

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 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. STEVE RIPPETH

EXCUSED ABSENCES: MR. KELLY RICKLIC

- MRS. MAY MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 23-2023 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
ORDINANCE 23-2023 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MR. RIPPETH MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF TONIGHT'S AGENDA
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN APPROVED
- MR. PACE MOTIONED THAT COUNCIL BYPASSES THE COMMITTEE REPORTS DURING TONIGHT'S MEETING
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL MOVE FORWARD TO THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

16-2023 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO PERMANENTLY REZONE THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OWNED BY THE LITTLE THEATER OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, INC, IN THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO FROM RESIDENTIAL TO BUSINESS ZONE
4th Reading

20-2023 AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF NEW

PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO,
HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC
AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE DESCRIBED
PROJECT
2nd Reading

23-2023 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO ENACT SALARY RATE
INCREASES FOR DESIGNATED NON-BARGAINING
UNIT EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIAL FOR THE
YEARS 2024, 2025, AND 2026 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE ATTACHED NONBARGAINING WORKSHEET AS
LISTED THEREIN, AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS LISTED THEREIN
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

12-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND POLICE
CHIEF MICHAEL GOODWIN FOR HIS YEARS OF
SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW
PHILADELPHIA DURING HIS THIRTY-THREE YEARS
HE SERVED IN THE NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE
DEPARTMENT
4th Reading

15-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW
PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO,
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY DIRECTOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PIERCE MANUFACTURING
TO PURCHASE AN ENFORCER HDR PUC AND NECESSARY
EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT
TO EXCEED \$1,474,992
3rd Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
15-2023

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

In April of 2007, Resolution 9-2007 was passed by Council. (Mr. Holland read a portion of the heading). In July of 2013 this body repealed Resolution 9-2007. In April of 2016 this body reinstated the Resolution and recreated Fire Equipment and Capital Fund 420. I would hope that we could revisit this at a later date and find out why this happened and how much money is in that fund for fire equipment.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I just wanted to note that we were told that we have to buy this right now because prices are going up. Certainly, we all understand prices are going up. We don't know for how long, but in the foreseeable future. We're talking about the taxpayer's money here. I don't participate or encourage us to spend the taxpayer's money to panic-buy a piece of equipment, where we have no idea where the money will come from to pay for it. I don't think any of us would make a large purchase that is speculative, or a panic-purchase, and not have a clue where the money would come from to pay for it, especially with other people's money. So, as Council I feel that we should live within the means of the City, and we should not embark on speculative buying and spending.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

We heard a few years ago that we will never be able to pay for a new fire station. As far as I know we have never defaulted on any of the payments. Then we were told we will never be able to pay for a new tanker vehicle. As far as I know we have never defaulted on a payment and we have never been late on a payment. Then we were told we will never be able to pay for this new engine. Then we were told we will never be able to pay for these SAFER Grants. I don't want to be in the position of making a decision, and wind up one year down the road, and have to pay a substantial, in essence, fine, because we waited, or wait two years, and really see an increase. We can't

see the future. I don't know the future. I wish I did. I would have made a whole lot more money, but as it stands, based on the information we have today it would cost us another \$200,000.00 if we wait one year. If we wait two years, it will cost us \$400,000.00. If we wait 3 years, it's going to be \$600,000.00. I had made the comment and I understand now. For years I had been asked about my experience and what I recommend when it comes to fire equipment, but I now understand that my comments are dubious, so they need to be looked at I guess in that light. Based on the information we have today, forecasting three years down the road. If Council at that time says we don't want the rig or we can't afford the rig. I can assure you that based on today's information and the fact that there are many cities waiting in line for this same piece of equipment, that we can sell it through that manufacturer's waiting list and make \$600,000 that would go into the General Fund.

Mr. Rippeth had the following comment:

I would echo what Mr. Holland is saying. I don't see this as a panic-buy as much as prudent planning to avoid higher expenses down the road. That's why I would support acting now, to save essentially \$600,000 with the knowledge that we're investing it. We could turn around and sell it or break even or better. I plan for major purchases. I think that's what we're going through tonight.

5 YEAS, 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)
RESOLUTION 15-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

16-2023 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD THE CITY AUCTION ONLINE FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2023 UNTIL NOVEMBER 17, 2023
3rd Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-2023
5 YEAS, 1 NAY (MRS. RAMOS)
RESOLUTION 16-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

17-2023 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
2nd Reading

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 17-2023
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 17-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 17-2023
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 17-2023 HAS BEEN APPROVED

18-2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF OBTAINING A PARK GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOUTH SIDE COMMUNITY PARK
2nd Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

With no other business to discuss Mr. Holland motioned to adjourn at 6:17 PM.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp