

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2005 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: MS. SANDRA COX
MR. BILL ELLWOOD
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER

THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2005 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A letter dated September 14, 2005 from Adelphia, announcing the addition of new programming to HDTV.
2. Ambulance Committee meeting minutes of September 12, 2005.
3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of both meetings held September 12, 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT.....MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from September 13 through September 26, 2005. Reported that on September 14 he attended a program at Sacred Heart Elementary School in recognition of the passing of a resolution designating the Star Spangled Banner as the official anthem of the United States. Reported attending the Emerging Tech Forum at Union Country Club to address the skyrocketing fuel costs. Reported that on September 23, he met with representatives of the NBC television show “Three Wishes” hosted by Amy Grant, and announced that New Philadelphia has been chosen as a site for a future taping and viewing. The crew will be in town the week of October 10. Reported meeting today with the Regional Planning Commission, where it was announced that Chairman Bob Filkhorn will be retiring. Requested passage tonight of Ordinances 28-2005 and 31-2005 and Resolutions 26-2005 and 31-2005.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.....MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Relinquished the floor to General Services Superintendent Fred Neff, who explained proposed changes in the city’s recycling program.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the Police Department recently received \$50,000 in electronic equipment from the U.S. Army for drug enforcement. Reported that the Police Department will soon be hiring two new patrolmen.

AUDITOR.MS. BETH GUNDY NO REPORT

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained Ordinance 31-2005, and suggested adding language requiring bidding.

MAIN STREET.....PAULINE WYRIE

Reported that the annual sidewalk sales, rib burn-off, and car show were all a huge success. Family Safety Day will be held Saturday October 15, 2005 in the Fire Department. Congratulated the city for being chosen for the television show “Three Wishes”, and said she feels it is a result of being a Main Street Community.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet October 12, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Will meet October 4, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet September 28, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet October 12, 2005 in the Health Department at 12:00 PM.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX.

Reported that her meeting, which was to be held prior to tonight’s regular session, will be held immediately following Council meeting, because there was not sufficient time following the Public Works Committee meeting. Requested that Resolution 29-2005, Resolution 32-2005, and Ordinance 32-2005 be given 3 readings before passage.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

Mr. Johnson assigned a request from the Safety Director and Fire Chief to review the city’s fire codes to match state codes.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. ROB MAURER.

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Resolution 26-2005, road slippage on State Route 416. The Committee voted 2-1 to request passage tonight. Also discussed was Ordinance 28-2005, contract with BJAAM Environmental for work at the General Services building. The Committee requests passage of this ordinance. Ordinance 31-2005, contract for repair of water drainage and land slippage behind Snazzy Circle, was also addressed. Mr. Houston requested language requiring sealed bids rather than not bidding the project, and the Committee recommended passage.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON. NO REPORT
CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BILL ELLWOOD. NO REPORT
PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER.....NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Charles Warner, 406 Springbrook Dr. S.W., New Philadelphia, said he is concerned about the sump hole on Springbrook Dr. He presented pictures of the area, and said there was an ordinance passed in 1999 for the project, but nothing has ever been done.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 28-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the Service Department to enter into a contract with BJAAM Environmental, Inc. for Tier2 evaluation at General Services Facility, 1234 Commercial Avenue SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 30-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the New Philadelphia Fire Department billing write-off and adjustments policy, and declaring an emergency (1st Reading)
- 31-2005 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into a contract for the repair of water drainage and land slippage behind Snazzy Circle SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio without advertising due to the real and present emergency arising in connection with the operation and maintenance of the Department of Public Service, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll calls, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 32-2005 An ordinance to allocate funds collected under Ordinance 5-2004, Income Tax Ordinance, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 33-2005 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2005 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. Ellwood. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Officer Christen L. Marzilli for her years of service through the New Philadelphia Police Department, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

26-2005 A resolution requesting embankment restoration and pavement repair on State Route 416 located 0.02 miles north of Wabash Avenue in New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

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

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Ellwood, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

29-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio amending Resolution 18-2002 adopting a fixed assets policy documenting the threshold and fixed asset accounting procedures, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this resolution to the Finance Committee.

30-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio proclaiming support of State Issue 1, amending the Ohio constitution to authorize the issuance of general obligations of the State to finance local government public infrastructure capital improvements, research and development, and the development of certain sites and facilities in Ohio, and to expand State and local government authority regarding economic development, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this resolution to the Special/Contact Committee.

31-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize and direct the auditor of the City of New Philadelphia to transfer an additional \$1,100.00 from the General Fund #101 to the Sidewalk Improvement Fund #285, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

32-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to require the Service Director to submit to City Council all changes in water and sewer rates for review and consent prior to passage, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Locker asked if the Springbrook Dr. sump hole problem is going to be assigned. Mr. Johnson said this is an ongoing problem, and he thinks the city as a whole needs to be looked at before any decisions are made. Mayor Brodzinski said this is going to be quite an expensive project, and will take many years to complete.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED October 10, 2005

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____