

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 13, 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A copy of the 2002 Audit, as received from the Auditor of State Betty Montgomery.
2. A letter dated October 9, 2003 from Law Director Mike Johnson to President of Council Dave Johnson suggesting that the city redo the criminal code to match changes made by Ohio Law.
3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 22, 2003.
4. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of September 10, 2003.
5. New Philadelphia Airport Commission meeting minutes of September 9, 2003.
6. The Auditor's Financial Statement for September 2003.
7. The Auditor's Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for September 2003.
8. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of September 24, 2003.
9. The September 2003 Summary of Reports for the New Philadelphia Fire Department.
10. The New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for September 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from September 23 through October 13, 2003. Reported that on October 1 he attended the Emerging Tech Forum at KSU, where he learned that the \$2.3 million the city requested for the hi-tech park is 90% assured. Reported that he attended the open house of the Port Authority in Dover on October 5. Reported that he attended the Family Safety Day held recently at the fire and police departments. Reminded everyone of the Dedication of the John Knisely Municipal Centre on Wednesday October 15, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he met recently met with representatives of Quicksall & Assoc. to discuss the I & I Program for the city's storm sewers. Reported that the wastewater treatment plant improvements are on schedule.

Building Inspector Bill Richesson is on vacation, so there is no report tonight. Mr. Cicconetti asked if there was to be paving done this year. Mr. Espenschied said money for the paving this year went towards the South Broadway Project, and the normal paving will resume next year. Mr. Houston asked what is going on at the Winters' property on 3rd St. NE. Mr. Espenschied said the ditch to Beaver Dam Creek was widened to help with run off if the creek overflows.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

Requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mr. Day made a motion to go into Executive Session immediately following reading of legislation. Mr. Houston seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Ordinance 49-2003 and Resolution 29-2003.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that letters were sent to all banks in the city for the depository for general and payroll accounts. Reported that he attended a conference recently in Cincinnati regarding audits. Reported that he received an e-mail from the Ohio Historical Society concerning record retention, and he forwarded the information to Special Committee Chairman Rob Maurer.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained Resolution 29-2003, and suggested that it be passed tonight as an emergency. Reported that he attended the Ohio Municipal League's meeting on income tax ordinances, and he will be giving information to Ms. Cox so that the Finance Committee can address proposed changes. Reported that he is working out issues of the drug policy with Municipal Court. Reported that several lawsuits involving the city are being worked on. Reported that he met recently with the Service Director concerning developments in the city. A condominium ordinance is still forthcoming.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet November 12, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the John Knisely Municipal Centre

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet Tuesday October 14, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting September 9, 2003. The next meeting will be held October 14, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the airport.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE

Will meet Wednesday, October 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet November 12, 2003 at noon, with the location to be determined.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 49-2003. The Committee recommends passage tonight. Also discussed were questions raised by the Income Tax Administrator concerning tax collections. The Committee agreed with all issues. Resolution 29-2003 was reviewed and passage recommended.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

President of Council Dave Johnson assigned information from Compass Energy.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICCONE

Reported that, in conjunction with the Dedication of the John Knisely Municipal Centre, the New Philadelphia Bicentennial Committee will hold a plate auction on October 15 immediately following the dedication. Council President Dave Johnson acknowledged Mr. Cicconetti and the Bicentennial Committee for their efforts in planning events for next year's celebration.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Winnie Walker, 132 9th St. SW, New Philadelphia, said there have been a few accidents due to high weeds and grass at some intersections. She asked if the Service Director could look at these areas. She also asked the Safety Director to look at parking on Front St. because exiting from 4th St. NW onto Front is a problem because of motorists parking too close to the intersection.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, reported on other locations of bushes and high weeds. She asked if there has been advertisement concerning the flu shots in the Health Department. She asked the status of the dog pound, since it is in the area of the proposed hi-tech park. Service Director Gary Espenschied will look at the high weeds. The Health Department has submitted information to the newspaper concerning dates and times of upcoming flu clinics. Mayor Brodzinski said if the dog pound is to be relocated because of the hi-tech park, it will be some time before the move is made.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 49-2003 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2003 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
 - Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
 - Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

27-2003 A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to executive contracts as required, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

28-2003 A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to executive contracts as required, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

29-2003 A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. 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.

AT 8:16 COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:26 P.M.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Service Director Gary Espenschied said the furniture and sound equipment has been ordered for the new Council Chambers, and should arrive in early November.

Mayor Brodzinski acknowledged everyone who helped with the City's 2002 audit.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:27 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED October 27, 2003

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____