

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 22, 2021 WITH PRESIDENT DON KEMP. 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

NONE

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 13-2021 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
RESOLUTION 13-2021 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- SAFETY DIRECTOR POPHAM MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TONIGHT’S MEETING TO DISCUSS CONTRACTS
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL  
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

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

1. *To Clerk of Council from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated March 9, 2021. This is the City of New Philadelphia February 2021 Investment and Savings Report.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Superintendent of New Philadelphia City Schools David Brand, dated March 12, 2021. This is an email and the title “lease”*
3. *To Council and Administration from Councilman Maurer, dated March 16, 2021. This is an email titled “Stadium”.*
4. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 19, 2021. This is an email, the title is Fire Inspector Shultz Report and the Fire and EMS Service Contract for Goshen Township and those are the attachments.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 19, 2021. This is an email and the title is “Please include the Assistant Fire Chief’s position on Monday’s Salary Committee Meeting Agenda.”*
6. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated March 22, 2021. This is a forwarded email. The title is Goshen Township Fire and EMS Contract Proposal Final.*
7. *To Council and Administration, dated March 22, 2021. The Mayor’s Report.*

**Administrative Reports.....**

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

Mayor Day had the following report:

Crane Carrier is Now Battle Motors The Crane Carrier Company on Reiser Avenue SE has been purchased by Battle Motors of Los Angeles California. Battle Motors manufacturers electric-powered commercial vehicles. Company officials told me that they plan to expand the plant and its workforce to build both electric and internal combustion vehicles. Battle Motors CEO Mike Patterson said more details will be provided soon. You can learn more about Battle Motors by visiting its website at [www.battlemotors.com](http://www.battlemotors.com).

Businesses Continue to Open in Downtown New Philadelphia Last Friday the Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new Carol Goff and Associates downtown location. The real estate business is located at the corner of 2nd Street and Fair Avenue NW. Carol Goff joins Antique Barnwood Creations, Art and Soul Gallery, Be Unique Studios, SoBoHo and Twice Treasured as new downtown businesses that have opened during the coronavirus pandemic. It's very gratifying to see entrepreneurs choosing downtown New Philadelphia as the location for starting their businesses.

Fire Inspector Sholtz Works to Clean Up Neglected Properties in the City I want to commend City Fire Inspector Captain Jim Sholtz for the job he's doing to rid the City of eyesore properties. Captain Sholtz is using the International Property Maintenance Code and the Ohio Fire Code to work with the owners of such properties. His work is having a positive effect. Several of the property owners have either agreed to repair their structures, or have sold them to buyers who are either going to repair them or have them torn down.

Junk Doesn't Look Well with Blooming Flowers and Trees Now that the spring season has arrived, no doubt cleaning out unwanted stuff around the house and in the garage is on your "To Do" list. Please remember to call the City Garage at 330-339-2121 to schedule a Special Pickup before you set your unwanted items at the curb.

Downtown Design Standards Board wants Input from TAP Last week members of the Downtown Design Standards Board of Review met with Wilma Mullett, the executive director of the Tuscarawas Arts Partnership (TAP), to ask for the organization's help in developing downtown design standards. The roundtable discussion also included several downtown property owners who have commissioned local artists to paint murals on their buildings. The Board of Review members are hopeful that TAP's board of directors will agree to allow the organization to be the first point of contact to give mural artists direction and support. In a related matter, a group of downtown business and property owners and artists have a project underway to create a new downtown walkway between West High Avenue and Allen Lane SW. Debbie Knisely, the owner of Alley Cats and Fresh the Market, would like to give a presentation to Council that will explain the project. I would like to yield the remainder of my time to her to give her presentation.

Mrs. Knisely made the following statement:

I'm actually going to turn this presentation over to Wilma Mullett, the Director of the Tusc. Arts Partnership. We're working on a project called Artagain Alley.

Mrs. Mullett made the following presentation:

This project is in coordination with Debbie Knisely with Alleycat's Marketplace and George Lawrence. One of the observations that we had is the increased use of a pedestrian alleyway that's between West High and Allen Lane. That spurred more of an interest and opportunity for us to come together and propose what we'd like to call "Artagain Alley" which is to transform a pedestrian alley into an outdoor gallery space. The overall interest in the project is that we're seeing the arts and the businesses in the community all coming together and creating such wonderful opportunities for everyone to gather and enjoy everyone's company. The latest project identifies the 100 foot pedestrian walkway, and usable for vehicles, to turn that into an outdoor gallery space. People can walk in between if they visit Alleycat's Marketplace or Fresh the Market, or places like the Daily Grind or SoBoHo. The Fire Chief and Police Chief have been apart of our meetings discussing this. We've also been speaking with Wood Electric about lighting that area.

*The presentation included images of what the alley would look like.*

\*Mrs. Mullett noted that John McDonald has been commissioned to create arch identifiers for Artagain Alley.

The art in the alley will be vinyl and applied to the buildings in a way they can be removed. The alley will be well lighted. The vinyl applications will be from local artists. We are looking to open this exhibit on Sunday, October 17 during Art on the Alley.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

Are you going to accept advertising? Are the vinyls strictly art?

Mrs. Mullett had the following response:

Yes the vinyls are strictly art.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

Who's going to pay your electric bill?

Mrs. Knisely had the following response:

We did get approval from the owners of those buildings and when Wood Electric came in they gave us a quote on this. They said how much it's going to cost per month. Matt Ferris with the new apartment building in the downtown agreed to pay for that.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

Is there any way to save the brick paving?

Mayor Day had the following response:

It's paved now, or at least part of it is. I believe there are some bricks exposed in spots. We could take a look at that. That could be expensive.

Mr. Lanzer had the following comment:

I think this is a great opportunity and whatever we can do as a City to help you.

Mr. Ricklic had the following comment:

I think it's a great project, my only concern, those buildings have basement access for deliveries. That could cause a lot of traffic. The bricks were removed in 1989 during the downtown project.

Law Director Fete had the following comment:

This is what really draws young people and people of all ages are going to love this. I hope this is the first step in doing it to multiple alleys in our area. I think once people see this they're going to love it and we've got other alleys that this can be done to. I think it's a super project and I really applaud your efforts.

Mrs. Ramos had the following comment:

I agree with all that. We've been in alleys like this in Madrid, Spain, and they were beautiful. The brick is beautiful but we do want to keep in mind handicap accessibility and the ability of wheelchairs or people with crutches and people with balance issues.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

Southside Park, both the multiuse trail and the nature trail are completed. In the next couple weeks you'll see the dog park come together, all the benches will be in, all the apparatus for our furry friends will be in. Electric meters were installed in the last two weeks meaning energized. Both parking lots have been completed. The big project yet is the pollinator garden. That trail is complete but the plantings need to be done. Right now we have an April 15 punch list date. On the cemetery office building the floor projects have been completed. The tile is done. Electrical is all finished except in the hallway. There was a height issue on the drop ceiling and the lights. We have to go to a lower can, so they will have to order those. That will be something that will probably be done next week. The fiber is complete. They've got to do the drop in there tomorrow with Pioneer 360. All the grating around the office was done by last Friday.

AUDITOR .....MS. BETH GUNDY

Mrs. Gundy had the following report:

It looks to me like we're going to be getting around \$3 Million through the American Rescue Plan 2021 that was just passed by Congress. Since it's Federal money I suspect we'll have to create a new fund for that. There's also a new requirement that we are to certify that we need the funds and intend to use them as directed. I hope we get more directives soon, because half of this money is supposed to come later this Spring.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

You said the money has to be used as directed. Do we know where to get that information on the strings attached from the Feds? Could you email the information to Council?

Auditor Gundy said she would email the information that she has to Councilmembers.

SAFETY DIRECTOR .....MR. GREG POPHAM.....NO REPORT

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

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

I feel like I have a special kinship with people who work on garbage trucks and things of that nature. I worked for the Water Department through high school, and I know that we would get a lot of injuries like the neck injury I just had surgery for with chronic nerve pain. When you have surgery you feel like you have a whole new lease on life. My heart goes out to anybody who has to go through that. I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support. I also want to commend Heidi Sanner. She's one of my Assistant Prosecutors who is the de facto Law Director. She stayed in constant contact with me. I was officially cleared to come back today. Heidi had about eight things on my desk waiting for me that she had already taken care of and wanted to make sure I was aware of it. So I can't thank her enough for the work that she did. She attended meetings on my behalf and did a fantastic job. I also want to take this opportunity to commend Councilman Rob Maurer for his leadership on the new stadium lease agreement. Rob really did his absolute best effort to do what he thought was best for students and non students alike to make sure that everybody gets to use this facility in a healthy and safe manner. I just want to thank him for his leadership. Beyond that I'm back in the office full time and I'm so thankful to be back here.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet here in Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 13 at 1:00 PM. The Agenda is being developed.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER  
The Board of Zoning Appeals will also meet April 13, 2021 in Council Chambers at 5:00 PM.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL  
The Airport Commission will also meet on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers. I did want to let Council and the Administration know that we have been studying the beacon for the Airport over a period of time now. One of the members of the Airport Commission Josh Limbacher and I have been in discussion and Josh has utilized his drones to take some aerial footage of what the current beacon looks like, in regard to proximity to the airport and what that would look like for pilots in the area where we are examining potentially for a new beacon to be placed. I'm very grateful for his work on behalf of the Airport Commission. We will be sharing that information as we progress through the airport work.

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

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

HEALTH BOARD ..... MR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MR. ROB MAURER  
Mr. Maurer had the following report:

The Finance Committee met tonight at 6:45 to discuss the Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium Lease. We're making progress. I will have minutes to Councilmembers by the end of the week. We did add Resolution 13-2021 to tonight's Agenda. It will be held for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. It can be amended so at this point I'm getting excited.

SALARY COMMITTEE .....MR. 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

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE .....MR DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:**

Eric Reed of 1103 Baltzey Valley Rd. New Philadelphia had the following comment:

I enjoyed the Alleycat presentation. That's all about building community. I'm interested in the Mayor's Report and his work with the University of Cincinnati in how to make New Philadelphia a wonderful place to live. My concern is the public library in New Philadelphia. Visitors are only allowed to be there 30 minutes. The Mayor in his report if I'm interested in the bike trail he'll say "for

further information read it online”. I can’t go online at the library and spend a lot of time reading because of only 30 minutes. That’s not enough time for me to read newspapers. I appreciate you giving me time here to give you my thoughts about that because the library is a community gathering space, and I don’t feel it’s like that when people are restricted to 30 minutes.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS: NONE**

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

8-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF LEASING TOWER SPACE LOCATED ON THE CITY OWNED AIRPORT BEACON TOWER AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

13-2021 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOOL BOARD PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 13-74 TO LEASE WOODY HAYES QUAKER STADIUM, LOCKER ROOM AND CONCESSION FACILITIES, THE PRACTICE FIELD AND PARKING LOT AREA TO THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR FIFTY YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS UNDER THE TERMS LAID OUT IN THE ATTACHED LEASE.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading

COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:15 PM.  
AT 8:43 PM RECONVENED BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION.

President Kemp made the following statement:

We just talked about the Goshen Township Fire and Emergency Contract. I’m going to assign that to Mr. Ricklic’s Committee.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:44 PM.

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

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Kemp