

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 26, 2018 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEM ROB MAURER PRESIDING. MAYOR DAY 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 ABSENSE

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK
COUNCILMAN KELLY RICKLIC
AUDITOR BETH GUNDY
SAFETY DIRECTOR GREG POPHAM

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6 YEAS
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MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
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- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 9-2018 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 9-2018 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1st Reading

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 12, 2018
REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 12, 2018 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE
BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 15, 2018. This is an email titled “Prayers for recovery of Council President Hitchcock and Councilman Holland”.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Judge Nanette DeGarmo VonAllman, dated March 16, 2018. This is the New Philadelphia Municipal Court 2017 Annual Report.*
3. *To Councilman Maurer from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, copied to Council and Administration, dated March 19, 2018. This is an email titled “Council Meetings” and it reads the following: Rob, Just a*

heads up, I'm probably going to need you to chair at least the Council Meeting on March 26, 2018 and possibly another one or two.

4. *To Mayor Day from Fire Chief Parrish, copied to the Safety Director, Dated March 20, 2018. This is an email titled Resolution for Support of SAFER Grant and it reads the following: Good morning, as you saw in my monthly report the SAFER Grant opens Monday, March 26, 2018. Would it be possible to see if Council is interested in passing a Resolution showing support for the application of the grant? We need to ask for letters of support from State and Federal Officials and I want to make sure that we're all on the same page because the funding is for three years.*
5. *To Council and Administration and the Safety Director from Fire Chief Parrish, dated March 20, 2018. This is the Fire Chief's Report.*
6. *To Fire Chief Parrish from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated March 25, 2018. This is a forwarded email to Councilman Lanzer replying to a Resolution in support of the SAFER Grant. President Hitchcock wrote: Dan, I have requested that you hold off on one of your assignments in the meeting for the 26th. This should give you more than enough time to consider the Fire Chief's request for a Resolution regarding the SAFER Grant.*
7. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated March 21, 2018. This is Moody's Credit Opinion.*
8. *To Council and Administration from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated March 25, 2018. This is an email titled SAFER Grants. It reads: Dan, I just spoke to Fire Chief Parrish. He's requesting that you cancel the meeting that you had scheduled tomorrow on the SAFER Grant application. The Chief believes that he can come up with some better projected figure for discussion with a little more time.*
9. *To Councilman Maurer and Council Clerk from President of Council Sam Hitchcock, dated March 26, 2018. This says the following; Rob, please be advised that Councilman Ricklic has an excused absence for tonight's meeting.*
10. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day, dated March 26, 2018, this is the Mayor's Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- Plans being finalized for Construction of Boat Ramps on the Tuscarawas River: Last Tuesday Service Director McAbier and I met with Quicksall and Associates officials to finalize plans for the boat ramp construction at the city-owned canoe livery property on State Route 416 and at the former Riverview Welding property on South Broadway. The timeline has the bids being let in May and the start of construction in August. Buildings will be demolished at both sites to make way for parking lots and driveways to the boat ramps.
- The East High Avenue joins West High as an area of New Growth in New Philadelphia: The construction of a new gateway entrance into the KSU-Tusc campus on East High Avenue will spur new growth and business opportunities in that area of New Philadelphia. As Dean Brad Bielski indicated in a weekend story in the Times Reporter, university officials plan to make the gateway

road the main entrance into the campus area, reducing traffic on University Drive as the main road to and from Buckeye Career Center. The university's long range plan is to build residential housing along the gateway roadway, which Dean Bielski said should be under construction sometime this summer. Meanwhile on this Thursday, March 29th at 10am in the Council chamber the City will be hosting a meeting of the East High Avenue Corridor Committee. The committee is working to develop bike and walking trails in the area that would join a county-wide trail system. The KSU-Tusc campus, Buckeye Career Center, the Technology Park, Schoenbrunn Village and Harry Clever Field would all be included in the trail system. The committee was organized by County Commissioner Joe Sciaretti and County Parks coordinator Jane Clay to spur the recreational and economic benefits of attracting bikers and hikers to New Philadelphia and surrounding communities.

