

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 28TH, 2015 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MS. SANDY COX  
MR. DAN LANZER  
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER  
MR. ROB MAURER  
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS  
MS. WINNIE WALKER  
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MADE A MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCE 22-2015 AND RESOLUTION 27-2015 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA.

MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL 7 YEARS

MOTION PASSED

\*ORDINANCE 22-2015 AND RESOLUTION 27-2015 HAVE BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED  
MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION.  
ROLL CALL 7 YEARS  
MOTION PASSED

- MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES  
FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2015  
MS. WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION  
ROLL CALL, 7 YEARS  
THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED

**CORRESPONDENCE** . . . . . CLERK, PATRICIA A. MCKAY

- 1.A Note From The Court of Common Pleas Honorable Judge Edward Emmett O'Farrell regarding the Swearing-In Ceremony January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers, dated December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Judge O'Farrell wrote "I am honored by the invitation to participate in this important ceremony, and look forward to seeing you and others on that evening."
2. Salary Committee Meeting Minutes for November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Knisely Centre.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTS ....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON**

Mayor Johnson had no report but said he wanted to thank council for "working with me" Mayor Johnson continued by saying "I want to thank Mary Jo Fragasse, Amy Gilland and Jim Zucal (who is) sitting beside me. They were a great asset to the city and they will be missed."

**SERVICE DIRECTOR .....JAMES ZUCAL**

Mr. Zucal reported on the Headworks Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said he received an email from Lars Johnson, Project Manager and Engineer for the W.E. Quicksall and Associates Company. Johnson notified council in the email that they did not receive the grant. Zucal says Johnson writes in the email that the level of the city of New Philadelphia's water and sewer rates has hurt the ranking. Zucal said "we did not receive the grant because of the ranking based on rates". "This is a serious matter and needs to be dealt with. It is going to effect all the grants we apply for"

AUDITOR.....MS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy reported “Tonight I’ve given two requests to the law director for new resolutions. They both deal with the new fire station. One will be to receive the bond issue money to pay for the construction and the other one will be to receive the property tax income to service the debt.”

TREASURER.....MR. TOM GERBER

Mr. Gerber had no formal report. “We’re looking forward to the first part of next year (2016) we’ll be getting everything in order for our auditing. I want to thank personally the 4,115 voters of the City of New Philadelphia that have entrusted me to be Treasurer of the City of New Philadelphia.

LAW DIRECTOR.....MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete: “Respectfully I will waive my comments tonight in consideration for some closing remarks under new business”

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR DAVID JOHNSON

Mayor Johnson announced the Planning Commission Meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 1:00 PM in Council Chambers pending any agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. JAMES ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers pending any agenda.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

Mr. Zucal announced the next regular scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12th, 2016, 6:00 PM in the Harry Clever Meeting Room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger announced there is no meeting in December of the Park Board. A January Meeting will be scheduled and announced.

HEALTH BOARD..... MS. SANDY COX

Ms. Cox announced that the next regular scheduled meeting for the Health Board is Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 at 12:00 (Noon) at the Health Department.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MS. SANDY COX

No report as such.

Ms. Cox made the following comment: “I’m so grateful that I was given the honor of serving our residents of our city for at least 24 years. I was given a wonderful opportunity to meet so many residents, employees, and officials and council members over the years. I really enjoyed serving the residents in our city. This position has been so gratifying and I have gained so much internally from this experience. The residents in our city will always hold a special place within my heart.”

SALARY COMMITTEE .....Mr. John Zucal

No formal report for this evening.

Mr. Zucal announced that in the “very near future” the incoming members of city council as well as those that have been retained will be receiving information from the law director pertinent to the acquisition of property adjacent to the area that is being developed for the new fire station. Mr. Zucal continued by saying that because of the purchase agreement we are “bound by a timeframe”. Mr Zucal said a committee meeting will be planned in the new year.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER ....NO REPORT  
Mr. Lautenschleger announced that the Public Works and Economic Development Committee met on December 28th at 7:15pm to discuss three items. Discussed were the following:

