

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 26, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
MS. WINNIE WALKER

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING. MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting minutes of January 14, 2009.
2. Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting minutes of January 21, 2009.
3. The Treasurer's Statement of Transaction of all city funds for December 2008.
4. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for December 2008.
5. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for December 2008.
6. Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 14, 2008.
7. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of November 19, 2008.
8. Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2009.
9. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that he and several elected officials attended a required training on records and open meetings on January 13. Reported that he has been working on the budget, and hopes to have it to the Auditor so that the Finance Committee can schedule their budget hearings in early February. Reported that he has met with representatives from Aultcare, and announced that there will be a 7-1/2% increase in premiums, quite an improvement from the 17% increase in 2008. Reported that he recently spoke to the local labor/management groups, and hopes to re-establish those groups.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL

Distributed copies of the 2008 activities report for his office.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the testing process is underway in the Police Department to replace an officer who resigned to take the position of Cemetery Superintendent

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her December 2008 reports.

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Requested approval of his December 2008 reports. Reported that he is working with a company to take credit/debit cards for payment. Ms. Espenschied made a motion to accept the Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports, seconded by Mr. Conner. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that the Rhodes Vs. City of New Philadelphia case will go to trial February 5. Updated Council on the status of lawsuits pending, and new ones filed this month.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet February 10, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. JIM ZUCAL

Will meet February 10, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported that the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009 was changed to January 29.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet February 18, 2009 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Informed Council that the 2009 Budget Hearings will be held Friday, February 13, 2009 beginning at 8:00 A.M.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the agreement with Goshen Township for fire protection services. The Committee is requesting passage tonight.

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Committee met January 14 concerning the request for rezoning on Wabash Avenue, and January 21 to discuss rezoning at Front St. and East High Avenue. Both requests failed in Committee.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a resolution to commend Mike Noretto of the Park Board and to review Chapter 153, Shade Tree Commission. The Committee requested that the Law Director prepare a resolution to commend Mr. Noretto for council’s consideration. Proposed changes to Chapter 153 will be made, and an ordinance will be prepared for council’s consideration.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Darla Carlisle, 1951 Goshen Hill Rd., New Philadelphia, President of Main Street New Philadelphia, distributed a report of the 2008 accomplishments of Main Street.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

1-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Safety Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of three (3) motor vehicles properly equipped for use in the Police Department, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

37-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Goshen Township Trustees for fire protection services from the City of New Philadelphia within Goshen Township, Ohio for the calendar years 2009, 2010, and 2011, and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)

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

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Conner asked the Law Director the status of Ordinance 27-08, updating of the Codified Ordinance replacement pages. Mr. Johnson said he has been working on the ordinance, and will have it ready soon.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED February 9, 2009

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____