

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 27, 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. JIM LOCKER  
MR. ROB MAURER

COUNCILMAN JIMMY EICHEL WAS ABSENT.

MR. MAURER MADE A MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCES 31-2007 AND 32-2007 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2007.
2. Salary Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2007.
3. Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 12, 2007.
4. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of December 10, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from December 10 through December 27, 2007. Thanked his family, administration, council members, and the voters of New Philadelphia for their support and assistance during his two terms as Mayor. Mayor Brodzinski highlighted the events of his tenure, and extended his good luck to newly elected officials.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Thanked Mayor Brodzinski and extended his best wishes for his retirement.

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

AUDITOR. . . . .MS. BETH GUNDY

Informed Council that she will have a resolution at the next council meeting to establish a new fund for continuing education for the police department.

TREASURER . . . . . MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Congratulated Mayor Brodzinski on his upcoming retirement, and announced that the position of Treasurer is open for anyone interested. January 4 has been set to name a replacement.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Recommended that Ordinance 29-2007, agreement with Public Defender’s office, be passed tonight as an emergency. Explained Ordinance 33-2007, and said the money has been appropriated for the purchase of a truck in the water department. Explained a letter that he sent to the Treasury Department concerning a fraudulent e-mail that was sent to some elected officials. Suggested that Council look at the position of Treasurer, concerning either increasing the wage or offering benefits. Thanked Mr. Taylor for his fine job as Treasurer, as well as Mr. Johnson, and Mayor Brodzinski.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE . . . . . MS. ANITA EDWARDS

In the absence of Ms. Edwards, Mr. Clint Alguire thanked Mayor Brodzinski for his support of Main Street.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet January 9, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet January 8, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

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

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet January 9, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDY COX

Thanked Mayor Brodzinski and Mr. Johnson for their work over the past several years. Mr. Johnson assigned the Auditor’s request for a fund to be established and for the purchase of a truck for the Water Department.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

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

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

Thanked Mr. Johnson, Mr. Eichel, and Mayor Brodzinski for their service and assistance over the past years.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Gave a list of Council's recommendation for Committee assignments to the Law Director for preparation of a resolution. Mr. Johnson assigned an alley vacation request.

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

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIMMY EICHEL . . . . . ABSENT . . . . . NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

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. (2nd Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

31-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to repeal New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 935.05 reimbursement for waterline construction charges and to enact a new Codified Ordinance 935.05 reimbursement and assessment charges for waterline hook up in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

32-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to repeal New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 931.02 reimbursement for sanitary sewer or storm sewer extension and to enact a new Codified Ordinance 931.02 reimbursement and assessment charges for sanitary sewer and storm sewer extension in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

33-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to purchase a single axel, cab and chassis unit truck for the Water Department, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Mr. Conner asked if this ordinance has been through a Committee. Mr. Johnson said it was included in the 2008 appropriations.

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. (2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2nd Reading)

Mr. Maurer made a motion to suspend the rules. However, there being no emergency clause included in the resolution, the legislation will be held over for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. (2nd 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. (2nd Reading)
- 39-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Dean E. Myers for his 28-year service to the City of New Philadelphia through the New Philadelphia Street Department/Traffic Department. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Law Director Mike Johnson reminded everyone that all newly elected officials will be sworn in tonight immediately following regular session.

Council President Dave Johnson acknowledged all his co-workers, and said most of council's goals were met. He said city employees are among the best. He said he hopes to return to politics in the near future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

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

APPROVED January 14, 2008

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