

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 11, 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. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

COUNCILMAN DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF MAY 31, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEUSH

1. The Auditor’s Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for May 2007.
2. The Auditor’s Financial Statement for May 2007.
3. The Treasurer’s Reconciliation for the period ending May 2007.
4. The Treasurer’s Statement of Transactions for all city funds for May 2007.
5. The Treasurer’s Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for May 2007.
6. The New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for May 2007.
7. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of June 7, 2007.
8. Airport Commission meeting minutes of May 15, 2007.
9. A letter from Walter H. Drane Co. requesting that the City consider put the codified ordinances on-line.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORTMAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from May 31 through June 11, 2007. Reported that on June 1 he attended a seminar at Salt Fork State Park regarding “Connecting Appalachia” for broadband connections. Reported meeting June 7 with Dover Mayor Homrighausen regarding a marathon to be held in both cities next April. Congratulated the Art Guild for their successful yearly “Art on the Square” held June 9 and 10. Thanked all safety forces, funeral home personnel, and citizens for their involvement in the procession and services that lay to rest Corporal Keith Nepesa, a New Philadelphia native who was killed in Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Front Ave. guardrail installation will begin this Wednesday. Reported that bids for Reiser Ave. Issue 1 project for Kimble Mixer Co. will go out next week. Soon to be bid out is the storm sewer project at Quaker Stadium from the lagoon to the pond.

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

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her and the Treasurer’s May reports. Ms. Cox made a motion to accept the reports. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR ABSENT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he and Auditor Beth Gundy certified to the Board of Elections the referendum petition for the change of zoning on West High Avenue to allow for the proposed Walgreen’s Drug Store.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet June 13, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet June 12, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet June 12, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. at the Airport.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet June 13, 2007 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss the Auditor’s request for advancement of real estate taxes from the County. The Committee approved the request. The Committee also discussed appropriating money for the walkway around Quaker Stadium. The Committee approved this request, also. Also discussed was ODOT’s request for the city’s participation in the cost of slippage on SR416. This item was withdrawn until information can be obtained determining whether or not the project was within the corporation. The Law Director requested additional appropriations to cover legal fees, of which the Committee approved. The Committee approved the Auditor’s request to clean up some line items. President Johnson assigned a letter from the Service Director requesting that the Mayor be designated as signature for CDBG.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

President Johnson assigned the review of assessment fees for water/sewer hook-up.

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER

Reported meeting June 7 to discuss liquor license transfers for establishments on West High Avenue and East High Avenue. Both requests were approved. Mr. Johnson assigned a proposed resolution to commend Betty Huffman of the Health Department, due to her retirement.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the Walter Drane letter for codification of city ordinances to the Finance Committee.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Dave Shroyer, 407 Ray Ave. N.E., New Philadelphia, said storm sewers are being installed on Ray Ave. currently, but asked why new sidewalks or driveway approaches are not included in the project. He said the north side is getting the sidewalks and curbs, but the south side is not. He compared the project to others within the city for which these were included. Mayor Brodzinski said this is a CDBG project, and is done according to the funds that are available, and are only available to moderate and low income areas. He added that the north side of Ray Ave. qualifies for low and moderate income, but the south side does not. Mayor Brodzinski said that funds are available from the Sidewalk Replacement Fund for those residents who are willing to pay ½ the cost, with the city paying the other ½.

Charles Bowersock, 413 Ray Ave. N.E., New Philadelphia, said the sidewalks there have been ruined by flooding, and should be the city's responsibility, and he doesn't think he should have to pay ½ the cost.

Ed Demattio, 433 Ray Avenue, N.E., New Philadelphia, said the water was high in the street after a storm the night before, and is concerned that future flooding will happen.

Robert Snider, 309 Ray Ave., N.E., New Philadelphia, said excess water accumulates in his driveway because the street is higher than the driveway. He asked that something be done to alleviate this.

Megan Linard, 910 West High Ave., New Philadelphia, presented pictures of the deplorable condition of her neighbor's property. She asked that the neighbor be required to install a fence around his property. Mayor Brodzinski will look into this.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

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| 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. (3rd Reading) |
| | Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed. |
| 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. (3rd Reading)

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

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. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 4 yeas 2 nays (Cox & Conner), ordinance passed.

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. (3rd Reading)

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

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. (3rd Reading)

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

RESOLUTIONS:

16-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Dr. Roy Geduldig for his years of service to the Board of Health, New Philadelphia, Ohio. (2nd Reading)

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

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

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED June 25, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____