

Safety Health & Service Committee Meeting

Monday, September 13, 2004

The Safety Health and Service Committee met in council chambers at 6:00 P.M. to discuss a request from Safety Director Greg Popham for a review of Codified Ordinance Chapters 1131.03, 1141.02 & 1141.04. Present at the meeting were committee members Darrin Lautenschleger, Rob Maurer and Chairman Sam Hitchcock. Guests presents were Fire Chief Jamie Snyder, Councilwoman Sandy Cox, Councilman Bill Ellwood, Safety Director Greg Popham, Councilman Jim Locker, Treasurer Mike Taylor, Service Director Gary Espenschied, Citizen Ella Slough and the Media.

Chief Snyder was given the floor and explained that the request for review of the above sections was basically a request for a change of wording. He further explained that these sections refer to a “certificate of occupancy” that may be granted or obtained from the city service director when applying for a building permit. Snyder explained that only the Ohio Division of Industrial Compliance has the power to issue a Certificate of Occupancy. He said that this has created problems for builders and owners who believed they were in full compliance when being issued a building permit.

Snyder said he believed this problem could be corrected by merely changing the phrase “Certificate of Occupancy” in the sections to “Certificate of Zoning Compliance”. Darren Lautenschlegger made a motion to request that the law director replace the phrase “Certificate of Occupancy” in the sections to “Certificate of Zoning Compliance” which was seconded by Rob Maurer and passed unanimously.

At 6:07 P.M., with no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam R. Hitchcock, Chairman
SAFETY, HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE
CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA