

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 23, 2007 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. ROBERT CONNER  
MS. SANDY COX  
MR. JIMMY EICHEL  
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON  
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER  
MR. JIM LOCKER  
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEUSH

1. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for March 2007.
2. Tuscora Park Board Meeting minutes of March 21, 2007.
3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of April 9, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT.....MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from April 10 through April 23, 2007. Reported that he attended the Parks & Cemetery Committee meeting to discuss a proposed pedestrian crossing at Wabash Ave. to the Stadium and Tuscora Park, and the matter has been turned over to the Park Board to make needed repairs to the current entrance into the area. Reported attending the groundbreaking ceremonies for Kimble Mixer’s new facility, and expressed what an asset they will be to the city. Reported that on April 18 he visited the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at South Elementary to talk to them about city government. Reported that on April 19 he visited the Norma Johnson Center with County Commissioner Chris Abbuhl, and urged everyone to visit the facility.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that Union Ave. will be prepared for paving the week of May 7, and it will be closed to through traffic. Informed Council that he is currently in the selection process for an airport consultant, and consultant for traffic light design.

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

AUDITOR. . . . .MS. BETH GUNDY . . . . . NO REPORT

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR . . . . . NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Scheduled a Public Hearing on Ordinance 9-2007 at 8:00 P.M. Informed Council that the Craig Burkhart vs. the Police Department lawsuit has been dismissed.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE . . . . . NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet May 9, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will. Meet May 8, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting April 18. Reported that the prices for rides and concessions will be increased, due to the increase in the minimum wage. Reported that the Ferris wheel has been repaired at a cost of \$35,000 and will be ready for the summer season. The next meeting of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tuscora Park is April 26 at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers. The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for May 15 at 7:30 P.M.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet May 9, 2007 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDY COX

Reported that Resolutions 12-2007 and 13-2007 were discussed at the April 9 meeting of the Finance Committee, and were approved by 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 tonight for an update on the first quarter sanitation billing system. It was reported that the Administration said that everything seems to be going well.

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

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Senate Bill 117. The Committee objected to this legislation, and they requested that the Mayor make a telephone call to Senator Jason Wilson to inform him of the objection. In addition, Mr. Houston made a motion that the Clerk send a letter to legislators expressing their objection. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROBERT CONNER . . . . . NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIMMY EICHEL

Reported meeting April 12 to discuss request for access to Tuscora Park from the north side of Quaker Stadium at Wabash Avenue. Several objections were made to this request for safety reasons; however, a recommendation was

made to make alternative repairs. The issue was turned over to the Park Board. The Parks & Cemetery Committee also suggested that Wabash Ave. be closed when there are home football games to assist those wanting to cross to the stadium in that area.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

9-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to change zoning for property located on the corner of Kelly Street and Bowers Avenue owned by Gary Lawver and containing approximately three acres of land from Industrial to Residential, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held May 31, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS:

12-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the General Fund (#101) to the CDBG Fund (#287) to supplement cash needed to fund current operations, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

13-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize and direct the Auditor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer up to \$25,000.00 from the General Fund #101 to the Sidewalk Improvement Fund #285, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Mr. Houston made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts/finances. Mr. Eichel seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

AT 7:57 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:38 P.M.

READING OF RESOLUTIONS (CONT'D.):

14-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to adopt the fact finding report issued April 18, 2007 in the matter of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and the New Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio labor Council, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

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

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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