

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 14, 2002 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.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN DIANE ROUDEBUSH AS COUNCIL CLERK. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JIM LOCKER. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. JIM LOCKER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT GEORGE HOUSTON AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MS. COX. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

COUNCIL APPROVED THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON. MR. JOHNSON ASKED THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS PREPARE THEIR INDIVIDUAL LISTS OF THE TOP 10 PROJECTS THEY WISH TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

MR. JOHNSON ASKED FOR A MOTION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TONIGHT TO DISCUSS LITIGATION. MOTION MADE BY MS. COX, SECONDED BY MR. HOUSTON. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ART CICCONETTI
MS. SANDRA COX
MR. JOEL DAY
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2001 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A letter dated December 27, 2001 from Adelphia Cable notifying Council that, effective in customers' February billing statements, price adjustments will go into effect.
2. Board of Control meeting minutes of December 27, 2001.
3. A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting a transfer of a C1 and C2 permit to Wal-Mart Stores East LP, DBA Wal-Mart Supercenter 2115, 231 Bluebell Dr. N.W., New Philadelphia, OH 44663, from Wal-Mart Stores East Inc., same address, and asking that objections be made no later than February 4, 2002.
4. New Philadelphia Airport Commission meeting minutes of December 12, 2001.
5. New Philadelphia City Health Board meeting minutes of December 12, 2001.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of the Mayor's office from December 28, 2001 through January 14, 2002. Requested passage tonight of Ordinances 1-2002 and 3-2002. Reported that he will be attending a Workers' Compensation program meeting, which will give the city a 25% rebate for the year 2003, which will be a savings of approximately \$34,000. Gave the first part of a two-part State of the City address, in which accomplishments and goals were addressed.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

On behalf of the Cemetery Department, reported that 45 cemetery lots were sold in the year 2001, with 355 remaining. Reported that the 2 million gallon reservoir water tank will be out of service for interior coating. Mr. Houston asked what is being done to seek additional cemetery land. Mr. Espenschied said Mayor Brodzinski is constantly looking for land for future use.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that a K-9 dog has been selected for the Police Department, and goes by the name of "Bosco." The necessary equipment is being installed in a police cruiser. Requested passage tonight of Ordinance 2-2002.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Said there is no urgency in passing Resolutions 1-2002 and 2-2002. Requested approval of transfers that were made in her office. Ms. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock, to approve the transfers. Roll call, 7 years, motion passed.

TREASURERMS. TERRI DEARDORFF NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Updated Council on the six lawsuits that are pending with the City of New Philadelphia. Reported that he is still working on the contract for the K-9 unit, and hopes to have it to council soon. Reported that he is working on the process of transferring the liquor license permit to a possible new tenant at the Airport Restaurant.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that there was no business before the Commission in January, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2002.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that there was no business to come before the Board in January, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2002.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting December 12, 2001. Obtaining a new Airport Restaurant tenant and several maintenance issues were discussed.

PARK BOARDMR. ART CICCONE

Will meet Wednesday, January 16, 2001.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the following to the Safety, Health, and Service Committee: request for additional detective in the Police Department; installation of sidewalks in new developments; and snow plowing.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the awarding of the bid for the WWTP expansion. Ordinance 3-2002 has been prepared to award the bid, and is before council for consideration tonight. Also discussed was a request by the Water Superintendent to review Codified Ordinance Section 947, which deals with water well drilling. Legislation will be prepared and presented to the Committee for review before making a recommendation to council. Mr. Johnson informed Mr. Day that he could call a meeting to discuss the Adelphia rate increases if he feels it is in the best interest of the citizens. Mr. Day said he would contact Rick Whaley of Adelphia and set up a meeting.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the Public Defender’s office renewal contract to Mr. Maurer’s Committee for review.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if anyone has been chosen to operate the Airport Restaurant, and asked that council members’ telephone numbers and addresses be furnished to the library. Law Director Mike Johnson said the tenant for the restaurant has not yet been finalized.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

57-2001 An ordinance to increase pay rate for substitute clerk at the New Philadelphia City Health Department, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

1-2002 An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids, receive bids, and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder to provide the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, with a state approved sanitary landfill facility and solid waste disposal site for the receipt and disposal of all solid waste and semi-solid waste of the municipality for a period of one year commencing _____, 2002 and to receive alternate bids for a contract for a period of three years commencing _____, 2002 and appropriating money therefore and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

2-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Safety Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of three (3) motor vehicles properly equipped for use in the Police Department, in 2002, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

3-2002 An ordinance to award a contract to Northern Valley Contractors Inc., 7640 Whipple Avenue NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720, for construction of the WWTP improvements 2001, 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 Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

1-2002 A resolution declaring the necessity to request an advance of \$150,000.00 from the County Auditor on the February, 2002 Estate Tax settlement, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

2-2002 A resolution declaring the necessity to request an advance of \$750,000.00 from the County Auditor on the February, 2002 Real Estate Tax settlement, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

AT 8:23 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:35 P.M.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Locker thanked Mayor Brodzinski for the "Letter to the Editor" in **The Times Reporter** in support of keeping the Gradall Co. in New Philadelphia. Mayor Brodzinski asked that council or citizens show their support to local management of Gradall, either by individual letters or by council passing a resolution. The Special Committee will review this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Houston said he has received several telephone calls concerning water bills, and asked where he should direct the calls. Service Director Gary Espenschied said to have the residents call his office, but he reminded everyone that the water bill increase has not yet gone into effect. The billing is going from a quarterly billing to monthly.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:39 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 28, 2002

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____