

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON AUGUST 11, 2003 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. ART CICCONETTI
MS. SANDRA COX
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

COUNCILMAN JOEL DAY WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The New Philadelphia Fire Department Incident Report for July 2003.
2. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of July 28, 2003.
3. Special Committee meeting minutes of July 28, 2003.
4. The Auditor's Financial Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for July 2003.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for July 2003.
6. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for July 2003.
7. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes for July 9, 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from July 29 through August 11, 2003. Reported that he attended a Port Authority meeting on July 31. Reported that he met August 4 with a representative of CGI Banners concerning banners for the city's bicentennial in 2004. Congratulated all those who participated in the recent Italian-American Festival held downtown. Reported that South Broadway is open and traffic is moving very well.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he recently attended a management/customer service workshop in Columbus, where he was asked to give a presentation. In the absence of Building Inspector Bill Richesson, Mr. Espenschied reported that the burned out house on East High Avenue is to be torn down this week.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Reported that she distributed the local government estimate for 2004, and it is similar to this year's estimate.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he reviewed the cell tower ordinance, as requested, to determine what can be done to refrain cell towers from residential districts. He said Council might want to propose legislation that would require a setback away from residential districts. Reported that he met with Mr. Espenschied to discuss a retention pond for a development on the south side. He said he has a letter to present to the Planning Commission for their attention. He said the city wants to avoid a similar problem on Springbrook Ave. Reported that the burned out property on East High Ave. is to be razed this week.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet August 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet September 2 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet August 12, 2003 at 6:00 at the Airport.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet August 13, 2003 at noon in the Mayor's Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Scheduled a meeting for Monday August 25, 2003 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss appropriations.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MR. JOEL DAY ABSENT NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Will schedule a meeting shortly to discuss the condominium ordinance. Law Director Mike Johnson said the Committee might want to meet soon to address the Luikart annexation, the Carr annexation, and the Tinker annexation. Mr. Johnson assigned the cell tower matter to the Zoning & Annexation Committee for review.

CONTACT COMMITTEE MR. ART CICCONE

Reported meeting August 4 to discuss designating historic areas in the city. No action was taken, but the Law Director will prepare legislation that would pertain to the city.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER

Thanked the residents of the south side for their patience during the South Broadway paving project. Concerning record retention, he said a questionnaire was provided to all departments.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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40-2003 An ordinance by the City Council of New Philadelphia, Ohio to vacate an unnamed alley extending approximately 265 feet north of Wabash Avenue NW, and 165 south of Emmett Avenue NW between 1023 Logan Street NW Rear and 1033 Logan Street NW Rear and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held August 25, 2003 at 8:00 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED August 25, 2003

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____