

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 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

THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for August 2007.
2. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all City funds for August 2007.
3. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for August 2007.
4. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for August 2007.
6. Salary Committee meeting minutes of August 27, 2007.
7. Salary Committee meeting minutes of September 6, 2007.
8. Airport Commission meeting minutes of August 14, 2007.

Mr. Johnson informed Council that the new Quaker Foundation Building was dedicated on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Mr. Johnson said, also, that he appreciated the Water Department for notifying residents when their water usage is abnormal.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from August 27 through September 10, 2007.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Golden Corral and Starbucks will be coming into the City, being located near New Towne Mall. Reported that bids were opened for relining of storm sewers under Quaker Stadium from the Lagoon to the park pond. Informed Council that the High Tech Park construction is on schedule, as is work on Reiser Ave. for the new Kimble Mixer Co.

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

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her August reports.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his August reports, and informed Council that he will not be in attendance at the September 24 meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that a variance could not be given for the owners of a pool, because city ordinances require a 5 foot fence around the perimeter of the pool. Reported that he provided contracts for the proposed EAA facility at the Airport. Informed Council that a nuisance lawsuit has been filed against the Police Chief, and it will go to Municipal Court.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. ANITA EDWARDS

Ms. Edwards informed Council that she was recently hired as Main Street Director, and she is in the learning process. She said she looks forward to working with Council and Administration.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet September 19, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet September 11, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting August 14, 2007. The Commission was informed that ordinances for the EAA lease and the airport consultant are before Council for consideration.

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

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet September 12, 2007 at noon in the Health Department. .

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX NO REPORT

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Resolution 27-2007, accepting amounts & rates determined by the Budget Commission. The Committee recommends emergency passage tonight because it needs to be sent to the County Auditor by September 30. Also discuss was a request from the Fire Chief for additional funds for hotel fees for a member of the fire department, which was also approved.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting September 6 to discuss Resolution 29-2007, the airport consultant and a proposed EAA educational facility at the airport, Resolution 28-2007. The Committee recommends emergency passage of Resolution 28-2007.

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

Mr. Johnson assigned the issue of fencing around swimming pools.

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting tonight to discuss rundown properties within the City. Mr. Houston informed Council that a committee comprised of Fire Chief Jamie Snyder, Health Department Environmentalist and Sanitarian Keith Eames, and Assistant Service Director Jim Zucal has been investigating these properties to determine what action to take against the property owner. Mr. Johnson assigned Mr. Lawver's request for rezoning on Kaderly and 6th Sts.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

27-2007 A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

28-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize negotiations with Chapter 1077 Experimental Aircraft Association with the intent to provide a ground lease and location on City airport land for the construction of a hangar education complex to be built at no cost to the City of New Philadelphia and which will revert to the City of New Philadelphia upon certain conditions, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Eichel. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

29-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into an agreement for general airport engineering planning services at New Philadelphia Municipal Airport, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 2 yeas 5 nays (Conner, Cox, Eichel, Lautenschleger, & Maurer), suspension of rules failed.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Lautenschleger made a motion to approve the Treasurer's and Auditor's reports for August. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

Ms. Cox said she wanted to clarify her vote against suspension of rules on Resolution 29-2007. She said Council is still waiting for more information from the proposed consultant. Mr. Eichel agreed with Ms. Cox in that some concerns need to be addressed before passage. Mr. Houston said he supports passage because the City currently has no consultant to seek grants. Mr. Locker said he made the motion to suspend the rules because the former consultant is no longer helping to get grants, so he thought the City should proceed with hiring a new consultant.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED September 24, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____