

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 14, 2005 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: MS. SANDRA COX  
MR. BILL ELLWOOD  
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK  
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON  
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER  
MR. JIM LOCKER  
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2005 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Salary Committee meeting minutes of November 10, 2005.
2. Finance Committee meeting minutes of October 24, 2005.
3. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of September 22, 2005.
4. Municipal Treasury Investment Board meeting minutes of November 8, 2005.
5. Airport Commission meeting minutes of September 13, 2005.
6. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for October 2005.
7. Treasurer's Reconciliation for October 2005.
8. Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for October 2005.
9. Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for October 2005.
10. A notice dated November 7, 2005 from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control notifying Council that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages will expire on February 1, 2006, and every permit holder must file a renewal application.
11. Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for October 2005.
12. Auditor's Financial Statement for October 2005.
13. Letters dated November 1, 2005 and 7, 2005 announcing changes in digital channel line up.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI . . . . . ABSENT

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from October 24 through November 14, 2005.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he has reviewed the water & sewer rates, as required, and there will be no increases in 2006.  
Reported that leaf pickup has begun in the NW section of the city, and will proceed throughout the city. Asked that Council inspect the new sidewalk that was recently put in on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.W. up through Tuscora Park.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Requested that President of Council assign Codified Ordinance Chapter 907 be assigned to Committee.

AUDITOR. .... MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her October reports, and emergency passage of Ordinance 37-2005.

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his October reports, and emergency passage of Resolution 35-2005. Mr. Hitchcock made a motion to approval the Treasurer’s and Auditor’s reports. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained changes made to Ordinance 38-2005.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE . . . . . MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Announced that the Downtown Lighting Ceremony will be held Saturday November 19 at 6:30 P.M. Reported that they are working on Main Street at Midnight, and the John Knisely Municipal Centre has been chosen as a venue for that night.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet December 14, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet December 13, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet November 16, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Park Office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet December 14, 2005 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE . . . . . MS. SANDRA COX.

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 34-2005, Ordinance 37-2005, and Resolution 35-2005. The Committee approved passage tonight of Ordinance 37-2005, and Resolution 35-2005. Ms. Cox asked that Ordinance 34-2005 be held because Law Director Mike Johnson is reviewing a line item within the ordinance.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting November 10 to discuss back pay for non-bargaining employees. Ordinance 38-2005 is before Council for reconsideration tonight. Mr. Johnson assigned equity raises and evaluations to the Committee.

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

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a proposal by Police Officer Paul Rossi to sponsor a Citizen Awareness Seminar. The Committee thought it to be a great idea, and they gave their support. Mr. Johnson assigned a request by the Safety Director to review Codified Ordinance 907.03, house numbers.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. ROB MAURER. . . NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. GEORGE HOUSTON. . . . . NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. BILL ELLWOOD

Scheduled a meeting for November 28 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the city’s internet provider.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting November 3 to review electrical upgrades at the Park. The Committee voted to include this in the 2006 temporary appropriations.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Charles Warner, 406 Springbrook Dr. S.W., New Philadelphia, said he knows how difficult it is to put aside money to fund necessary projects, and he suggested that State Issue 1, recently passed, could help with the flooding problems throughout the city.

Nick Johnson, 1760 Baltzley Valley, New Philadelphia, said he is out of the city, but is also concerned about the Beaver Dam Creek flooding. He said he is aware that residents have not been contacted for easement rights over their property, and asked why Mr. Locker has stepped down from working on the project. Mr. Johnson said Mr. Locker has not stepped down from anything, and is still actively involved. Service Director Gary Espenschied said his Assistant Jim Zucal is working with the Law Director to have easements drawn up, and they are waiting for Gradall to have the equipment to begin the clean up. Gradall said they are very busy now, and will call when they are ready to begin.

Paul Mishler, 1006 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N.W., New Philadelphia, said this project just keeps getting pushed back. He said the city doesn’t even have the paperwork ready. Mr. Espenschied said the city will begin on city owned property first, as they own some property on Ray Ave. Ext. Mr. Mishler thanked Main Street Director Pauline Wyrle for a job well done.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked why the trees on East High Avenue and University Drive were removed. Mr. Espenschied said the city had nothing to do with their removal. He said the corporation line is in and out there, and it was possible the property owner had them cut down for various reasons.

Bob Connor, 122 North Ave. NW, New Philadelphia, said he is unclear to the status of the paperwork for the easements for the Beaver Dam Creek cleaning. Mr. Espenschied said he is working on it.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 34-2005 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005 and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- 35-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize and increase in the billing rate for the New Philadelphia Fire Department Emergency Medical Services for the calendar year 2006, 2007, and 2008 and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 37-2005 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005 and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 38-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to all full-time non-bargaining unit employees and elected officials except for Mayor, and all permanent part-time non-bargaining unit employees excluding crossing guards, park security personnel and seasonal employees in the amount of 3.0% increase for the calendar year 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 34-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend James Ullis for his years of service through the New Philadelphia Health Department, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- 35-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to adopt payroll checking and general checking depository accounts for three years commencing January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008, and declaring an emergency.
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Ellwood. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Locker said he would like to have a list of all grants that the city has applied for from January 1 through now. He said there are numerous projects that need a lot of funding, and he would like to know if there are grants that could be obtained. Ms. Cox said she will be addressing this at a tentative meeting on December 7 for the storm sewer planning.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

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

APPROVED November 28, 2005

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