

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 11, 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. ROB MAURER

COUNCILMAN JAMES LOCKER WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2002 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Petition for annexation filed by David & Nanette Avon.
2. New Philadelphia Park & Recreation Board meeting minutes of January 16, 2002.
3. Special Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2002.
4. Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 28, 2002.
5. Board of Control meeting minutes of February 1, 2002.
6. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of January 29, 2002.
7. Salary Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2002.
8. New Philadelphia Airport Commission meeting minutes of January 15, 2002.
9. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for January, 2002.
10. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2002.
11. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of January 9, 2002.
12. Fiscal Officer's Certificates for the issuance of bonds.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of the Mayor's office from January 29 through February 11, 2002. Reported that a fundraiser dinner was held for General Services employee Rod DeMeo, who is terminally ill. Reported that he recently attended a Solid Waste Board of Director's meeting, and the city received a check for \$35,000 for their composting program. Reported that he met February 6 with representatives of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Program, and a 10% decrease in costs is expected if the city participates in a drug-free workplace. Reported that he met today with Aultcare and Pipes Insurance to discuss hospitalization increases. Requested emergency passage tonight of Resolution 7-2002, and Ordinances 10-2002 through 14-2002.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Steering Committee met January 29 to discuss a drug-free workplace. The Committee is reviewing policies from other communities who have initiated a program, and it is hoped that one will be established in New Philadelphia. Reported that he has completed a review of fees for building permits, and requested that Mr. Johnson assign them to a committee. Reported that the tree crew has been working to remove and trim trees.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Announced that Police Chief Tom Staggers will retire, effective March 1, 2002. The Civil Service Chief's test will be given, and he has a current captain's test, and a patrolman will be hired also. Reported that bids for new police cruisers were opened on February 1. Three new cruisers will be purchased. Reported that he will be interviewing this week for a vacancy in the fire department.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinances 10-2002, 11-2002, 12-2002, 13-2002, and 14-2002. Introduced Andy Brossart of Seasongood & Mayer who will be working on the city's refunding bonds. Mr. Brossart explained the projects for the bond issuance. Ms. Gundy informed Council that the Draft Bond Registrar Agreements are on file in her office, along with the Draft Bond Purchase Agreements.

TREASURERMS. TERRI DEARDORFF

Reported that she expects to have the reconciliation prepared by February 28.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Distributed copies of the Memorandum of Understanding that accompanies Resolution 6-2002, agreement for the canine unit in the police department. Urged passage tonight of Ordinances 10-2002, 11-2002, 12-2002, 13-2002, and 14-2002. Reported that the Weaver lawsuit has been finalized, and two other lawsuits are proceeding.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet February 13, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet March 5, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

PARK BOARDMR. ART CICONETTI

Will meet Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the park office..

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at noon in the Mayor's Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 15-2002, appropriation increases and refunding of bonds. The Committee approved Ordinance 15-2002 and recommended that it be held for 2nd reading. Mr. Brossart was in attendance and gave a presentation on the city’s refunding. Mr. Johnson assigned a letter from Main Street requesting \$10,000 for operation expenses.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER ABSENT NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported meeting January 29 to discuss a request for an additional police detective. The Committee did not oppose the request, but took no action at this time due to the slumping economy. Also discussed was a request for sidewalks in the Honey Valley Addition. The Committee voted to review Codified Ordinance 1121.01 Required Improvement, which specifies that council is not to approve additions until improvements such as sidewalks are installed. Mr. Johnson assigned Ordinance 9-2002, Goshen Township fire protection, to the Committee for review. Mr. Johnson asked Mayor Brodzinski if he could contact American Electric Power to determine why the delay in getting streetlights installed at Honey Valley, which was previously assigned to the Safety, Health, and Service Committee. Mayor Brodzinski said that AEP is having trouble getting the right-of-way through some resident’s properties at Honey Valley to proceed with the streetlights.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting February 4 to discuss the Adelphia contract. An Executive Session was held, and no action was taken. Mr. Johnson assigned the fees for building permits to the Committee for review.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Will meet Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at 6:45 p.m.

CONTACT COMMITTEE MR. ART CICONETTI NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a letter from CGI Communications.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked the status of the Airport Restaurant, who is responsible for installing sidewalks at Honey Valley, and are there new proposed tenants for New Towne mall. Mayor Brodzinski said the former Office Max store is being converted to a Community Center. Details are still being worked on for the Airport Restaurant, and the Service Director and his office are working on the issue of sidewalks.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 5-2002 An ordinance b the Council of the City of New Philadelphia directing the Service Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidder for the city’s requirements of various materials and supplies for 2002, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

- 6-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Safety Director of New Philadelphia, Ohio to modify the union contract between the Fraternal Order of Police and the City of New Philadelphia to make the meter man position part-time, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 8-2002 An ordinance to accept the application by Jerry L. Fisher, Julie Fisher and John E. Stocker for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and to establish Residential zoning of the same. (1st Reading)
- 9-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Goshen Township to provide fire protection services for the calendar year 2002 in the amount of \$39,000.00 and fire protection services for the calendar year 2003 in the amount of \$43,000.00 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 10-2002 An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of park improvement refunding bonds, Series 2002, of this city, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,270,000, for the purpose of improving the city's park and recreational facilities by constructing a swimming pool and bathhouse at Tuscora Park, adding to, renovating, improving, furnished and equipping park facilities, including tennis courts and parking lots, and acquiring and improving park sites by providing all or a portion of the funds necessary to refund certain outstanding bonds of this city issued for that purpose, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 6 years, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 6 years, ordinance passed.
- 11-2002 An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of city improvement refunding bonds, Series 2002, of this city, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,095,000, for the purpose of improving the city's park and recreational facilities by constructing a swimming pool and bathhouse at Tuscora Park, adding to, renovating, improving, furnishing and equipping park facilities, including tennis courts and parking lots, and acquiring and improving park sites by providing all or a portion of the funds necessary to refund certain outstanding bonds of this city issued for that purpose, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 6 years, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 6 years, ordinance passed.
- 12-2002 An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of real estate acquisition bonds, Series 2002, of this city, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$700,000, for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring real estate located at 150 East High Avenue together with the structures and improvements thereon, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 years, rules suspended
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 6 years, ordinance passed.

13-2002 An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bridge construction bonds, Series 2002, of this city, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$405,000, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing the 18th Street N.E. Bridge, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

14-2002 An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of building renovation bonds, Series 2002, of this city, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,545,000, for the purpose of renovating, furnishing and equipping city administrative offices and court facilities together with all necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

15-2002 An ordinance amending and adjusting the temporary appropriations ordinance for the year 2002 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

6-2002 A resolution by the Council of City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of New Philadelphia and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4 for the canine unit within the New Philadelphia Police Department, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

7-2002 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend James Shaffer for his years of service as an employee for the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

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

8-2002 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Art Steed for his years of service as an employee for the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson reminded Council of the Elk's Building Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:23 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED February 25, 2002

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____