

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 10, 2022 WITH PRESIDENT DON KEMP PRESIDING. REVEREND JIM BORTON 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
MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

EXCUSED ABSENSES

MR. KELLY RICKLIC

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022 HAVE BEEN APPROVED
- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 27, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. SELDENRIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 27, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Vickie Daniels with the Income Tax Department for the City, dated January 2, 2022. This is the December 2021 Tax Revenue Month End Report.*
2. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Gerber, dated January 2022. This is the December 2021 Investment and Savings Report.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated January 10, 2022. The Mayor’s Report*

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

➤ 2021 was a Tough Year for the City's Safety Forces: The local effects of the coronavirus pandemic were evident by the marked increase in calls answered by the City's Fire Department in 2021. The Fire Department responded to 3,502 calls last year, 452 more than in 2020. People sick with COVID symptoms accounted for some of the calls. Fire Chief Jim Parrish noted that 32 percent of the calls were related to drug abuse and mental illness. This is concerning for our community. The New Philadelphia Police Department recorded 11,409 calls in 2021, about a thousand less than the previous year. I haven't received the exact number yet, but I do know that many of the calls in 2021 were related to drug abuse, domestic violence, and homelessness. Help is available for people suffering from addiction and mental illness, starting with the local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board. Call them at 330-364-6488.

➤ More City Improvements are Planned in 2022: So far, here is a list of improvement projects that are already underway or will begin this year in the City. Much of the costs are being funded by state and federal grants, or grants from private foundations: Relocate the water line under the Howden/Joy property to the right-of-way on Mill Avenue SW using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) federal funds.

- In conjunction with the county port authority (Economic Development and Finance Alliance), issue Requests for Proposals to developers interested in redevelopment of the Howden/Joy property.
- Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail construction – relocation of the Gradall fence line along the Tuscarawas River.
- Design of the bicycle and pedestrian trail from 13th Street NE along East High Avenue to downtown.
- Construction of a lighted mid-block pedestrian crosswalk on South Broadway at Allen Lane.
- Provide wireless Internet service to the downtown area using the City's fiber optic cable network.
- Construct four pickleball courts at Tuscora Park.

These projects are in addition to the annual paving, water and sewer line and other maintenance projects the City will do this year.

➤ City Planning Commission to Begin a Review of the City's Planning and Zoning Code: Most chapters of the City's codified Planning and Zoning Code have not been updated since 1987. A lot has changed in 35 years in terms of property uses, so members of the City's Planning Commission will be busy this year reviewing the code and bringing revision recommendations to City Council.

➤ Welcome New Members of New Philadelphia's City Council: I want to welcome Ward 2 representative Mitch Pace and Ward 4 representative Jimmy Seldenright to New Philadelphia's city government. Your public service will give you an opportunity to make decisions that improve the quality of life in New Philadelphia and keep our City as the best place in the county to do business and raise a family.

And a Final Thought....

Continue to pray for the healing of our community members who are ill with COVID and pray to comfort the families who have lost loved ones to the virus. This battle has taken a toll on all of us. Our support of each other is just as important now than it was at the start of the pandemic two years ago.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I want to go over a few projects. Today we did the connection at the Howden Buffalo Plant. We'll load the high service pump tomorrow with water. We'll do a bacteria test and a pressure test for it to go online on Monday morning. Also, AEP owns most of the streetlights in town. They're in charge of South Broadway around Mill and four of them on West High Avenue. They purchased those for \$17,000 to us and now they are under their guidance and they will do the maintenance and repairs. We were replacing some of the lights with LEDs which is a pricey thing, so in the long run this was the right choice. All streetlights besides the ones downtown are maintained through AEP. Also, if you look at the old sanitation building which is at the entrance to Gradall, Bridges Excavating will take that down hopefully this

week. Also from General Services leaves have been completed. If you get a call about leaves please forward it to me or General Services. We'll still come out and pick them up.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....NO REPORT

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following comment:

I have no report. I just want to welcome Councilmen Seldenright and Pace. They're friends of mine. They have some big shoes to fill but if anyone can do it they can. I know that they will work hard at making the community a better place.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers tomorrow at 1:00 PM. We'll begin the review of our Codified Planning and Zoning Code.

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

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

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM SELDENRIGHT

The Airport Commission will be meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 PM where they will vote on a new President.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE
The Park Board will meet Wednesday, January 19 at Noon.

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND
The Health Board will be meeting Wednesday at 1:00 PM here in Council Chambers.
The State of Ohio is currently averaging around 14,000 plus Covid cases per day. That's
a 14 day average. Last Monday there were 115 new cases here in New Philadelphia.
Over the past weekend there were 55 new cases. The New Philadelphia Health
Department is encouraging everyone to follow the published safety guidelines for
self protection.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

I just wanted to note that we will be voting on amending Resolution 48-2021. That is to zone the Moser Property as Business. I have been in discussion with the Law Director and he thought that was okay to amend this Resolution which is an annexation resolution. He thought that was the correct way to go on this.

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

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Dean Holland had the following comment:

We can make a difference to help hundreds of area children by volunteering an hour a month. Hundreds of bags can be filled with delicious food for those children who are experiencing food insecurity at home. We can help by merely spending an hour on a Saturday morning by filling those bags with nutritious food and helping throughout the year to reduce childhood hunger. We know that we're not going to eliminate childhood hunger, but we can certainly make an impact here in our community. Food received by these children is provided solely through grants and donations. I encourage members of Council and Administration to volunteer an hour on Saturday, January 22nd to help pack bags. The Tough Bags office is located at 1060 Cookson Ave. SE. They get together on Saturday morning at 8:00am.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

48-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE ANNEXATION OF REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED IN GOSHEN TOWNSHIP, PARCEL NUMBERS 25-00089-000 AND 25-01172-000 OWNED BY INVESTMENT SOURCE LTD, PARCEL NUMBER 25-00763-000 OWNED BY MICHAEL AND RANDY MOSER, AND PARCEL NUMBER 25-00203-000 OWNED BY RYAN RUTH
3rd Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR RESOLUTION 48-2021 TO BE AMENDED BY ADDING "AND SHALL BE ZONED BUSINESS" IN SECTION 2
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 48-2021 HAS BEEN AMENDED

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED RESOLUTION 2021
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
AMENDED RESOLUTION 48-2021 HAS BEEN APPROVED

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 7:52 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp