

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 28, 2003 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 JULY 14, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Treasurer's cash reconciliation statement for June 2003.
2. The Treasurer's statement of transaction of funds for June 2003.
3. The Treasurer's reconciliation of activity in the general checking account for June 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from July 15 through July 28, 2003. Reported that he hopes to move city offices into the John Knisely Municipal Centre on October 1, 2003, and hopes to have a dedication on October 15. Reported that he attended the County's State Bi-Centennial Celebration on July 25. Reported that South Broadway is scheduled to re-open August 8.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the wastewater treatment plant project is on schedule. Reported that new aerial maps of the city have been made, and he commended his office employees for their diligence in getting them completed. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who submitted a copy of all buildings worked on to date. Reported that the house on Front St. has been torn down, and there has been progress at the Bernard property.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM ABSENT NO REPORT

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY ABSENT NO REPORT

TREASURERMR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of all reports he submitted for June 2003. Mr. Cicconetti made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON NO REPORT

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Reported that several community organizations will sponsor a pancake breakfast on August 10 during the American-Italian Festival. Reported that the recent downtown sidewalk sales were very successful, and coincided with the County’s State Bi-Centennial Celebration on July 25 in front of the Courthouse. Reported that a car show will be held downtown on September 6.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet August 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet August 5 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting July 8.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet August 13, 2003 at noon in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported meeting tonight to discuss non-destructive entry for businesses and residences, a mutual aid agreement, and the addition of a new section 6 to the current firefighters contract. The Committee agreed to request a resolution stating that the fire department will advise businesses that they will no longer carry business keys and they will assist citizens in participating in the Knox box system. Council President Dave Johnson asked that Mayor Brodzinski, Fire Chief Jamie Snyder, and Safety Director Greg Popham look for grants to fund the non-destructive entry system. The mutual aid agreement was discussed, but tabled until a legal opinion can be given by the Law Director. Also discussed was an addition to the current firefighters’ contract which would establish new classifications and wages for those who qualify. The Committee voted to support a resolution.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting tonight to discuss condominiums, an aggregate gas program, Mark’s Place annexation, and the tower ordinance. The Committee agreed to not get involved in a natural gas aggregation program, but instead will let the consumers make their individual choices.

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICCONE

Reported that the City’s Bi-Centennial Committee will meet Wednesday July 30, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the R & S Party Center. Scheduled a meeting for August 4 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss designating historic areas in the city.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss record retention schedules. Treasurer Mike Taylor presented a questionnaire that he would like to have department heads answer as to their individual storage needs. The Committee agreed that each department should fill out the questionnaire, and then require an inventory of records.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Tom Gerber, 419 Springbrook Dr., New Philadelphia, asked if the city has considered microfilming records since storage is getting to be a problem. Mr. Gerber asked what plans the city has for paying back the enormous amount of debt

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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40-2003 An ordinance by the City Council of New Philadelphia, Ohio to vacate an unnamed alley extending approximately 265 feet north of Wabash Avenue NW, and 165 south of Emmett Avenue NW between 1023 Logan Street NW Rear and 1033 Logan Street NW Rear and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held August 25, 2003 at 8:00 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS:

18-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to retain Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc. to work with the City of New Philadelphia to create a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt in opt out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Houston made a motion to table this ordinance. Mr. Day seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution tabled.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL_____

APPROVED August 11, 2003

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL_____