

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 12, 2023 WITH PRESIDENT KEMP 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
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENCES: MR. MITCH PACE

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 10-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 10-2023 BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S
AGENDA

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

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22,2023
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS (MR. RICKLIC ABSTAINED)
MINUTES FROM THE MAY 22, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Gerber, dated May 30, 2023. This is the City of New Philadelphia Investment and Savings Report.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Jami Bailey, dated May 31, 2023. This is the Mayor’s Month-end Report.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Administrative Assistant to the Auditor Heather Denham, dated June 2, 2023. This is an email with the attachments: The Statement of Cash Position with MTD Totals, and the Expense Report with Encumbrance Details for May of 2023.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 7, 2023. This is a forwarded email titled “Zoning Revisions Update and Work Session With Wendy Moehler of Compass Point Planning”.*
5. *To Councilman Ricklic from President Kemp, dated June 7, 2023. This is a forwarded email from Auditor Gundy titled Supplemental Appropriations. President Kemp asked Mr. Ricklic to take this issue into his Committee.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated June 8, 2023. This is an email titled “New Traffic Box Wraps”. This email was replied to by Councilwoman Ramos.*
7. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated June 9, 2023. This is an email titled “Omni Fiber Presentation at Monday’s City Council Meeting.*

8. *To Council and Administration from Jonalee Fernatt with the Service Director's Office, dated June 12, 2023. This is an email titled "Dominion Pipeline Replacement"*

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

Traffic Box Art Expands From the Downtown Area

Eight more traffic boxes in the City will be decorated with designs created by high school art students in Tuscarawas County. The art project is expanding to include traffic boxes at North Broadway and Donahey Avenue NE, Beaver Avenue and Fair Avenue NE, Market Square at East High and 4th Street SE, Ray Avenue and 2nd Street NW, Ray Avenue and 3rd Street NW, Ray Avenue and 4th Street NW by the high school, South Broadway and Mill Avenue SW and at Franklin Square at West High and 4th Street NW. The Downtown Design Standards Board of Review selected the designs from a dozen student entries. The traffic box wrap project has been a great way to showcase the talented young artists in our county. The artists have been invited to City Council's June 26th meeting to receive special recognition from the City and the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership.

Steering Committee to Meet to Continue Its Work on an Economic Strategy

Tomorrow (Tuesday) the steering committee working to develop an economic strategy for the downtown area will reconvene to review the results of its public survey and recent mind mapping, or brainstorming, session. Aegis 360, a marketing firm from Akron, is assisting the committee in creating the strategy and a new organization to implement it. The end goal is to build a public-private partnership that will direct and sustain economic growth in the City, particularly in the center of town.

A New Music System for Downtown New Philadelphia

The City is using some of the funds appropriated into the downtown improvements budget to purchase a new music and sound system for the downtown quadrants. Some of the original equipment has reached its end life and is no longer compatible with new audio technology. Hitchcock Sound has been contracted to design and install the new system, which we hope will be up and running in time for the First Town Days Festival's Grand Parade on June 30th.

Viewing Area Shelter is Under Construction at the Tuscora Park Pickleball Courts

If you've been wondering what is being built beside the pickleball courts at Tuscora Park, it's an enclosed viewing area and storage facility. There will be three tiers of seating in the viewing area. I want to thank the O'Donnell Foundation for its funding of the project and its continued effort to promote the sport of pickleball in New Philadelphia.

Commending Sanitation Department Employees for Helping a Former Mayor

Now I would like to call Kyle Doran, Ray Morrow and Brody Barbee to the podium so I can present them with Letters of Commendation. Our Sanitation Department workers are among the most visible City employees to the public. They have one of our toughest jobs: it's physically demanding and must be done in all sorts of weather. These men have earned special recognition because they exemplify what it means to be a public servant. Their Letters of Commendation read, in part:

On Friday, May 19th, 2023, Kyle Doran, Ray Morrow, and Brody Barbee were working their sanitation route when they noticed that a resident on 3rd Street SW was having some difficulty in getting a sizeable amount of yard waste to the curb in time for the truck. They proceeded to stop the truck and all three employees helped the gentleman, who happened to be former mayor Greg Erb, carry the remainder of the trash and load it onto the truck. When he thanked them for their help, Mr. Erb was told, "We don't mind because you matter."

All three of these employees went above and beyond the normal call of duty and their actions were a true example of what it means to serve New Philadelphia's residents with kindness and compassion.

Omni Fiber Presentation

President Kemp, I would like to yield the remainder of my time to Bryant McAfee, the Director of Business Development for Omni Fiber. The company has begun a construction project to bring another choice for broadband Internet service to New Philadelphia.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I want to point out to you that if you're seeking office space or warehousing space, we have a large mall with a lot of space in it.

Mayor Day commented that he asked Mr. McAfee to come and speak to Council so everyone is aware that this is going to be taking place over the next several months.

