

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2013 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK WELCOMED THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA’S NEW TREASURER, LORI STATLER.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- MS. SANDY COX
- MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
- MR. DAN LANZER
- MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
- MR. ROB MAURER
- MS. WINNIE WALKER
- MR. JOHN ZUCAL

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. LANZER SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2013 AND THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2013.
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA MCKAY

1. Mayor’s Report/Requests to Council February 11th , 2013
2. Mayor Michael R. Taylor’s 2012 State of the City
3. Mayor ‘s Monthly Statement to Council for the Month of January 2013
4. Request dated February 8, 2013 to Sam Hitchcock, President of City Council from the Service Director James Zucal in regards to 2013 CDBG & Materials Bids
5. Auditor’s Monthly Statement of 2013 Revenue for the General Fund for the Month of January
6. Auditor’s Financial Statement for the Month of January 2013
7. City of New Philadelphia Statement of Cash Position Month to Date as of January 31st, 2013
8. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 31st, 2013
9. New Philadelphia Police/Monthly Activity Report for the Month of January 2013
10. Notice from Dominion East Ohio, Robert W. Varley Managing Director State and Local Affairs Dated February 7th, 2013 for a thirty days in advance notice of its anticipated filing of the annual AMR Cost Recovery Charge Application with PUCO

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTS.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

Mayor Taylor addressed the following:

- The Mayor requested an Executive Session tonight after the legislation for Personnel Reasons relating to the Police Chief’s Retirement and Replacement and also for Personnel Health Insurance related issues.
- The Mayor welcomed Lori Statler as the new Treasurer for the City. The Mayor announced that Lori has been appointed to fill the balance of the term which ends this year and that she is interested in running for the position and has taken out a petition to do so.
- The Mayor requested the Council President assign to Committee the renewal of our Exclusive Marketing Agreement with Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc. for a second two year term; the Mayor requested that the Committee meet on the February 25th, 2013 and agree to add a proposed piece of legislation to the agenda that night, suspend the rules and pass as an emergency. The Mayor informed all that timeliness is important we are closing in on the window to lock in the next 12 months price for our Citizens on the plan. The Mayor announced if we are discontinuing the plan we are also required to give a 45 day notice to the program participants. The Mayor will work with the Law Director to get the renewed agreement prepared for the Committee Meeting.

- The Mayor reported that all the 2013 Budgets that he reviews have been submitted to both the Auditor and Finance Committee Chair. The Mayor looks forward to meeting with the Finance Committee to review them.
- The Mayor announced the City has a new Little Caesar’s Franchise located at 539 West High Avenue. The Mayor thanked Paul Tyson and his family for opening the new store and filling a vacant business location in the City. The Mayor wished them good fortune in this endeavor and encouraged everyone to stop in and be a customer for them.
- The Mayor reported that he has completed the review of the preliminary draft of the new Personnel Handbook and that Clemens Nelson will now make insertions and preliminary changes to get to a main draft. The Mayor requested the Council President decide how the issue needs to be handled.
The Mayor suggested the Committee be formed with a couple of members of Council who are willing to go through the entire document for comments and eventual approval, Administration and a couple of representatives from our employees who will be covered by issues in the Handbook also to be part of the Committee. The Mayor hopes to have the final draft back in the next 30-60 days for the Committee to begin the review.
- All should be in possession of the Mayor’s State of the City addressing 2012. The Mayor announced that if anyone has any questions regarding it please give him a call, send an email or stop in and he would be happy to discuss it with you.

Comment from Council Member John Zucal

Mr. Zucal reiterated what the Mayor stated in regard to Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc. our gas aggregation provider. Council Member John Zucal stated, “Having been a part of that Committee and working very diligently to get that passed he feels we have reaped the rewards; the Citizens of New Philadelphia have benefited from that with lower gas cost and because of that I would encourage all to follow through with what the Mayor has outlined in regard to legislation.”

Ms. Cox made a motion to go into an Executive Session after the Legislation as requested by Mayor. Taylor for Personnel Issues
Mr. Maurer seconded the motion.
Roll call 7yeas motion passed.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

The Service Director Mr. James Zucal reported on the following:

- The Service Director reported that the Housing Review Team met last week there are five structures on the list. We are continuing to monitor them and working on preparing letters with the Law Director and taking action if need be.
- The Service Director continues to meet on the Five Point Storm Sewer Project that is an ongoing weekly meeting.
- The Service Director informed everyone he has communicated weekly with ODOT in regard to the paving that is going to take place in the City this summer.
- The Service Director requested the Council President assign to a Committee a request for yearly business with our CDBG Project. That is the Maple Avenue Project there will be sidewalks, curb, gutters, storm sewers. Tuscarawas Avenue proceeding west to 10th Street. To advertise for bids and award the bid.
- The Service Director requested the Council President assign to a Committee the contract for bidding of material and supplies that we do yearly including asphalt/ paving (which our City does our own General Paving) aggregate, salt, chemicals, fuel, water pipe and appurtenances.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

The Safety Director reported due to technical issues beyond their control they had to reschedule the Captains Civil Service Test and the Second Part Assessment for the Captains and the Sergeant. The Safety Director announced that it has been officially posted and will take place on March 15th, 2013; the assessment will be on March 22nd, 2013.

The Safety Director announced that he also has a copy of a news release that was released today in reference to the armed burglaries. One suspect is in jail and they are looking for the other two.

TREASURERLORI STATLER..... NO REPORT

Comments from the Treasurer

Lori Statler announced how excited she is to be given the opportunity to get back to the City of New Philadelphia and how she is looking forward to working with everyone.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE

The Law Director requested an Executive Session to discuss a Contract Issue with Council.

Executive Session will be held after the Legislation as requested by Mayor Taylor for Personnel related issues regarding the current Police chief and potential successor.

Rick Pipes, our insurance consultant, will be present to discuss Employee Health Benefits for Non-Bargaining Employees.

Mr. Fete’s Contract Issue will be discussed in the Executive Session following Mayor Taylors Personnel Issues.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

Mayor Taylor reported the Planning Commission did not meet in the Month of February. Mayor Taylor announced that the next Planning Commission Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12th, 2013 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

The Mayor reported the Planning Commission met very rarely the past three or four years. We are hoping the economy picks up and maybe some new developments will give us some business to consider.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the next Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, February 12th, 2013 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers there is one Variance Request.

AIRPORT COMMISSION..... MR. JOHN ZUCAL NO REPORT

Mr. John Zucal announced that the Airport Commission will meet Tuesday, February 12th, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Airport Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD..... MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the Health Board will meet Wednesday, February 20th, 2013 at 12:00 Noon at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the Finance Committee will meet Thursday, February 21st, 2013 at 2:00 PM for the Budget Hearings.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Finance Committee the following:

- The Service Director requested the Council President assign to a Committee a request for yearly business with our CDBG Project. That is the Maple Avenue Project there will be sidewalks, curb, gutters, storm sewers. Tuscarawas Avenue proceeding west to 10th street. To advertise for bids and award the bids.
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SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

Mr. Zucal announced that the Salary Committee will have a meeting on March 11, 2013, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ...MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER ...NO REPORT

President of Council Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Public Works & Economic Development Committee the following. The renewal of our Exclusive Marketing Agreement with Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc. for a second two year term

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED

Ms. Espenschied reported that the Zoning & Annexation Committee met this evening at 7:00 PM to discuss campers becoming permanent dwelling. The Service Director shared some ordinance examples from other Cities with Council. Ms. Espenschied announced that it was decided some guidelines would be drawn up and that the Committee will have another meeting as soon as she receives the guidelines.

Adjourned at 7:20 PM

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZERNO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMS. WINNIE WALKER....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

1-2013 An ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement with GE Mobile Water, Inc., a Virginia Corporation to grant a Tax Exemption of seventy five percent (75) for ten (10) years pursuant to section 5709.62, 5709.63 or 5709.632 for eligible Real Estate and new Tangible Personal Property acquired in conjunction with their project for a period of ten (10) years, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

29-2012 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to confirm the re-appointment of Alan Welch to the Airport Commission for a three year term beginning January 1, 2013. (2nd Reading)

1-2013 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Theodore R. Wenger for his thirty five (35) years of service and dedication in Water Filtration for the City of New Philadelphia. (3rd Reading)
Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Maurer
Seconded by Mr. Lanzer
Roll call, 7 yeas, Resolution passed

2-2013 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Daniel B. Risinger for his twenty six (26) years of service and dedication to the City of New Philadelphia as a Police Officer with the New Philadelphia Police Department. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox
Seconded by Ms. Walker
Roll call, 7 yeas, Resolution passed

President of Council Sam Hitchcock announced that Mr. Wenger was not present to receive his framed copy of Resolution 1-2013 commending him for (35) years of service and dedication in water filtration for the City of New Philadelphia. It will be forwarded to him.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock announced officer Dan Risinger has been with the Police Department for 26 years and prior to that he was with the Sheriff’s Department for 11 years. President Hitchcock stated that Dan was real close to thirty eight years serving the people of this Community. Mr. Hitchcock worked with Dan when he was at the Sheriff’s Department and also the Police Department.

Mr. Hitchcock informed all that Dan was one of the most professional dispatcher jailers he ever met and that Dan took that professionalism along with him out on the road as a Police Officer.

President of Council Sam Hitchcock announced “I consider myself fortunate and privileged tonight to be able to present him with his commendation.”

Comments from the Mayor “Thank you for your years of service.” Dan and the Mayor go back to the Sheriff’s Department when Dan was a Regular Deputy and the Mayor was in the Reserves. The Mayor announced that already day shift doesn’t seem the same without Dan. The Mayor stated that one of the things he noticed about Dan was his demeanor. He didn’t seem to get excited. The Mayor thanked Dan for his years of service and for setting a good example.

Comments from the Safety Director Greg Popham “it was a great time when Dan came to the Police Department from the Sheriff’s Department. We wish that Dan’s attitude and work ethic could transfer to other officers. If we had more guys like Dan things would be a lot easier. Dan is really a good guy and we are going to miss him.”

Comments from Zucal on behalf of the City Schools “we appreciated all your years of dedication and service to our community.”

Law Director, Marvin Fete “I have greater respect for Mr. Risinger I spent a lot of years as a Defense Attorney. Dan is from a breed where the Council President and Safety Director are from and it is rare these days. They know the Community they know the situation. For the most part they handle things themselves they try to resolve it without trying to resort to citing. So as a Defense Attorney I hated to get a Police Report that involved Officer Risinger because I knew this was a solid one; he would not cite someone randomly unless he had good cause. I’m really going to miss him he is a great example for our community and the young guys coming up.”

President of Council Sam Hitchcock requested that Mr. Risinger to please come forward. Mr. Hitchcock wished Dan a long prosperous and enjoyment filled retirement. The Council President presented Mr. Risinger with the framed copy of the Resolution 2-2013 A resolution to commend Daniel B. Risinger for his twenty six (26) years of service and dedication to the City of New Philadelphia as a Police Officer with the New Philadelphia Police Department.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED FOR A FIVE MINUTE RECESS AT 8:00 PM
AT 8:05 PM COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION
COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:05 PM
COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:26 PM

The Council President assigned to the Salary Committee Health Benefits for non- bargaining

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:NONE

NEW BUSINESS:NONE

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:28 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL_____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL_____