

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 15, 2007 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. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. ROB MAURER

COUNCIL MEMBERS JIMMY EICHEL AND JIM LOCKER WERE ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2007 AND OCTOBER 29, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of October 22, 2007.
2. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of October 18, 2007.
3. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of October 31, 2007.
4. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for October 2007.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for October 2007.
6. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for October 2007.
7. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for October 2007.
8. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for October 2007.
9. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for October 2007.
10. Airport Commission meeting minutes of September 11, 2007.
11. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of October 29, 2007.
12. A letter dated November 8, 2007 from the Division of Liquor Control notifying Council that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages within the city will expire February 1, 2008.
13. A news release from Main Street New Philadelphia announcing the holiday lighting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2007 at 6:00 P.M., followed by extended shopping hours and "Open House" of the downtown merchants at 7:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from October 22 through November 15, 2007. Congratulated all winners and those who chose to run in the election. Announced that flu shots were offered to city employees on October 25. Reported that on October 26 he met with the staff of Pal Mission concerning the opening of a slightly used children's clothing store downtown. Reported that on October 27 he attended the dedication of the Ohio Erie Canal Towpath Trail at Fort Laurens. Congratulated the New Philadelphia City Schools on the passage of their levy. Announced that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held Friday, November 16 at 10:00 A.M. at the Hi-Tech Park. Requested that Resolution 33-2007 be tabled.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Informed Council that he has reviewed the annual water/sewer rates and requested that his findings be assigned to Committee. Reported that leaf pick will begin next week.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested that her October reports be accepted, and reported on two additions to Ordinance 23-2007.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his October reports. Mr. Conner made a motion to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 5 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reminded Council that Ordinances 21-2007 and 22-2007 cannot be passed until after the Public Hearing at the November 26 meeting at 8:00 P.M. Updated Council on pending lawsuits.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. ANITA EDWARDS ABSENT NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet December 12, 2007 at 1:00 P.M.

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

Reported meeting November 13 with two appeals on the agenda, which were both approved.

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

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet December 12, 2007. .

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Requested passage of Ordinance 23-2007 at the next Council meeting, and scheduled a meeting for November 26 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the 2008 temporary appropriations.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER ABSENT NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned to Committee the EAA hangar location.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

Scheduled a meeting for November 26 at 6:15 P.M. to discuss the Drug Enforcement Task Force and water/sewer tap in fees. Mr. Johnson assigned the public defender’s contract and the annual review of the water/sewer rates.

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

Reported that the meeting scheduled for tonight to discuss the sanitation line from Reiser Ave. to the WWTP was cancelled because the funding will not be available, thus the request by Mayor Brodzinski to table Resolution 33-2007.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER

Requested that the Clerk return two liquor permit transfers without objection by Council. Recommended that, if there are no objections by Council, the revision of a lease agreement for emergency medical helicopter services be approved and returned to the attorney handling the agreement. Mr. Conner said he has spoken with other Council members concerning legislation commending employees, and they agree that recognitions and commendations should be handled through the Mayor’s office, not passed by Council. Mr. Conner requested that the Council President ask for objections in each of these matters, and if none, the recommend actions be approved. Mr. Conner made a motion that there is no objection to the liquor permit transfers. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 5 years, motion passed. There was some discussion concerning the handling of commendations and recognitions of employees, with no decision made. Ms. Cox made a motion to table the issue. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. Roll call, 5 years, motion passed.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL ABSENT NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

21-2007 An ordinance by the Council of City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to rezone certain land owned by Kenwood Shoppes Development, LTD located at Wabash Avenue NW (adjacent to the Pepsi-Bottling Company), from Residential to Business, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held November 26, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

22-2007 An ordinance by the Council of City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to rezone certain land owned by Investment Properties III, LTD, Development, LTD located at 1037 West High Avenue (former site of Tuscarawas Auto Parts/Rapport’s) from Industrial to Business, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held November 26, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.

- 23-2007 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2007, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 24-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia accepting the Oak Shadows Phase III plat, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 25-2007 An ordinance identifying the need for removal and resurfacing on State Route 39 from the railroad tracks to west of Eighth Street and from Eighth Street to Tuscarawas Avenue/Seventh Street, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 30-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to notify the Tuscarawas County Commissioners of utility services that the City of New Philadelphia can make available to the annexation for property located at 2705 East high Avenue as required y Chapter 709.031 of the Ohio Revised Code and to clarify zoning, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 5 yeas, resolution passed.

- 33-2007 A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia , Ohio, to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Lautenschleger made a motion to table this resolution. Ms. Cox seconded the Motion. Roll call, 5 yeas, resolution tabled.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Law Director Mike Johnson announced that newly elected officials will be sworn in on December 27, 2007 at 8:00 At 8:00 P.M. immediately following Council meeting at 7:30 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:09 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED November 26, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____