

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 26, 2001 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. ART CICCONETTI
MS. SANDRA COX
MR. JOEL DAY
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. TOM LOCKER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2001 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE..... CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH.....NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from February 13 through February 26, 2001. Reported that the City has changed insurance carriers because of increased costs. Introduced Kendra Coburn, owner of B & K Transportation, a new taxi service in the City of New Philadelphia. Ms. Coburn distributed brochures outlining the costs of her service, and said she is aware the city has a real need for a taxi service. Mayor Brodzinski requested passage of Ordinance 7-2001. Mayor Brodzinski requested an executive session to discuss land acquisition. Mr. Day made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houston, to go into executive session immediately following reading of legislation. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that bids have been received and awarded for the timber at the south side parkland, and the work will be completed by April 15. Reported that Information Specialist Tim Ledrich is resigning, and a replacement will be hired.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that a fireman who experienced chest pains during a fire within the city on Sunday was released from the hospital today.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Informed Council that the city received a check for \$85,770 from Workers' Compensation.

TREASURERMR. ROBERT GERBER

Thanked Tanya in the Auditor's Office for help with a computer problem in his office last week.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he, Mayor Brodzinski, and Police Chief Tom Staggers attended a hearing Federal Court in Akron last week for a temporary restraining order concerning the adult video store. The Judge will render a written opinion, and until that time, the city's ordinance will not be enforced

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, March 14, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. in the park office.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION. MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting February 13, 2001 at the Airport Restaurant. Lunchtime delivery service has been added at the Restaurant. The members voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Airport Consultant R.D.Zande not to sell airport land to Sacred Heart Church for cemetery use, because of safety concerns. County Commissioner Jim Seldenright was appointed to the Commission. Council President Dave Johnson asked who is liable to repair the roof at the main hangar that was blown off during a recent windstorm. Service Director Gary Espenschied said it is the city’s responsibility, and it has been temporarily repaired.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE

Reported meeting February 19, 2001 with several area youth to choose a design for the skate park to be installed on property donated to the city. Also discussed was possibly closing off Second St. N.W. for parking spaces. The retaining walls will continue to be repaired under a grant given to the city.

HEALTH BOARD. MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight prior to regular session to discuss uniform allowance for the Police Chief and Fire Chief. The allowance was increased to \$800 this year, but will go back to \$700 next year. Also approved was the reimbursement of insurance money to the mayor in lieu of coverage. Mr. Johnson assigned a letter from the Health Department asking for salary increases for certain employees.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

Scheduled a meeting for Monday, March 5, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. concerning the Public Defender’s Contract, and a request for \$10,000 for Main Street New Philadelphia.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE. MR. TOM LOCKER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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- 3-2001 An ordinance to authorize the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into a contract with Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. for economic development of the Downtown New Philadelphia for the calendar year 2001 and to pay to Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 5-2001 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, accepting the plat for Taylor Drive SW subdivision, and declaring an emergency. ((2nd Reading)
- 6-2001 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to amend New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance Section 351.99 penalty as it relates to handicap parking, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 7-2001 An ordinance to accept the application by the Tuscarawas County Commissioner Job and Family Services Building for the annexation of certain territory in Dover Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and to establish Office zoning of the same. (1st Reading)

Mr. Houston scheduled a meeting for Monday, March 5, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

AT 8:03 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:23 P.M.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson reminded each council member of the roundtable meeting Monday, March 5, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. and asked them to prepare their list of priorities for 2001.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:24 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED MARCH 12, 2001

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____

