

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 25, 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 JUNE 11, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEUSH

1. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of June 14, 2007.
1. Minutes of the Municipal Treasury Investment Committee of June 19, 2007.
2. Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 11, 2007.
3. The New Philadelphia Fire Department Type of Alarm Report Summary for May 2007.
4. A postcard from a resident expressing her outrage about the city's policy of killing stray cats that enter animal shelters.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI ABSENT

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from June 11 through June 25, 2007. .

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that bids will be opened July 2 for the Reiser Ave. roadway construction extension to accommodate the Kimble Mixer Co. Mr. Locker said he has received three complaints concerning the sewage disposal plant. He also checked on the condition of a property on the east end of the City. Mr. Houston asked that the Service Director explain the steps that are taken to contact residents to have their property cleaned up. Mr. Espenschied said all complaints are turned over to a committee of Fire Chief Jamie Snyder, Keith Eames of the Health Department, and Assistant Service Director Jim Zucal. They inspect each property, and letters are sent to the respective owners.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Informed Council that the Police Auction scheduled for June 22 was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Mr. Locker commended the Safety Director and the Police Department for the new pedestrian crossing signs that were recently placed downtown. Mr. Popham said the city's sign department installed the signs based on complaints received. Mr. Espenschied said a crosswalk is being looked at on the corner of Tuscora Ave. and North Broadway.

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY NO REPORT

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON NO REPORT

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet July 11, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet July 10, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting May 15. The June meeting was cancelled.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet July 11, 2007 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the designation of the Mayor for signature for the CDBG. The Law Director will prepare an ordinance for the next Council meeting, since this must be in Columbus by July 13. Ordinance 19-2007 was discussed, and its emergency passage recommended tonight. Reported that ODOT has determined that the slip repair on SR416 was outside the corporation, so the city is not obligated to pay any portion of repairs. Ordinance 17-2007, approval of the Codified Ordinance Replacement pages, was discussed. Ms. Cox asked that this ordinance be added to the July 9 agenda. Mr. Johnson reminded each council member to notify the Clerk when an ordinance/resolution is through Committee and should be added to the agenda for the next Council meeting. The Committee is awaiting information from Information Specialist Jeff Erb concerning the codified ordinances on-line.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Rescheduled a meeting set for July 3 to July 16 to discuss wage increases for non-bargaining employees.

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

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported that he has received some information from the Law Director concerning ASCAP, and will schedule a meeting soon.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER

Reported meeting June 14 to discuss a resolution to commend Betty Huffman of the City Health Department for years of service. Mr. Johnson said he has had some suggestions that a council meeting be held during the First Town Days Festival, and he assigned it to the Special/Contact Committee.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Megan Linard, 910 West High Ave., New Philadelphia, asked when the West High Avenue waterline project is to be done. Mr. Espenschied said in approximately 2-3 weeks.

Charles Warner, 406 Springbrook Dr. S.W., New Philadelphia, commended the General Services Department for the fine paving job they did on Springbrook Dr.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

19-2007 An ordinance amending & adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2007 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

19-2007 A resolution declaring the necessity to request and advance of \$850,000.00 from the County Auditor on the July 2007 Real Estate Tax Settlement, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

23-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Betty Huffman for her service to the City of New Philadelphia through the New Philadelphia Health Department and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.

APPROVED July 9, 2007