SERVICE DIRECTOR..... Service Director Ron McAbier:

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I want to start with a Glen Drive update. We have been waiting on the pre-cast manholes. They showed up today. I spoke with an engineer today and they will be there if the weather is good, and still follow the same timeline that had, from early August. I will update you in two weeks. Also, we were on Rt. 250 again on June 5th we did receive a bid from Tucson Inc. in the amount of \$202,743.00, which is roughly 6 percent above the engineer's estimate of \$289,293.00. We'll have a Board of Control Meeting on Wednesday, award to those folks and once they have a schedule for the Rt. 250 Project I will make sure everyone knows it. Also, the paperwork that Jonalee had sent out to everybody, I want to go over that a little bit. If you look at it, we have two big ones going on and they both started today. If you look at Project 2851, you've got Front St. SW to Front St. SE from 5th to 4th St. SE. I think the big thing to take away there is for the first gas line project their doing, if you look at the end with 103 move-outs on that project. They're getting them out of the home and getting them outside. I'm just putting that out there because if you get calls asking if you are supposed to let them in because they're moving it. Yes you are.

Mr. Lanzer had the following question:

A lot of these are in my ward, so as we get the projects done, should I contact them directly myself?

Mr. McAbier:

Yes, but if you have an issue get with me. If you look at the schedule the final stuff is in November, maybe some maintenance work in Spring of 2024.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

Will the gentlemen working in the residence be identified with a photo ID?

Mr. McAbier:

Yes, and they've got a name that they go under, some of them will be Dominion workers.

Mrs. Gundy had the following question:

What is the move-out you're talking about?

Mr. McAbier:

The meters inside their home are being moved to the outside.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

Just to follow up in the Police Department with the Civil Service Exam and the final results. Officer Wayne Clark was promoted from Officer up to Sergeant, and Sergeant Dave Morris was promoted to Captain, and Captain Pohovey will become New Phila's first female chief. The swearing-in is the 5th of July, and actually takes effect on June 28th when Chief Goodwin retires.

TREASURER . . . MR. TOM GERBER

Mr. Gerber had the following comment:

I just want to let Council know that each month I submit a report to the Clerk of Council, the Investment and Savings Report. If anyone wants an individual report I can supply you with that.

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I strongly back what Josh and Captain Sholtz are doing. This has been something that we worked on a for a very long time. I didn't copy from any one place when I did the legislation. I looked at many places around the State and looked at what they were doing, and I feel like this is a good fit for our community. In addition to that, a large part of my time last week was doing some legal opinions of work for the Civil Service Commission for the City of New Philadelphia.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet in Council Chambers tomorrow at 1:00pm.

The members will be reviewing the two presentations of Wendy Moehler that were made regarding Our zoning and planning code.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet here in Council Chambers tomorrow evening at 5:00pm With two varience requests to be heard.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER

The Airport Commission will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

CEMETERY BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND
The Health Board will meet Wednesday, June 14 at Noon in Council Chambers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Finance Committee met this evening at 6:45PM with one item on the Agenda, Proposed Ordinance 10-2023, the adjustment to the Permanent Appropriation. With a little bit of discussion the Committee voted to add it to the Agenda tonight and pass it as an emergency, as recommended by the Auditor. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE...MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening at 7:00 PM and we had a couple items we were discussing. Those items were Proposed Resolution 8-2023 and Proposed Resolution 9-2023, which had to do with rental registration and registration of vacant buildings. We had a nice discussion, and we're going to have another meeting on that at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 6:30.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

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

SALARY COMMITTEE.....NO REPORT.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE.....MR. STEVE RIPPETH.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS

Lori Golec Judy of 1104 Goshen Ave. SE had the following comment:

I know most of you but many of you don’t know that my father audited all of Northeast Ohio’s schools and County and City offices, Jim Dusenberry, who was a State Auditor. I just retired last May from New Philadelphia City Schools. I would like to give a shout-out to Mr. Holland with the Health Department, fabulous operation. I got my Covid shot and they do a great job. The reason I’m here is I recently lost a brother who lived at 586 Easy St. SE, New Philadelphia. The Water Department, Gas, Electric, New Phila Police all know he’s dead. I had a dead mower, and Josh put the paper on the front of the door that I was four days late. The City ripped out brand new landscaping. I’m hear to speak about Ron McAbier, who was kind when I spoke to him. He said “Lori, what can I do for you?” Which I said not only did you rip out brand new landscaping, you sliced the hose, which the Water Department has chosen to turn off, and took out all of his pillars on his back deck. I spent thousands of dollars to help many local charitable agencies.

COUNCIL COMMENTSNONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

10-2023 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AMENDING AND ADJUSTING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2023.
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 10-2023

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

RULES ARE SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 10-2023

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 10-2023

MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS

ORDINANCE 10-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

I just want to mention the Pickleball, that is fantastic. I bought Pickleball rackets and took my kids to the new courts. If you go down there at night that place has 35-40 kids. It's a great thing for the City.

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp