

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 11, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEM GEORGE HOUSTON PRESIDING. MR. HOUSTON 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
MR. TOM LOCKER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

THE MINUTES OF November 27, 2000 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of November 27, 2000.
2. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for November, 2000.
3. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of November 8, 2000.
4. Certificate of result of election on tax levy in excess of the ten mill limitation for the city levies that were on the November ballot.
5. Certificate of official result of election for the Sunday sale of liquor in Ward 3 Precinct B.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from November 28 through December 11, 2000.. Reported that there are two pictures in the downstairs lobby of the proposed World War II Memorial to be built in Washington, D.C. Reported meeting December 4 with Diane Enama to discuss funding for a preschool program. Reported that a meeting of the proposed skate park was held last week, and several area youth were in attendance to give input as to how it should be laid out. Relinquished the floor to Special Assistant Bill Richesson, who reported that a new Mexican restaurant and convenience store has opened at 131 Fair Ave. N.E. Mayor Brodzinski requested passage tonight of Ordinances 59-2000 and Resolution 37-2000. Requested an Executive Session tonight to discuss a personnel matter. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. Mr. Houston made a motion to go into Executive Session immediately following reading of legislation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Announced that the City has expanded its website at www.newphilaoh.com to include council reports, Codified Ordinances, index of department, local news, etc. Reported that the leaf pickup will be finished in about two weeks. Reported that painting of the water reservoir is about 80% complete, and should be back in operation about December 20. Reported that the Ridge Ave. storm sewer began December 7. Also wished everyone a happy holiday season.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that 2 new police dispatchers began working today.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Reported on changes made to Ordinance 62-2000, and requested its emergency passage tonight.

TREASURER MR. ROBERT GERBER NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that Ordinance 56-2000 cannot be passed tonight to allow for the sixty-day time limit required by law. Thanked the Service Director, Auditor’s office, Mayor’s Executive Assistant Mary Jo, and Council Clerk for their help in researching information for the lawsuit involving the former operator of the Airport. The trial began December 4 and will conclude on December 18. A ruling will be forthcoming after that date. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

QUICKSALL & ASSOC.. MR. BOB SOSINSKI

Reported that they are preparing the loan application for funding for engineering for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion. Law Director Mike Johnson explained that this is included in Resolution 37-2000, and should be passed tonight as an emergency so the project can move forward.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported meeting December 5, and three variances were granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSION. MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting November 14. Reported that the September rent payment had been received from the Airport Restaurant. Reported that the telephone at the airport should is available for use. Reported that Mayor Brodzinski met with the County Commissioners concerning funding of the airport. The idea of installing a modular home on airport property to provide a residence for the airport manager will be addressed at the December meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12. The resignation of Commission Member Pam Cookson was announced, and the position will be filled at a later date.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE

Reported that the Park Board met last week to discuss the skate park. A design committee was formed, and another meeting will be held to discuss the proposed design. It is hoped to be in operation next summer.

HEALTH BOARD. MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, December 13 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight prior to regular session to discuss Ordinances 60-2000, 61-2000, and 62-2000. Each ordinance was approved, with emergency passage of Ordinance 62-2000 recommended tonight.

SALARY COMMITTEE. MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight too discuss wage increases for non-bargaining employees, and to review the salary of the Municipal Court Clerk. The Committee adjourned into Executive Session to discuss salaries. The Committee voted to approve a 3% increase for all non-bargaining employees, and review the salaries again in six months. The Committee also voted to increase mileage for city employees who use their own vehicle for work related purpose. The Committee tabled the request to review the Court Clerk’s salary until a clarification of a change in Ohio law can be reviewed by the Law Director. Council President Dave Johnson assigned Ordinance 59-2000 for review.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE. MS. WINNIE WALKER. NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Resolution 37-2000. Passage was recommended tonight as an emergency. Mr. Johnson assigned a request by Sacred Heart Church for the purchase of city owned land for cemetery use.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICONETTI NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE. MR. TOM LOCKER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 56-2000 An ordinance to accept the application of Dwain R. Hicks and Elizabeth K. Hicks for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and to establish Residential zoning of the same. (3rd Reading)
- 59-2000 An ordinance to authorize the Treasurer to hire an assistant to the Treasurer and setting pay and hourly rate, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 60-2000 An ordinance authorizing the City of New Philadelphia Auditor to deposit cable tv franchise fee revenue directly into certain accounts for the calendar year 2001, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 61-2000 An ordinance to establish Fund #341, the Elks Building Note Fund to receive revenue and to pay down the debt for the purchase of the Elks Building, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 62-2000 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2000, 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. Jim Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 nay (Day), ordinance passed.

63-2000 An ordinance amending and adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2001, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

64-2000 An ordinance to authorize the City of New Philadelphia to enter into a contract with Clum Forestry Consultants to represent the City in the marking and selling timber located on city property to the south side of New Philadelphia being the Cameron property containing thirty eight (38) acres approximately, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this ordinance to the Public Works Committee for review,

65-2000 An ordinance to authorize the Service Director of the City of New Philadelphia to advertise for sale and to accept the best bid and reject any and all bids as deemed necessary for the sale of timber located on the Cameron property, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

35-2000 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Kim Menapace for his years of service in the City of New Philadelphia Police Department.

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

36-2000 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Joel Borga for his years of service in the City of New Philadelphia Fire Department. (1st Reading)

37-2000 A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia to apply for a design loan through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Fund for engineering design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

38-2000 A resolution by 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 presently offered by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners as required by Chapter 709.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

AT 8:07 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL.
COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:16 P.M.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Dave Johnson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED December 28, 2000

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____