

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 9, 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 25, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEUSH

1. The 2006 Water Quality Report.
1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 25, 2007.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 13, 2007.
3. The Treasurer’s Statement of Transactions of all city funds for June 2007.
4. The Treasurer’s Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for June 2007.
5. The Treasurer’s Reconciliation of June 2007.
6. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of June 25, 2007.
7. The Auditor’s Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for June 2007.
8. The Auditor’s Financial Statement for June 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from June 25 through July 9, 2007. Reported that the union contracts for the FOP, AFSCME Clerical and AFSCME Local 1958 have all been signed. Reported that a retirement party was held June 29 for Director of Nursing Betty Huffman. Reported that bids were opened July 2 for Reiser Ave. Reported that the annual softball game between the City Slickers and the Tuscarawas County Terminators was held July 7, and the city won 16-15. Congratulated everyone who was involved in the First Town Days Festival. Included in the festival was the opening of a time capsule from 1982, which held pictures of all city employees.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that bids were opened July 2 for the Reiser Ave. roadway construction extension. The low bid was considerably lower than the engineer’s estimate, and the engineer is reviewing it. Mr. Johnson asked when the West High Avenue waterline project is to begin. Mr. Espenschied said it should begin in about three weeks, and he

said he is trying to get the paving of West High Ave. moved up to next year. Mr. Houston asked why the delay on the Ray Ave. project. Mr. Espenschied said the street will be paved this week.

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

AUDITOR. . . . .MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her June reports.

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his June reports.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that Resolution 18-2007 will have additional language before passage is considered. Reported that he attended court today on an estate tax issue to determine who receives the tax money when a city resident resides in a nursing facility outside the city. He will inform Council when he receives a decision.

Ms. Cox made a motion to accept the Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports for June. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE . . . . . NO REPORT

President Johnson asked the Mayor if a new Main Street Director has been hired. Mayor Brodzinski said it is hoped to have a new director named by September 1, and until then, 2 volunteers are overseeing the program.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the July 11 meeting was cancelled due to lack of business.

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

Will meet July 10, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.

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

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet July 11, 2007 at noon in the Health Department. Mayor Brodzinski announced the appointment of Dr. Maureen May as Medical Director, and Barb Schwartz to the Board.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDY COX

Requested emergency passage tonight of Resolution 25-2007.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet July 16 at 6:00 P.M. 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 meeting tonight to discuss a proposal from ASCAP. The Committee voted to accept the proposal, and requested that the Law Director to draw up the necessary legislation.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. GEORGE HOUSTON . . . . . NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROBERT CONNER

Reported meeting June 25 to discuss a resolution to commend Herb Robinson for his service on the Health Board. The Committee requested that additional language be added to the proposed Resolution 18-2007, and Mr. Conner made a motion to withdraw Resolution 18-2007 from tonight’s agenda. Mr. Eichel seconded the motion. Roll, 7 yeas, motion passed.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIMMY EICHEL . . . . . NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Megan Linard, 910 West High Ave., New Philadelphia, asked the progress of the property on West High Avenue. Mayor Brodzinski said this has been turned over to the Committee comprised of the Health Department, Fire Department, and Service Director’s office for investigation. Mr. Houston said this is an ongoing problem, and he encouraged the city to do something soon. Mayor Brodzinski said the city’s ordinances need to be enforced. Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Zoning & Annexation Committee.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

17-2007 An ordinance to approve, adopt and enact the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

17-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact an employee handbook, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

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. (2nd Reading)

25-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, authorizing and directing the Mayor 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. (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

26-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the Revolving Loan Fund #497 and the Economic Development Fund #250 to the CDBG Fund #287 as part of the City of New Philadelphia's share for the current city project(s), and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED July 23, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_