

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 24, 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 FEBRUARY 10, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

- 1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of February 10, 2003.
- 2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 12, 2003.
- 3. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of February 19, 2003.
- 4. Auditor’s Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for January 2003.
- 5. Auditor’s Financial Statement for January 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from February 11 through February 23, 2003. Reported that the former Kimberly’s Art Gallery will be the new home for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and possibly Main Street offices will be relocated there. Reported that on February 20 he attended the send off ceremony for the 1485th Transportation Unit in Dover who were called to active duty.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that “snow” has been the main item of concern for General Services, and he reported on overtime hours and salt used during recent snowstorms. Reported that there will be a pre-construction meeting on March 5 at 10:30 a.m., with a Public Meeting to follow at noon. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported on the activities of his office. Mr. Johnson commended the General Services Department for the snow removal during the recent snowstorms. Mr. Houston asked if they are over budget for snow removal. Mr. Espenschied said we are over budget on overtime and supplies.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that Penny Rice has been hired for the position of Parking Control Officer, and officially started today.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Ordinance 9-2003.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that the city’s financial statements are balanced through April 2002.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Recommended that Ordinance 94-2002 be tabled until more information is provided. Recommended that Ordinance 98-2002 be voted down because the Avon annexation has been completed and recorded. Recommended that Ordinance 7-2003 be held until he determines how the Township Trustees wish to proceed. Reported that he has been advised that more monies may be owed to the Liquor Control Commission on behalf of OH Holly Corp., and he is working with state government to determine the problem.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE PAULINE WYRIE

Reported on activities of Main Street for the coming months. She invited Council to attend the Volunteer Recognition Night Wednesday February 26 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the R & S Party Center. All volunteers will be recognized at that time. Informed Council that she is pleased that a new Parking Control Officer has been hired.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet March 19, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

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

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting Tuesday February 11, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Airport. The Commission will have a plaque made in honor of David See, former member of the Commission. Mr. See and his wife Sandy both perished in an airplane accident in the fall of 2002.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE

Reported meeting February 19, 2003. Minutes were provided to all council members

HEALTH BOARD MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet March 12, 2003 at noon in the Mayor's Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Reported that she will be scheduling Budget Hearings for next week. Requested passage of Ordinance 9-2003. Requested that a resolution be drafted to the governor requesting that there be no budget cuts for local government assistance. Mr. Johnson assigned the issue to the Finance Committee.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 5-2003, granting wage increases for all non-bargaining employees. The committee gave approval to adding permanent part-time employees to the ordinance. Also discussed was Ordinance 10-2003, wage increases for Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, and Treasurer. Mayor Brodzinski asked that his increase be eliminated for this year, but to review it in 2004.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Met tonight to discuss the Public Defender's Contract. The Committee voted to approve the contract. Mr. Hitchcock commended the General Services Department for the fine job they did to remove snow from the recent heavy snowstorms.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Scheduled a meeting for Monday March 3, 2003 to discuss all pending annexations.

CONTACT COMMITTEE MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

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. (6th Reading)

Motion to table made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance tabled.

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. (5th Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 0 yeas 7 nays, ordinance failed.

5-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to all full-time unit non-bargaining unit employees in the amount of 3% increase for the calendar year 2003, 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2004, and 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2005, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Mr. Locker made a motion to amend the ordinance by changing the language to “full-time and permanent part-time non-bargaining employees”. Mr. Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance amended.

6-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the agreement between the City of New Philadelphia Street Department Local 1958, American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees for 2003, 2004, and 2005, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

7-2003 An ordinance to accept the application by Mark G. and Brenda I. Luikart for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and to establish Residential zoning of the same. (2nd Reading)

8-2003 An ordinance to authorize the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into a contract with Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. for economic development of the Downtown New Philadelphia for the calendar year 2003 and to pay to Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

9-2003 An ordinance amending and adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2003 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Houston. 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.

10-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to New Philadelphia Auditor, Treasurer, and Law Director in the amount of 3% increase for the calendar year 2003, 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2004, and 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED March 10, 2003

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____