

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 26, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON PRESIDING. MR. JOHNSON OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MR. JIMMY EICHEL
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

AUDITOR BETEH GUNDY REQUESTED THAT RESOLUTION 11-2007 BE ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. LOCKER MADE A MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION 11-2007 TO THE AGENDA. MR. MAURER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS 2 NAYS (COX & EICHEL), MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting minutes of March 19, 2007.
2. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of March 12, 2007.
3. Airport Commission meeting minutes of February 13, 2007.
4. Salary Committee meeting minutes of March 12, 2007.
5. Board of Control meeting minutes of March 7, 2007.
6. Minutes of the Municipal Treasury Investment Board meeting of March 22, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from March 12 through March 26, 2007. Reported meeting March 21 with the EDA at the Hi Tech Park. The project is somewhat behind schedule.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED ABSENT

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

Mr. Conner asked the status of a new dog in the police department. Mr. Popham said there is no new dog at this time. The department is seeking another dog.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Reported that the state auditors will be here later this week. Requested emergency passage tonight of Resolution 11-2007.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained Resolution 11-2007 and apologized to Council for not having it to them earlier. Informed Council that the city and police department have been sued by a pedestrian claiming he was struck by a police cruiser.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet April 11, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will. Meet April 10, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting March 21. Minutes will be forthcoming.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet April 11, 2007 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting March 19 to discuss a request for a change of zoning at the corner of Bowers & Kelly St. Ordinance 9-2007 has been prepared and will be on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting. Also discussed was a problem of police and municipal court records being stored in the basement of the police station. The Committee will talk to the mayor about this problem.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL

Reported meeting March 21 to discuss a request for a pedestrian walkway on Wabash Ave. from Quaker Stadium to the lagoon area. No decisions have yet been made. Mr. Houston said he is very concerned about safety in that area.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

2-2007 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into an agreement with the Joint County Public Defender's office for the provision of legal representation for indigents charged with violations of New Philadelphia City ordinances in the Municipal Court where such offenses carry a possible loss of liberty, establishing compensation and terms thereof, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading).

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

6-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize additional payment to the Mayor for health insurance cost, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Eichel. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

9-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to create a new fund to be known as Fire Equipment and Capital Fund #420, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Amended 10-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to amend New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance Chapter 121.01 Rule 14(a)(1), and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Motion to amend made by Mr. Conner, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution amended.

11-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the Revolving Loan Fund #497 to the CDBG Fund #287 as part of the City of New Philadelphia's share for the current city project(s), and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Mr. Lautenschleger asked Ms. Gundy to explain the need for suspension of rules. Ms. Gundy explained the resolution, and said it is just to tidy up some paperwork. The monies are already in the budget. Roll call, 5 yeas 2 nays (Conner & Houston), suspension failed.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M.