

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 14, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER IN HONOR OF LONGTIME COUNCILMAN GEORGE HOUSTON, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008. ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL AND THE ADMINISTRATION INDIVIDUALLY PAID TRIBUTE TO MR. HOUSTON, ALL AGREEING THAT HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

COUNCILMAN ROB MAURER WAS ABSENT.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. CONNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The June 2008 Report of ambulance and fire calls.
2. The Auditor’s Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for June 2008.
3. The Auditor’s Financial Statement for June 2008.
4. Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council for June 2008.
5. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of May 29, 2008.
6. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of June 9, 2008.
7. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of June 23, 2008.
8. Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 23, 2008.
9. The New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for June 2008.
10. Airport Commission meeting minutes of June 10, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORTMAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Offered his condolences to the family of George Houston. Reported attending a breakfast this morning for the volunteers at Schoenbrunn Village. Reported that he met recently with the Fire Chief and representatives of the firefighters union to discuss various issues, and a similar meeting will held soon with the Police Chief and

representatives of the FOP, and also with AFSCME. Reported that the 31st First Town Days Festival was a huge success, and the City Slickers defeated the Tuscarawas County Terminators for the 3rd year in a row, retaining the rotating trophy. Reported that the Records Commission met July 21, and the Police Department will be first to submit a records retention schedule to the Ohio Historical Society. Informed Council that the Port Authority is seeking a grant to develop a portion of the former ODOT building on West High Avenue, and they need a resolution of support from Council.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL

Reported that 3 quotes have been received for the West High Avenue railroad crossing sidewalk extension. Reported that work is underway at the tennis courts at Tuscora Park. Reported that milling and grinding of the streets to be paved will begin July 21, with paving to begin July 28. Reported that 4 bids were received for a new dump truck. Reported that there 2 variances granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Day said he is assigning the Hummel Avenue storm sewer project tonight, and asked if there is a deadline. Mr. Zucal said he hopes to have it done this year. Mr. Conner said he is concerned about the noise from the grinding and paving of West High Avenue that is to be in the nighttime hours. Mr. Zucal said he will notify the residents of West High Avenue when the work is to be done.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the Police Auction held June 11 brought in \$7,608.00. Reported that on June 16 he met with all those involved in a complaint concerning noise from Bud & Tootie's, and everyone was satisfied with the result. Reported that the Fire Department received a grant for \$3,500.00 from the State of Ohio EMS for supplies. Thanked everyone involved in the recovery of a body from the Tuscarawas River following a swimming incident.

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested that her June reports be approved, along with those of the Treasurer. Mr. Locker made a motion to approve the reports. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 5 yeas, motion passed.

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON ABSENT NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON ABSENT

Submitted a written report of issues that he has been working on.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that there were no submission for July, and the next meeting is scheduled for August 12 at 1:00 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. JIM ZUCAL

Will meet August 12 at 5:00 P.M.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting June 12. The addition of two members was discussed.

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

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet July 16, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDY COX NO REPORT

Mr. Day assigned the following issues: future funding for the city's recycling program, paving for 2008, gasoline purchase, Hummel Avenue storm sewer, proposed legislation for the Port Authority, and the contract with Beech Engineering for tax credit purposes.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE NO REPORT

Mr. Locker informed Council that a meeting scheduled for June 30 was to be rescheduled because there was no one in attendance other he and Mr. Houston.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss corrections to the Codified Ordinances and allegations from Mr. Randy Feemster against the police department.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

Mr. Day assigned the review of Chapter 149 and Chapter 153 of the Codified Ordinances.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

26-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to amend the Access Management Regulations enacted March 24, 2008 by Ordinance No. 7-2008 to delete the least sentence under the section headed Implementation and Administration on page 3 of the Access Management Regulations, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 5 yeas, Ordinance passed.

28-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio directing the Service Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the purchase of a storage building on Water Department property, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 5 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

22-2008 A resolution declaring the necessity to request an advance of \$850,000.00 from the County Auditor on the July 2008 Real Estate Tax Settlement, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll all, 5 yeas, resolution passed.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Cox said due to the recent passing of Mr. Houston, she has been looking into ways that Council members and Administration be recognized for their service, and she proposed that a commemorative wall be erected in Council Chambers. Mr. Day assigned the matter to the Finance Committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED July 28, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____