

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2001 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. JOEL DAY
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MS. WINNIE WALKER
MR. TOM LOCKER

THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2001 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED FOLLOWING A CORRECTION MADE BY MS. WALKER. TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF A SIDEWALK NEEDING REPAIR AT WEST HIGH AVENUE N.W., NOT S.W.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The New Philadelphia School District Annual Report and Calendar of Events for 2001-2002.
2. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for August, 2001.
3. A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting a transfer of a D5 and D6 permit to Apple Ohio LLC, DBA Applebees, 233 Graff Rd. SE & Patio, New Philadelphia, OH 44663, from Apple American LTD Partnership of Ohio, same address, and asking that any objections be made no later than October 9, 2001.
4. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2001.
5. Salary Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2001.
6. Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 12, 2001.
7. New Philadelphia Park & Recreation Board meeting minutes of September 12, 2001.
8. A letter from William Anderson of Baker Ave. N.W., asking that (1) council consider passing an ordinance against gasoline gouging, (2) traffic signals at Bluebell Dr. and Five Points intersection have left-turn signals installed, and (3) amend the ordinance requiring that residents be given a 48-hour notice before their cars are towed by the Police Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from September 11 through September 24, 2001. Reported that Zimmer Patient Care has offered public stock for sale on Wall Street. Reported that he recently attended a reception for Dr. Greg Andrews, Dean of Kent State University Tuscarawas Branch, honoring him for five years of service. Reported that he attended the Solid Waste District Board Policy meeting. Reported that there will be a Memorial Service on Sunday, September 30, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. to honor the firefighters and police officers who were lost in the recent terrorism acts in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Explained that Wellhead Protection Signs have been posted throughout the city, and they are asking that any resident who is aware of a spill in the wellhead protection area to call the EPA. Reported that the I & I Study, infiltration and inflow, is being done, and any resident who has a problem at their home will be notified by the Service Director’s office, and they will have a designated time to correct the problem. Reported meeting with the American Waterworks Association Northeast District last week, and they will be holding their district meeting in New Philadelphia on October 18. Ms. Walker asked if the streetlights would be installed at Honey Valley before winter. Mr. Espenschied will check with AEP to see the status. Mr. Houston asked how many residents are affected by problems with the I & I Study. Mr. Espenschied said approximately 40 residents.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the Fire Chief’s Test has been tentatively set for October 31, 2001.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Made some changes to Ordinance 50-2001. Suggested that a Special Meeting of Council be called to consider Ordinance 51-2001.

TREASURERMS. TERRI DEARDORFF ABSENT NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained Ordinance 51-2001, and informed Council if they wish to add this ordinance to tonight’s agenda, there will be no need for a Special Council Meeting next week. Reported that he is preparing the Enterprise Zone legislation, and will have it before council soon. Ms. Cox asked how soon Ordinance 51-2001 needs to be passed. Auditor Beth Gundy said it should be passed as soon as possible.

BUILDING INSPECTORMR. BILL RICHESSON

Provided a report to council members of the activities of his office. Reported that he is busy checking on building permits. Mr. Houston asked Mr. Richesson if he is handling junk cars. Mr. Richesson said if he sees any junk cars while checking on permits, he reports them to the Police Department, where they are handled.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, October 9, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet Tuesday, October 2, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported that the September 11, 2001 meeting was cancelled due to the terrorist attacks in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

PARK BOARDMR. ART CICCONE

Reported that the baseball field lights have been installed and the infield has been graded and ready to receive turf from the football field later this fall. Reported that additional guardrail will be installed so that motorists cannot exit from 2nd St. N.W. to Wabash Ave.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 50-2001. Changes were made and passage recommended tonight as an emergency. Ms. Cox made a motion to add Ordinance 51-2001 to tonight’s agenda. Motion was seconded by Ms.Walker. Mr. Houston said he is against adding the ordinance because council has a rule that all ordinances should be received 72 hours before consideration. Ms. Cox said the motion is only to add the ordinance to the agenda, not to pass it tonight. Roll call for passage, 6 yeas 1 nay (Houston), motion passed.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting September 18 to discuss wage increases for non-bargaining employees. The Committee recommends that the issue of hiring a fire inspector be put before full council for consideration. The Committee recommends that no additional increases be given at this time, however employees will still receive their 3% increase in January of each year. Mr. Johnson reminded Mr. Locker that he would still like the Committee to review increases for council members. Mr. Locker will schedule a meeting soon.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. JOEL DAY

Will meet Monday, October 1, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. to review the progress of the wastewater treatment plant expansion project.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting September 18 to discuss the acceptance of Pinnacle Dr. The Committee tabled the request until problems with water and sewer can be addressed.

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. TOM LOCKER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, thanked everyone for taking care of all the items she has asked to have looked at, and said it is a privilege to attend council meetings.

Kendall Bick, 518 Beaver Ave. N.E., New Philadelphia, representing the firefighters, asked that council consider passage of Ordinance 47-2001.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 47-2001 An ordinance to establish the position of Fire Inspector/Investigator in the New Philadelphia Fire Department and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Jim Locker, seconded by Mr. Tom Locker. Roll call, 3 yeas 4 nays (Cox, Houston, Walker, & Cicconetti), passage failed. Mr. Cicconetti explained that

the reason he voted against this ordinance because the Committee did not make a recommendation for or against. Mr. Houston said he voted against this ordinance at this time, but would not be against looking at it again after the first of the year. He said many people have lost their jobs, and the city doesn't know what the financial outlook will be. Ms. Walker said she agrees with Mr. Houston, and the ordinance was just presented at a bad time. Ms. Cox agreed with the other members of council in voting against the ordinance.

50-2001 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2001 an declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

51-2001 An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$390,000 of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of funding the construction of the 18th Street NE Bridge to Schoenbrunn Estates, New Philadelphia, Ohio, declaring an emergency and retiring notes previously issued. (1st Reading)

Mayor Brodzinski scheduled a Special Council meeting for Monday, October 1, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. to give 2nd reading and possibly take action on Ordinance 51-2001.

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED October 8, 2001

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____