

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON NOVEMBER 25, 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 NOVEMBER 11, 2002 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. New Philadelphia Airport Commission meeting minutes of November 12, 2002.
2. A letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control notifying Council that all permits to sell alcoholic beverages expire on February 1, 2003, and each permit holder must file a renewal application.
3. Salary Committee meeting minutes of November 18, 2002.
4. An invitation from SEI Safety First Group to attend a presentation of a check for money raised by the group for the K-9 dog in the police department. The presentation will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. at SEI, 638 Commercial Avenue, New Philadelphia.
5. Certificate of Result of Election on the issue of the proposed ½% income tax levy for safety forces operation, collection and disposal of garbage and refuse, and Sunday sale of liquor at Buehler’s Food Market.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from November 12 through November 25, 2002. Congratulated the Ohio State Buckeye Football Team on their undefeated 13-0 season, and especially acknowledged Buckeyes #6 CIA Grant from New Philadelphia. Requested a moment of silence for David & Sandy See, who were killed recently in an airplane crash. David was a member of the New Philadelphia Airport Commission. Reported that he attended the dedication of the new Science and Technology Center at Kent State Tuscarawas Campus. Reported that negotiations are continuing. Reported that the downtown Christmas Lighting Ceremony was held November 22. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that bids were opened on November 14 for the South Broadway road construction and the project will begin in the spring. Reported that bids for renovations of the new City Hall building will be opened November 27. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that he continues to work on the Bernard property. Reported that he has been working on Fair Housing, and he continues to check on building permits.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinance 88-2002 and Resolution 35-2002.

TREASURER MS. TERRI DEARDORFF ABSENT NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he received a letter of resignation from Terri Deardorff, effective November 30, 2002. The Central Committee of the Democrat Party will choose a replacement. Informed Council that the city and Workers’ Compensation has been named in a lawsuit filed by employee Jimmy Martin.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULINE WYRIE

Reported that the Downtown Lighting Ceremony was a big success, as was the Holiday Open Houses in which merchants observed evening hours. Main Street at Midnight is underway for New Years' Eve. Reported that 82 new American flags have been ordered and will be in place by Memorial Day.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet December 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported meeting November 12, 2002. Five appeals were heard, with four being approved. Announced the appointment of Harry Matter to the Board.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting November 12. Reported that the Airport Restaurant is expanding their hours to increase business. Reported that the EAA fly-in breakfast was not successful due to rain. Reported that approval is needed before submitting the pre-application for FY2003 FAA grant money, which is due before November 30. Mr. Locker said the city lost a valued member of the Airport Commission in the passing of David See.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 89-2002, Ordinance 88-2002, and Resolution 35-2002, which were approved by Committee and they recommend emergency passage tonight. The Temporary Appropriations for 2003 were reviewed, and they will be before council at the next meeting. Mayor Brodzinski explained Ordinance 90-2002, with no action taken.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting November 18 to discuss the Ordinance 86-2002, Ordinance 87-2002, and to discuss the City Treasurer. The Committee voted to take both ordinances before council for consideration. Prior to discussion concerning the City Treasurer, the Law Director read a letter of resignation from the Treasurer, so no action was taken. Mr. Johnson assigned Ordinance 90-2002 for review.

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

Mr. Johnson assigned the issue of crosswalks throughout the city to the Committee for review. Mr. Johnson asked the Administration to periodically update Council on the traffic light synchronization.

AT 8:00 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED INTO PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AMENDED ORDINANCE 85-2002.

Amended Ordinance 35-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to change zoning for real estate located at 1103 Fourth Street NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio to be used by Ernie's Bicycle Shop from Residential to Business District, and declaring an emergency.

THERE BEING NO COMMENTS, FOR OR AGAINST, THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE MR. ART CICCONE

Reported that the City Bi-Centennial Committee met November 20. The Committee is in the process of selecting monthly events throughout the year, culminating in a ceremony at the founder's grave in October, 2004. Mr. Johnson assigned an offer of two pieces of property for sale that adjoin city land.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER

Scheduled a meeting for December 9 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss resolutions of recognition for certain citizens within the city.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if the burned-out house on East High Avenue is to be torn down. She asked if the meter man position is going to be filled. She asked what are the real estate taxes on the Airport Restaurant, and are the roads to the golf course maintained by the city. Law Director Mike Johnson said the foreclosure on the Harmon property on East High Ave. is completed by the bank, and the thirty days given to Mr. Harmon is about to expire. Mr. Johnson said the city’s position is that the house is unsafe and needs to be taken down. Mayor Brodzinski said applications are now being accepted for the meter man position. He said he does not know the exact amount of taxes at the airport, and the roads to the golf course are within the city corporation and are maintained by the city.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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Amended 85-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to change zoning for real estate located at 1103 Fourth Street NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio to be used by Ernie’s Bicycle Shop from Residential to Business District, and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)

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

86-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to terminate any automatic pay raises granted to full-time and/or part-time employees of the City of New Philadelphia to include increases granted by Ordinance 39-1997, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

87-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to terminate automatic yearly pay increases for certain elected officials elected to four-year terms granted by Ordinance 57-97, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

88-2002 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2002, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

89-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Service Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for a new control panel upgrade to be used at the water filtration plant, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

90-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a 2% pay raise per year to all full-time and part-time non-bargaining unit employees and elected officials of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, effective January 1, 2003, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

91-2002 An ordinance by the council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer 5% of the water revenue incomes to the water improvement fund, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this ordinance to the Finance Committee for review.

92-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer 5% of the sewer revenue incomes to the sewer improvement fund, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this ordinance to the Finance Committee for review.

RESOLUTIONS:

35-2002 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 Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. 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.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:13 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED December 9, 2002

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____