

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 8, 2019 WITH PRESIDENT OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. PRESIDENT HITCHCOCK 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. CHERYL RAMOS  
MR. KELLY RICKLIC  
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

MRS. AIMEE MAY  
MAYOR DAY

- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 11-2019 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 13-2019 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA  
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTIONS  
6 YEAS  
RESOLUTION 11-2019 AND RESOLUTION 13-2019 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA
  
- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA  
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
TONIGHT'S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
  
- MR. RICKLIC MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 24, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL  
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 24, 2019 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

**CORRESPONDENCE** . . . . . CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock from Mayor Day, dated June 25, 2019. This is an email titled "Assignment to the Zoning and Annexation Committee". It was replied to by Law Director Fete and Councilwoman Ramos.*
2. *To Clerk of Council from Michael Kelly, President of Walter Drane, dated June 20, 2019. This was a set of 2019 Replacement Pages for the Codified Ordinances. It came with a letter and draft legislation that I forwarded to President of Council Sam Hitchcock.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Executive Assistant to the Mayor Mary Ann Otte, dated June 27, 2019. This is an email titled "The Mayor's End of Month Report" with the June 2019 End of Month Report as the attachment.*
4. *To Councilman Zucal from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated June 28, 2019. This is an email with the titled "Design and Review Committee" and it states: "John, as per your request I'm assigning this to your Committee for further study and consideration".*
5. *To Councilman Lanzer from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated July 2, 2019. This is a forwarded email titled "Walter Drane Replacement Pages" with that as the attachment along with the sample Ordinance. It states "Dan, please take*

- the attached City ordinances update into your Committee for consideration.*
6. *To Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator Vickie Daniels, dated July 2, 2019. This is the June Income Tax Report.*
  7. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Gundy, dated July 3, 2019. This is an email titled "June 2019" and it has the attachment "Auditor's Financial Statement for June 2019".*
  8. *To Councilman Ricklic from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated July 6, 2019. This is an email titled "Tower Company Lease Agreement". It has the attachments "Tower Company Option and Ground Lease Agreement" and the "Tower Memorandum of Lease".*
  9. *To Council Clerk from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated July 8, 2019. This is the City of New Philadelphia June 2019 Deposits.*
  10. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated July 8, 2019. The Mayor's Report.*

**Administrative Reports.....**

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ....MAYOR JOEL B. DAY .....EXCUSED ABSENSE  
 Council Clerk Julie Courtright read the following report on behalf of Mayor Day:

- **Congratulations to the First Town Days Festival Committee:** On behalf of all citizens of New Philadelphia I thank the members of the First Town Days Festival Committee for giving us another celebration to remember. Despite the muggy weather and Sunday's rain shortened car show, the 2019 Festival was a success. I was fortunate to be Chaz Willet's assistant coach of the City Slickers softball team that swept the County Terminators in two straight games on Saturday morning. As a result, the City-County Game trophy remains at City Hall. I also want to congratulate newly crowned Festival Queen Phylcia Christmas and her first attendant Chloe Martin. They will spend the next year representing New Philadelphia across the state.
- **A Section of First Drive NW will be changed for One Way Traffic:** After discussions with City Safety Director Greg Popham and Central Elementary Principal John Zucal, I instructed the City Traffic Department to erect one way traffic signs on First Drive NW, going south, between North Avenue and Ray Avenue NW. When the new school year starts, we hope this change will help alleviate the traffic congestion around the school at the start and end of the school day. We decided to put the signs up now to give motorists an opportunity to adjust to the one way traffic pattern.
- **Business for Local Manufacturers is Strong but Retailers Continue to Struggle:** Over the past three months Service Director McAbier and I have visited several of the City's major manufacturers, and all of them have reported that their business outlook remains positive and they are hiring. However there is still a shortage of skilled workers, particularly welders and machinists, to fill job openings. On the other hand, local retailers we have talked with say that they continue to fight an uphill battle against online shopping and bigger competitors. New Philadelphia's small businesses depend upon local shoppers. New Philadelphia's merchants pride themselves in providing quality customer service as well as competitive prices and selection. I encourage you to search for a local source first, before you go online to order from Amazon.

Councilman Zucal had the following comment:

I fall under the Ward II where the Safety Director and the Mayor are talking about the change in the one way street from North Avenue down to Ray Avenue. Obviously that has been a point of contention over the years with school traffic. I do plan on visiting with the neighbors and getting feedback from them as to any potential pitfalls that may cause them when we start to weigh the balance in making that one way, which is going to be a greater convenience for the school traffic or the one way street? So, to those citizens who will be effected by that, they should anticipate a visit from me. If they're not home I'll be leaving a letter asking them to please reach out to me so that we do have feedback as I shared with the Mayor per our conversation, just to make sure we're doing what's of best interest to all.

SERVICE DIRECTOR .....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

First I want to address the State Route 416 Project. For anyone who has been out there the project is complete. I walked 1/3 of the project. We'll finish hopefully by the end of this week and meet with ODOT and the contractor hopefully by the end of next week and any problems that we'll need to address we'll do it at that time. On the first third of the project I've come up with nothing. We've done pretty well. I'll let you know at the next Council Meeting. We should be done with that project by then and all check offs done. On the city paving project they're down on Mill Avenue and Graff around the mall. They're milling out today, a little bit tomorrow morning. Weather permitting the city paving will be completed by the end of the week. If anyone has been down on Bluebell and West High the poles have come in. There was a six month delay on those, which was unexpected. They came in July 28 and that project is starting to move along quickly now after a long delay in getting the poles. I'll continue to update Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

When you go through downtown there are large sections of asphalt in clumps that they left. Is part of that punch list to clean that up? I took my shovel down the one day and it takes some work to get that off because it has adhered to the sidewalks. I don't think they should leave it like that. That's not responsible.

Service Director McAbier had the following response:

Yes we'll go through and get that cleaned up.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

In regard to 416, the areas of the bridges and concrete pavement, there are large chunks of concrete that is missing. How is that going to be repaired?

Service Director McAbier had the following reply:

The concrete will be on us. If you remember the portion coming up the hill wasn't on the project at all. Early on we asked them what the price would be to blacktop that and that's how we got some of the partial full deck repairs in that area. They recognized the worst ones and that's what our money got us is what they've done so far. Now it's on us to repair so we'll have to maintain it from here.

AUDITOR .....MS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

We used to get the detailed lodging tax report that just had the hotels and what they had paid. I haven't seen that lately.

Ms. Gundy had the following reply:

I was only sending that out at the end of the year but I can send it.

Mr. Zucal had the following reply:

There have been some questions regarding it we would appreciate it if you would send it month to month.

SAFETY DIRECTOR .....MR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

I'd just like to commend all the departments that basically got us through 1<sup>st</sup> Town Days. It's always a difficult time and the departments that did the extra work did excellent and all the departments stepped up and did what was needed.

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

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MARVIN FETE . . . . . NO REPORT

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . . MAYOR JOEL DAY . . . . . EXCUSED ABSENSE  
The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers to go over some rezoning parcels on Kaderly Ave.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS . . . . . MR. RON MCABIER  
The next scheduled meeting was supposed to be July 9, 2019 but there are no variance requests to be heard so the next scheduled meeting will actually be August 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION . . . . . MR. JOHN ZUCAL  
The Airport Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Harry Clever Field Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD . . . . . MRS. AIMEE MAY . . . . . EXCUSED ABSENSE

CEMETERY BOARD . . . . . MRS. AIMEE MAY . . . . . EXCUSED ABSENSE

HEALTH BOARD . . . . . MR. KELLY RICKLIC  
The Health Board will meet Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 12:00 PM in the Health Department.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROB MAURER . . . . . NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JOHN ZUCAL  
Mr. Zucal had the following report:  
No formal report, but I do want to make sure that I share with members

of the Committee as well as Council and the Administration and guests this evening that we will be starting to look at our downtown review policies. Some of the Legislation that's currently in place and the need for some updated Legislation that would help us with defining some historic areas and making ourselves open to grant funding. I have been in contact with Trina Williams at OMEGA and we have had some conversations about that. I shared with her our current legislation and we will be taking a stronger look at that from their perspective, as well as looking at some other examples. We'll be looking at feedback from the community as to how we can strengthen our position on the downtown.

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

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE... MR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

A Committee Meeting is scheduled on July 22 at 7:00 PM with the cellphone tower lease on the Agenda.

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

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

The Committee met tonight at 6:30 PM and we're right now in an adjournment. There were a lot of things to discuss about the rezoning of the HRN properties from residential to business. We are going to start that Meeting again at the conclusion of this Meeting.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE .....MR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met this evening to discuss the City Auction on August 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM. We voted 3-0 to have this added to the Agenda and suspend the rules so they have enough time to advertise the auction.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE .....MRS. AIMEE MAY .....EXCUSED ABSENCE

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Tom Farbizo of 926 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW New Philadelphia had the following comment:

I'd like to thank the Council President, Law Director Fete, and Council Members. The Mayor is not here tonight and I have a check for him, but Service Director McAbier is. I'm here tonight representing Dr. Veratti with Quaker Digital Educational Foundation. I've got a check for you

tonight. This is our first check since Council was kind enough to allow us to start advertising on the sanitation trucks. This is the first year that truck number one could be advertised on. I'll give a check to Mr. McAbier for \$960.00.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

Please explain to the audience tonight, the City gets a percentage of it but the rest of the revenue goes toward scholarships.

Mr. Farbizo had the following response:

That's correct. 60 percent goes toward scholarships, 40 percent goes to the City. The first year on our contract as we worked out with Law Director Fete, covers expenses so the City doesn't get anything. Our first truck had an advertisement on it by QDA and Simpson Heating and Cooling. They made their payment so the 40 percent is in for the City \$960.00.

Madelyn Morrow of 1420 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW had the following comment:

I just wanted to let Council know that the Street and Sanitation Departments have done a wonderful job taking up the trees and things and I really appreciate it.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I want to say I appreciate the Mayor's efforts in cleaning up the City. We just heard the Street and Sanitation Departments have been picking up limbs etc. My concern is this, in going around the City, I have noticed that there are multiple vehicles parked in front yards. It looks bad. This is in grassy areas where there shouldn't be vehicles parked. I would like to have the City look into something to minimize that. There shouldn't be 10 cars in somebody's front yard. I'm talking about the grass, not the driveway. It looks bad in my neighborhood, it looks bad in any neighborhood.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following comment:

Perhaps the appropriate members of the Administration will look into that for you.

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

I believe three years ago Council looked at the parking circumstances. There was no action taken at the time. There were a number of topics Council was considering at that point and time. Perhaps Legislation should be considered.

*\*President Hitchcock asked Mr. Lanzer to take this issue into his Committee for further consideration.*

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

On behalf of the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association I have a comment. That organization ties together business and community in the area and used to be part of Mainstreet USA. We still exist not as a Mainstreet but under the name of NPBCA. Our membership has dwindled and part of that is due to the organization's retooling of itself and some things that needed to be done. I would encourage individuals in the community to join. Membership is only \$30.00 and it gives you a voice. There are monthly membership meetings that you can come to. We do a lot of things to try to improve the appearance of our community and part of that is directed at downtown with flowers and decorations. Soon we'll be starting to think what's going to happen at Christmastime. Those membership dollars are a reinvestment back into the community. I would encourage you to join.

### **READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

- 11-2019            A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO AUTHORIZE THE NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD THE ANNUAL CITY AUCTION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019 AT 6:00 PM.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON RESOLUTION 11-2019  
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 11-2019
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-2019  
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION  
6 YEAS  
RESOLUTION 11-2019 HAS BEEN APPROVED
- 13-2019            A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO COMMEND EUGENE GRASSELLI FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, WHICH INCLUDED THREE YEARS IN GENERAL SERVICES, 24 YEARS IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT, AND THREE YEARS AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDANT IN THE WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:00 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Courtright

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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Sam Hitchcock