

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 27, 2017 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. COUNCILMAN ZUCAL OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE

MRS. AIMEE MAY

- MRS RAMOS MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 24-2017 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1ST Reading
MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 24-2017 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA AS AMENDED
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 27, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 27, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Clerk of Council from Mr. Joseph Marsh, dated November 29, 2017. This is a letter that reads the following: Dear Ms. Courtright, I recently applied for water and sewer service for approximately 86 acres of land I own in Goshen Twp. Mr. McAbier has advised that we need to send a letter to Council explaining our anticipated needs. We are anticipating residential development of 150 to 200 housing units and/ or senior living units at this time. Thanks for your assistance.” This was also copied to Mayor Day and Service Director McAbier.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated November 30, 2017. This is the Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council.*
3. *To Council President Hitchcock from Mayor Day, dated December 4, 2017. This is an email with the subject line “Please Assign This Legislation for the Southside Community Park.”*
4. *To Clerk of Council from Councilman Holland, dated December 4, 2017. This is an email that reads the following: Julie, please set aside 15 minutes on December 28, 2017 for a Public Works and Economic Development Committee Meeting to review and discuss the attached information and Mayor Day’s request for rule suspension and immediate passage.*

I'm forwarding this information to Committee and Council Members. Any questions please feel free to contact me."

5. To Council Clerk from Tracy Oliver, Director DEO Media and Local Affairs for Dominion Energy. This is a letter with the title "Notice of Filing New PIR Adjustment Case PUCO Case #172177GARDR.

6. To Council from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated November 29, 2017. This is an email titled "Cost of Four Members of Administration Plus HR".

7. To Council Clerk from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated December 11, 2017. This is the City of New Philadelphia November 2017 Investment and Savings Report.

8. To Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day, dated December 11, 2017. The Mayor's Report.

Administrative Reports.....

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

Mayor Day had the following report:

- Doris and Floyd Kimble Foundation Awards \$20,000 for Munny Court Lighting Upgrade: Last week the City received a \$20,000 grant from the Doris and Floyd Kimble Foundation to fund an upgrade to LED lighting in the Municipal Court building. I would like to thank the Kimble Foundation for this generosity, which allows the \$80,000 project to get underway. Once completed, Court officials estimate the LED lighting will save \$3,500 per year in electrical costs.

- Menard's Starts Planning for the Spring 2018 Construction of its Store and Warehouse: Last Thursday City officials met with Menard's real estate representative Rodney Wekkin to begin planning for construction of the company's new store and warehouse on Bluebell Drive NW. We discussed the construction permitting process and revisions that need to be made to the Community Reinvestment Area tax abatement agreement approved by City Council in 2015. Mr. Wekkin told us that the warehouse will be larger than originally planned. Construction is scheduled to begin in April or May of 2018 and will take a year to complete.

- New Philadelphia Hires its First Female Firefighter/EMT-Paramedic
I am proud to announce that this morning I had to honor of giving the oath of office to Jamie Burgasser of North Canton, who became the City's first female firefighter/EMT-Paramedic. Thanks to the forward-thinking of Chief Parrish, the City's new firehouse includes living quarters and other accommodations for women. Mrs. Burgasser formerly worked as a paramedic for Summa Akron General Hospital and a firefighter/paramedic at the Bolivar Fire Dept.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham yielded his time to Fire Chief Jim Parrish:

Fire Chief Parrish had the following report:

We made quite a few changes in the past year here but in the process we hired three new firefighters; Chris Sommers, he replaced Jarod Lawver who resigned to devote his full time to his business, Joey Clark who started in October, replacing Mike Pierce when he moved to the Fire Prevention Bureau. We have a promotion, Lt. Matt Graham is our new lieutenant, he took Mike's place on the shift. Today we swore in Jamie Burgasser. This is her first day on the job. Sometime soon we have one person on injury leave, we have someone who's about to go on injury leave, and we're anticipating a retirement sometime soon.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock congratulated the new firefighters and welcomed them to the City.*

Lt. Matt Graham had the following presentation about the firefighter's orientation process :

We don't just hire new firefighters. We want them to have a long career with us and we want to get them started on the right foot. We teach them the basic skills and what we expect from them, and hopefully set them up with a long career.

- Training: All the firefighters have Firefighter 2 certification which is 360 hours of training combined with Hazmat, Hazmat Ops and their emergency vehicle operator's certificate. A lot of our firefighters have two year associate degrees. In the future all paramedics will require two year associate degrees. Training also includes a physical agility test which includes a 1 mile run, a 102 foot climb up our ladder truck at a 60 degree angle, and a combat challenge. There's also a written test, a background investigation, a detective investigation, and meetings with the Fire Chief, Safety Directors and Captains. They also have to go through a polygraph and a physical. That gets us to the beginning. That gets us to the 2 week orientation program.

- Engine Company Operations: PPE/ SCBA Checkoff: Those are our two most important pieces of equipment.

- Engine 2101 and hydrant training

- Rescue Operations: The firefighters in training spend a day and a half going over all aspects of vehicle rescues at the station and in the junk yard.

- Tower 2109

- Basic Auto Extrication

- Tanker 2104
- Medic 2110/2111
- Fireground Scenarios
- Final Wrap-up/ Ride Extra

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

LAW DIRECTOR . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I would request that Council pass on emergency motion Ordinance 23-2017. This should have been up for its 3rd Reading but it fell through the cracks when it was approved by Committee and I didn't get it on the Agenda. If you recall from the Committee Meeting this was just an approval of a contract for indigent defense which we're required to provide by the 6th Amendment of the Constitution and the dollar amount is exactly the same as it was last year, actually the last 2 years. So there's no increase on it. It's a substantial bargain for the City and I have submitted paperwork to the Auditor's office to get this bill paid, so consequently I need to have the legislation passed, so I am requesting that Council suspend the rules and pass that this evening. Secondly, I want to brief Council on three threatened or pending litigation cases in executive session. I am requesting an executive session for that purpose.

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE LAW DIRECTOR'S REQUEST
 MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION
 7 YEAS
 AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE READING OF LEGISLATION FOLLOWING A 5 MINUTE RECESS

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers. The Agenda is being developed.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals met November 14, 2017 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. We had two variance requests, one for 243 2nd St. NE. After lengthy thoughts the homeowner realized that they are in a flood plain area and want to put a shed in. The cost of the flood plain study outweighed the shed so he withdrew his request for the variance. We also met with a homeowner at 714 4th St. SE on noncompliance with driveway setback. The variance was requested. It went in front of the Board and we

voted 4-0 in approving the variance.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Following our last regularly scheduled meeting of City Council and the action was taken to approve Michael Baker Jr. as Airport Consultant. I did contact Kevin Sigg. Kevin is the young man who comes to our meetings and represents the firm. I did notify him that again we had accepted and are willing to work again with Michael Baker Jr. He was very excited about the opportunity and the firm was very appreciative of Council's faith in them so it's been a great working relationship. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:00 PM at the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room. This will be our meeting for both November and December since we did not have a quorum for the November meeting.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC

The Health Board met in the Health Department on December 8, 2017 at noon. The educational topic was the vivitrol program that the City runs, which is a co-op with judge in municipal court to try to get to the opiod addicts. There is a 35 maximum client at a time but that program has been going very well, and from that program going well Nicole Bache has been asked to speak at the Ohio Public Nursing Conference on December 15, 2017. So she gave us all highlights of what she was going to present. I think it's a very good honor the program she's running with the judge, that she's being recognized to speak to everyone down there. We are doing something in our area to help with the epidemic.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following report:

The Finance Committee met this evening in Council Chambers to begin our work on the 2018 budget. Just to refresh everyone's memory, last year for the 2017 budget it was the first time that we attempted to tackle approval of a budget by December 31 of the preceding year in order to have a budget in place and avoid temporary appropriations. We were successful, and that's the goal again this year. So our goal will be to pass the 2018 budget by December 31 of this year. We did have some overall reviews from both the Auditor and the Mayor. In the line by line process we've got a few things to clean up, a few things to follow up on from our end. We have an additional meeting scheduled now. Our next meeting to review the process will be on December 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening here in Council Chambers at 7:15 PM to discuss computer specifications for City Council computers and Proposed Resolution 40-2017. After Committee discussion and information from Mayor Day and Mr. McAbier, no action was taken on Council computers, and the Committee voted to send Resolution 40-2017 to the full Council for consideration and passage on 1st Reading. There's no further business to come before the Committee and we adjourned at 7:25.

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

On December 11, 2017 we are going to have a Meeting at 7:15 PM to discuss changing the zoning of 1416 Kaderly Ave NW from residential to business.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

23-2017 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENTS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY ORDINANCES IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT WHERE SUCH OFFENSES CARRY A POSSIBLE LOSS OF LIBERTY, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION AND TERMS THEREOF.

1st Reading

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 23-2017

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 23-2017

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 23-2017

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

ORDINANCE 23-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

40-2017 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TUSCARAWAS RIVER WATER TRAIL AS A DESIGNATED WATER TRAIL BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

1st Reading

MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 40-2017

MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 40-2017

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following comment:

I think one of the things that we can look at with this Resolution is that our neighbors in Dover have done an outstanding job of developing the riverfront and starting that process. This will allow us to start catching up and provide the area for this growing, outdoor recreational opportunities and for folks to have a reason to come to T-County and potentially stay longer than just for their visit on the water. This could be helping with overnight destinations. So this is potentially a good economic driver too.

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 40-2017

MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

RESOLUTION 40-2017 HAS BEEN APPROVED

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO A 5 MINUTE RECESS AT 7:51 AND
RECONVENED BEFORE GOING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:56.
AT 8:11 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:12 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock