

New Philadelphia City Council

Finance Committee

Meeting Notes

September 12, 2016 – 6 p.m.

Present for all or portions of the meeting were the following: committee chairman Darrin Lautenschleger and committee member John Zucal; committee alternate Dean Holland; Councilmembers Aimee May, Cheryl Ramos and Kelly Ricklic; Council President Sam Hitchcock; Clerk of Council Julie Courtright; Mayor Joel Day; Service Director Ron McAbier; Treasurer Tom Gerber; Auditor Beth Gundy; City Law Director Marvin Fete; Municipal Court Administrator Judith Dziegel; Municipal Court Chief Probation Officer Leslie Miller; and Shyanne Carroll of WJER Radio.

ITEMS: Proposed Ordinance 10-2016.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 10-2016: Chairman Lautenschleger introduced Ms. Dziegel and Ms. Miller of New Philadelphia Municipal Court and reminded Committee members that they were invited to appear before the Committee at this meeting to discuss questions about the CILOCS (line items 254-3500 in the 2016 city budget) requested appropriation contained in the ordinance.

Ms. Dziegel said that the past couple of years have created a “whole new world for our Probation Department” in managing the offenders in the numerous cases related to opiate infractions. She said that in recent years, the Court’s Probation Department operated with three full-time probation officers and one part-time employee. However, there are now more than 750 probation cases being managed, and effective in July, the Probation Department increased to four full-time probation officers. This has caused a deficit in the original budgeted line item for the Probation Department and the Court is requesting that the CILOCS funds collected be used to cover this deficit.

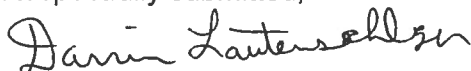
Ms. Miller told Committee members that the probation officers have an increased amount of time responding to the needs and requirements of the probation cases related to opiate and drug infractions.

Originally, the CILOCS funds were targeted to be used for upgrades in the Municipal Court building, and while a few projects may be done based on other available funding, priorities for work will be established and the projects will need to be completed on a longer timetable than originally envisioned, Ms. Dziegel said.

ACTION: On a motion by Chairman Lautenschleger, seconded by Mr. Zucal, the Committee voted 3-0 to recommend to City Council that the rules be suspended on Ordinance 10-2016, which is up for second reading on the agenda of tonight’s regular session of City Council, and that the legislation be approved on second reading.

With no further business to be discussed by the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Darrin Lautenschleger
Chairman