

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON AUGUST 8, 2022 WITH PRESIDENT 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
MR. MITCH PACE
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

EXCUSED ABSENSES

NONE

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 15-2022 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
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- MRS. SELDENRIGHT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 25, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS 1 ABSTAINED (MRS. MAY)
MINUTES FROM THE JULY 25, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated August 1, 2022. This is the City of New Philadelphia July 2022 Deposits to the General Account.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Jami Bailey, dated August 1, 2022. This is the Mayor’s Month End Report for July 2022.*
3. *To President Kemp from Auditor Gundy, dated August 4, 2022. This is a request for the Appropriations Ordinance to be placed in a Committee. President Kemp asked Councilman Ricklic to take this into his Committee.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator for the City Vickie Daniels, dated August 4, 2022. This is the July 2022 Income Tax Report.*
5. *To Council and Administration from the Auditor’s Office, dated August 4, 2022. This is the Expense Report with Encumbrance Details and the Statement of Cash Position from Revenue and Expense for July of 2022.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated August 8, 2022. This is an email titled “Funding Breakdown for the Pickleball Courts”.*
7. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated August 8, 2022. The Mayor’s Report*

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- Construction of New Pickleball Courts is Underway: At noon today (Monday), a ground-breaking ceremony was held at Tuscora Park to mark the beginning of pickleball court construction. Four courts will be built on Al Maloney Way, just north of the tennis courts. The \$220,000.00 project will take a month to six weeks to complete. It's being funded by private donations and \$30,000.00 from the City Parks Department budget.
- Meeting with Church Representatives to Discuss Security Plans: Tomorrow (Tuesday) members of the City's safety forces will meet with local church representatives to discuss security and become familiar with any plans that churches may have to respond to active shooter and related emergencies. This meeting continues our initiative to create a community-wide response plan.
- Using Opioid Settlement Money to Fund Another School Resource Officer: The City will be using the \$6,600.00 monthly payments from Ohio's opioid settlement to help fund a second school resource officer for New Philadelphia City Schools. The leaders of New Philadelphia's safety forces, Health Commissioner Ionno and Law Director Fete all agreed that would be the best use of the money. And NP Schools Superintendent Amy Wentworth also agreed at a meeting we had with her last Friday. Together we will now seek additional funding for the position and begin the process of selecting and training a member of our current police force to assume school resource officer duties.
- Designs for Downtown Traffic Box Wraps are Approved: At its monthly meeting last Thursday, the City's Downtown Design Standards Board of Review approved traffic box wrap designs submitted by high school art students in Tuscarawas County. Board members came up with the idea of using the traffic boxes as canvases where the art students could express their talents. The wraps will be installed over the next month.
- Proclaiming This Wednesday "Congressman Bob Gibbs Appreciation Day": I will issue a proclamation on Wednesday declaring August 10th as "Congressman Bob Gibbs Appreciation Day" in New Philadelphia. On that day, the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce will host a luncheon honoring the retiring Congressman, who has served our City and our County well. Congressman Gibbs will be ending a career in public service that began in the Ohio House of Representatives in 2003.
- Contract Negotiations with Firefighters Going to Fact-Finding: The City Administration and Firefighters Local 1501 have reached an impasse over financial issues in our negotiations on a new three-year contract. So, following Ohio's collective bargaining process, both sides will present their arguments to a factfinder on Tuesday, August 16th. With the information, the factfinder will attempt to resolve the impasse.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Last Thursday, Aug. 4 we opened bids for the Park Lane Improvement Project. I'm happy to report we did get four bids. I will get back with everyone and let you know who we picked and the price. We have to go through everything and make sure there's 1800 foot of pipe that they allow for. Right now it's about 2% under the Engineer's quote. Also, on 2nd Street NW the 2022 CDBG Project is starting to get underway. The Contractor has come in and cut the road for the new curbs along 2nd Street NW to Poplar up to Minnich and then we're going over again from 2nd Street NE to North Avenue to Minnich. Also, from the last meeting. It was July 25, 2021 we opened Shoenbrunn Meadows Cemetery. I just wanted to give a quick report on in that year what has happened down there. We've had 125 lot sales in that year and 22 niche sales roughly accumulating to about \$106,000.00 in revenue.

President Kemp had the following question:
Any updates on Howden Buffalo?

Mr. McAbier:
Right now there are about 3 or 4 RFPs that are out but they want to wait for the 4th Quarter.

Mr. Kemp:
How about the city property on Bluebell Dr.

Mr. McAbier:
Right now the officials from Raising Canes are working with the realtor. In the coming weeks I will have some information to share. We're close to a new business at the old adult bookstore on West High.

Mr. Ricklic asked about 2nd Street by Geib's. Mr. McAbier said they're still waiting on the manholes to come.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

Last Friday in the Police Department Captain Joe Skinner retired. As a result of that today the Mayor swore in Don Woods as Captain, Mitch Goble as Sergeant, and to fill the vacancy Melissa Snyder was hired.

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 here in Council Chambers tomorrow at 1:00 PM. On our Agenda we'll discuss the rezoning of a parcel on East High Avenue to business so that the Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners can build the new Board of Elections building there. We'll also look Over the RFPs we received for a zoning study.

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

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

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

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

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE

The track is near completion and the lines will be done within the next two weeks. A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held today for the new Pickleball Courts. That project will take about two months to Complete. The next Park Board Meeting will be held August 17, 2022 at noon.

CEMETERY BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....No Report
Mr. Holland had the following comment:
The Health Board will be meeting Wednesday, August 10 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 6:15 PM to discuss some additions to the Permanent Appropriations. After a little bit of discussion and some explanations as to the reasonings of the increases the Committee voted 3-0 to add it to the agenda tonight. We request a suspension of rules to pass it as an emergency for the Auditor. The Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JIM SELDENRIGHT.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening at 6:30 PM. We had two items to discuss. The first was the possibility of adding curb strips to our sidewalk program. We had a discussion on that and we decided we were going to continue our discussion after we have some time to let that soak in and think about it, so we'll have another meeting on that. The other thing we discussed tonight was Ordinance 14-2022 which is basically to update our cell facilities and wireless support structure. The Law Director let us know that this is pretty out of date, we haven't updated since 1995. It was voted unanimously to add this to tonight's Agenda and the Committee is asking that we pass that on an emergency basis on 1st Reading.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in the fundraising for the Pickleball Court. I think we have a great group of people that will utilize that facility. I think Mr. O'Donald and his foundation really stepped up to the plate, along with the other foundations and the City's support as well.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

14-2022 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 782 WHICH WAS ENACTED IN 1995 AND NEEDS UPDATED DUE TO BOTH CHANGES IN THE LAW AND TECHNOLOGY
1st Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 14-2022

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15-2022 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AMENDING AND ADJUSTING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2022
1st Reading

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RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Pace had the following comment:

I just want to make Council aware of a new project that will be coming up for Field 1 of the baseball field. I'm currently on the Turf Tuscora Diamond Committee that is lead by Mr. Ricklic. The project will be done in three phases. The first phase being turf and field and new dug-outs. The field will be used by many groups and will drive business into this Community. Mr. Ricklic has done a great job putting this project together and putting this committee together. I'm excited to be part of it and I think it will be great to see it built in Tuscora Park.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

We'll be doing a presentation during the Park Committee Meeting that Mr. Pace will be doing. During the presentation we'll show the engineering drawings and the design of the three phases, as well as the purpose for this project and the strategy of raising the funds for this project. There will be no downtime for the field during these phases. I want to thank the Mayor, the Park Board, the Park Foundation, the New Phila City Schools. There are a couple other partners that are looking at the project to help support us in many ways. Also my Committee members Mr. Tom Farbizo and myself take care of the construction and engineering; Mr. Ed Marsh and my wife Sharon Ricklic take care of the mailing and contact; the facilities are taken care of by Mr. Ed Briehl and Mr. Chase Hostetler, and fundraising is done by Mitch Pace. Council will be informed of all the phases. This is not a small undertaking, it's a very expensive undertaking.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

It's a stadium, correct?

Mr. Ricklic: It's a stadium format.

Mrs. Ramos: Can we use the stadium we have?

Mr. Ricklic: It will be built like a ballpark. It will hold approximately 1200.

Mrs. Ramos: Why do we need a baseball stadium?

Mr. Ricklic: We're just renovating the field to an upper level so you can play multiple age groups on there and it can bring revenue into the City with tournaments and other fundraisers through that. Advertising on the scoreboard is a good example of how to fund the continued use of the field.

Law Director Fete: Tournaments are a multi-billion dollar industry. It's been on 60 Minutes and things of that nature. People leave from here all over the country to play baseball. If we could do that here it would be a huge asset. They are upgrading the facility there so that we can start doing things like that here.

Mr. Ricklic added that the maintenance hours right now for the ballfield is about 2 men at 8 hours a day. We're going to make it a low-maintenance ballfield where it will take one man about 3 hours a day to take care of it.

PRESIDENT KEMP TOOK A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE RECOMMENDATION
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO NOT DO ANY WARD REDISTRICTING
AT THIS TIME DUE TO COVID
5 YEAS 2 NAYS (MR. PACE AND MRS. RAMOS)

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:04 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp