

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 11, 2008 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. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER REQUESTED THAT RESOLUTION 6-2008, RESOLUTION 7-2008, AND RESOLUTION 8-2008 BE ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. HOUSTON MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MS. COX, TO ADD THOSE RESOLUTIONS TO THE AGENDA. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. CONNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2008.
2. Annexation and Zoning Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2008.
3. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for January 2008.
4. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for January 2008.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for January 2008.
6. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2008.
7. Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2008.
8. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for January 2008.
9. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all City funds for January 2008.
10. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for January 2008.
11. Finance Committee Budget Hearing meeting minutes of February 6 and February 7, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that the 2008 budget hearings were held and are complete. Announced that Aultcare rates will increase about 17% for 2008. Reported that he attending the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Sacred Heart School.

Reported that he assisted newly appointed Treasurer Dave Johnson in completing the books for January. Commended all council members for attending the Public Works Committee meeting to discuss an increase in water & sewer rates. Reported that the Records Commission met last week, and they moving forward to update its policies and procedures. Reported meeting last week with the Goshen Township Trustees to discuss the annual renewal of the contract for fire protection. Announced the retirement resignation of Fire Chief Jamie Snyder.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Distributed infrastructure tabulations for 2007, and access management tabulations, Ordinance 7-2008, and requested that it be assigned to Committee. Mr. Locker asked when the traffic signal will be installed on Wabash & Bowers Avenue. Mr. Espenschied said construction is to be next year.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the fire department is currently interviewing for a firefighter/medic, and the Fire Chief's Civil Service Test will be administered soon.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her January reports.

TREASURER.....MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Requested approval of his January reports, and thanked Mayor Mike Taylor and Auditor Beth Gundy and her staff for their assistance. Mr. Conner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cox, to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported his office is busy with changes in the Fire Department with the retirement of Fire Chief Jamie Snyder. Suggested that the Pietro annexation be assigned to Committee.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet February 13, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Reported that the February 12 meeting was cancelled because there were no appeals submitted.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the Airport Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet February 13, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDY COX

Reported that the 2008 Budget Hearings were held February 6 and 7. Requested passage tonight of Resolution 3-2008 and Resolution 5-2008. Mr. Day assigned the issue of purchase of police cruisers jointly with the Safety, Health, and Service Committee.

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

Reported meeting February 4 to discuss a federal funding request for the Beaver Dam Creek flood reduction. The Service Director’s office has submitted the necessary paperwork, and Resolution 6-2008 has been prepared, and is before Council tonight. Also discuss was a proposed increase in water & sewer rates. The Committee recommends first reading tonight of Resolution 38-2007 to increase the rates effective January 1, 2008. Resolution 7-2008 was also addressed, and the Committee recommends emergency passage tonight. Mr. Day assigned Ordinance 7-2008 and CDBG.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

Mr. Day assigned the Pietro annexation on the East side of the City.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

2-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into a mutual aid agreement with the Tuscarawas County Sheriff’s office for the purpose of participation in the Tuscarawas County Drug Enforcement Task Force, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

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

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

3-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to rezone certain land located at 809 Emmet Avenue NW from Industrial to Office, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held March 10, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

4-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to vacate an unimproved, unnamed alleyway located between Lot 4097 and Lot 4058 within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and an unnamed alley located between Lot 4097 and Lot 4068 and 4067 within the City of New Philadelphia which lots are owned by Investment Realty Properties LTD., and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held March 10, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

5-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to vacate an unnamed, unopened alley running between the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from West High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio to 11th Street NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio and ordered on the East side by property owned by Investment Realty Properties, LTD., and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held March 24, 2008 at 8:00 P.M.

6-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia directing the Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidder for the City's requirements of various materials and supplies for 2008, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

38-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Service Director to increase water and sewer rates charged by the City of New Philadelphia commencing April 1, 2008, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

2-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to create a new fund to be known as Police Continued Professional Training Fund #226, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

3-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to approve the transfer of interest revenue in the amount of \$10,055.54 from the Cemetery Endowment Fund (#812) to the Cemetery Operating Fund (#209) for the 2007 fiscal year. (1st Reading)

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

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll call, 7 years, resolution passed.

4-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, supporting the nomination of members of the New Philadelphia Fire Department for the American College of Emergency Physicians Star of Life Award. (2nd Reading)

5-2008 A resolution declaring the necessity to request an advance of \$850,000.00 from the County Auditor on the February 2008 Real Estate Tax Settlement, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

6-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to encourage the City of New Philadelphia to seek federal funding for flood reduction along the Beaver Dam Creek, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

7-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia that the legislative authority/local public agency of "LPA" propose cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the improvement of section TUS-39-13.55, State Route 39 in accordance with the plans and specifications by planning and paving with asphalt concrete, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

8-2008 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 year 2008 for the sum of \$77,000.00, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED February 25, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____