

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 25, 2016 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

EXCUSED ABSENSES:

MR. ROB MAURER
MR. GREG POPHAM
MS. BETH GUNDY

- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 20-2016
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 20-2016 IS ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 23-2016
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 23-2016 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 21-2016
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
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**President of Council Sam Hitchcock advised that those Resolutions will be placed in numerical sequence during this evening's reading of the Legislation.*

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
THE AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
- MR. HOLLAND ADVISED OF A TYPO IN THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2016 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL. ON PAGE 7 OF THE MINUTES UNDER THE SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE. THE WORD "TOLD" WAS MISSPELLED.
- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016 AS CORRECTED
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Law Director of the City of New Philadelphia Marvin Fete from Project Manager of Municipal Services Tony Danzo, dated April 12, 2016. The Subject: Resolution Draft for PY 2016 CHIP Grant Application.*
2. *To Clerk of New Philadelphia City Council Julie Courtright, Mayor*

- Joel Day, Council, and Administration, from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated April 13, 2016. Investment and Savings Program for March of 2016.*
3. *To Clerk, Council, and Administration from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated April 13, 2016. Deposits in the General Account for March of 2016.*
 4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated April 20, 2016. Subject: Cost of Tentative Police and Fire Contracts.*
 5. *To Mayor Joel Day, Service Director Ron McAbier, Law Director Marvin Fete, Council Clerk Julie Courtright, Safety Director Greg Popham, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Mary Ann Otte from Fire Chief Jim Parrish, dated April 21, 2016. Subject: Pre-bid and Bid Due Date Meetings.*
 6. *To Clerk of New Philadelphia City Council Julie Courtright from Doug Wills, Store Manager of Buehler's New Philadelphia Location, dated April 21, 2016. Mr. Wills contacted Ms. Courtright by phone inquiring about tonight's Special and Contact Committee Meeting concerning Buehler's Liquor License Transfer. Ms. Courtright sent Mr. Wills a meeting notice via email.*
 7. *To Clerk of New Philadelphia City Council Julie Courtright from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control dated April 4, 2016. This is a notice of legislative authority agency application for Buehler's Food Market Inc. "Please complete and return this form to the Division of Liquor Control whether or not there's a request for a hearing by May 5, 2016."*
 8. *To Clerk of New Philadelphia City Council Julie Courtright from Erin Begue, Funding Administrator for W.E. Quicksall and Associates dated April 20, 2016. A request for Public Hearing Number 2 on May 23rd and a copy of a Resolution Draft for the PY 2016 CHIP Grant Application.*
 9. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day dated April 25, 2016. The Mayor's Report.*
 10. *To Council, Mayor and Administration from Becky Hall, Owner and President of Hall Community Development dated April 25, 2016. The Project Year 2016 CHIP Program Public Hearing Agenda for April 25, 2016.*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

The Mayor reported the following:

➤ ***Interest Based Bargaining with the New Philadelphia FOP and AFSCME***

After six hours of interest based bargaining on Tuesday, April 5th, the administration's bargaining team reached a tentative contract agreement with the New Philadelphia FOP bargaining unit. That tentative agreement was ratified by the membership on Tuesday April 12th. President Hitchcock I would like to present the tentative agreement to council during an executive session this evening. Also a tentative contract agreement has been reached with the AFSCME Clerical unit. And negotiations with the AFSCME Service unit will begin on Thursday.

MR. ZUCAL MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

COUNCIL WILL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING
THE READING OF LEGISLATION AT TONIGHT'S COUNCIL
MEETING ON THE MAYOR'S REQUEST

➤ ***Addressing the Feral Cat Problem in the Neighborhood of Carrie Avenue and 2nd Street NW***

My office has learned that a feral cat problem has developed in the neighborhood of Carrie Avenue and 2nd Street NW. Residents there have told us the problem has been ongoing for well over a year. The source of the nuisance is the horse barn and pasture located at the intersection of those streets. I contacted the property owner, who informed me that people have been dropping off unwanted cats inside the fence line. The neighbors have complained about the noise of frequent nighttime cat fights and the smell of cat urine on their porches and decks. To humanely deal with this situation, we will be hiring a professional nuisance wildlife control operator, who will be trapping the feral cats from Monday May 2nd to Friday May 20th. The cost will be \$15 per day

service charge and \$20 per trapped animal, paid out of the City Hall professional services line item. The residents of the neighborhood will be receiving a letter from the Mayor's office instructing them to keep their pet cats inside or on a leash to avoid having it accidentally trapped. Pet cats which are accidentally trapped will be taken to the Tuscarawas County Humane Society, where they can be released to their owners. The owner of the horse barn property has agreed to pay half of the cost of this project.

