

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON AUGUST 14, 2023 WITH PRESIDENT KEMP PRESIDING. COUNCILMAN RIPPETH OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DAN LANZER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MR. MITCH PACE
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENSES: MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MAYOR JOEL DAY
LAW DIRECTOR MARVIN FETE

- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 14-2023 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 14-2023 WILL BE ON TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1st Reading

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

- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 24 ,2023 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL WITH THE CORRECTION OF A TYPO
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
5 YEAS (MR. RIPPETH ABSTAINED)
MINUTES FROM THE JULY 24, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING HAVE BEEN APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Gerber, dated August 1, 2023. The Investment and Savings Report of July of 2023.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Administrative Assistant to the Auditor Heather Denham, dated August 2, 2023. This is the July 2023 Month-end Reports.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator for the City Vickie Daniels, dated August 4, 2023. This is the July 2023 Income Tax Report.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated August 2, 2023. This is an Invitation to the Grand Opening of the new Petco Store.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated August 9, 2023. This is a forwarded email titled “Love Tusc Collection Unveiling Event: Phase 1”*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated August 14, 2023. The Mayor’s Report.*

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

Still in Need of Workers to Fill General Services Positions

Like many employers in New Philadelphia, the City workforce has positions that remain unfilled. City Human Resources Director Lacey McKain provided me with this list of current openings:

- Assistant Water Superintendent
- Police Clerk
- Crossing Guard
- Full-time Bailiff/Court Security Officer
- Park Police
- Police Officer
- Sanitation Laborer
- Seasonal Laborer

Director McKain will be running radio ads and posting a sign outside the gates of the City garage on Commercial Avenue SE to help raise awareness of the job openings. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please go to this page on the City's website for information: <http://www.newphilaoh.com/Human-Resources>.

Donations Are Still Being Accepted for the Police Department's K-9 Fund

I want to thank those residents and organizations who have sent donations to the City Police Department's K-9 Fund. Chief Pohovey reported to me last Thursday that over \$2,500.00 has been donated so far. The goal is to raise somewhere between \$8,000 and \$10,000 dollars to help fund K-9 Unit training and cruiser repairs. If you'd like to donate, make checks payable to The City of New Philadelphia and write "K-9 Fund" in the memo line. The K-9 Fund depends on support from the public. It was depleted by the need to replace a retiring K-9 team and the cost of urgent repairs to a K-9 cruiser.

Petco Schedules Its Grand Opening

The new Petco store on Bluebell Drive NW will hold its grand opening on Saturday, August 19th from 10am to 3pm. The event is being billed as a "Petco Family Fest" with food, music, and games. Bring your pets and enjoy the fun. The New Philadelphia store is one of Petco's new small-town and rural concept stores. You can read more about them by visiting this page on Petco's website: <https://corporate.petco.com/2022-06-16-Petco-Unveils-New-Small-Town-and-Rural-Retail-Test-Concept-Tailored-to-the-Health-and-Wellness-Needs-of-Pets-and-Farm-Animals>.

Habitat for Humanity's Craftsmen Are Honored at Tuscora Park

Habitat for Humanity has joined the list of local organizations that support the maintenance and growth of Tuscora Park. Recently Habitat's Jerry Hansard and Chuck Kontt were invited to the park to receive a personal "thank you" from RTY, Inc. for their work to give the airplane cars on the children's ride a fresh, new look.

Habitat's Executive Director Beth Lechner contacted RTY late last year to volunteer to restore the airplanes in the organization's Canton workshop. Volunteers Hansard and Kontt did the restoration over the winter months to have the children's ride ready for the park's opening in May.

RTY treated the volunteers and their families to an evening of free rides and ice cream to show its appreciation. Director Lechner said that Habitat is exploring other ways to help RTY and the City maintain the rides and other features of Tuscora Park.

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

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I want to go over Franklin Square and the storm sewer project first. The half head wall has been installed. They have it at around 275 feet up to the first junction box, the first manhole. They come out of there at about another 65 feet. On Thursday when I saw Mill Ave. closed they came in and saw cut underneath the first train trussell and peel that up. They don't think they'll get to there for another two weeks. Hopefully at the next Council meeting we'll know about Mill Ave. being closed. Right now the concrete has been cut, but they have to get over there and remove the

fence, come through that area, stay right over the edge of the road, get down to Mill Ave. to Bank Lane and then we'll open everything back up. They look for that to be at least two weeks. Also, last week on Glen Dr. they cut two Butt Joints to make the pavement match from where they are going to start at Glen Dr. and Donahey Dr. Today they started removing all the concrete, got about 75 feet down the road and encountered a soft spot already, not probably going to be the last one. This one is 12' by 30' so it will increase the cost too. Speaking of paving, the bulk of the 2023 paving by Newton's Asphalt is done.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

Kudos to the City Employees who were working during the recent rainstorms.

They were quite, busy and they did a very good job.

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

Mr. Gerber noted that he sent the Investment and Savings Report to the Clerk of Council.

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY...EXCUSED ABSENSE

Mr. McAbier gave the following report on behalf of Mayor Day:

Just to speak a little bit about the Work Session with Wendy Moehler. All the members were here. Some of our members from the Board of Zoning Appeals were here. We continued to work through that finished product. The next meeting will be September 12, 2023 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for August 8th was cancelled due to no variance requests to be Heard. Our next meeting will be September 12 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. MITCH PACE.....NO REPORT

We will be meeting this coming Wednesday at noon at the Park Pavilion.

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

HEALTH BOARD MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Finance Committee met this evening at 7:00 PM. We had a few items to go over; Proposed Ordinance 13-2023 and Proposed Ordinance 14-2023. Ordinance 13-2023 dealt with the Sidewalk Program, and 14-2023 the new fund needed by the Auditor for Insurance Payments for the Fire Department. We had a very good meeting and discussion. Ordinance 13-2023 will be on the next Agenda, Ordinance 14-2023 was added this evening and will try to be passed as an emergency. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE...MR. DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee will be meeting on August 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM with three topics to discuss; rental registration, airbnbs, and vacant properties.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....EXCUSED
ABSENSE

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

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

We will be meeting on Aug. 28 at 7:00 PM to discuss the change in zoning from residential to business for two parcels that cover The Little Theater, so that they can do renovations.

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

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

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

Mr. Rippeth had the following report:

We will be meeting at 5:45 on August 28, 2023 to discuss Resolution 12-2023.

VISITOR'S COMMENTSNONE

COUNCIL COMMENTSNONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

14-2023 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW

PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO CREATE A NEW FUND CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ESCROW FUND NO. 806 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEPOSITING FUNDS FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES COLLECTED PURSUANT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA ORDINANCE 9-2022.

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES FOR ORDINANCE 14-2023
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 14-2023

MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 14-2023
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 14-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

With no other business to discuss Mr. Ricklic motioned to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp

