

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 13, 2020 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON KEMP PRESIDING. REVEREND JIM BORDON OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY GRAYSON KEMP.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

MRS. AIMEE MAY

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO CONTINUE TO USE THE EXPERTISE AND SKILLS OF JULIE COURTRIGHT AS THE CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MS. COURTRIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK AS CLERK OF CITY COUNCIL

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED THAT COUNCILMAN ROB MAURER CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMP
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MR. MAURER WILL CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMP

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AS LISTED
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 1-2020 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 1-2020 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 23, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL AND THE DECEMBER 30, 2019 SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 23, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL AND DECEMBER 30, 2019 SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Treasurer Tom Gerber dated January 3, 2020. This is the City of New Philadelphia December 2019 Deposits*
2. *To Council and Administration from Vicki Daniels, dated January 3, 2020. This is the December 2019 Income Tax Report.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated January 3, 2020. This is an email with the attachments: Statement of Cash Position with MTD*

Totals December 2019, Statement of Cash Position with Revenue and Expense for December 2019, Expense Report with Encumbrance Detail for December 2019, Bank Report for December 2019.

4. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated January 8, 2020. This is an email with the title 2019 and it has the Auditor's Financial Statement for December 2019*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated January 13, 2020. This is the Mayor's Report*

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ...MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- **Cemetery Board Selects the Name for the City's New Cemetery:** At its monthly meeting last Thursday, the City Cemetery Board selected "Schoenbrunn Meadow Cemetery" as the new name for the cemetery under construction on Delaware Drive SE. Work on the cemetery will resume in the spring when the weather breaks. If all goes as planned, the new office building and maintenance garage will be finished, and we will be ready to begin selling lots and cremation niches by late August or early September.
- **The City seeks Proposals to become the Fixed Base Operator at Harry Clever Field:** Requests for Proposals (RFPs) have been issued to field responses from persons or companies interested in managing Harry Clever Field as a Fixed Base Operator (FBO). Those interested should contact City Service Director Ron McAbier or download the RFP from the City's website at www.newphilao.com. The City's contract with the current airport FBO expires next month. It's been 20 years since the City advertised the FBO position.
- **Meeting with State Development Officials about the Howden Buffalo Property :** On February 6th I will be traveling to Columbus to meet with State Representative Brett Hillyer, officials from JobsOhio and members of Team Northeast Ohio. We will discuss the shortcomings of the Howden Buffalo property, how to make developers more aware of it and the potential it holds for redevelopment. There are financial and job training incentives that could be provided by JobsOhio. The regional data analysis done by TeamNEO can give us an idea of why the 13 acre site remains unsold. Like me, Representative Hillyer is frustrated by the fact that several persons had shown interest in the property, but no purchase offers made that we are aware of.
- **Progress is being made in Addressing Eyesore Properties in the City :** A report issued by Zoning and Building Code Administrator Mike Scolati showed that, over the past four years, the City foreclosed on six properties: four of them went up for auction and two were demolished. The total amount of foreclosure fees reimbursed to the City by the County was \$16,013.00. The report also showed that, last year, 18 demolition permits filed by property owners were approved and 96 letters were sent to property owners who faced violations for high grass, property cleanup, and a lack of building permits. Administrator Scolati stated in his report that City Council's adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code has allowed his office to more effectively enforce property conditions and violations.
- **2020 Brings More Improvements to Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital:** At last week's Community Relations Committee meeting, I learned that Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital will continue to add new providers and services to its medical offices in 2020. A major computer upgrade will continue this year as well as major steps forward in the integration of the hospital into the Cleveland Clinic healthcare system. In addition, Cleveland Clinic's acquisition of or merger with Mercy Hospital in Canton should be completed by July of this year. And hospital officials are exploring the development of an Orthopedic First Care Clinic in the New Philadelphia - Dover area, and will work to grow the hospital's cardiology presence in the region.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

Will there be an RFP issued for construction at Shoenbrunn Meadows?

Mayor Day had the following reply:
That's already underway with the Buckeye Career Center Adult Education Construction class which is doing most of that work.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Leaves have been picked up by General Services. Anyone who still has leaves on the curb or a few piles I urge you to bag them up and put them out with your regular sanitation pick up. Last week I was able to meet with Quicksall's to go over the final design phase of the CDBG Project. Every two years we get \$150,000 from the State and we typically do curbs and sidewalks. We are doing that on Poplar Ave. this year which is a challenging location. We finally came to the agreement on a rolling curb which was finalized last week. We will probably finish design by the end of the month and then we'll typically start by the second week in June and it should be completed by August. Also a just want to give an update on the Wabash Ave. Project, a storm sewer and waterline upgrade. You'll see that advertised Thursday for the next three weeks. We'll open bids on February 7th at 11am. Also to answer your question, Mr. Holland, the office building is in design phase right now by Diversified. We'll probably bid that out by mid February.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

I had an individual contact me. What is in the process of expediting the demolition of decrepit homes?

Mr. McAbier had the following comment:

The process would be to contact Fire Chief Parrish.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

I have been given a request and I am going to forward this request to President Kemp and ask that it be placed in a Committee. To summarize, I know we do Resolutions to recognize full time employees that have retired. For the first time that I can remember we have a part time park police officer that retired December 31, 2019 with almost 25 years of service. For a part time person to have contributed to the City for 25 years that's saying something for him. That person is John Zion Jr.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Don Kemp asked Mr. Zucal to take that request into his Committee.*

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I am pleased to inform Council this evening that a case that I had briefed you on previously, I wanted to let you know that I was successful in our efforts. As you may recall I briefed you on a probate case. Charles Pritz was responsible for the clean up at what was the Big Scotty Gas Station. There was a leakage of the storage tanks at the gas station. The gas station was located where Marsh Industries is located. Marsh Industries is one of our largest employers and the leaks have contaminated the

ground where Marsh Industries is and could potentially threaten to contaminate the Quaker Dome as well as residents in the area and a lift station. The estate is responsible for the clean up and the estate has insurance. The estate foots the bill for the clean up and for anything involving the clean up and then insurance reimburses them. What the fiduciary of the estate attempted to do was to transfer that real estate into a Shell LLC Company, therefore making it impossible to do the insurance process of clean up. Marsh Industries filed to block that, I joined in that as an interested party. I'm pleased to announce that we were successful in our efforts. The court has ordered that the transfer be undone, that the estate remain solvent and the estate be responsible for the clean up.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:
What is the potential timeframe for clean up?

Mr. Fete had the following response:
It should be cleaned up within five years.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:
Is the EPA going to do any studies there during clean up?

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:
Yes the EPA will do annual studies.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY
There's no meeting this month. We will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday in February at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER
The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet tomorrow night at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers with two variance requests on the Agenda.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL
The Airport Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room. We will be considering the request from the Mayor for reappointment of two members of the Commission. We will also be discussing some of the process behind the FBO and the Request for Proposal in relationship to that position.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

The Salary Committee will meet on Monday, January 27 at 6:15 PM. A couple different items. We'll be taking a look at Ordinance 2-2020 which will require just a very simple modification to a section of Ordinance 22-2019 that refers to the Safety Forces Secretary pay. We'll also be looking at the request that was previously made to have an honorary designation of a portion of Bank Lane SE in honor of Jim Locker and his many years of service to the City of New Philadelphia. We'll also be taking a look at recognizing former Part Time Police Officer John Zion in recognition of his work of 25 years of service to the City.

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

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

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met this evening at 7:00 PM. The items on the Agenda for tonight was the pretreatment for the Sewer Department to have our Ordinance in line with the Ohio EPA's recommendations due to the audit in October. After a little bit of discussion and Mr. Myers and Mr. McAbier adding to the presentation of why and the reasoning behind the changes, more of an informational status of our Ordinance so the public could read it or the users could read it easier than it was originally designed. It was added to the Agenda tonight as Ordinance 1-2020 for three readings to allow anybody to discuss or add on that ordinance. The other issue was the Peddler Ordinance No. 753 to help our citizens feel safe with solicitors in our City, that they are not to solicit after 5:00 PM or before 9:00 AM. I spoke with the Safety Director and Police Chief and that is being passed on to their officers to keep that in line. On the issue with feral cats, Mr. Slentz was here to discuss his problems. We will look at the Ordinance and see if we can add some other areas to help the citizens with feral cats but to allow the Ordinance to take action to see if that will help. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

- 23-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 505 ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, BY ADDING SECTION 505.18 MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATION.
3rd Reading

- 1-2020 AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY PORTIONS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 939, SEWAGE PRETREATMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMPLY WITH NEW REGULATIONS AS MANDATED BY THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (OEPA)
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:04 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp