

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 22, 2002 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. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2002 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A letter dated April 18, 2002 from Adelphia notifying council that Adelphia will no longer collect franchise fees for cable modem service; thus meaning that local municipalities will no longer be receiving this revenue.
2. A letter dated April 19, 2002 from Michael Norman, 136 Moore Ave. N.W., New Philadelphia expressing his concerns about sewer backup at his residence during a heavy rainfall recently.
3. A letter dated April 19, 2002 from Matthew Dummermuth, 132 Moore Ave. N.W., New Philadelphia, expressing his concerns about sewer backup at his residence.
4. Workers Memorial Day Commemoration to be held Sunday April 28, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at the Tuscarawas County Courthouse steps.
5. March 2002 Summary of Reports for the New Philadelphia Fire Department.
6. New Philadelphia Fire Department Monthly Report for March, 2002.
7. Board of Control meeting minutes of April 15, 2002.
8. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting minutes of April 2, 2002.
9. Annexation and Zoning Committee meeting minutes of April 10, 2002.
10. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of April 8, 2002.
11. New Philadelphia Park & Recreation Board meeting minutes of March 27, 2002.
12. New Philadelphia Health Department Environmental Health Report for March, 2002.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON PERSONALLY CONGRATULATED NEWLY APPOINTED POLICE CHIEF JEFF URBAN, WHO WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of the Mayor's office from March 26 through April 8, 2002. Introduced Police Chief Jeff Urban, who said he is anxious to work for the city, and asked council for their help and support. Reported that he attended the CIC meeting on April 10 to discuss a hi-tech industrial park. Reported meeting April 11 with Pipes Insurance and representatives of Aultcare to address certain problems. Reported that ballfield lights will be installed at the Waterworks. Requested passage of Ordinances 33-2002, 34-2002, 35-2002, and Resolution 17-2002.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that a pre-construction meeting for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements will be held on April 11, 2002, and the start date for the project is April 15, 2002. Reported that speed bumps have been installed at the Waterworks Fields. Requested that the issue of sewer backup problems at Moore Ave. be assigned to a committee for review. Requested a Public Meeting for Monday, May 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. for the CDBG for the year 2003. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that he is currently working on a Fair Housing Program. Reported that he has been working to remedy problems on a specific rental property.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that three new police cruisers have been put in service. Displayed a new uniform made with inflammable material for firefighters.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Distributed copies of a report provided by Seasongood & Mayer, which describes the city's bond issue. Requested approval of a transfer made in her office. Mr. Cicconetti made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion was seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

TREASURER MS. TERRI DEARDORFF ABSENT NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reminded everyone of the Public Hearing scheduled for May 13, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. on Ordinance 32-2002. Explained Resolution 17-2002. Reported that the Cimperman arbitration has been scheduled for June, 2002. Ms. Cox asked Mr. Johnson to explain Ordinance 35-2002, which is to advertise for bids for design plans for the Elk's building.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Reported that flowers are being placed in the planters for spring. Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Reported that Art in the Square is scheduled for May 10-11, 2002.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet May 8, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet May 7, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting April 9, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. at the airport. It was reported that, as soon as the liquor permit transfer is approved, a new tenant for the restaurant will be announced. Also read minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2002.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE

Reported meeting March 27, 2002. Discussed was the contract with RTY for concessions and rides, and requested that the matter be assigned to Committee for review.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at noon in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Scheduled a meeting for Monday, May 13, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss debt service funds, the concession and ride contract at the park.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the salary increase for the parking meter-man position. The Committee voted to increase the wage from \$8 to \$10 per hour.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the sewer backup problems on Moore Ave. N.W.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting tonight to continue to discuss the franchise agreement with Adelpia. The Committee agreed to a ten-year agreement if Adelpia would agree to extend service to Cookson Ave., if they would provide a “City” channel, to possibly be shared with the City of Dover, and for the city to possibly be paid the franchise fee on a monthly basis.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting April 10 to discuss a request for annexation filed by Mark Luikart of Mark’s Place on the southside. The Committee approved the request. Also discussed were Ordinance 29-2002 and Ordinance 31-2002. Both issues were approved. Also discussed was the proposed Avon annexation. Mr. Houston recommended that Ordinance 27-2002 be tabled.

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICCONE

Scheduled a meeting for Monday April 29 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss banners.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER

Will meet Monday April 29 at 7:15 P.M. to discuss the traffic light signalization.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Leslie Wilson, 121 4th St. S.W., New Philadelphia spoke in support of the meter-man position and urged council to approve the wage increase request.

Ron Wilson, 121 4th St. S.W., New Philadelphia also spoke in support of the meter-man position and urged council to approve the wage increase request.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper S.E., New Philadelphia, asked when the Sacred Heart Church sign be put back up. She asked the status of the park land on the southside and the Airport Restaurant. Ms. Slough asked who should be contacted if a renter is being threatened by their landlord. Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Fragasse said the church sign has been put up. Law Director Mike Johnson said there are a variety of services available to anyone who is being threatened or harassed by a landlord, depending on the nature of the problem. Mayor Brodzinski said he has been working with the New Philadelphia School System on the park land because they are in need of additional athletic fields. An entrance will be put in, and newly acquired land will be turned into cemetery space.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 26-2002 An ordinance to increase permit fees under New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 1309.01 by enacting a new permit fee schedule and repealing existing Section 1309.01, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 27-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia accepting the Creekside Development #3 Plat, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Mr. Houston made a motion to table this ordinance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance tabled.
- 29-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the law Director to proceed with the annexation of certain territory owned by the City of New Philadelphia and contiguous to the City of New Philadelphia located on the south side of New Philadelphia immediately west of Donald Drive SW and adjacent to Mistie Dawn Estates Fifth Addition and Larkin First Addition, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 31-2002 An ordinance to make multiple family dwellings a conditional use in office districts and to amend Ordinance 1163.02 and enact Ordinance 1163.02, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 32-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to change zoning for real estate located at 429 Wabash Avenue NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio from Residential to Office district, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held May 13, 2002 at 8:00 P.M.
- 33-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the New Philadelphia Police Department to hold their annual police auction on May 24, 2002 at 5:00 P.M., and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

34-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact Section 903.16 Sidewalk Installation in residential areas, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Hithcock made a motion to amend the ordinance by changing the number of days requiring property owners to install sidewalks in subdivisions from 90 to 180 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

35-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Service Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for design plans for the New Philadelphia Elks Building, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 6 yeas 1 nay (Day), rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 5 yeas 2 nays (Day & Locker), ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

17-2002 A resolution by the Council of City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the acceptance of a Nature Work Grant and to authorize the use of such funds in conjunction with other funds for the lighting costs for ball fields at the Waterworks Fields, New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED May 13, 2002

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____