

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
MS. WINNIE WALKER

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

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MS. ESPENSCHIED SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 22, 2008.
2. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting of December 22, 2008.
3. Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council for December 2008.
4. The New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for December 2008.
5. The Auditor’s Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for December 2008.
6. The Auditor’s Financial Statement for the month of December 2008.
7. A letter from Mary Taylor, CPA Ohio Auditor of State, inviting Council to attend a mandatory Certified Public Records Training on January 13, 2009 at Dutch Valley Restaurant in Sugarcreek, Ohio.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that he distributed his State of the City Report for 2008. Reported that he has received notification that the United States Postal Service will be removing some low volume mail collection boxes in the City. Reported that he has reappointed Ed Breehl, Craig Barnett, and Harry Matter to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Jay Stein to the Park Board, along with the appointment of William Bichsel to the Park Board. Announced that Cemetery Superintendent Doug Demattio has announced his retirement, effective in March. Reported that he and Service Director Jim Zucal met last week with representatives from ODOT to review the signal project and the ODOT urban paving programs. Reported that ODOT’s number one project is West High Avenue from the RR tracks west to the corporation limit. Reported that he received a complimentary thank you letter from the Mayor of Uhrichsville concerning our city’s police department during a recent incident in their city.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL

Reported that the new approach ramps at Tuscora Park are finished. Commended the Street Department for their efforts in keeping the city's streets free of snow & ice. Applications have been sent in to the ODNR for the City to be designated as a Tree City USA for 2009.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that three new police cruisers have arrived, and one has been damaged by a drunk driver.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of the review of salaries of non-bargaining employees. Reported that two of three of the city's bonded debt were paid off, and the one remaining debt service was cut in half. Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the salary review. Ms. Espenschied seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 years, motion passed.

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON ABSENT NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that there have no been changes in the litigation for an open records request

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that the January meeting was cancelled because there were no submissions. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 10, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. JIM ZUCAL

Will meet January 13, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the airport.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the park office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet January 21, 2009 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a tax rebate for withholding payroll taxes for Electronic Data Payment Systems, which was approved by Committee. Also discussed was a review of the non-bargaining wages. The Committee moved to recommend to Council that the 2009 wages be confirmed. Discussed were requests by the Police Chief to increase the room rate for a detective to attend schooling and to proceed with the purchase of three new police cruisers.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the agreement with Goshen Township for fire protection services. The Committee requested that this be given 4th reading so that an addition can be made to the contract. Informed Council that, concerning the sump hole on Springbrook Dr., a letter has been sent to Mrs. Storrie’s attorney, and The Committee is awaiting a response.

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Committee will meet January 14 concerning the request for rezoning on Wabash Avenue, and January 21 to discuss rezoning at Front St. and East High Avenue.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER

Will meet January 26, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a resolution to commend Mike Noretto and a review of Chapter 153, Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Day assigned the possible acquisition of cemetery land.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

37-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Goshen Township Trustees for fire protection services from the City of New Philadelphia within Goshen Township, Ohio for the calendar years 2009, 2010, and 2011, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 26, 2009

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____