

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 14, 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. JIMMY EICHEL
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEUSH

1. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for April 2007.
2. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for April 2007.
3. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for April 2007.
4. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for April 2007.
5. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for April 2007.
6. The Auditor's Financial Statement for April 2007.
7. Airport Commission meeting minutes of April 10, 2007.
8. A letter dated May 2, 2007 from Ohio Governor Ted Strickland thanking Council for their recent resolution objecting to Senate Bill 117.
9. Main Street General Membership meeting minutes of May 3, 2007.
10. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of March 21, 2007.
11. New Philadelphia Fire Department Type of Alarm Report Summary for April 2007.
12. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of May 10, 2007.
13. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of April 23, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

President Johnson said he has had several requests for an Executive Session to discuss personnel, and he asked if there was a motion for that reason. Mr. Eichel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conner to go into Executive Session prior to the reading of legislation. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed. Mayor Brodzinski submitted a written report of the activities of his office from April 23 through May 14, 2007. Reported meeting April 30 with the Census Bureau concerning the 2010 census. Reported that on May 4 he attended the Quaker Foundation Awards

Banquet, and on May 9 the Buckeye Foundation Awards Banquet, and congratulated all graduating seniors. Reported that the Senior Center held a steak fry to raise funds so that they may satisfy their mortgage. Reported that on May 8 he attended a welcome for the Italians tour at Breitenbach Winery, sponsored by the Dover Rotary. Presented a proclamation today at Schoenbrunn Care Center in honor of National Healthcare Week.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that Union Ave. is progressing, and should be open to traffic soon. Reported that he requested a \$66,000.00 grant through Nature Works to install storm sewers and pave a parking area at the Little League ball field on Wabash Hill, and was only awarded \$15,270.00. Mr. Johnson asked about drainage problems at Tuscora Park. Mr. Espenschied said he is looking at routing some storm sewers together to alleviate the problem. Mr. Eichel asked about the downtown lighting. Mr. Espenschied said he has received information from General Services Superintendent Fred Neff concerning costs for each quadrant, both permanent and temporary.

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

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested that her April reports be approved, and requested that a Committee be assigned the review of advances on real estate taxes.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested that his April reports be approved. Mr. Conner made a motion to approve both the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports. Ms. Cox seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON NO REPORT

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the May meeting was cancelled because there were no submissions.

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

Will. Meet May 15, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting April 10, 2007. It was reported that the Airport Restaurant is behind in their rent payments. A committee of three was selected to review consultant applications. The annual EAA pancake breakfast will be held May 27.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet May 23 at 7:30 P.M. in the park office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet June 13, 2007 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM. The Health Board requested that a resolution be prepared to commend Dr. Roy Geduldig for his service on the City’s Health Board. Ms. Cox made a motion to have a resolution prepared and not be assigned to Committee. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the annual police auction to be held June 22, and the Committee approved passage of Ordinance 10-2007 on 3rd reading.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting May 10 to discuss union contracts with the city’s clerical unit and AFSCME. The Committee approved the contracts, and ordinances are before Council for consideration. Mr. Johnson assigned the Auditor’s request for advancement of real estate taxes to the Finance Committee, and a consideration of wage increase for all non-bargaining employees to the Salary Committee.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER

Concerning Ordinance 16-2007 that is on tonight’s agenda, Mr. Maurer informed Council that it was in his Committee in March 2006 but an ordinance was not introduced and passed.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER . . . NO REPORT

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

Reported meeting May 7 to discuss Senate Bill 117. The Committee voted to send a fax stating their objection to Senator Jason Wilson. The Senate met on May 8 and passed the Bill, and it now goes to the House for consideration. Mr. Houston said he personally contacted State Representative Allan Sayre to let him know of Council’s objection.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER

Reported meeting May 10 to discuss the housing of inmates at the County Jail, Ordinance 12-2007. The Committee voted to approve the issue.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL

Reported meeting May 4 to discuss the renewal of the annual Enterprise Zone Agreement. Since this needs to go to the Tax Incentive Review Council by May 30, emergency passage is requested tonight. Mr. Johnson assigned plans and estimates on the south side cemetery land.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:51 P.M.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 9-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to change zoning for property located on the corner of Kelly Street and Bowers Avenue owned by Gary Lawver and containing approximately three acres of land from Industrial to Residential, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held May 31, 2007 at 8:00 P.M.
- 10-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the New Philadelphia Police Department to hold the annual Police Auction on June 22, 2007 at 5:00 P.M., and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 12-2007 An ordinance to authorize the City of New Philadelphia to enter into a contract with the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office for the housing of inmates in the Tuscarawas County jail and payment of housing costs to the Tuscarawas County Commissioners and declaring it an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 13-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the agreement between the City of New Philadelphia and Local 1958 – Clerical Chapter and Ohio Council 8, American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees AFL-CIO, , Clerical Employees for 2007, 2008 and 2009, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 14-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the agreement between the City of New Philadelphia and Local 1958 and Ohio Council 8 American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, Service, Maintenance and Technical employees for 2007, 2008, and 2009, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 15-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to repeal Chapter 1307 – Ohio Basic Building Code of the codified ordinances of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 16-2007 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to revise and update the current fire code within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, by repealing existing Chapter 1511, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 12-2007 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)
- 13-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize and direct the Auditor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer up to \$25,000.00 from the General Fund #101 to the Sidewalk Improvement Fund #285, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 15-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to approve and adopt the Tuscarawas County Incentive Review Council's recommendations to the Enterprise Zone Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Eichel. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson reminded all Council members that they are to contact the Clerk when scheduling Committee meetings, and they are to notify the Clerk when a particular ordinance/resolution has been through Committee and is to be added to the agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED May 31, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____