

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 10, 2011, WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, JOEL DAY, PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

THE AUDITOR, BETH GUNDY AND COUNCIL MEMBER, MR. JOHN ZUCAL ARE EXCUSED FROM TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX
MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA.
MR. LOCKER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. ESPENSCHIED MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION HELD DECEMBER 27, 2010. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION.
ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, PATRICIA MCKAY

1. Public Works & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes from December 27, 2010
2. Special and Contact Committee Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2011.
3. Auditor's Monthly Statement of 2010 revenue for the General Fund for December 2010 original and revised January 7, 2011.
4. Auditor's Financial Statement for the month of December 2010 original and revised January 7, 2011.
5. New Philadelphia Police/Monthly Activity report for the Month of December 2010.
6. Certificate of total Amount from all Sources Available for Expenditures and Balances dated January 5, 2011.
7. Airport Commission Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2010.
8. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for December 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUEST.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

The Mayor announced that the Safety Director and the Mayor would like a short Executive Session (less than 10 minutes) following tonight's legislation to discuss personnel and negotiations.

The Mayor addressed Council on the following:

The Mayor reported that he is making the following reappointments for six year terms:
Civil Service Commission: Mr. Pat Morris and Attorney Scott Deedrick
and the following new appointments for three year terms for the
Park Board: Ms Courtney Shalosky, CPA at Rea & Associates and Attorney Mike Ernest.
The Mayor thanked the appointees for volunteering to serve the citizens in New Philadelphia in these capacities.

The Mayor reported that the weekly recycling program had an excess of 100 new sign-ups from local residents for this service.

The Mayor announced that he is in the process of completing a grant application to the State for ARC funds to pay for traffic engineering study for the University Drive and East High Avenue area.

Kent State University and Buckeye Career Center are partnering with the City for this grant application. The City is preparing the grant with the assistance from OMEGA and we'll have no financial costs in the study.

The grant application is for \$7,110.00 which is the price quoted from TMS Engineers. This professional traffic study of that area will provide recommendations for how future traffic growth should be handled in that area as the Kent Campus activity, Buckeye Career Center, Tech Park and residential traffic increase there.

The Mayor reported on the attached 2010 telephone call volume as recorded by our part time receptionist.

These numbers only reflect the calls answered during the receptionist's part-time hours and do not reflect incoming calls that are received by the automated answering system. The Mayor announced that we are able to provide better service for most of our work day due to an actual person answering the phone and being able to deal with many questions vs. just transferring all a calls to other departments or the public choosing the incorrect department for a question and then having to be transferred again. The Mayor announced that the phones are just one of the many duties that the receptionist performs in her part-time position.

Ms. Cox moved to go into an Executive Session this evening at the conclusion of the Legislative Agenda to discuss personnel and negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Locker.

Roll Call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

SERVICE Director.....MR. JIM ZUCAL

The Service Director reported the following:

- Building permits have been issued for the new Multi-County Juvenile Attention Center to be located on Reiser Avenue.
- He has been working with the Mayor and Department heads to prepare a list of projects for this year and needed finances.
- Bids will be open this Thursday, January 13, 2011 in Council Chambers at 11:00AM for the farm lease at the airport and the land next to the Wastewater Plant.
- The Street Department crews and equipment are ready for any snow or ice events. Mr. Zucal commended the street department employees for their work in keeping up with the bad weather we have had recently.
- He held a meeting with the Sanitation and Recycling employees to give them focus and direction during all the changes. Mr. Zucal commended those employees, and stated they are doing a fine job in keeping our constituents happy.
- He has been working with Fred Neff to institute recycling in all city buildings.

Treasurer, Dave Johnson asked the Service Director about the restaurant and land that is located at the Mall that is not in operation. Mr. Zucal announced that Mr. John Stocker owns the property that is in question and he will look into that. Mr. Zucal announced that at one time, Mr. Stocker was looking to put a Golden Corral at that location.

Council member Winnie Walker asked the Service Director if the traffic signal project on Front and Fourth has been started. Mr. Zucal announced that Miller Cable Company is the contractor for the traffic signal project and they are in town, their equipment and material is at the city garage and "yes" they are currently working on the traffic signal project.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham commended officers Paul Rossi and Ty Norris for an outstanding job over the last couple of evening in stopping a major drug deal in the area.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDYNO REPORT

President Joel Day received a phone call right before council from Ms. Gundy that she would not be able to attend tonight's meeting because of a family emergency and she asked to be excused.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

TREASURERMR. DAVE JOHNSON.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MICHAEL JOHNSON

The Law Director requested a public meeting for Resolution 52-2010 the Enterprise Zone before the third reading February 28, 2011 at 7:55 PM. The Law Director announced that we are doing this resolution again because we failed to have a public meeting when we passed it a year ago and to notify the schools. The Law Director said that he will see that at letter goes out to the schools in regard to the public meeting.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

There was no Planning Commission Meeting for January because there was no agenda. The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending an agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. JIM ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers there is one variance request.

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

The next meeting of the Airport Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 6:00 PM at the Airport meeting room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGERNO REPORT

The first meeting of New Year for the Park Board is scheduled for January 26 at 7:00 PM at the Tuscora Park Office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox reported that the Health Board will meet Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 12:00 noon at the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDY COX.....NO REPORT

Ms. Cox announced that she would update everyone in regard to the Fire Engine at the next meeting.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JIM LOCKER.....NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEEMR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

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

Mr. Lautenschleger wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded all Council Members that the Public Works & Economic Development Committee at its last meeting in December agreed to place Ordinance 31-2010 and Ordinance 32-2010 on tonight’s agenda for the first reading and the committee recommended the rules be suspended and both pieces of legislation be passed this evening on the first reading.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED.....NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT

President Joel Day announced that Mr. John Zucal will try to make tonight’s meeting but Mr. Zucal does have a function at the Elementary School that he has to attend.

Mr. Zucal informed President Joel Day that one of his Committee Members will be asking to suspend the rules on Resolution 50-2010.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMS. WINNIE WALKER.....NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTSNONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE:

31-2010 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer 5% of the water revenue incomes to the water improvement fund, and declaring an emergency. (1stReading)

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

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

32-2010 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to increase the minimum monthly sewer fee to \$13.40 per month and usage over the minimum to be increased by 4 %. Utility bills mailed in the month of February 2011 shall reflect the rate increase. The Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the increased sewer revenue to the sewer improvement fund 319, and declaring an emergency. (1stReading)

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

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Lautenschleger, seconded by Mr. Maurer.
Roll call, 6 yeas ordinance passed

RESOLUTIONS:

50-2010 A resolution 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 possible loss of liberty, establishing compensation and terms thereof for the calendar year 2011 and declaring an emergency., (1stReading)

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

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox.

Roll call, 6 yeas resolution passed

52-2010 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to amend the New Philadelphia enterprise zone, and declaring an emergency.
(1st Reading)

COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:49 PM
AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR, MICHAEL TAYLOR TO DISCUSS WAGE NEGOTIATIONS. . COUNCIL
RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:58 PM

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

President Joel Day assigned to Mr. Lautenschleger’s committee (Public Works & Economic Development) the request from the Service Director to advertise for bid, receive bids and award for the 2011 project year CDBG contract. The project for this year will be on Ray Avenue NW from Second Drive NW to Third Street NW on the north side of the street. This project includes storm sewer installation, water line improvements, sidewalks, drive aprons, curbing and paving.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS COX, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL_____

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL_____