

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 12TH, 2012 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- MS. SANDY COX
- MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
- MR. DAN LANZER
- MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
- MR. ROB MAURER
- MS. WINNIE WALKER
- MR. JOHN ZUCAL

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT’S AGENDA.

MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED

MR. LANZER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION HELD

FEBRUARY 27TH, 2012 AND MS. ESPENSCHIED SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA MCKAY

1. Assignment Request dated March 9th, 2012 from the Service Director, James Zucal for a Resolution in regard to FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant. (CDBG)
2. Assignment request dated March 9th, 2012 from James Zucal, Service Director for a new Water Department Backhoe trade -in and purchase
3. New Philadelphia Fire Department February 2012 Month-end Summary
4. Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council for the Month of February 2012
5. Auditor’s Monthly Statement of 2012 Revenue for the General Fund for the Month of February 2012
6. Auditor’s Financial Statement for the Month of February 2012
7. Mayor’s Report/Request to Council dated March 12th, 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUEST.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

The Mayor reported the following:

The Mayor requested an Executive Session this evening after the legislation to discuss Land Acquisition and Collective Bargaining.

The Mayor reported:

- Jim Cappon has been hired as the new Assistant Wastewater Superintendent. Jim is currently the Wastewater Superintendent in Sugarcreek and holds the class III Wastewater License. Mr. Cappon will be starting his new position April 2nd, 2012. He replaces Mike Scolati who retired at the end of last year.
- The Mayor announced that the Sanitation Department is back at full staff. New hires in Sanitation are William Booth, David Meek and Mike Pyle.
- The Mayor reported all the significant unseen water leaks that were detected have been repaired. The Mayor reported there was a large water leak on Donahey that caused significant damage to the road surface. The Mayor reported the leak and the road have been repaired. This particular leak came up out of the ground and was reported quickly so the water loss was minimized.
- The Mayor reported that he is currently working with Aultcare and our insurance consultant to refresh employee wellness program for the coming year. The Mayor reported that we still will be offering an incentive type program to encourage participation and increase Aultcare’s opportunities to communicate good health related issues.
- The Mayor reported we are in the process of finalizing an agreement with Omnicity for internet service to our Airport, EAA Building and also to our Cemetery Building. Omnicity is the company who took over TuscoNet and they have use of our tower where the rotating beacon is near the Airport. They will continue to provide this free internet to our airport and will add this service to the EAA, and Cemetery Buildings. This will enable us to be able to communicate with the Cemetery Superintendent via email etc. The Mayor announced that he will have the Law Director review and approve this administrative agreement before he signs it.

Ms. Cox made a motion to go into an Executive Session after the Legislation to discuss Land Acquisition and Collective Bargaining as the Mayor requested; Mr. Lautenschleger requested for an Executive Session to be held prior to the Legislation to discuss Personnel, compensation of a public employee, Council Members, Mayor Taylor, Auditor Beth Gundy and the Law Director Marvin Fete only. Ms. Cox included Mr.Lautenschleger’s request in her motion.

Mr. Zucal seconded the motion for an executive session to be held before and after Legislation Roll call 7 yeas motion passed. (Note: The Fire Chief will be present for the topic of Land Acquisition.)

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

The Service Director reported on the following:

- Our constituents will notice the increase in their sewer bills that were sent out last week that is for the month of January 2012.
- The Wastewater Superintendent and the Service Director have worked together to finish the MS4 Report to the Ohio EPA for all the storm sewer activities and plans for 2012.
- The Service Director complimented the Water Department and Superintendent, ED Wilson, for the repairs to a major water leak on Donahey Avenue. It was a 12 inch water main there was some street damage but, Mr. Zucal reported, “the guys really chipped in to make repairs and saved us a lot of potential problems.”

Council Member Colleen Espenschied asked the Service Director if we were two months behind on billing. Mr. Zucal replied the billing that was sent out last week was for January mailed in March; there is no change that is the way it has always been billed. The increase will be reflected on that bill.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY.....NO REPORT

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham reported the following:

- Safety Director, Mr. Popham, announced in the Police Department Chad Dorsey was sworn in as a new Patrol Officer on February 29th, 2012. Mr. Dorsey fills the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Police Officer Rich Calderon.

TREASURERMR. DAVE JOHNSON.....NO REPORT

- Mr. Johnson requested Council approve the treasurer’s report for the month of January, 2012. No action was taken.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MARVIN FETE.....NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

The Mayor reported there is no meeting in the month of March, 2012 and the next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th, 2012 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced, the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13th, 2012, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers there is a request for one variance.