1. Ordinance 22-2015, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: This ordinance involves landslide repairs along Rt. 416 (Seven Mile Drive). The project identified by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Engineers at ODOT contacted Mayor Johnson. Mr. Lautenschleger says this work will be done at no cost to the city, but an agreement was required to allow ODOT to do the work. The deadline on the agreement requires council to pass the ordinance before the end of the year. The Public Works and Economic Development Committee voted 3-0 to place Ordinance 22-2015 on the December 28th, 2015 agenda, suspend the rules and pass it on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
2. Ordinance 23-2015: Involves the city's annual application for CHIP Grant funding and to enter into an agreement with an administrator to handle that process and administration of that program. On a motion by Mr. Maurer seconded by Ms. Cox the committee voted 3-0 to place Ordinance 23-2015 on the agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading at the January 11th, 2016 regular meeting of council and to pass the ordinance upon 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
3. Resolution 27-2015: Mr. Lautenschleger said "really we owe a debt of gratitude to OMEGA for bringing to our attention a funding program that we could take advantage of". The program had been recommended by New Philadelphia Water Superintendent Ed Wilson for some work to the water plant. The program needed to be approved and presented by the end of the year. The resolution involves work on the backwash line at the water plant. Mr. Lautenschleger said there have been some concerns that have been identified by the EPA, as pointed out by Jim Zucal. Mr. Lautenschleger says Ms. Cox did ask the question "If we can't get the funding by traditional means, will our rates be an issue when it comes to GOA funds?" Mr. Zucal felt that this may be not as big of a qualifier as it is for some other state funding programs. On a motion by Ms. Cox seconded by Mr. Maurer, in order to beat the deadline, the committee voted 3-0 to pass Resolution 27-2015 on tonight's agenda, suspend the rules and pass.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE .....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS....NO REPORT

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE .....MR. DAN LANZER....NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE .....MS. WINNIE WALKER....NO REPORT

However, Ms. Walker said the following: "It has been my pleasure to have the chance to serve the citizens of our city as Council at Large for 15 years. It has also been an adventure. Remember, we cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity to our community. Again, thank you for this opportunity to everyone."

#### VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

NONE

#### READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE:

22-2015: *PID No. 101529 County/ Route/ Section TUS-416-13.14*

The following Ordinance is enacted by the city of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project and declaring an emergency. [1<sup>st</sup> Reading]

*Project Description: This landslide repair will consist of a 50' long retaining wall along the west embankment of S.R. 416, associated drainage improvements, and associated pavement repairs.*

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Lautenschleger  
Seconded by Ms. Cox  
Roll call, 7 yeas,  
Rules for Ordinance 22-2015 have been suspended

Motion for passage made by Mr. Lautenschleger  
Seconded by Ms. Cox  
Roll call, 7 yeas,  
Ordinance 22-2015 has passed

RESOLUTIONS:

\*26-2015 A RESOLUTION 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 AN EMERGENCY. (2ND READING)

\*This was a typo will be corrected by vote at the January 11th, 2016 Council Meeting.

27-2015 A RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF APPALACHIA/OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY (GOA/ODSA) GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER BACKWASH LINE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [1<sup>st</sup> Reading]

Motioned to suspend rules made by Mr. Lautenschleger,  
Seconded by Ms. Cox  
Roll call, 7 yeas,  
Rules for Resolution 27-2015 have been suspended

Motion for passage made by Mr. Lautenschleger  
Seconded by Ms. Cox  
Roll call, 7 yeas,  
Resolution 27-2015 has passed

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Comments from Law Director Marvin Fete

Mr. Fete reported: "We've got a lot of faces that will be leaving us, and a lot of new faces we're going to be welcoming. I would just like to say a few words about those who are going to be leaving us this evening. First up I'd like to talk about Mayor David Johnson. Mayor I came across a quote that made me think of you and I want to share that with you now." Mr. Fete Reading the Quote: "It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or the doer of deeds that could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, who's face is marked by dust and sweat and blood, who strives violently, who errors and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming, but who does actually strive to do the deeds, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself on a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumphs at high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." Mr. Fete continues "These words were said by Teddy Roosevelt over a century ago, and I think they are as true today as they were back then." "The mayor came in at a difficult time. We had a previous mayor who quit while we were facing some very difficult budgetary times, and Mayor Dave Johnson stepped in and took those reigns." "I can't tell you how many times but probably every time I met with him I think the words that came out of my mouth were "why do you want this job?" "because I would not have wanted to do it. There are not many people who would have stepped forward under those circumstances and wanted to take over that position. He came in on a promise that he wasn't going to allow anybody to lose their jobs because of budget concerns, and to do that he made a lot of choice and decisions to help people keep their jobs, and anytime you make decisions like that, anytime you take a position, there's somebody on the other side that doesn't like that opinion or decision. The leader is not called on to do what's popular, they're called on to do what they feel is right, and is in their hearts in the best interest of their city or their community. I've come to respect the mayor and consider myself to have had a new friend through this experience, and I want to thank you for your service and working with me in a difficult time."

Mr Fete continues "For Jim Zucal, I have known Jim Zucal since winter of 1988. I was a freshman at Ohio University and got hired to work for UPS washing trucks. The person that I washed trucks with and we probably did 30 or 40 trucks a night was Jim Zucal. He taught me how to wash a truck really fast in the cold, and also how to

change oil on trucks that were so large that I had to stand on the bumper and push up on the hatch to get it high enough to lock because I was so short, and I've been friends with him ever since. I've known him through a lot of different positions, he's always been very dedicated to his community, and he's been in a difficult position. Prior to going to law school I spent several years working for other elected officials, and it's a difficult job because you're not the one who gets to make the calls, you have to be the one who enforces the will of the people you're working for, and that's not always a popular position to be in. So when you are having to enforce what other people want you to do sometimes you're in a tough spot, and it's almost a no win scenario I found when I worked there, but I found that Jim's heart was always in the right place. He put his community first, sometimes ahead of his own health, and ahead of his own family, and I want to especially thank him for making my first years here much easier than it would have been, in working with me helping my position to get easier, and having somebody that I could go to for advice and difficult issues, and I know that our friendship will endure and I just want to thank him for his service to the community and friendship through the years."

Mr. Fete continues: "Dan Lanzer, of all the council members I have to say Dan was the easiest one to work with. Everybody was always very respectful of my position, but he would call up even when he had something for me to do and would say "let me know when you can work on this, I'll work with you on it. I don't want to put too much on your plate." And was just a joy to work with. He has the distinct honor of being the first democrat who's sign I ever put in my yard, when he ran for office in both the primary and general election, that's a first maybe in our family. I feel I've become good friends with Dan and I know his heart is in the right place when it comes to serving the community and taking care of others and I hope that this is not the last we'll see of him and I think that he's got a bright future ahead of him and he really puts community first and he's a really good man and a good person to work with and I want to thank you for your service."

Mr Fete continues "Now, I want to talk about the beautiful people on council, and to commemorate them with the help of my sons, we got a few things for them. I want to first talk about Patti McKay. Patti, I had to buy a new cell phone today because my phone was automatically set to call you every Thursday and Friday before council meetings to find out what legislation is due, what number we're on and make sure that I'm on the same page that you are because you kept me on track from day 1 knowing what legislation had to be there and I don't know how I'm going to get by without you but it has been a privilege to work with somebody who has been as distinguished as you in serving this community for as long as you have, and I love you, I'm going to miss you terribly, and if your phone rings on Thursday or Friday and it's me, say Marvin, I'm not the clerk anymore and here's the name of the appropriate person, but I wanted to thank you for everything and as a token I want you to have this rose."

Mr. Fete continues: "I want to next talk about Winnie Walker. Winnie and I have been friends even though at the time we became we were on complete opposite political parties. She had called, I was working as a runner at a congressional office, fresh out of college, more or less green as green could be and she had called to speak with the congressman, and I had read about her. At the time she had just started as a councilwoman for the City of New Philadelphia. I read that she talked about having polio and Franklin Roosevelt, and she said "hi, this is Winnie Walker" and I said "aren't you the one that likes Franklin Roosevelt?" We instantly became friends over a mutual love and admiration of Franklin Roosevelt, however, unlike myself, Winnie Walker had the pleasure of meeting Franklin Roosevelt. Franklin Roosevelt who lead our nation through the most difficult times in our history, the depression, and a world war that virtually destroyed this country and the world as we know it. The only people that he would allow to see him in his wheelchair was people who had Polio, and even though Winnie had trouble standing up, she never had trouble standing up for what she believed in and for the people of New Philadelphia, and it has been a privilege to not only serve with you but to know you and your dedication and I love you Winnie and I know we're going to be friends for a long, long time, and for you I also brought a rose."

Mr. Fete continues: "Last but certainly not least, Sandy Cox, of all people that I knew I was going to be serving with when I first took office 4 years ago, the one that concerned me the most was Mrs. Cox. My dad who talks a lot about national politics, but not so much about local politics, she's the only one I ever heard mentioned by my dad who said "I like her, she seems like a watchdog and really knows her stuff." Myself, I always read about her democratic circles, so I was kind of terrified thinking she was this real serious, political, dogmatic type person, but I could not have found anything less true in my entire life. Of all the people that I have worked with, this woman welcomed me the most. Fortunately she lives 2 blocks from me, and even if she changes her number I still know where she lives in case I have to get advice, maybe to ask for an increase in my professional consultant budget, because she's probably worth a lot of money if she charged for those services in the future, though I doubt it because she cares too much for her community, but I have come to not only respect this woman but to love and appreciate her. There have been many times that I've come to her home in the night, before a council meeting, after a council meeting, call just to get her advice, and I have tremendous respect for her because she never hesitated to challenge me or call me on

something and she always did it in a respectful manor. Frankly, I don't know how she's not in congress at this point because with her knowledge of budget and process she'd of made a fantastic law director if nothing else, and I love her and appreciate her and on behalf of myself and the citizens of New Philadelphia who you have served for all these years, I just want to thank you and tell you that I love you and appreciate everything that you've done and I hope you allow me to come to you with advice in the future. I just want to share this with you, and tell you thank you, and that concludes my remarks." (Mr. Fete presented Ms. Cox with a rose also)

