

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 24, 2010 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

President Joel Day announced Treasurer, Mr. Dave Johnson was excused from tonight's council meeting:

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX
MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. WINNIE WALKER
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

MR MAURER MADE A MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTION 27-2010 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MS. ESPENSCHIED SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION HELD MAY 10, 2010. MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA MCKAY

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for Monday May 10, 2010
2. Salary Committee Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2010
3. Contact and Special Committee Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2010
4. Contact and Special Committee Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2010
5. Contact and Special Committee Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2010
6. New Philadelphia Fire Department April 2010 Month End Summary
7. Public Works & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2010
8. Recommendation of Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Central Business District and Citizen Survey Results

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Mayor Taylor announced that he will be on vacation from Saturday, May 28 thru June 6, 2010 and can be reached only by cell phone.

The Mayor offered his congratulations to the Tuscarawas County Chamber for a very successful second Business 2 Business Expo on Friday, May 14, 2010. The turnout exceeded the previous year and this event should continue to grow.

The New Philadelphia Business and Community Association had a very successful Artist's and Merchant's walk on May 15th. This event is scheduled again for August and October of this year.

Council received a copy of the Recommendation of Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Central Business District and Citizen Survey Results. The Results will be available on the city's website in the next day or two for the public to access and view. Mayor Taylor would like to thank the 1100 who took the time to respond to the survey.

New Philadelphia Business and Community Association have agreed to work with the Mayor, Council and the City Planning Commission to develop a comprehensive plan for the city.

The Mayor requested the Council President assign to a committee the idea of hiring a Professional Urban Planner to create a Comprehensive Plan for the downtown as the first step in the process of planning the future of our city and the review of our zoning codes. The Mayor envisions that the project be done in a step by step based process over a couple of years.

Mayor Taylor feels it is time we think about the city's future in terms of planning and the guidance and assistance of a Professional Planner is needed to lead the process. The Mayor will have more details to present at the preliminary meeting for the committee who receives the assignment.

Mayor Taylor thanked and congratulated Cindy Nardi- Gessner for investing in the downtown and opening her new store Cinzia, The new boutique is a great addition to the downtown and the Mayor encourages all to stop in and visit.

The Mayor reported that the bids for the estimated \$1.25MM signal project came in and the low bidder was approximately \$250,000 below the estimate. We will be moving forward with that bidder, Miller Cable and the construction process.

Ms. Cox asked the Mayor where the Miller Cable is located. The Mayor answered Greenville, Ohio.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL

The Service Director has been working with Fred Neff to complete a final draft of the paving list. As soon as it gets done, Mr. Zucal will make sure everyone gets a copy.

Materials bid are in and have been approved by the Board of Control. All vendors have been notified.

The Service Director has completed the 2009 inventory of assets of new purchases here at the city.

The Industrial Appraisal Company of Pittsburgh PA has completed there appraisal update and has sent a copy to Mr. Zucal.

Any one who wishes to see the copy, it is available in his office.

The city's street department crews are striping, sweeping and patching potholes on a daily basis.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Item 1) The Safety Director announced the city has hired a new firefighter/paramedic. Last Monday, the Mayor swore in Steven Wright a young man from the Gnadenhutzen area, who was a volunteer firefighter for Gnadenhutzen Ohio and worked for the Cambridge, Ohio Fire Department. Mr. Wright's first day was last Monday and so far his training is going well.

Item 2) Wednesday will be the Sergeant's Civil Service Test.

The first part of the test is a written test which will be held here in the Council Chambers at 10:30 AM.

FYI: The City of New Philadelphia Fire Chief, Jim Parrish was present and in the audience of the council session.

Mr. Popham announced the City of New Philadelphia Fire Chief, Jim Parrish has been appointed, a three year term, by Governor Strickland to the Ohio EMS Board. Basically, he will represent the Fire Chief's Association of Ohio. The Ohio EMS Board meets bi-monthly.

The Safety Director stated to have the quality of people the city has employed here and to have a supervisor actually be picked by the Governor and confirmed by the Ohio Senate to a position like this, the Safety Director feels is quite an honor for Mr. Parrish and also for the City of New Philadelphia.

President Joel Day congratulated Chief Parrish on behalf of all council for his new appointment.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY..... NO REPORT

TREASURERMR. DAVE JOHNSON.....NO REPORT

EXCUSED ABSENCE

LAW DIRECTORMR. MICHAEL JOHNSON

Law Director, Michael Johnson congratulated Chief Parrish for his appointment and felt it was terrific.

The Law Director contacted the Ohio Municipal League to ask them to do an Amicus Curiae Brief which is A Friend of the Court Brief to the Ohio Supreme Court. By the end of the month, the Ohio Supreme Court will be deciding whether or not the case of the Rhodes verses City of New Philadelphia (public records request case) should be reviewed and heard by the Ohio

Supreme Court. Many lawyers who deal with Municipal Government believe this is very important statewide issue and should go to the Supreme Court so it can be defined who is or what is the aggrieved party. At the suggestion of our local council from Cleveland, Ohio Municipal League has been contacted and they have agreed to participate in writing, A Friend of the Court Brief urging the Supreme Court to accept this. Our deadline is the end of May. We have 20 days to respond to it and sometime over the summer the Supreme Court will vote to decide whether the case is accepted or not. If it is accepted, Merit Briefs will be filed and there will be an argument in Columbus before the Ohio Supreme Court. The Law Director will keep council updated as he receives more information.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. JIM ZUCAL

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, June 8, 2010, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

AIRPORT COMMISSION..... MR. JIM LOCKERNO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Park Board met Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Tuscora Park Office. And the minutes are forthcoming.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

The Health Board will meet Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 12:00 noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDY COX..... NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JIM LOCKER

Salary Committee met May 18, 2010 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers with all Salary committee members present to discuss 2 issues.

1st issue was the retirement commendation for New Philadelphia police dispatcher Cynthia Alesiano for her years with the city. Winnie Walker made a motion to have the law director draw up a resolution. (3 yea votes)

2nd issue non bargaining workers salary and benefit request and that is still in committee.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Public Works & Economic Development Committee met Wednesday May 19, 2010 at 6:00 PM in Tuscora Park pavilion with over a hundred people in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Master Plan for the city's airport.

- There was a presentation by a member of the Airport Commission.
- There was a question and answer session
- A recommendation from Paul Stract, the City's Consulting Engineer for Michael Baker Jr. Inc. of the Cleveland area, (which is the City's Consulting Engineer for the airport.)

The recommendation is basically as follows:

Recommends the Public Works & Economic Development Committee adopt the Airport Master Plan by accepting the plan and placing it on file from the conceptual standpoint, with respect to the terms and conditions of the Federal Aviation Administration Agreement.
The Contents of the master plan are in conformance with current FAA standards and depict the required elements to bring the airport to the current FAA standards.
The Approval is conditional approval subject to environmental approval and availability of funding.

As a result of the meeting, Mr. Lautenschleger is asking that all the committee members and any members of council to take a couple of weeks and if they have any questions to direct those initially to Mr. Zucal and Ms. Gilland for review and answer. Public Works & Economic Development Committee will have a meeting within the next couple weeks to rehash what they learned and act on the recommendation they have been provided. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

There were a few follow up items Mr. Lautenschleger submitted to administration.

President Joel Day assigned to Public Works & Economic Development Committee the Service Director's request for legislation to advertise for bids or bid to enter into contract for 2010 Ohio Public Works Committee Grant for this year. That money will be used for the Third Street Storm Sewer Project.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED.....NO REPORT

President Joel Day assigned to Zoning & Annexation Committee the mayor's request; the idea of hiring a Professional Urban Planner to create a comprehensive plan to the downtown as the first step in beginning that comprehensive zoning study that was talked about.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL..... NO REPORT

President Joel Day assigned to Contact & Special Committee the updating of the Codified Ordinance Book. (The city has received the updates from the Walter H. Drane Company for the Codified Ordinance Book.)

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMS. WINNIE WALKER

Parks & Cemetery Committee met May 24, 2010 at 6:30 PM in Council Chambers with all committee members present. The committee discussed Resolution 23-2010 which commends Robert Everhart, Jr. for his 31 years of service to the city. The committee voted to accept Resolution 23-2010, to have it read 3 times by full council and to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Also, the committee looked at the resolution (which is not numbered) setting the procedure for burial of indigent or unclaimed persons who are residents of the city the reason being the city has determined that it is in the best interest of the community and for the safety and welfare of its residents that the city update its procedures as required under Ohio Revised Code Section 9.15.

The committee voted to accept the Resolution with 3 votes (with changes made, and added information) have the law director draw up corrected copy and assign it a number.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

At the request of the Safety Director, President Joel Day assigned to the Parks & Cemetery Committee the request for the Parks & Cemetery Committee to review Chapter 973 park regulations.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Diane Lautenschleger
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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

Diane greeted everyone thanked them and then passed out a written report with 2 attachments. (A copy of the approved banner design) and the (Times Reporter editorial May 18 featured promotional event, Artists' Walk.)

The New Philadelphia Business Community Association reported as follows.

- Extended appreciation for the \$2,500 advance contribution received from City of New Philadelphia.
- April 1, 2010, NPBCA presented an educational program by Dr. Jerry Hutton of Hocking Energy Institute to the members on the Alternative Energy Sources. The meeting was attended by members, and community guests including Congressman Zach Space.
- A new educational segment will begin the first Thursday of June called Members Helping Members. Members will have the opportunity to share ideas with one another to further support each other in the business world.
- The Annual Side Walk Sale will be held July 29, 30 and 31. The theme is In the Good Old Summertime. The square quadrant will feature freshly churned ice cream using a vintage maker and barbershop choruses.
- The Classic Glass Corvette Club Car Show will take place in the downtown area September 11, 2010.
- The Gateway Banner Sales will begin shortly; this is a fund raising program for NPBCA. This year's banner will feature Schoenbrunn Village and the purchaser's logo. Purchased banners will hang on South Broadway for one year. A copy of the approved banner design was presented with the Ms. Lautenschleger's report.
- Saturday morning May 15th fifteen volunteers planted and mulched the square quadrant. During the annual summer flower project, over 20 cement planters were filled with summer petunias and 60 plus hanging flower baskets line the streets. Volunteers logged 45 hours of service on this project. Also contributing to its success were city employees who assisted with hanging the flower baskets on the lamp posts. NPBCA appreciated the city sidewalks and streets being cleaned during this time period as well, the Bistro tables and chairs utilized on the SE quadrant have been stored in the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau until they can be painted by Buckeye Career Center students during the fall 2010.
- May 15th from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM sponsored their first Merchants and Artists Walk Downtown Welcomes Springtime. Eleven businesses and one church participated by hosting fifteen local artisans displaying and selling their works and providing refreshments to the guests which numbered in the hundreds that evening. The NPBCA received great reviews from the businesses, the artisans, visitors and the media. The Times-Reporter editorial May 18 featured this promotional event and a copy was attached to the Ms. Lautenschleger's report.
- The next Merchants and Artists Walk is scheduled for August 21, 2010. Plans are being made to incorporate a child friendly activity and also live music on the square for this August Event.

Ms. Lautenschleger stated that the NPBCA continues to move forward with the appreciated assistance from the Mayor, Service Director, Fire Department, and the Services of the City Employees. The growth NPBCA is experiencing and the positive impact it is having on its members, city and the community is appreciated.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

10-2010 An ordinance by the council of the City of New Philadelphia, to authorize the enactment of flood damage reduction and to repeal Ordinance No 6-87, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

19-2010 A resolution by the council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the administration services for the FY 2010 Chip Grant which are funded by the grant and which agreement is entered into with Tuscarawas Metropolitan Housing Authority, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

20-2010 A resolution by the council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, authorizing and directing the Mayor of the said City of New Philadelphia to act as the signature designee and to file an application for financial assistance under Title 1 of The Housing and Community Development act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to The Ohio Department of Development, Division of Community Development Office of Local Government Services, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

- 24-2010 A resolution by the council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to create a written job description for the position Clerk New Philadelphia City Council, and declaring an emergency (2nd Reading)

- 25-2010 A resolution by the council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Cynthia Alesiano for her years of service as dispatcher for the New Philadelphia Police Department, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

- 27-2010 A resolution by the council of the City of New Philadelphia to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:NONE

NEW BUSINESS:NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL_____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL_____