➤ **Approval of the Health Department's Retail Food Establishment Program**

After a comprehensive examination and survey, the Ohio Department of Agriculture recently approved the city health department to conduct and administer its Retail Food Establishment program. Food storage and preparation safety and inspections are included in the RFE program. It's important to know that local food establishments are being serviced by the New Philadelphia Health Department.

➤ **The Gundy Day Celebration at Tuscora Park**

I would like to thank the Tuscora Park supervisors and staff for their work in getting the rain-soaked ballfields and stadium ready for Saturday's Gundy Day events. Their efforts drew praise from all the schools participating in the day long events.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

- The Sidewalk Replacement Program is up and going. Everybody will be able to come up and get the review packets and they must be in by June 1st.
- The water and sewer rate increases need to be placed in the correct committee.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock assigned the water and sewer rate increases to the Safety Committee. President Hitchcock will contact Committee Chairman Rob Maurer, who is absent this evening.*

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORGREG POPHAMEXCUSED ABSENSE

TREASURER MR. TOM GERBER

Mr. Gerber had the following report:

- Our yearly audit conducted by Rea and Associates is still ongoing. It's winding down. I don't see any problems whatsoever.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete made the following statement:

- Council should have all received in their packets the information requested previously when we discussed grievances that had been settled as well as the outstanding court case. If anyone wished to discuss the information please feel free to contact me. In addition to that I have a meeting with Tom Farbizo. I'm in the process of drafting a letter for the Auditor's benefit to supersede the requirements that are being asked to put in a window on our own property. We don't need to jump through all the hoops that the Auditor thinks we need to go through. There was set legislation and a contract. I'm putting an opinion letter together for that so that we can have this done. The City of New Philadelphia doesn't actually put the windows in. That's all done by the Quaker Digital Academy Foundation and that's per contract and that's per the Ordinance that was passed on that. In addition to that the issue with regards to the airport restaurant is ongoing. I'm working with an attorney on this. I don't have anything new to report at this time. I anticipate that I will have some research and an opinion available. I will be asking for an Executive Session the next meeting as well as hopefully some settlement proposals to review with Council at that time. At this time those

things are not ready. I'm working with the attorney representing Mr. Schwartz on that. He asked me if he needed to be here tonight and I told him I was not going to be asking for an Executive Session on that matter but I would anticipate him being here at the next one and I will give you my opinion at that time during Executive Session, as well as provide you with my research. Executive Session will be proper at that time because they threatened litigation and that is an issue for Executive Session.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting on May 10th at 1:00pm right here in Council Chambers. The agenda is still being developed.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on April 12th at 5:00pm here in Council Chambers. There were two approvals of a front setback variance on a porch for Mr. Michael DeMonte at 483 Allen Avenue SW. A second variance was okayed for signage on McDonald's. They're over the square inch, square foot. That was approved. The next meeting will be May 10th at 5:00pm here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission met on April 12th, 2016 at the Airport Meeting Room. You do have one piece of evidence from that meeting. It is Resolution 23-2016 which does authorize the City of New Philadelphia to enter into an agreement with Michael Baker our Airport Consultant for participation in the matching grant program. I do remind members of Council that that has been added to tonight's agenda. We would recommend passage on 1st Reading.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

The Park Board met on April 20th at the Tuscora Park Office. It was a very productive meeting. We had representatives from Legat Kingscott out of the Dublin, Ohio area. They are recognized recreational planners and architects. Among other projects they designed the Performing Arts Center at Kent State University Tuscarawas. So, they come highly recommended. Their work is to develop a master plan for the Southside Community Park. The officials who are represented there from a number of the user groups as well as City Officials spent a great deal of time looking at some of the needs, some of the wish list items, some of the challenges, kind of your typical swot analysis. The representatives will

(cont.) now go out and gather information and set up a series of stakeholder meetings. So, some folks in this room may be contacted to become a part of stakeholder meetings to talk about Southside Community Park, which is pretty exciting. We've had that property for a couple of decades and now we can plan for the future for its use and to show you that there's interest across the board. The City is not the only financial backer putting together that plan. In addition you've got New Philadelphia City Schools which have been a part of that, and the New Philadelphia Soccer Association, which after coming to one meeting they called up and pledged \$7,500 toward The total cost. There is a great deal of interest in that piece of property in helping it develop over the years. Next meeting of the City Park Board is May 18th at Noon at Tuscora Park Pavilion.

