

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 13, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for September 2008.
2. Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 22, 2008.
3. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for September 2008.
4. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for September 2008.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for September 2008.
6. Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting minutes of October 1, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that he has received a letter from Times Warner Cable notifying everyone of rate increases effective November 2. Reported that he and Service Director Jim Zucal recently attended the Ohio Municipal League Annual Conference.

Reported that Mike Scolati has been promoted to Assistant Wastewater Superintendent. Reported that the city's request for an OPWC grant, for a high pressure sanitary line off Reiser Avenue, has been approved on the local level, and has been submitted to District 14 for approval. Reported that the city's 6/10 acre lot was auctioned on Bowers & Kelly Avenues, netting the City approximately \$7,000-\$8,000. Reported that General Services Superintendent Fred Neff held a snowplow training for city employees. Reported that a meeting was held last week for an update on the Performance Audit being done on the Water, Wastewater, and Recycling Departments. Reported meeting with Safety Director Greg Popham, Fire Chief Jim Parish, and Goshen Township Trustees to discuss a 3-year fire protection agreement. Reported that the annual Fire Department Safety Day was held October 9, and was a huge success. Commended County Commissioners and employees for their Bicentennial Parade and activities held at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, October 12.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. JIM ZUCAL

Reported that the Natureworks Grant project at the Little League ball field at Tuscora Park will be completed this week. Reported that the Hummel Ave. storm sewer project is underway. Reported that the CDBG project in the 200 block of Fair Ave. NW will begin in the next couple of weeks. Reported that the appraisal of city-owned assets is underway, as is the water maintenance building. Reported that he, Mayor Taylor, and General Services Fred Neff are working on snowplow routes. Mr. Locker asked if there have been any recent inspections on the Beaver Dam Creek. Mr. Zucal said he and Assistant Service Director Amy Gilland periodically check the area for debris. Ms. Walker asked if the lights at the soccer field have been installed. Mayor Taylor said the city is waiting for AEP.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that James D. Miller was recently hired as police patrolmen. Reported that the recent jail inspections was held and received a score of 100%. Reported that state mandated professional training for the Police Department is complete for 2008. Reported that bids were opened September 30 for police cruisers. Reported that the Fire Department Safety Day was a huge success, and many positive comments were received.

AUDITOR. ....MS. BETH GUNDY

Reported that the 2007 audit is wrapping up, with an exit conference tentatively scheduled for the last week of October.

TREASURER . . . . . MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Reported that the city investments have not been affected by the recent downturn in the stock market.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MIKE JOHNSON . . . . . NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet October 14, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS . . . . . MR. JIM ZUCAL

Will meet October 14, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet October 14 from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. to discuss a financial plan, and the regular meeting will follow at 6:00 P.m.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported that there was no September meeting due to lack of quorum. Reported that the City of Cambridge, Ohio and the Cambridge City School District have been in New Philadelphia to discuss the operation of Quaker Stadium by a joint venture with the City and School District.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet October 15, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a newly created fund for Municipal Court and amending & adjusting the appropriations. Both issues were approved, and legislation will be prepared and before Council at the next meeting.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet October 15, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss salary increase requests.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the geese at Oak Shadows. The Committee approved the use of pyrotechnics to alleviate the problem.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a resolution commend Bill Seibold, who recently retired as Wastewater Superintendent, which was approved. Also discussed was continuing discussion concerning a request for the extension of sidewalks on West High Ave. to 11<sup>th</sup> St. NW The Committee voted to approve the matter.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE . . . . . MS. COLLEEN SMITH

Reported meeting October 1 concerning signage at Franklin Square. The Committee voted to make no changes, and if anyone wishes to advertise on Washington Square on the East end of the City they may do so, or they can have their name put on a waiting list for Franklin Square. Scheduled a meeting for Wednesday October 15 immediately following the Salary Committee meeting at 5:00 P.M. to discuss CDBG criteria.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROBERT CONNER . . . . . NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . . . MS. WINNIE WALKER . . . . . NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

William Marino, 1041 4<sup>th</sup> St. N.W., New Philadelphia, is requesting a change of zoning at the intersection of East High Avenue and Front Avenue. Mr. Marino was informed that he must first go before the Planning Commission.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

41-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to establish ambulance rates for the year 2009, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

RESOLUTIONS:

28-2008 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. (3rd Reading)

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

30-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the sale of certain motor vehicles owned by the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and no longer needed by the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M.

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

APPROVED October 27, 2008

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