

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON AUGUST 26, 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 AUGUST 12, 2002 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. New Philadelphia Fire Department Monthly Report for July, 2002.
2. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of August 12, 2002.
3. A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting a D5 permit to GAC Corporation, dba Oak Shadows Golf Club, 1797 Hillandale Rd. & Golf Course, New Philadelphia, and asking that objections be made no later than 9/23/02.
4. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of August 22, 2002.
5. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of August 22, 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from August 13 through August 26, 2002. Reported that he attended a Park Board meeting on August 14, and wanted to report that they had a very successful season. Reported that the Board of Zoning Appeals met August 16 to open bids for lights at the ballfields at the Waterworks. Bids were higher than expected, so the pony league field will be the only field to be lit at this time. Reported that he had the honor of throwing out the first pitch at Dover-New Phila night at the Akron Aeros baseball game. Requested an executive session to discuss buildings and lands, personnel, and litigation. Mr. Houston made a motion to go into executive session immediately following reading of legislation. Mr. Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the city has received recognition and presented an award to Water Superintendent Kelly Ricklic from the Ohio EPA concerning the city's Wellhead Protection Program. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who updated council on the properties that he has worked over the last year.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the Civil Service Exam will be given September 24 for police and fire. Reported that the traffic light synchronization will not be complete until the entire system is working.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinance 67-2002.

TREASURER MS. TERRI DEARDORFF ABSENT NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that the resolutions for the collection of garbage and the increase in income tax for safety forces have been filed with the Board of Elections and will be on the November, 2002 general election ballot. Reported that he met with the Service Director, Water Superintendent, Bonding Company, and Attorney for the Bonding Company over the water tower legal issues.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULING WYRIE

Reported that the TGIF music sessions at noon on the square have been quite successful and will conclude on August 30. Reported that there will be a car show on Saturday September 7 in the downtown square. Announced that there will be a meeting to form a committee to plan the city's 2004 Bi-Centennial on Wed. September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the R & S Party Center.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet September 11, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Department Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet Tuesday, September 3 at 5:00 in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE

Reported meeting August 14, 2002, and informed council that Park Board Secretary Greg Miller has resigned after 25 years of service to the Park Board.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 67-2002, amending the appropriations. The Committee recommends its emergency passage tonight. Also discussed was Ordinance 65-2002, increasing rate of pay for the meter man.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEEMR. SAM HITCHCOCK NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a request from the Health Board to review the city’s tattoo ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. JOEL DAY

Reported meeting August 22 to continue discussion on the Union Avenue storm sewers. Service Director Gary Espenschied was in attendance and explained new findings that would lower the original cost of engineering studies. Mr. Espenschied will try to obtain Issue 2 and other grant money for funding.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting August 22 to discuss Ordinance 63-2002, change of zoning of land adjacent to James Street. The request was approved by committee, and a Public Hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2002. Also discussed was Ordinance 61-2002, CHIP grant, which was also approved. Mr. Dave Avon was in attendance to review his plans for a development on the south side, which would require annexation. Also discussed was concerns raised by Service Director Gary Espenschied regarding the lack of ordinances which deal with billboards in the city.

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICCONE

Scheduled a meeting of the Contact Committee on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the R & S Party Center to discuss the city’s 2004 bi-centennial.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper S.E., New Philadelphia, commented that the downtown area looks very pretty. She asked if the Airport Restaurant would be open soon. She asked if there is anything new to report on the possibility of installing red blinking lights at 2nd St. and Fair Ave. N.W. She reported that the tornado sirens at Shel-Mar worked very well. She informed council that she has found some history concerning the bell which is between the doors on the first floor of the Municipal Building. Mayor Brodzinski said the Airport Restaurant was to open August 27, but needed supplies did not arrive, and opening has been changed to September 5. Safety Director Greg Popham said General Services Superintendent Fred Neff researched the area and supplied information to the company doing the traffic study. Mr. Popham said he hopes that the new traffic light synchronization will alleviate any future problems there.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 60-2002 An ordinance to authorize the City of new Philadelphia to enter into a contract with the Tuscarawas County Commissioners and 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. (2nd Reading)

- 61-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Municipal Services Corporation to provide administration and implementation services for the FY2002 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), appropriation funds for said agreement, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

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

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

62-2002 An ordinance amending Sections 3 and 4 of Ordinance No. 3283 providing for an increase of one-half percent (1/2%) in the existing income tax levied by the City of New Philadelphia, effective January 1, 2003 and continuing until revoked, to provide funds for safety forces operations, maintenance, new equipment, extension and enlargement of safety forces services and facilities and capital improvements, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

63-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to change the zoning from Business to Industrial zone for a tract owned by Timothy O. Bober and Jamie Hicks adjacent to James Street NW containing .9868 acres and being tax parcel number 43-00191 and being more fully described in the attached map. (2nd Reading)

Public Hearing to be held September 23, 2002 at 8:00 P.M.

64-2002 An ordinance by the City Council of New Philadelphia, Ohio to set up new boundaries for ward districts within the City of New Philadelphia based upon the last census. (1st Reading)

65-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to increase the rate of pay for the part-time meter man for the City of New Philadelphia from \$8.00 per hour to \$8.50 per hour effective September 19, 2002 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Salary Committee.

66-2002 An ordinance to accept the application by David and Nanette Avon for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio and to establish Residential zoning of the same. (1st Reading)

67-2002 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations for the year 2002 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. 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: NONE

AT 8:17 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS BUILDINGS AND LANDS, PERSONNEL, AND LITIGATION. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:59 P.M.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Brodzinski announced that there will be a Memorial Service on September 11, 2002 at 8:30 or 8:45 a.m. on the county courthouse steps.

Mr. Johnson said he hopes to have a report soon of the status of the top ten list of projects for 2002.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED September 9, 2002

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____