HEALTH BOARD..... MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Health Board met on Wednesday, April 13th and as I previously recorded that a representative from The Ohio Department of Agriculture was there for three days to conduct a Retail Food Establishment Survey. The survey is designed to evaluate the Health Districts using all the same standards. The standards are divided into administration requirements of the rules as applied to the inspection of retail food establishment facilities and performance standards, which are required every three years. The Mayor recently received a letter that the New Philadelphia City Health Department is complying and is classified as approved.

Last week there was a series in the Times Reporter regarding the heroin epidemic. If you didn't get a chance to read it you should go back through the archives and read it, a great series of articles. It was very informative and shed a lot of light on the terrible drug problem that we have. I know I talk about this every time I have a report, but the Health Department gave 76 Vivitrol injections during 2015. As of March this year (2016) they've already given 72 injections, so that gives you an idea of how bad it really is. I think the Health Department is doing an outstanding job with their efforts. The next meeting will be

May 18th at Noon at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following report:

The Finance Committee met this evening in Council Chambers with one item on the agenda, Resolution 20-2016. This is the enabling legislation permitting the City to apply for the annual CHIP Funding Program and to partner with the City of Uhrichsville for the same thing. I think that most of us in the room who have dealt with the CHIP Program over the years understand the millions of dollars that the City has received through this valuable federal program that allows property owners to rehabilitate and fix some sometimes very necessary repairs on their homes. Our Committee recommends this evening that we suspend the rules and pass Resolution 20-2016 in order to meet the upcoming deadlines.

SALARY COMMITTEEMr. John Zucal

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

We have added Resolution 21-2016 to tonight's agenda. That allows us to continue to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Funding allowing the mayor to be the signature designee for the application process. We will be requesting suspension of the rules and passage on First Reading of the CDBG legislation, Resolution 21-2016.

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

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

No formal report but I would like to announce that on May 9, 2016 we are going to have a Committee meeting to approve the plat for Kent Cove Phase 2. I hope 7:00 o'clock is open.

Clerk of Council Julie Courtright had the following reply to Mrs. Ramos:

I'll let you know.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met tonight in Council Chambers at 6:45. The first issue discussed was the legislation to allow the airport consultant, The Michael Baker Jr. Company, to apply for State and local funding. Resolution 23-2016 reflects that. The Committee made a motion to suspend the rules and to pass on First Reading to allow the City to get those State and Federal funds to do the resurfacing at the airport. That motion was passed 3-0. The second issue at hand that came before the Committee was the transfer of the State Liquor Permit from the MiniShop Drive Thru to Buehler's. After discussion with General Manager of Buehler's New Philadelphia Location Doug Wills, who was present at the meeting, the motion was made to have that paperwork sent along to the State for approval.

Mr. Ricklic to President of Council Sam Hitchcock:

I will ask you to now have role call to allow Clerk of Council Julie Courtright to prepare those papers so that transfer can be done.

Mr. Ricklic continues:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.

ROLL CALL

6 YEAS
THE LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER IS APPROVED

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY....

Mrs. May had the following report:

The Cemetery Board met on Thursday, April 14th. At the last Board Meeting in March it was proposed that we combine the two cemetery funds and shop for the best returns. Since that time Mr. Gerber had gathered some information regarding the current rates and different funds. So I took that to the Board and they are reviewing it and further discussion will take place at the next meeting. Mr. Herron reported that he would look into the reason why the fees were stopped in 2005. Mr. Fete is also looking into that as well. As soon as I get more information I can report back. Mr. Herron also reported that he was looking into an updated software system. He should be receiving some quotes back in the next few weeks. There was also more discussion about potential land for the cemetery. The Mayor is working on those different avenues. The next meeting is May 12th at 9am.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

4-2016 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY CHAPTER 121.01 RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COUNCIL
3rd READING

MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 4-2016
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 4-2016 IS PASSED

RESOLUTIONS:

17-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PAT COOPER BY THE MAYOR TO THE INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.
2ND READING

18-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CRAIG BARNETT BY THE MAYOR TO THE INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.
2nd READING

19-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN WARRENE BY THE MAYOR TO THE INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.
2nd READING

20-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF A REQUEST FOR PY 2016 FUNDING TO THE OHIO OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.
1ST READING

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 20-2016
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS
RULES ARE SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 20-2016

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 20-2016
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 20-2016 IS PASSED

21-2016

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE SAID CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO ACT AS THE SIGNATURE DESIGNEE AND TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE 1 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (PL 93-383) TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.
1ST READING

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 21-2016
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RULES ARE SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 21-2016

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 21-2016
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 21-2016 IS PASSED

22-2016

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE RATE INCREASE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDER YEAR 2016.

23-2016

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO ODOT FOR THE OHIO AIRPORT MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.
1ST READING

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 23-2016
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RULES ARE SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 23-2016

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 23-2016
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 23-2016 IS PASSED

*President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock announced that there would be a 10 minute recess at 8:03. Following the break Council will go back on the record before going into Executive Session.

COUNCIL WENT BACK ON THE RECORD AT 8:13 BEFORE GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:13 PM.

AT 8:35 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zucal made the following statement:

I would like to laud Councilman Lautenschleger for his work with the Park Board. That master plan has been a long time coming and honestly, to take that step is a big one for the City and I encourage Council to use the Master Planning for any of those things that we take on, whether it's work in our Downtown, work in our parks, whatever it might be. To have that master plan, have community engagement and stakeholder opportunities this year I think are critical. So, again Darrin, nice job in getting that in this point in time. I know it's not been easy. I know the New Philadelphia City Schools are very eager to participate in that master planning process and to be a partner with that. That's good news for us.

Mr. Ricklic had the following question for Mr. Lautenschleger:

Is there a timeframe they're looking at to try and get something back.

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following response:

The next few months they're going to certainly develop the stakeholder process.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I attend the Park Board meetings as an informational thing. I'm very interested in that area. I want to encourage the Park Board, when we have an opportunity to look forward. There have been a number of comments by members of the Park Board that appear to me to be only addressing certain circumstances of today. I think we need to certainly encourage them to look into tomorrow. If any new business or industry were to come to town or any additional employees and families and so forth. I was not left with the impression the other day, at their last meeting, that they were really looking to the future.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following response:

I agree with you 100 percent, Mr. Holland. You and I have even discussed that situation. I don't think anybody would argue that we have a real jewel, having that park system in our community. Just about a week ago I was invited by the Tuscarawas County Library System to do a presentation along with Carey Gardner, the President of RTY, and Rich Geib, the former President of RTY. We did a historical presentation at the Park Place Teen Center, specifically. It was about an hour long. I started off with

(cont.) the history of Tuscora Park, then we went into the Rotary's involvement and RTY. In 1985 I'm sure you know RTY created a not-for-profit company to circumvent an insurance problem that the park faced at the time. After that problem went away RTY has expanded and is now the management organization of all the amusements in the park. I think that the park has really come a long way and it is continuing to move forward with people like Darrin Lautenschleger involved and I think we've got a great Park Board right now. The City and the Park Board, I think, need to be looking forward to something that should have been done a long, long time ago. We've got a park with no place to park. We don't have near enough parking and there are properties around that at some point in time we need to start looking to do what the school has done. The school has been buying up adjacent properties and making parking lots out of them. We need to do that as something as we start looking forward, long range, to get parking for the park. There are I think four houses right along Tuscora Avenue and most of them are rentals. They go up for sale periodically. We need to get in the position of where we can purchase these properties, then we'd be expanding the parking situation around the park.

Mr. Zucal had the following response:

That stakeholder engagement and community piece where people get to speak about those things, that's typically the opportunity where that future planning can be addressed.

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following response:

Keep in mind the master plan process will focus on Southside Community Park. I will pass the comments back to Mr. Kemp and Mayor Day is hearing them now. We'll make sure that the group is aware of those going forward.

Mr. Hitchcock had the following response:

The New Philadelphia Rotarians and the RTY have been very positive on their vision for the park and have been continuing to be involved in things. One of the things that I passed out details on, Rotarians in 1995 conducted an experiment of entertainment, in an amphitheater shell that at the time had been long dormant and sat there like an old monument. They obtained some grant funding to renovate that amphitheater. I was blessed to have been asked to put together a concert series. It's very difficult for me to believe that this is the 19th year of that series. This is the first time in 19 years that I've had the opportunity to put 5 new acts in the. One that you'll definitely want to see is "The McCartney Project" sponsored by our Law Director Marvin Fete. It's going to be a great show. All the shows are good. The ones that we kept are popular because they were good. So if you get a chance come out and spend an evening at Tuscora Park and see the free concert series.

