

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 28, 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

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY
TREASURER TOM GERBER

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 8-2020 AND RESOLUTION 9-2020 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA FOR 1ST Reading
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 8-2020 AND RESOLUTION 9-2020 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA

- MRS. RAMOS MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 11, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
MINUTES FROM THE MAY 11, 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 May 13, 2020. This is an email with the subject “New Philadelphia City Health Department Reports a 2nd COVID 19 Death of a New Philadelphia City Resident. It has the Press Release as the Attachment.*
2. *To Council and Administration from President Kemp, dated May 20, 2020. This an email with the subject City Health Department and it states “Kelly, Please take into your Committee for discussion ways to recognize our Health Department for all their work during this pandemic.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 20, 2020. This is an email and the subject*

is the Park and Recreation Board Votes to Close the Tuscora Park Pool.

4. *To Council and Administration from Executive Assistant to the Mayor Mary Ann Otte, dated May 27, 2020. This is an invitation to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the 5 Barrel Bullet Brewing Company to be held Friday, May 29 at 2:00 PM.*
5. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated May 28, 2020. This is the Mayor's Report*

Administrative Reports.....

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

Mayor Day had the following report:

- The Long Awaited Opening of the Five Barrel Bullet Brewing Company is Tomorrow: A ribbon-cutting ceremony has been scheduled for 2pm on Friday to mark the official opening of the Five Barrel Bullet Brewing Company on East High Avenue. I look forward to welcoming Five Barrel Bullet to New Philadelphia's growing business community and wish them much success. If my quick research is correct, It will be the first brewing company to operate in the City since the New Philadelphia Brewing Company closed its factory on South Broadway in 1949.

- The Restart Tusc Initiative is Helping Closed Businesses Reopen: A number of small businesses in the county ordered closed in March by Governor Dewine have begun to reopen with the help of the Restart Tusc Initiative. According to Harry Eadon of the Tuscarawas County Economic Development Corporation, local contributors to the effort raised \$107,000.00. From that, grants of up to \$5000.00 could be given to qualifying small business applicants. The funding rounds were established by the reopening dates and categories determined by the Governor. In round one, 69 applications were submitted. 17 applications were approved, with the grant awards totaling \$41,000.00. In round two, 34 applications were received. They are being evaluated this week. Applications for round three are still being accepted. For more information and to apply for funding, go to the Restart Tusc Facebook page or the website www.tuscedc.com. It's very gratifying to see how local organizations, county government and individuals have partnered to respond to the need to help our small business owners reopen their doors and get up and running again.

- RTY Awaits State Inspections of its Tuscora Park Rides and Action by Governor Dewine: Governor Dewine's deep state budget cuts resulted in the Department of Agriculture furloughing amusement ride inspectors earlier this month. Until those inspectors are back on the job and come to Tuscora Park, RTY cannot open its rides. According to City Parks Superintendent Rod Miller, RTY's ride supervisor has been told that the inspectors could arrive as early as next week. In the meantime, the City Health Department has been working with RTY to establish social distancing and other COVID-19 related protocols for rider safety. And hopefully soon, Governor Dewine and State Health Director Acton will lift their order to allow amusement parks and rides to operate

- The Coronavirus is still Active in New Philadelphia : Two more positive cases of the coronavirus were reported by the New Philadelphia City Health Department on Tuesday. That brings the total positive cases recorded in the City since April 24th to 116. Of that number, 101

people have recovered, 13 cases are still active and two deaths have occurred from the virus. Throughout the pandemic and public health emergency declarations, Health Commissioner Ionno and her staff have shown the value of New Philadelphia having its own public health department. In my mind our health department has taken a sensible approach to implementing Governor Dewine's directives, being very conscious of their effect on our citizens and our businesses.

Mr. Maurer had the following question for Mayor Day:

Has the track always been closed to local resident?

Mr. Zucal had the following reply:

There's a sign that states when New Philadelphia City School activities are taking place the track is closed. That sign is posted at the entrance, although it hasn't always been enforced.

Mayor Day had the following reply:

This is following the Covid 19 guidelines and also recommendations from the Ohio High School Athletic Association. The track will be opening on Saturday, May 30th. New Philadelphia Athletic Director Matt Dennison is setting the hours and they'll be posted. The stadium will be closed for the practices.

Mr. Maurer had the following question:

If we deem this track the City of New Philadelphia's responsibility, how can the school determine when residents can use the track?

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

We're advertising bids for the Cemetery Office building on May 29, 2020. We'll take bids until June 11, 2020 and we'll start construction on that possibly July 7, 2020. The completion date is October 1. I will continue to update. The Cemetery Project is on hold. The CDBG Poplar Avenue project many of you know and are concerned about funding. You all know what's happened with our PAPI lights down at the airport. We did get an ROF yesterday releasing the funds so that will move forward. The timeline will change. Also the Southside Park bid opening was opened last Wednesday. Seven contractors were waiting for a recommendation from Quicksall engineering to award the contract to the lowest and best bid. It came in at \$1,885,408.30 so under the engineering estimate of \$2,182,710. That's great news with that low bid and what we had allocated we will be able to move forward with a second restroom on that site. An update on the Wabash Avenue Project, the entire waterline is completed and is in. All the new services up there on the hill have been tied over to the new line and we tied in today from the 2nd Street side. Now they've been working on the storm sewer.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

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

Concerning the OYO lodging tax that has not been paid. Could we have a status update as to whether or not they have paid anything?

Mrs. Gundy had the following reply:

They have not paid anything since January.

Mr. Zucal had the following reply:

That concerns me because all the other lodging facilities have had to pay that lodging tax. Mr. Fete could you pursue that?

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

Recently the afternoon shift of the Police Department responded to a call and ended up having to quarantine a few officers for a few days over Coronavirus concerns. The officers are back on the job this week.

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

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

Today is my birthday. I didn't say that to place accolades on myself but to place accolades where they should be, on the first responders. My birthdays almost ended in 1982 when I was a kid. I was struck by a car on on my bicycle and I flew through the air about 26 feet. I had a fractured skull and was in a coma for 72 hours. After it was all over I learned that people with the type of head injuries that I sustained only have a 25% chance of surviving. In this day and age where people could have Coronavirus our first responders still have to do CPR on people.

Mr. Fete showed homemade birthday cards that were made for him by his sons Buddy and Ryder

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM. This will be a reorganizational meeting. We hadn't met in 3 months because of the virus.

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

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:00 PM here in Council Chambers with five variance requests on the Agenda. The first was the address of 204 6th St SW, non-compliance with 1161.05, that was denied on a 5-0 vote; the second was 461 4th St. NE, non-compliance with 1161.05, that was passed by a vote of 4-1; next was Prospect Ave. NW, a homeowner had attended before, non-compliance with rear setback and alley setback, it was voted on and passed 4-1; 733 3rd St. NW, residential non-compliance with 1161.04 over the lot coverage. The variance request was granted on a vote of 4-1; lastly 444 2nd St. NW, non-

compliance with 1161.04, that was passed on a vote of 4-1.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

We do have some news to report in regards to the Airport Commission. As the Service Director mentioned during his report unfortunately we did receive notification that we did lose the funding at this point in time for the PAPI Project at Harry Clever Field. We have already paid in advance for the aerial inspection scheduled to take place and we already have our parts on order except for the PAPIs themselves. So we find ourselves in a very unique position with that and we will continue to receive updates from Michael Baker Jr. as to how we can handle the funding portion that we already had encumbered to be used. Should the project not come to fruition, and we have been informed that we will need to reapply for the new fiscal year but more than likely preferential option will be given to those who were actually granted awards this year that had to have those removed because of the cuts. We're hopeful that this project can soon come to fruition and we can put it away and have a very safe airport for all involved. Hopefully by this time next year we can talk about this being resolved.

PARK BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

The Park Board met on May 20, 2020. There were several items that were discussed. They adopted a set of levels for shelters. The pool is going to be closed this summer due to the Covid 19 outbreak, and there should be a decision on First Towne Days late next week.

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CEMETERY BOARD.....MRS. AIMEE MAY

There will be no Cemetery Board Meeting this month.

HEALTH BOARD MR. KELLY RICKLIC

The Health Board met Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at Noon in Council Chambers. Basically the focus of the Meeting was Covid 19 and the department's involvement. They are applying for reimbursement of the Covid. Overall I do commend the Health Board for taking on their challenges at this difficult time. The two doctors on the Board bring a lot to the table for us and help the Health Department operate at a high level of care.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Could you explain what they're being reimbursed for?

Mr. Ricklic had the following reply:

Tracking the individuals that remained in contact. Vickie worked very closely with the Ohio Department of Health getting those guidelines and using those to the best

interest of the City and getting the most money reimbursed back to us. They will be reimbursed for any of their time that was used for Covid.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer made the following statement:

I have no report but I would like to ask for an Executive Session following the Legislative Agenda. The reason would be pending litigation.

MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING

MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD DURING TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal had the following report:

I would like to inform Members of City Council, Administration, and those who are watching tonight that we will be meeting on June 8, 2020 at 7:15 PM to discuss the Fixed Base Operator's Contract at Harry Clever Field with ProAv Services.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening here in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM to discuss entering into a contract with the Ohio Regional Development Corporation for Administrative Services for Fiscal Year 2020 for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) and to authorize ORDC to apply for grant funding for the City of New Philadelphia from CDBG, HOME, and Ohio Housing Trust Fund. The grant funds are to be used primarily to assist Citizens in New Philadelphia in housing rehabilitation. The Committee also discussed entering into a partnership agreement with the City of Uhrichsville for fiscal year 2020. The City of New Philadelphia would be the grantee of the partnership and the City of Uhrichsville would be the partner. The City of New Philadelphia through ORDC would be applying for \$650,000 in CDBG Funding. The grant funding would be dividing the \$650,000 with \$350,000 going to the City of New Philadelphia and \$300,000 going to the City of Uhrichsville. After Committee discussion and information from the Service Director the Committee voted to

send Resolution 8-2020 and Resolution 9-2020 to full Council tonight, to be placed on tonight's Agenda for 1st Reading and passage. With no further business the Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

In addition to the Committee report I would like to provide a progress update on the video system being proposed for live streaming City Council meetings.

We have received the first quote for the video system and anticipate a second quote in the coming week. What has become interesting is viewer demand. The first test viewing of a New Philadelphia council meeting has, as of today, more than 900 views. In April both meetings have had more than 1,500 views. I feel this represents there is an interest in what our city is doing, an interest in what the management of this city is doing, and that we are going in the right direction in providing a system that allows citizens to see what is happening in their city government.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

When you talk about the video for streaming are you talking about streaming on Facebook like we're doing now?

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

That would be an enhanced system for what we are presently doing. We would be adding additional cameras and tying into the overall sound system and a system of control and adjustment for the video portion of it, all to be under grant provisions.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

Would it be potentially on YouTube too?

Mr. Holland had the following response:

As I understand it from one of the bidders we would have the capability of being on a number of different platforms.

Mr. Fete had the following comment:

Mr. Holland, I just wanted to thank you. This is something you've advocated for a long time. I want to thank you for your leadership on it. I also want to thank the Mayor who really opened the door for this and made this possible. I think those statistics are phenomenal. We're very blessed that we had a Mayor that had a background in this because we had to do it on the fly when everything got closed down and I want to thank both of you for your leadership in that.

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

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met this evening in Council Chambers at 6:50 PM. Members of the Committee are myself, Mr. Maurer, and Mr. Lanzer. Discussion was recognizing the City Health Department for exceptional work in dealing with the Covid 19 pandemic. Committee Members and Council Members discussed drawing up a Resolution for each member of the Health Department for their exceptional work and extra time and effort they had put in dealing with this pandemic. It was approved 3-0 to have the Law Director draw those up and have them ready for the June 8, 2020 Council Meeting and invite each individual to the Council Meeting to be presented with the Resolution on that date.

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

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

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

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Holland had the following comment:

The new paving list was issued in March. I received some complaints from previous administrations and this has been published, it is well known.

I hope everyone, if you have not you will, go on the City Facebook Page and view the video “We are all in this together COVID-19 Response” produced by the Ezekiel Project. When you see the vacant closed buildings and empty streets downtown in the business district, it is truly heart felt; and then you see the business owners, community leaders, friends, neighbors and those eager to see our community back and humming...it is truly heart felt. I’m not sure...what there is to say...other than it is great to see some of our businesses open and doing business, people out and about shopping and eating and doing things...but, we are not open completely until we can safely see our schools open, our children learning in a safe environment and our community feeling good and shining with activity again.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

5-2020 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW 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.
7th Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

8-2020 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF UHRICHSVILLE FOR THE PY 2020 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM
1st Reading

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES OF RESOLUTION
8-2020
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES ARE SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 8-2020

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 8-2020
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 8-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

9-2020

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA
OHIO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE PY 2020 COMMUNITY
HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM AND
AUTHORIZING ORDC TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE PY 2020 CHIP
ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA
1st Reading

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES OF RESOLUTION
9-2020
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON RESOLUTION 9-2020

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 9-2020
MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION
7 YEAS
RESOLUTION 9-2020 HAS BEEN APPROVED

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:17.
AT 8:34 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:34 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Don Kemp