

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 8, 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 24, 2001 AND OCTOBER 1, 2001 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVE JOHNSON NOTED THAT RESOLUTION NO. 20-2001 ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA SHOULD BE CHANGED TO RESOLUTION NO. 21-2001.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for September, 2001.
2. A letter dated September 25, 2001 from Adelphia Cable notifying Council that effective with customers' December statements, changes will be made to the fees for Power Link services.
3. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting minutes of October 2, 2001.
4. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of October 1, 2001.
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6. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of October 1, 2001.
7. A letter from the City of East Liverpool asking that Council contact their state senators and representatives and express their opposition to House Bill 329.
8. Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 24, 2001.
9. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of October 10, 2001.

Law Director Mike Johnson requested an Executive Session tonight to discuss litigation. Ms. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houston, to go into Executive Session immediately following the reading and passing of legislation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from September 25 through October 8, 2001. Reported that A Memorial Service was held September 30 at Quaker Stadium to honor the safety forces who lost their lives during the collapse of the World Trade Center in New York City. Reported meeting October 2 with the Auditor to discuss refunding of bonds. Reported that on October 6 he attended the 100th birthday celebration of the

Tuscarawas County Library. Council President asked that Mayor Brodzinski review any evacuation plans for all city buildings.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that a pre-construction meeting will be held Thursday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. at W.E. Quicksall in regards to the signalization of the traffic lights. Requested that Mr. Johnson assign the issue of resurfacing of South Broadway to Committee. Mr. Day asked if anything is being done to insure the safety of the water plant and water system. Mr. Espenschied said everything is being done to make sure everything is securely locked up.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that Firefighter Rod Belknap is retiring effective October 14.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Ordinance 51-2001, 52-2001, and requested that the emergency language be added to Resolution 21-2001 Explained transfers that were made to different funds.

TREASURERMS. TERRI DEARDORFF

Reported that she is currently working to verify account balances, and a report will be forthcoming. Reported that she is preparing letters to be sent to area banks seeking bids for depository purpose.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Stated the emergency language to be added to Resolution 21-2001.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVEMS. PAULINE WYRIE

Ms. Wyrie informed Council that she would attend all future council meetings on a monthly basis. She explained the organization and its commitments to the City.

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

Reported meeting met October 2. One appeal was granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

PARK BOARDMR. ART CICCONE

Will meet Wednesday, October 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the park office.

HEALTH BOARDMS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, October 10, 2001 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 52-2001. Changes were made and passage recommended tonight as an emergency. Also discussed was the refunding of bonds, and the Auditor and Law Director will review the issue. Reviewed Resolution 21-2001. Reminded council that the park levy bond fund expires November, 2001. Proposed transfers made by the Auditor were approved. Reported that the Committee will meet Thursday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the K-9 unit.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting October 1 to discuss wage increases council members. The Committee recommends that no raises be given at this time.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER

Will meet October 15 at 6:00 p.m. to review Codified Ordinances Chapter 971, dealing with trash pickups.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEEMR. JOEL DAY

Met October 1 for an update of the wastewater treatment plant expansion.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON

Mr. Day reported that the Committee met October 1 to discuss a change of zoning in the 100 block of Commercial Ave. S.W. The Committee approved the change, and an ordinance will be prepared for council's consideration.

CONTACT COMMITTEEMR. ART CICONETTI NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the Adelphia Cable rate increases for Power Link to the Contact Committee for review.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. TOM LOCKER NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Rob Maurer, candidate for Council Ward IV, asked what is the status of the fire department concerning structure, and are there plans for a new fire station or to renovate the current one. Also, are there plans for a tax increase to pay for renovations or new construction. Mayor Brodzinski said the current structure is adequate for the present time, but it is on the agenda for future consideration, and it would be premature to speculate on the cost and how it would be funded.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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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. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Jim Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Mr. Houston asked the Auditor what would be the total cost for the bridge. Ms. Gundy said approximately \$700,000. Mr.

Houston said that it is a lot of money for a bridge that goes nowhere. Roll call, 6 yeas 1 nay (Houston), ordinance passed.

52-2001 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2001, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Jim Locker. 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.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-2001 A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:09 P.M. TO DISCUSS LITIGATION. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:17 P.M.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ms. Gundy asked for approval of the transfers that were made in her office. Ms. Cox made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walker, to approve the transfers. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

Council President Dave Johnson said he has been in contact with the architectural firm that is doing a preliminary study on the former Elk's building, and they will have something before council soon.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED October 22, 2001

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____