

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 10, 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. JIMMY EICHEL
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of November 26, 2007.
2. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of November 26, 2007.
3. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for November 2007.
4. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for November 2007.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for November 2007.
6. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for November 2007.
7. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions for November 2007.
8. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for November 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from November 26 through December 10, 2007. Extended his sympathy to the Downing family who lost both parents in a house fire in New Philadelphia early this morning. Reported that the annual Christmas Parade was held November 30 and the Annual Red Nose Run was held December 2, and commended everyone involved in both events. Reminded all employees of the Annual Christmas Luncheon to be held December 19 at Tuscora Park.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the sewer lines under Quaker Stadium were relined, and bids were opened December 6 for Bluebell Drive sewer line replacement.

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

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval tonight of her November reports. Requested an amendment to Ordinance 26-2007 to reflect a change in a line item number. She informed Council that a second signee is needed for certain city documents, and asked that someone be designated to do that, in light of the resignation of Treasurer Mike Taylor. She suggested that it continue to be Mr. Taylor, as a new Treasurer will be named in early January.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval tonight of his November reports. Mr. Taylor said he would be happy to remain the second signer until a new Treasurer is named. Ms. Cox said she agrees in allowing Mr. Taylor to continue.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Recommended that a motion be made and passed to designate newly elected Mayor Mike Taylor to sign documents until a new Treasurer is named. Ms. Cox made a motion to accept the Auditor’s and Treasurer’s reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed. Ms. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conner, to designate Mr. Taylor the second signer. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

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

Will meet December 11, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

There will no meeting in December.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported that there will be no meeting in December. Mr. Lautenschleger and Mayor Brodzinski reported on a \$300,000.00 improvement to the current playground areas at the Park. The Park Board is seeking private funding, with no cost coming from the City.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet December 12, 2007.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 23-2007 and Ordinance 26-2007, permanent appropriations for 2007 and temporary appropriations for 2008, respectively. Both ordinances were approved by Committee.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Mayor-Elect Mike Taylor’s request for a part-time switchboard/information clerk. The matter was tabled until a written job description could be provided to Council.

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

Requested that Ordinance 31-2007, Ordinance 32-2007, and Resolution 38-2007 be removed from tonight’s agenda. Requested a meeting for December 17 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss these pieces of legislation. Mr. Maurer made a motion to remove these items from the agenda. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER . . . NO REPORT

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

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

Reported meeting tonight to discuss resolutions to commend certain employees for their service to the city, which were approved by the Committee. Mr. Johnson assigned a request from the Kniseley family, who wish to have a road named after them.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

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. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

26-2007 An ordinance to make temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of New Philadelphia, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Ms. Cox made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance amended.

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

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

29-2007 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Joint County Public Defender’s office for the provision of legal representation for indigents charged with violations of New Philadelphia City ordinances in the Municipal Court where such offenses carry a possible loss of liberty, establishing compensation and terms thereof, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

30-2007 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2007 and declaring an emergency.(1st 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. Eichel. Roll call, yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 31-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Aaron Fulton for his service to the City of New Philadelphia through the New Philadelphia Police Department. (1st Reading)
- 35-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Ronald B. Brodzinski, Mayor for the services rendered and the leadership provided for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio during his two terms as Mayor. (1st Reading)
- 36-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Dave Johnson, President of Council for the services rendered and the leadership provided for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio during his term as President of Council. (1st Reading)
- 37-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Jimmy Eichel, Council at Large, for the services rendered and the leadership provided for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio during his term as Council at Large. (1st Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED December 27, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____