- Planning Commission Approves a New Residential Development in New Philadelphia: At its March 13th monthly meeting, the City Planning Commission approved Lawver Construction's development of 15 condominium units at the intersection of Carrie Avenue NW and 2nd Street NW. Local realtors have told me that there is a lack of available residential housing within the City's corporation limits. The Lawver units are to be upscale geared toward retirees and should be a good fit for the neighborhood.
- New Philadelphia Municipal Court Issues its 2017 Annual Report : The annual report released last week by Judge Nan DeGarmo Von Allman showed that the court's caseload continued to increase. Last year New Philadelphia Municipal Court heard 12,398 cases. To compare, Akron municipal court heard 9,732 cases and Canton 7,310 in 2017. The report said that receipts for the court in 2017 totaled over \$2.2 million dollars, nearly \$134,000.00 dollars more than the previous year. Of that, over \$1.1 million was remitted to the City of New Philadelphia, although that amount does not cover the entire cost of operating the court. The New Philadelphia Municipal Recovery Court was very effective in identifying criminals with addictions and guiding them into recovery programs. Last year 24 persons applied for inclusion in the program, 14 were accepted and 6 graduated. 15 persons remain enrolled in the recovery court program.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I want to give an update on the Headworks Project in the Wastewater Plant which is the mechanical bar screen we're installing. In the last month the knee wall has been removed down there. New steps and railings have also been installed. They have the flow channelized into the one bay now, so that is complete. The bar screen is supposed to be here this week. Pad has been poured down there for the hopper. We rerouted some electric and happy to say the electric that we did, there's been a change order, there was only \$1600 that came in, we got together and our guys ended up doing \$1600 on a reroute. It was just something low voltage. So, once we get the mechanical bar screen in if we remember that's going to take all the debris up the four floors put it in the hopper. They'll come in and remove all that which is what we were doing with walking down four floors in the elements. So, it seems like the project's on time. The biggest hang up was when we'd finally get the bar screen but I was told last week it should be here this week. So that project continues to move on. Real quick I want to talk about the South Broadway sign. The pole has been up, it got up today. The sign has come in from First Energy Sign out of Strasburg, and weather permitting we'd like to get that installed this week. Electric is all ran, so it will be lit up hopefully in the next two weeks.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

What sign was that you were talking about?

Mr. McAbier had the following comment:

The South Broadway parking lot sign beside the Mini Shop
Drive Thru.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE.....NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Council Chambers.
We're still working on the Agenda.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers. We had one variance request for 139 Front Ave. SW, non-compliance with 1165-106 B. After Lengthy discussion the variance was denied by a vote of 5-0.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL
The Airport Commission will meet April 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND
The Park Board met Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Park Place Teen Center. The primary discussion centered around Pickle Ball courts. We've talked about that previously. Susan Tete offered a great deal of information concerning Pickle Ball and the fact that it's great exercise, intergenerational benefits, multicultural. For those that aren't familiar it's a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong. A lot of social involvement in regard to this, and the U.S. Pickle Ball Association is very interested in what we're doing here in the community. The area beside the park's restrooms could hold up to perhaps three Pickle Ball courts and Vasco Sports has given an estimate of approximately \$50,000 for two to three courts. It was discussed about using two of the tennis courts during off season for the use of Pickle Ball. There was a lack of a quorum so the Park Board did not move any further on this matter.

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....EXCUSED ABSENCE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

The Zoning and Annexation Committee met tonight at 7:00 PM to discuss Resolution 8-2018: The Annexation of certain land located in Goshen Township that the City owns. That was approved and put on the Agenda tonight.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met this evening at 6:30 PM to discuss proposed legislation regarding the SAFER Grant. After a short discussion we decided that that Special and Contact wasn't an appropriate Committee for this to be assigned to so I asked Pro Tem Council President and the Committee agreed to reassign it to Safety, Health, and Service.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY

Mrs. May had the following report:

The Parks and Cemetery Committee met this evening at 6:00 PM regarding Resolution 9-2018 which is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a loan agreement for obtaining additional real estate for the cemetery which is location on Delaware Dr. That will go 3 Readings and then the Mayor can arrange the agreement. We adjourned at 6:23 PM.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

First let me say it's nice to be vertical. I certainly want to thank everyone for cards and notes and calls and prayers. Glad to be out of the hospital and active again. A little over two years ago Council decided to create an Agenda item titled Council Comments. It was an opportunity to open the floor to any topic that any Councilmember wanted to discuss. Whether it pertained directly to the City or an entity or organization and I think it has served its purpose. It's an opportunity for us to express views in a very free format. However, through this two year period we've learned, the Law Director has pointed out several times that there's not an area for public officials to comment about whatever topic they might want to comment about. I was going to suggest to Council that we change the title, rather than "Council Comments" to make that "Public Officials Comments", which would cover all of the elected officials, and cover Mr. McAbier since he's an appointed official. An item for consideration.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

- 4-2018 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY SECTION 509.03 "DISORDERLY CONDUCT; INTOXICATION", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TO INCLUDE A MANDATORY \$50.00 FEE ISSUED ON ALL SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER THE SECTION.
1st Reading
- 5-2018 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE CHAPTER 1339 WIND ENERGY FACILITIES.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

- 8-2018 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP.
1st Reading

9-2018

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL REAL ESTATE FOR THE EXISTING EAST HIGH AVE. CEMETERY.

1st Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all the members Council, Administration , and members of the media here tonight a very blessed Easter.

Mr. Zucal motioned to adjourn at 7:52 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock