

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 27, 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
MR. MITCH PACE
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENCES NONE

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 5-2023, ORDINANCE 6-2023, RESOLUTION 2-2023, AND RESOLUTION 3-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 5-2023, ORDINANCE 6-2023, RESOLUTION 2-2023, AND RESOLUTION 3-2023 WILL BE ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS,
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated February 15, 2023. This is an email titled “Changes to the 2023 Budget”. The 2023 Budget with revisions is attached.*
2. *To Law Director Fete from Auditor Gundy, dated February 16, 2023. This is an email titled “Legislation” with the 2023 Appropriations Adjustments and the Income Tax Ordinance 2023 as attachments.*
3. *To Councilman Ricklic from President Kemp, dated February 24, 2023. This is an email titled “Please Assign to the Finance Committee” with Resolution 3-2023 as the attachment. President Kemp asked Mr. Ricklic to take this issue into his Committee.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 27, 2023. This is the Mayor’s Report.*

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

Urging City Council to Approve Resolution 3-2023

I am urging City Council to respond to the Ohio Municipal League’s Call to Action, and adopt Resolution 3-2023, which would give Council’s support of full restoration of the State’s Local Government Fund. These funds are state tax dollars returned to local communities to help pay for basic services, rebuild infrastructure,

and bolster public safety services. In 2011, the LGF was slashed 50% to its current level of 1.66% of the State's General Revenue Funds. There is talk among General Assembly members to keep the funding at its current level, and even reduce it further because of the COVID-recovery money that local communities received. The OML is urging lawmakers to restore the LGF to pre-recession levels to help communities cope with the rising costs of providing services and infrastructure projects. The resolution will be sent to State Representative Brett Hillyer and State Senator Al Landis.

Funding a Second School Resource Officer for New Philadelphia Schools

Last week Safety Director Greg Popham, Police Chief Mike Goodwin, City Auditor Beth Gundy, and I met with New Philadelphia City Schools Superintendent Amy Wentworth to discuss ways to fund a second School Resource Officer for the school district. The City is willing to use the \$6,696.00 in opioid settlement payments it's receiving to help. The cost of the officer is estimated to be in the \$95,000.00 a year range. Superintendent Wentworth was taking the information she gathered to the NP School Board. We all agree that a second School Resource Officer is needed and will work together to make it happen.

Thank You for Your Input!

I want to thank everyone who attended, in person or online, last week's public forum on the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail in New Philadelphia and the zoning code meeting with Compass Point Planning. Your input was invaluable and will help refine each study. More opportunities for public input will be coming in the future.

Pancakes for Park Projects

This Saturday from 7am to 11am at the Tuscora Park pavilion, the Tuscora Park Foundation is having a pancake breakfast fundraising event. Tickets are five dollars each. They're available at the Mayor's office, McInturf Realty, and from any Foundation Board of Trustees member. The money raised by the Foundation goes to help fund projects in City parks. Most recently, the Foundation helped secure funding for the pickleball courts construction. Now the trustees are focusing on funding the removal of the batting machine and cages at Tuscora Park, so more children's rides can be located there.

Looking for Alternative Surfaces for the Parking Lots at the Southside Community Park

It's obvious that the grass parking lots at the Southside Community Park were not a good idea. They were required to receive Clean Ohio grant money for the park's construction. The lots are an unusable, muddy mess. So, I am researching alternative surfaces that could be used to replace the geogrid and grass. If you know of any, please let me know.

Mrs. Ramos asked the Mayor to explain about the meeting he's going to in D.C. as part of Omega. Mayor Day said there will be Appalachian development representatives from 32 Appalachian Counties. Two organizations serve the Appalachian region in Ohio and each year they have a conference in Washington D.C. in order to update all of us on the issues facing the region and have discussion with our federal administrators and representatives.

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

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

We continue to make movement on Phase I of the Franklin Square Storm Sewer Project. Let Wednesday, February 22, we went down and did two test pits on the tressel on the East Side. We found out a sandstone protrudes out roughly 15 inches on that side. That's going to have us move the storm sewer and the sanitary also. Preliminary engineering numbers for the project: approximately \$28,000 to move that. Both a CSX and an RJ Corman representative was there. We're waiting on their report to give us the okay of the proposal of what we're going to do now to move forward. It's been a process with the railroad but we continue to make improvements there. Also, next Monday, March 6, the Puritan Laundry Building will start demo. That will take approximately a week. There will be some road closures during that time from 6th Street down to Mill Avenue. Also, Take 5 Oil Change at 1280 West High Avenue, they have committed to that location. They will be demoing the old video store. That should start within the next two months.

Mr. Lanzer asked Mr. McAbier if the car wash would be included in the Puritan Laundry demolition. Mr. McAbier stated that it would.

Mr. Ramos asked if the EPA had to do some clean-up at that location. Mr. McAbier said they did testing and they will have to do some more testing.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete made the following statement:

In lieu of a report this evening I'm going to request an Executive Session. It's a matter that is required by law to be kept confidential for attorney-client privilege purposes.

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED THAT WE GO INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT THE LAW DIRECTOR'S REQUEST
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER TONIGHT'S
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting on the second Tuesday of next month. We will have to Move that one because I'll be in Washington D.C. I'll inform Council when that will be rescheduled.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet March 14 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER
The Airport Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers at 6:00 PM on March 14.

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT
The date for the Trout Derby has officially been set for April 29th. More details will be released Here in the next month. The dug-outs on field 2 are about 90% complete.

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND
The Health Board will be meeting on March 8th at Noon here in Council Chambers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Finance Committee met this evening at 7:00 PM with four items on the Agenda. Resolution 2-2023, relocating the local tax from the State back to the status of pre-recession. Resolution 3-2023, redirecting the franchise fees from the Franchise Fees 260 line item to 101 General Fund. Ordinance 5-2023 is to adjust the permanent appropriations to make a balanced budget. Ordinance 6-2023 is a housekeeping ordinance distributing the amounts from the income tax into the different line items. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE...MR. DAN LANZER....NO REPORT

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

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos made the following statement:

We are having a meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The Meeting is to consider a request by the Friends of the Homeless to amend the Residential Zoning Code for a

portion of 435 Fair Avenue NE. The request is to permit operation of a homeless shelter, 20 beds for women and 20 beds for men and 6 family units. This discussion is going to be a zoning issue discussion. Anything that's a conditional use has to be permitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. We are going to stick our discussion to zoning, not the merits of the shelter. We've structured the meeting a little different because we're going to have a large crowd. The people that speak are going to have a 3 minute time limit.

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

PARKS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MR. MITCH PACE
The Cemetery Board will be meeting Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 8:00am here in Council Chambers.

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

2-2023 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION IN THE CITY'S CURRENT ORDINANCES REGARDING LOITERING.
2nd Reading

5-2023 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 ORDINANCE 5-2023
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION

6 YEAS, 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 5-2023

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE
5-2023
6 YEAS, 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)
ORDINANCE 5-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

6-2023 AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOCATE FUNDS COLLECTED
UNDER THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA INCOME
TAX ORDINANCE FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON
ORDINANCE 6-2023
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 6-2023

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE
6-2023
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
ORDINANCE 6-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

2-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE
AND DIRECT THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF NEW
PHILADELPHIA TO TRANSFER 100% OF THE FUNDS
FROM THE TV CABLE FRANCHISE FEES FUND #260
INTO THE GENERAL FUND #101 FOR FISCAL YEAR
2023
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES
ON RESOLUTION 2-2023
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 2-2023

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
2-2023
MR. RIPPETH SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 2-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

3-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW
PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO STRONGLY URGE THE
OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS
1st Reading

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES
ON RESOLUTION 3-2023
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 3-2023

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

3-2023
MR. PACE SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 3-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

**COUNCIL WENT INTO A 5 MINUTE RECESS AT 7:55 PM BEFORE
ADJOURNING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00. COUNCIL
RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:11PM.**

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 8:11 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp