

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 13, 2020 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL DON KEMP PRESIDING. PRESIDENT KEMP OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DAN LANZER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCES

SAFETY DIRECTOR GREG POPHAM
AUDITOR BETH GUNDY
TREASURER TOM GERBER

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2020
REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN
APPROVED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Council and Administration from Vickie Ionno with the New Philadelphia City Health Department, dated March 24, 2020. This is an email and the subject is “First Positive Case of Coronavirus in New Philadelphia Becomes the Third Positive Case of Coronavirus in Tuscarawas County.”*
2. *To Council and Administration from Judith Dzigiel, Court Administrator With the New Philadelphia Municipal Court, dated March 26, 2020. This is an email and the subject is “New Philadelphia Municipal Court 2019 Annual Report”. It says “Dear Mayor, Members of Council and Law Director, until such time that the Court can provide you with a hard copy of the annual report I wanted to let you know that it’s posted on our website under pages.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 27, 2020. This is a forwarded email and the subject is “ Cares Act Passes in the House”.*
4. *To Clerk of Council from Jen Boger with the Ohio Ethics Commission, dated March 30, 2020. This is an email and the subject is “Ohio Ethics Commission General Filing Deadline Extended” It states: “Good Morning, on Friday, March 27, 2020 the Ohio Ethics Commission extended the General Filing Deadline to July 15, 2020.” I forwarded this email to all members of Council and Administration.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mary Ann Otte, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, dated March 31, 2020. This is an email and the subject is “Mayor’s Report for the Month of March” with the report attached.*

6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated April 2, 2020. This is an email with the attachment "2020 State of the City Report".*
7. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated April 3, 2020. This is an email and the subject is Expense Report with Encumbrance Detail, Statement of Cash Position with MTD Totals through March 2020, Statement of Cash Position From Revenue and Expense Through March 2020, and it has all of those as the attachments.*
8. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 3, 2020. This is an email and the subject is FWD: 2020 Census Update Information. It has as the attachment 2020 Census Self Response Mapping.*
9. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated April 6, 2020. This is an email and the subject is March 2020 with the attachment SAFER and Overtime, and Auditor's Financial Statement for March of 2020.*
10. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated April 13, 2020. This is the Mayor's Report.*

Administrative Reports.....

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

Mayor Day had the following report:

➤ **A Third Case Shows the Virus Still Exists in the City:** This past Saturday the New Philadelphia City Health Department received the news that a 61-year old City resident had tested positive for COVID-19. He remains hospitalized. Nichole Bache, the Health Department's Director of Nursing, is determining who may have come in contact with the person. The last reported case in the City was three weeks ago. So this new case shows that the virus is still active in New Philadelphia and that we all must continue to practice social distancing, wash our hands frequently and contact your doctor if you think you may have symptoms of virus infection. As an added measure, the Health Department is encouraging everyone to wear a mask when you think you may have close contact with others, like in a grocery store. This is a frustrating time for all of us. But I'm hopeful that if we continue to strictly practice these preventive measures, the sooner the "Stay at Home" order and county's public health emergency will be lifted.

➤ **Continue to Support Our Local Businesses:** It has been very gratifying to see how those businesses allowed to remain open have adapted to the COVID-19 restrictions placed on them by Governor DeWine and State Health Director Dr. Amy Acton. Most have developed very efficient methods of carry out and delivery of their foods and products. However, I am most concerned about the future of so called "non-essential" businesses that remain closed in our City. Hopefully we have done enough in Tuscarawas County and Ohio to flatten the curve to the point where the restrictions can be eased and the closed small businesses can reopen. I have contacted mayors, the County Commissioners and county economic development officials asking if it would be possible for the County Improvement Corporation (CIC) to use its resources to develop a recovery plan for the county's small businesses. I participated in a teleconference call this morning to get things started.

➤ **No Disruption of City Services during the COVID-19 Crisis :** To date, there has been no disruption of City services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The City's workforce is healthy and urged to wear masks when contacting the public and in their workplaces. The use of the drop box outside the entrance to City Hall has proven to be an efficient way for taxpayers to file their City income tax returns and for paying City water bills. Closing the building to the public has given the custodial staff time to deep clean the floors on the lower level and disinfect hallways, offices and restrooms. The John Knisely Municipal Centre will remain closed to the public until Monday May 4th.

➤ **Please Call the City Garage if you have a Special Pickup:** With people staying at home and spring weather upon us, spring cleaning is no doubt on many "To Do" lists. If you have tree and bush trimmings or more than your usual weekly trash amount, please call the City Garage for a special pickup. The phone number is 330-339-2121. Or you can email General Services clerk Tami

Polka at tjpolka@newphilaoh.com to ask her to schedule your special pickup. Please don't put your items on curb lawns.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Our tax filing for the City has been extended to July 15, correct?

Mayor Day had the following reply:

Yes.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Do you know which businesses have closed or deemed non essential?

Mayor Day had the following reply:

If you drive around town and look you'll see the ones that are closed.

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

I thought maybe we could post to the City's website access to links to sites to the Federal Government to help small businesses out with getting loans and getting some of those funds that have been set aside by the Federal Government to help them out.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Friday, April 10 we had a preconstruction meeting for the Wabash Avenue Project. We did get a start date from MJ Excavating. It will be the second week of May and they will have 121 days of contract runs. Just to give everybody what they'll see first, they'll start on Parklane Drive. The waterline will go in first and they're going to work up to Lakeview, from Third all the way down to Lakeview. Once we have some tie-ins there we will have to block Lakeview for three days, after that they will move above Lakeview and they will come down Wabash to Lakeview for the local traffic. They'll complete the waterline then go down to the storm sewer. Lakeview traffic will be kept open for 95% of that project. Also at the Cemetery the bids have been received and rewarded for the poll building by Brian Builders out of Strasburg. Delivery of material will be Thursday. He looks to start the 1st week of May also. He's got just over 60 days in his contract but I think he'll have that under roof in 30 days and they'll pour the concrete. Diversified is still working on the office building.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

I know you received emails regarding flooding in the Lakeview area, we're still looking to mediate that issue?

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:

Yes, if you look at everything once that sidewalk goes in there is going to be no bleeding into her yard at all. There's a catch basin just south of that property that the water will go into, so that will help a lot. We had to move that project to 2021 because of the Wabash Project.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

Mayor Day had the following report:

The Fire Department's 1995 Engine Truck is in the repair shop getting it's motor replaced. Two weeks ago during a mutual aid run to Uhrichsville the motor was ruined when a piston rod broke. The truck should be back in service by May 1st with a new motor installed. In the meantime I'd like to thank the Bolivar Fire Department for lending us their engine truck to fill in. Today Chief Parrish implemented a new telemedicine program to help their response to possible Covid 19 patients. The program uses teleconferencing apps found on most Smartphones. When a person with Coronavirus symptoms places a call to the 911 center asking for ambulance service the 911 dispatcher will ask the caller and ask whether an ambulance should be dispatched to their location as is normally done, or if a member of the fire department's telemedicine should be contacted and be asked to contact the person who calls by phone either by using Apple's facetime app or a similar Android phone app. The goal of the program is to conserve the use of the Fire Department's Covid 19 personal protection equipment. A video explaining the new telemedicine program has been posted on the City's Facebook page as well as on the Fire Department website.

TREASURER MR. TOM GERBER.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

Things are moving very fast. Myself, the Mayor, and Vickie Ionno are involved in what used to be a daily phone conference called the Tuscarawas County Emergency Operation's Center Team which consists of elected officials throughout the County. One of the things that is done through this team is as late as March 26 first responders did not have access to who has tested positive or who was under quarantine. There was some hesitation with hospitals regarding possibly violating HIPAA or the Ohio Revised Code. I was asked personally by members of our Fire and EMS Squad. What they had pointed out to me was as many of you know we also have contracts with Goshen Twp, we also assist other fire departments throughout the county. On March 26 I sent a letter to the Tuscarawas County Prosecutor asking him to join me in encouraging all the necessary agencies to provide that information and recognizing how important this was to our first responders. I'm very proud to say that that was achieved as of March 27. Once the hospitals and various agencies found out that we could legally do this it was done very expeditiously. Another thing I've been working on is I took off the hands of our Health Department the issue of determining who's essential and who's not essential. As you know we've got a very small Health Department. I thought their resources were better used for tracking the virus. If there's a positive test they have to find everybody that person has been in contact with. They have to check emails, social media to find everybody and track everyone over a 14 day timespan. I thought that was a better use of their time than responding to an almost daily sometime more often than that calls to determine if a business is essential or not. I also work with the schools, the fire department and the health department to develop guidelines for our students to use facilities such as the stadium in New Philadelphia. When I have more detail on those things I will share those with you.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

The people that have tested positive for Covid 19 but then they recover, according to all the guidelines, are they removed from that list?

Law Director Fete had the following reply:

Yes

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission Meeting for this month has been cancelled. Hopefully we'll be able to resume our work in May.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for this Month has been cancelled. Hoping to meet on May 10 at 5pm in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission Meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM has been cancelled due to the Stay at Home Order enacted by our Governor.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... .MR. KELLY RICKLIC.....NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS.....NO REPORT

Mr. Zucal had the following question for Mrs. Ramos:

We received the email from Mr. Adamich regarding the natural gas distribution. Do you feel that's been resolved?

Mrs. Ramos had the following reply:

My first response was forwarded to members of my Committee. I responded again to Mr. Adamich today. In talking with the Service Director Mr. McAbier, the developer is responsible for the natural gas lines. The City is only responsible for the water distribution and whatever is in Chapter 1121 that they require for new developments. In talking with the Mayor and Mr. McAbier all those requirements have been met. I suggested to Mr. Adamich that he talk to Mr. Lawver and the gas company.

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:

The way Mr. Adamich got involved is Gary Lawver was going to do all electric or try to get a right of way drain from one of the owners up on Hilltop. Mr. Lawver was stuck in a hard spot because they weren't sure if a low pressure gas line would work. Mr. Lawver tried to buy the house on Chauncey after it was burnt and for sale and he was going to use that gas line, unfortunately now it's not for sale. The allotment is going through no matter what it's going to be all electric or they'll get something figured out. There are two different ways, the Chauncey way doesn't seem like it's going to work.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

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

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

I just wanted to thank those members of our service team that are out there day in and day out. I think of the men who work on the back of the garbage trucks. They're interacting with a lot of different things and they do it each and every day.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO HAVE AN HONORARY DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF BANK LANE SE DESIGNATED IN HONOR OF JIM LOCKER FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, SPECIFICALLY, THE PORTION OF BANK LANE SE FROM 3rd ST SE TO 4th ST SE WOULD HAVE SIGNAGE PLACED UNDER THE STREET NAMES THAT WOULD READ “HONORARY JIM LOCKER LANE”, THE STREET NAMES THEMSELVES WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

4th Reading

7-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE DEERFIELD SUBDIVISION AS ACCEPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

3rd Reading

MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 7-2020
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION

7 YEAS

ORDINANCE 7-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS:

5-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE ERNEST BY THE MAYOR TO THE NEW PHILADELPHIA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS

2nd Reading

6- 2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF COURTNEY SHALOSKY BY THE MAYOR TO THE NEW PHILADELPHIA PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS

2nd Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:06 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp