

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 29, 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 DECEMBER 12, 2005 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ADD RESOLUTIONS 39-2005 AND 40-2005 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND CHANGE THE NEW RESOLUTION 40-2005 TO 42-2005, AND TO TAKE ORDINANCE 34-2005 OFF THE TABLE AND ADD IT TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. HOUSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Parks & Cemetery Committee meeting minutes of December 12, 2005.
2. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of December 12, 2005.
3. A letter dated December 12, 2005 from Adelpia informing Council that they will be implementing certain adjustments to service and equipment prices effective February 1, 2006.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON SAID HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS COMPLIMENTS ABOUT THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND HE ASKED GENERAL SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT FRED NEFF TO RELAY THAT TO HIS EMPLOYEES.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from December 12 through December 29, 2005. Welcomed incoming council members, and thanked outgoing members for their commitment to the city. Reported meeting December 15 with Nick Codrea and the AFSCME union to sign a one-year extension on their contract. Reported that bids were opened December 20 for the Hi-Tech Park, and they came in much over the engineer's estimate. The engineers will look again at the project to see what changes can be made. Mayor Brodzinski acknowledged long-time former council member Art Cicconetti, who was in attendance, and announced that Council Chambers will be named the Art Cicconetti Council Room. Mayor Brodzinski urged everyone to attend the "Main Street at Midnight" Celebration on New Year's Eve.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Announced that an informational meeting concerning the Beaverdam Creek cleanup will be held January 9, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. The cleanup is to begin January 17. Gave a year-end cemetery report, announcing that over 100 lots remain. Requested that Mr. Johnson assign the review of building permit fees.

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

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage of Ordinance 42-2005, Ordinance 43-2005, Resolution 39-2005, Resolution 40-2005, and Ordinance 34-2005.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Thanked Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Ellwood for their commitment, and said it has been a pleasure working with both of them. Reported that his office received a final bill for a federal lawsuit, and it was under \$600.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet January 11, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Announced that there will be no meeting in January because there is no business.

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

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

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet January 11, 2006 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX.

Reported meeting tonight to discuss tabled Ordinance 34-2005. The Committee recommends that it be taken off the table and passed tonight. Also discussed were Resolution 39-2005, Resolution 40-2005, Ordinance 43-2005, and Ordinance 42-2005. All items were approved by the Committee and passage recommended.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Scheduled a meeting for January 9, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Ordinance 39-2005 and the proposed employee handbook.

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

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Codified Ordinance 907, display of house numbers. The Committee decided not to change any language, but to make aware to the residents the need to properly display their house numbers. Mr. Hitchcock said it has been a pleasure to serve as Council Member, and he plans to continue to serve in different ways. He congratulated all council members for their concern in helping the residents.

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

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

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BILL ELLWOOD NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss logging off Snazzy Circle SW. Service Director Gary Espenschied and Assistant Service Director Jim Zucal explained to the Committee the need to have these trees removed, and said the city will stand to make a good deal of money. Bids for the project will be taken.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

Ms. Cox made a motion to take Ordinance 34-2005 off the table. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

34-2005 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005 and declaring an emergency. (6th Reading)

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

39-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to all crossing guards, park security personnel and seasonal employees in the amount of 3.0% increase for the calendar year 2006, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

42-2005 An ordinance amending & adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005, 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. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

43-2005 An ordinance amending & adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2006 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

36-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio endorsing the development of the Tuscarawas County Trail & Green Space Plan for Tuscarawas County, Ohio. (3rd Reading)

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

37-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Sam Hitchcock for his years of service through the New Philadelphia City Council, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. Ms. Cox thanked Mr. Hitchcock for attending her meetings when it wasn't required of him. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

38-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend William Ellwood for his years of service through the New Philadelphia City Council, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Houston. Ms. Cox also thanked Mr. Ellwood for his assistance on the Finance Committee. Mr. Houston also acknowledged Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Ellwood. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

39-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the General Fund (#101 to the CDBG Fund (#287) to supplement cash needed to fund current operations, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

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.

40-2005 A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

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. Ellwood, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

41-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Merle Thomas Alpeter for his years of service as supervisor of New Philadelphia Waste Water Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

42-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to encourage funding for Beaver Dam Creek basin study and remedial work, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson reminded Council members that he will announce committee assignments at the next meeting on January 9, 2006. He also reminded everyone that the Swearing in Ceremony will be held immediately following tonight's meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 9, 2006

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____