associates. We had a meeting with them, they have a spot, and that will be in your packets for next meeting."

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

The Safety Director reported the following:

"This evening is going to be like a baseball team, basketball team, football team's injury report. It's not a very good thing, and I don't remember going back when the starting of a year was with an injury in both the police department and the fire department. On December 29th, 2015 one of the officers who was investigating a break-in stepped into a pit and ended up with an ankle and foot injury. He's going to be off. Hopefully it will be a quick return. In the fire department one of the firefighter/ medics stepped out of a vehicle at a fire and basically stepped into a hole and ended up injuring his shoulder. This may be a long-term issue. They're waiting on paperwork, possibly surgery. If this all happens it could be a 6-month time off."

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

TREASURER MR. TOM GERBER

Mr Gerber Reported the Following:

1. "2015 I was very active, active in obtaining seminars, active in the process of auditing and also reconciliation. In looking at some of the investments that we had I closed three accounts, one was at Strasburg Savings Bank, one was at Chase High Yield Savings Account, and RSA Brokerage Account, and these monies were placed into STAR Ohio and STAR Plus, which is going to be through the state of Ohio.
2. "I was calculating how much money we made for the year. So we made \$11,224.39. This was interest income reinvested and also interest paid back to the city. So, we will continue with this and watch this closely, and continue on with my professional skills."

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

The Law Director reported the following:

1. "I also want to echo what the Mayor and the Service Director indicated and request that Resolutions 1 and 2-2016 both be passed by emergency vote this evening. Those are setting up the two funds that we're required to set up by law by virtue of having passed Issue 36, the bond issue of the new fire station. That's why it had to come on today. That's why it had to come on before we could have committee appointments for committees to take it up. Additionally, I would also like to ask that Ordinance 1-2016 be passed. That is in reference to a property that is being sold. We've all got a copy of the purchase agreement. If we don't act now we could potentially lose the property because we have to close on it before our next Council meeting would occur. So, again that was another situation where we couldn't have the committee meeting before we had committees which is why we had to bring it before Council pursuant to our local rules under Rule 14 of the procedure."
2. "I, along with the Mayor last week attended a Facilities Committee Meeting at the New Philadelphia School System in regards to opening the Quaker Dome to the public. They unanimously supported the idea and I have a meeting on Wednesday (Jan. 13th) with the mayor and our parks superintendant on going forward on this. Our goal is to have it opened to the public on February 2nd, and I would request that we set up a committee meeting to approve any contracts at the next council meeting for this purpose. I'm currently in the process of drafting a contract agreement, a waiver for people that want to use the facility. Basically, the facility is going to be opened for a certain part of the day to members of the community, essentially when young people are in school. Kids would have first priority on it. It's also an opportune time because they're going to be refurbishing the track as soon as the school year ends. We're going to be without a track until the following school year, so people will be able to utilize the facility at the Quaker Dome."
3. "I want to thank the New Philadelphia Fire Department again for saving my mother. My mother had surgery done on December 30th, it was a routine surgery but as a result of that she developed congestive heart failure. We went to the emergency room last Wednesday. She had a doctor's appointment the following day, they ran tests on her, and told her as a result of the tests she needs to get to the emergency room right away, and as my panicked dad and sister were taking her up, my mom had the foresight to say "take me to the New Phila Fire Department" and she knew who was going to take care of her and who would get her to where she had to be in a fast amount of time. Her breathing capacity was down. A normal breathing capacity is 98, hers was around 72. The firemen got some oxygen on her, took her vitals and calmed her down. So, I want to thank you again, she is home and the congestive heart failure has been taken care of. She has no more fluid in her lungs and is doing wonderful, so please thank your men for the Outstanding job they always do."

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day reported the following:

"The Planning Commission will be meeting tomorrow, January 12th at 1pm at Council Chambers and on the agenda is a discussion of the Planning Commission Mission."

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

Mr. McAbier reported the following:

"Last month nothing to set forth from the Board of Zoning and Appeals, it was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is tomorrow at 5 and there is nothing for that also so it will be cancelled."

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal reported the following:

"The Airport Commission is scheduled to meet tomorrow evening 6pm at the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room."

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger reported the following:

“The next meeting of the City Park Board is Wednesday, January 20th at 12pm at the Tuscora Park Pavillion”

HEALTH BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

Mrs. May reported the following:

“The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 13th at the Health Department.”

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger had no official report, but recommended approval of Resolutions 1 and 2-2016

SALARY COMMITTEE.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had no official report but said “Taking the recommendations of our Law Director Mr. Fete we will be scheduling a salary committee meeting to discuss the proper procedures and necessary legislation for utilization of the Quaker Dome.”

President of Council Sam Hitchcock said the following to Mr. Zucal “Would you please take into your committee the fire contract for Goshen Township”

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MR. DEAN HOLLAND....NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS.....NO REPORT

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

23-2015 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEST PROPOSER TO REPRESENT THE CITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR AND OBTAINING THE FY 16 CHIP PROGRAM GRANT AND TO ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT THE CITY’S BUDGETED PORTION OF THE CHIP GRANT, SHOULD THIS GRANT BE AWARDED TO THE PARTNERSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
[1st Reading]

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN
THE ORDINANCE WAS HELD FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL SET FOR JANUARY 25TH, 2016

1-2016 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AND WILLIAM KLOPFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW FIRE STATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN MAKING PAYMENTS ON THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
[1st Reading]

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED TO SUSPEND THE RULES
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THAT MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 1-2016 HAS PASSED

RESOLUTIONS:

26-2015 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES IN THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY JAIL AND PAYMENT OF HOUSING COSTS TO THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
[3RD Reading]

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 26-2015 HAS PASSED

1-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION FUND #425, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
[1ST Reading]

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED THAT THE RULES BE SUSPENDED
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 1-2016
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 1-2016 HAS PASSED

2-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE FIRE STATION BOND RETIREMENT FUND #350, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
[1ST Reading]

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED THAT THE RULES BE SUSPENDED
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2-2016
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 2-2016 HAS PASSED

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

President of Council Sam Hitchcock had the following report:

- “ I have passed out the City Council Questionnaire. There are 7 questions on there. This is basically to aid me in knowing what your priorities are, what your feelings are about the city, moving forward with the city. I would like for each of you to fill this out and give it back to me and I will share the results with the Mayor.”

Council Questionnaire:

- 1: what do you believe to be some of the positive things the City of New Philadelphia has to offer to someone who may be interested in a Summer visit?
- 2: What do you believe are some of the positive things the City of New Philadelphia has to offer someone who may be interested in taking up a residence in the city?
Some of the things that would make this a magnet for people who would want to come and live here.
- 3: What do you believe the City government’s role should be in maintaining any of those positives listed, or creating additional positives that would further attract any visitors or new residence to the city?
- 4: What do you believe the negatives of the city are that would discourage visitors or new residence that might be a barrier to somebody wanting to visit here or wanting to put down roots in our community
- 5: If you listed any negatives, what do you believe the solution would be for these problems?
- 6: What would you like to accomplish during your term of council?
- 7: What do you believe the short or long-term goals of the City should be?

MR. MAURER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:14 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock