

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 27, 2003 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. ART CICCONETTI  
MS. SANDRA COX  
MR. JOEL DAY  
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK  
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON  
MR. JIM LOCKER  
MR. ROB MAURER.

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A letter dated January 7, 2003 from Adelphia notifying council that adult programming will be available to adult digital cable customers in early 2003. Another letter dated January 22, 2003 informed Council that rates for basic services would increase effective March 2003.
2. Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting minutes of January 22, 2003.
3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 13, 2003.
4. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of January 22, 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from January 14 through January 27, 2003. Congratulated Councilman Rob Maurer and his wife for their new addition to the family, a son born earlier this month. Mayor Brodzinski gave the State of the City Address for 2003.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements are moving approximately three months ahead of schedule. Scheduled a walk-through for Council and the Administration of the John Knisely Municipal Centre on February 10 at 6:00 p.m. Reported that the south side paving project should begin about April 1. Reported that the crosswalks and street markings will be completed when weather permits. Reported that the lights at the Waterworks ballfields have been installed. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that he is looking at unsafe garages within the city.

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

AUDITOR . . . . . MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinance 3-2003.

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that he met with representatives of Bank One to review city services. Reported that he moved some money to a more profitable investment for the city. Reported that he is working on 2002 financial statements and hopes to have them complete soon.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Requested that Ordinances 94-2002 and 98-2002 be held until more information is received.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE . . . . . MS. PEGGY TROLIO

Reported that the Committee is looking for additional funding that are not so dependent on weather conditions, since most of their fundraisers are held outdoors and rely on the weather. Reported that a Volunteer Recognition Dinner will be held February 28 at the R & S Party Center to recognize all those who volunteer to help with Main Street functions. Reported that plans are underway for the annual Art On The Square that is held in May.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . . MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet February 12, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

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

Will meet February 4, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION . . . . .MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting January 14, 2003. Reported on monies received in 2002 for hangar rent and fuel fees. The Commission welcomed new member Dr. Richard Varrati, Superintendent of New Philadelphia Schools.

PARK BOARD . . . . . MR. ART CICCONE

Will meet January 29, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet February 12, 2003 at noon in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX

Recommended that Ordinance 3-2003 be passed tonight.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported meeting tonight to discuss crosswalks in downtown areas. Signs will be placed and markings will be made on the streets to notify everyone that pedestrians are to walk within the designated areas. The Committee recommended that Ordinance 96-2002 be passed tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting January 22 to discuss Resolution 1-2003, authorizing additional funds for the WWTP improvement project. The Committee recommended that Resolution 1-2003 be passed tonight.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE . . . . MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting January 22 jointly with the Public Works Committee to discuss Resolution 1-2003. Also discussed was the billboard ordinance. It was the Committee’s recommendation that additional language be put into the ordinance.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. ART CICCONE

Reported that the Bicentennial Committee met January 22 to review plans for festivities for the 2004 celebration. The next meeting will be March 26, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. at Kent State Tuscarawas.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROB MAURER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss proposed rate increases by Adelphia Cable. Rich Whaley of Adelphia was in attendance and explained all the proposed changes in rates and the lineup.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Todd Kinsey, 138 East High Avenue, owner of First Stop Signs, said he was unhappy that he was not invited to attend the last meeting of the Zoning & Annexation Committee to discuss the billboard ordinance. He asked that he be able to review the last addition to the ordinance before the ordinance is voted on.

Dan Rice, Executive Director of the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition, 520 S. Main, Akron, explained the work being done to create a towpath trail from New Philadelphia to Cleveland. Mr. Johnson assigned this matter to the Contact Committee for review.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 94-2002 An ordinance to enter into an annexation agreement attached hereto to allow annexation of property owned by Dennis Carr to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)
- 96-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 371.03(f) to prohibit jay walking in a school zone one-half hour before school starts through one-half hour after school ends daily, and declaring an emergency. (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 98-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to cancel and revoke Ordinance 66-2002, the application by David and Nanette Avon for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)
- 99-2002 An ordinance to amend New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 107.01, No Smoking Areas to designate all buildings and vehicles owned or occupied by the City of New Philadelphia No Smoking Areas, and declaring an emergency. (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 100-2002 An ordinance to repeal Ordinance 351.18 – Snow Emergency and to enact new Codified Ordinance Section 351.18 of the Codified Ordinances for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 1-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact commercial advertising regulations for the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
- Motion to amend made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance amended.
- 3-2003 An ordinance amending and adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2003, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> 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. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 4-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the agreement between the City of New Philadelphia and Local 1958 – Clerical Chapter and Ohio Council 8, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO for 2003, 2004, and 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas 1 nay (Day), ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-2003 A resolution authorizing additional construction funds for a state wastewater project in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to be requested through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Fund, and declaring an emergency. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Day. 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.

3-2003 A resolution to rename the former Elks Building located at 150 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio to the John Knisely Municipal Centre, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

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

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

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED February 10, 2003

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_