AIRPORT COMMISSION..... MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. John Zucal reported the Airport Commission will be meeting Tuesday, March 13th, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Airport Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD..... MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced the Park Board will meet Wednesday, March 21st, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Tuscora Park Office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the Health Board will meet Wednesday, March 21st, 2012 at 12:00 Noon at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMS. SANDY COXNO REPORT

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Finance Committee request dated March 9, 2012 from James Zucal, Service Director for a new Water Department Backhoe trade -in and purchase.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOH N ZUCALNO REPORT

Safety Health and Service CommitteeMR. ROB MAURERNO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER....NO REPORT

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock assigned to the Public Works & Economic Development Committee
An Assignment Request dated March 9, 2012 from the Service Director, James Zucal for a Resolution in regard to
FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant. (CDBG)

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMS. COLLEENNO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DAN LANZER.....NO REPORT

Mr. Lanzer reported the Contact and Special Committee met this evening at 6:45 PM with one item for discussion:
The passage of a request for a new C2 liquor sales license for the Speedway LLC DBA Speedway 1152 and Beer Cave, 264 West High, New Philadelphia, Ohio asking objections be made no later than March 26th, 2012.
Mr. Lanzer reported that the Police Chief Urban and the Contact & Special Committee did not have any objections to the permit and did not request a hearing.
Mr. Lanzer made a motion for the clerk to sign and date the request, for a new C-2 permit and indicate there are not any objections to the permit, we do not request a hearing and return to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control no later than March 26th, 2012.
Ms. Cox seconded the motion.
Roll Call, 7 Yeas, Motion Passed.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMS. WINNIE WALKER....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS :

Diane Lautenschleger, 250 Lewis Avenue NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663
New Philadelphia Business and Community Association, 126 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663
Diane Lautenschleger, Administrative Director, of New Philadelphia Business and Community Association
Ms. Lautenschleger addressed Council and reminded all of the upcoming 3rd Annual 5-K Shamrock Run this Saturday morning, Mach 17th, 2012. Registration begins at 8:00 AM Run begins promptly at 9:00 AM. Ms. Lautenschleger reported the Run is a fund raiser and will net about \$2,000. The Proceeds will benefit the NPBCA and will be used for community events. Ms. Lautenschleger thanked Rob Maurer for chairing this event.

Ms. Lautenschleger announced that NPBCA is on Face book and to check NPBCA out on world wide web
newphiladelphia.org
where NPBCA’s activities and information can be found.

COUNCIL RECESSED FROM REGULAR SESSION FOR A 10 MINUTE BREAK AT 7:45 PM.

AT 7:55 AFTER THE 10 MINUTE BREAK COUNCIL WENT INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PERSONEL, COMPENSATION TO A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE. ONLY COUNCIL THE MAYOR, AUDITOR AND THE LAW DIRECTOR WERE PRESENT FOR THIS SESSION.

COUNCIL RESUMED THE LEGISLATIVE PART OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:11 PM.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE:

3-2012 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 lowest and best bidder for the City’s requirements of various materials and supplies for 2012, and declaring an emergency. . (3rd Reading)

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

4-2012 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, 2012 and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

5-2012 An Ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to modify Codified Ordinance 1167.05 (a) regarding required off street parking spaces for eating and drinking establishments. (2nd Reading)

RESOLUTION:

52-2011 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Jay Stein for his 23 years of service as Park Board Member including 3 years as Chairman for the City of New Philadelphia. (1st Reading)

4-2012 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Rich Calderon for his 22 years of service and dedication to the City of New Philadelphia as a Police Officer with the New Philadelphia Police Department. (1st Reading)

AT 8:15 PM COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR, MICHAEL TAYLOR TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH ALL COUNCIL PRESENT AND THE FIRE CHIEF WAS PRESENT FOR THE LAND ACQUISITION DISCUSSION.

COUNCIL RESUMED BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:45 PM.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

The Treasurer requested that council approve his reports for January 2012.
No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. John Zucal reported that Mike Ley from Robert's Men Shop, who is heading up part of our downtown beautification process with plants we do in the spring and the Christmas Decorations, brought to Mr. Zucal's attention a request of the possibility of developing a mechanism for City Residents to contribute an open amount towards the seasonal beautification and decoration for the downtown area. Mr. Zucal proposed that residents are given the option to include their donation as part of payment of their water bill. Mr. John Zucal reported that this type of plan has been implemented in other communities with favorable results.. The funds would then be used by the NPBCA for various projects.

President of Council, Sam Hitchcock assigned Mr. Zucal's request to the Special and Contact Committee.

Council member Ms. Espenschied commended and extended best wishes to the New Philadelphia Quaker Basketball Team for making it to Regional Finals. Ms. Espenschied announced that the last time that New Philadelphia Quakers Basketball Team made it to the Regional Finals was 1967. New Philadelphia Council wished the Quakers the Best of Luck.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX AT 8:47 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____