Mr. Holland made the following statement:

Being a new Councilmember there is a learning curve which I find to be quite interesting. I'm certainly very glad to be a part of that learning process. Whether you're right doesn't mean anything unless it's accepted by your colleagues. With that in mind I would like to restate my request for a briefing by our police and fire and security forces concerning those items that directly relate to active shooters, terrorism, and terroristic threats. This is a real situation and it seems as though that in many of these instances across the country it's happened in very small communities and I would like to know that we're prepared. I think this body would like to know we're prepared and equipped to handle active shooter and terroristic events. I would like to ask for an Executive Session under The Ohio Open Meetings Act. It's clearly stated that details of security arrangements and emergency response protocol that apply to disclosure related to security surrounding public events, public buildings, and protocols for responses to human caused natural disasters if it would endanger the lives of Public Officials, employees or the public at large. Clearly, to an open setting to release this kind of information would put our police and firefighters in harm's way. I would like to ask for an Executive Session and put that in the form of a motion.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock had the following response:

Mr. Holland, as we talked before, I suggested you maybe talk to the Chief of Police, maybe the sheriff, and Safety Director Popham who isn't here tonight. Just kind of figure out what it is that you're going to bring into the session. You definitely are right on the rules. That would be rule number 6 of the seven exceptions for Executive Session. If you have all that stuff together for the next meeting, the first meeting in May. You can request an Executive Session on that particular item and then we can do it. Will you be prepared at that May 9th meeting?

Mr. Zucal had the following question for President Hitchcock?

Are we already going to have an Executive Session that night for issues relating to contract negotiations?

President of Council Hitchcock had the following response:

Yes.

Mr. Zucal made the following statement:

Mr. Holland, I do not object to what you're asking. I think that information is always good. My hope would be that we would be able to dedicate an ample amount of time to that.

Mrs. Ramos made the following statement:

Another possibility might be, every community has emergency plans in place. Years ago, even before 9/11 I attended some of those meetings where they talked about terrorism, active shooters, first and secondary targets, but there's supposed to be a plan in place that should be public information. Maybe

during that part the Safety Director can brief everybody here on what that plan is.

President of Council Hitchcock made the following statement:

I think some research would need to be done before we put it into Executive Session.

Mrs. Ramos made the following statement:

That plan should be public information anyway.

President of Council Hitchcock to Mr. Holland:

You need to talk to the people in emergency planning, maybe the sheriff. Touch base and see what they would recommend. Mr. Holland are you just referring to emergency response for these Council meetings?

Mr. Holland to President Hitchcock:

Any site that might be an active shooter circumstance. They have a responsive protocol and I'd like to know what that protocol is. I'd like to know if, in fact, they are equipped to handle an active shooter.

President of Council Hitchcock to Mr. Holland:

Have you talked to the Police Chief?

Mr. Holland had the following response:

I have not.

President of Council Hitchcock to Mr. Holland:

That might be the first step. Maybe there's something in place already.

Mr. Holland to President of Council Hitchcock.

Well, I'm confident that there is. I want to know what that is. I think this body needs to know what that is.

Mr. Lautenschleger made the following statement:

I think there may be two pieces here. One, you can have that introduced to us by the Safety Director and the appropriate chiefs to assure the public that they have the proper procedures, that they cooperate with the proper Federal, State and other regional and local officials. The second part would be to go into an Executive Session and dig into the details.

Mr. Holland to Mr. Lautenschleger:

I would agree with you.

Mr. Lautenschleger made the following statement:

It's our duty as Council to represent the public and show that we've been interested as originally presented by Mr. Holland. I want to make sure that the public at large knows that there is protocol in place.

Mr. Zucal made the following statement:

I don't think we'd be reinventing the wheel because again I know Councilmember Ricklic was in attendance with myself at the Safe School Summit. When you talk about active shooters you're not just talking about an active shooter at a school. Talking To Orvis Campbell at the Sheriff's Department, he's done a lot of great work with that. I think we have many of the protocols and procedures in place. So, Mr. Hitchcock, I don't think we're looking at anything that would be asking our people to do anything that they wouldn't have already done. I understand what Mr. Holland's saying. It's there, he'd just like that information to be shared. I think Mr. Lautenschleger's captured how we could possibly go about doing that.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:51 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock