

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 10, 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. ROB MAURER

COUNCIL MEMBERS JIM LOCKER AND WINNIE WALKER WERE ABSENT.

MR. HOUSTON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all City funds for February 2008.
2. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for February 2008.
3. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for February 2008.
4. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for February 2008.
5. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for February 2008.
6. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for February 2008.
7. The Auditor's Financial Statement for February 2008.
8. Airport Commission meeting minutes of February 19, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Informed Council that, effective April 1, the Water Department is changing from their postcard billing to a paper billing. Reported that on February 29 he attended a conference at Kent State Tusc. Concerning broadband technology. Reported that 3 lieutenants have been named in the Fire Department, per their collective bargaining agreement. The Civil Service Test will be administered April 1, and an additional test will be given for the vacant captain's position, since the Chief's position will be filled by a current captain. Announced some street closings for events in the downtown area on March 15 and April 16. Commended all city employees for their fine job during the recent snowstorm. Announced that Service Director Gary Espenschied is resigning, and his last day of service is March 18. Mayor Taylor said he hopes to fill the position in early April.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Explained a mailing that has gone out from J & J Refuse, and reminded residents that the City has their own trash service, and they are billed with their water/sewer service. Relinquished the floor to General Services Superintendent Fred Neff, who reported on the man hours and salt used during the recent heavy snow storm. Mr. Neff commended all departments for their aid in cleaning and clearing the streets. Mr. Espenschied said he appreciates everyone's assistance during his tenure as Service Director, and he looks forward to working with the City in his new position at ODOT.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the Civil Service Test will be administered on April 1 for the vacant Fire Chief's position, and 2 current fire captains have applied.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her February reports.

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Requested approval of his February reports. Thanked and commended Mr. Espenschied for his years with the City. Ms. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houston, to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports. Roll call, 5 years, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reiterated the comments made by Service Director Gary Espenschied concerning city services, namely trash collection and street clearing. Explained and recommended passage of Ordinance 6-2008.

AT 8:00 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE NO. 3-2008

Ordinance No. 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.

THERE BEING NO COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:01 P.M.

AT 8:01 COUNCIL WENT INTO PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE NO. 4-2008.

Ordinance No. 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.

THERE BEING NO COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M. COUNCIL RECONVED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:02 P.M.

LAW DIRECTOR (CONT'D.) MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Discussion continued concerning Ordinance 6-2008.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet March 11, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet March 11, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER ABSENT NO REPORT

Will meet March 11, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at the airport.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet March 19, 2008 at 7:30 P.M.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet March 12, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX NO REPORT

Thanked Mr. Espenschied for his years with the city.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER ABSENT NO REPORT

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

Will meet with the Finance Committee for March 11 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss police cruisers. Gave his best wishes to Mr. Espenschied.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Thanked Mr. Espenschied for his service to the City. Reported meeting tonight to continue discussion on Ordinance 7-2008, access management regulations. The Committee made changes to the regulations.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

Thanked & commended Mr. Espenschied.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

Thanked & commended Mr. Espenschied.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER ABSENT NO REPORT

Mr. Day made the following Committee assignments: Ordinance 8-2008 to Safety, Health, & Service
Ordinance 10-2008 to Public Works

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 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. (4th Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 5 years, ordinance passed.
- 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. (4th Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Conner. Roll call, 5 years, ordinance passed.
- 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. (4th 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. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 5 years, ordinance passed.
- 7-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to adopt an Access Management Regulation Program within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Mr. Lautenschleger made a motion to amend, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 5 years, ordinance amended.
- 9-2008 An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of New Philadelphia, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008 and declaring an emergency. (2nd 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. (3rd 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. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 5 yeas, 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. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Lautenschleger, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 5 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. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by seconded by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 5 yeas, resolution passed.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED March 24, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____