#### Comments from Councilperson Darrin Lautenschleger:

Mr. Lautenschleger reported: "It's a hard act to follow, as Mr. Zucal says, my comments will be about 15 minutes longer than Mr. Fete. Actually I'm joking but I do want to thank the folks that will be leaving us. I think we've got quite a bit of knowledge walking out the door, quite a bit of dedication, and excellent examples to follow, and we should all remember that. I'm going to make an announcement even though he might not want it and I don't care. I found out today that another person who spent a lot of time in these chambers is also retiring at the end of the year. Joe Mizer from the Times Reporter is retiring effective at the end of the year, and I think it's proper for us to thank him as well, for imparting a lot of wisdom for residents throughout the years.

Mr. Lautenschleger continues: "I want to thank Dan, Winnie, and Sandy for everything that they did. Dan's been an excellent addition, he's taken council and it's business very seriously. I knew that from the start when he called me up and wanted to sit down and just talk, so that was great. Winnie I've known since I worked at the Times Reporter and she came in and brought a news release from the Polio survivor's group, and when I went down the steps, the newsroom at the TR at the time was upstairs and she met me downstairs, and the first thing she did was rap my knuckles about why on earth do you not have an elevator in this building and what's going on." "I'm not an engineer, I don't know what to tell you, ma'am, but I appreciated spending a lot of time with her."

Mr. Lautenschleger continues: "Sandy was somebody who encouraged me along right from the start, and because I, for a lot of people who may not know I didn't want to run when I originally did. She encouraged me to consider that when Art Cicconetti was retiring and I told her it would be a hard act to follow and she said "yes it will but give it a shot anyway." I still think it's a hard act to follow. He's an outstanding person and I think anybody who would sit in that seat at the end there will understand that because Sandy will be a hard act to follow.

Mr. Lautenschleger continues: Patti has been more of a friend than I think a coworker or a clerk of council. I think most people think the clerk of council just schedules meetings that come up, now she's been an outstanding person to work with on a regular basis and I'm happy to call her my friend as well.

Mr. Lautenschleger continues: "I've enjoyed my experience working with Mayor Johnson on a couple different terms and a couple different levels. He served the residents well. I know he's dedicated to the community. I see his family here and I know that they may feel bad right now but they've got a lot of good things to feel good about. He took a hard task and took it on, head on, and probably some of you paid the price for some of that, because there were probably some times he came home and through a few things against the refrigerator. Jim, of course, I beat Jim up a lot at family dinners, we wrestle a lot, he always loses, but in all seriousness, Jim is an outstanding public servant. I don't want him to know this but I'm proud to be associated with him. He'll get a big head if he hears that. I've been amazed when I could call him and just say "hey, I was thinking about X" and not only did he know about X, he had all kinds of background about it. He would tell me, "here's how you could find out more, here's who's phone you could call, here's a phone number, and here's who else knows about it, and get back to me if you need more". And he usually knew that. So I think we're going to be in for some challenges ahead. Thank you all, and thanks for the time.

#### Comments from Councilperson John Zucal

Mr. Zucal reported: "Thank you, again I would be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to share my thoughts with those who will be leaving us this evening, and I do that with a little bit of mixed emotions as well, in a lot of different ways. Patti, I'm going to begin with you, and I promise not to be as long as Marvin, I'll try to even be shorter than Darrin. Thank you so much for what you've done for me on a personal level as ward 2 city councilman and taking those notes and taking notes with such diligence, putting up with my harassment, most times teasing you quite a bit, but Patti you've been truly an asset to New Philadelphia City Council. You're a wonderful person, and will be missed in a lot of different levels. I thank you for all that you've done for all of us and especially for me. It will not be forgotten. For the three councilmembers across the room from me, I have the highest respect for each and every one of you and I mean that from the bottom of my heart. There were times when we didn't always see eye to eye, but I guess that's the nature of politics. If we all agreed we wouldn't have serious debate, we wouldn't have opportunities to reflect upon other's positions. Two things I want to say, the first one is, in those debates it forced me to think about things differently. To view a city councilman at Ward 2 through through a different lens. It forced me

to refocus and sometimes, no, maybe not so much, but again without that I would not be able to grow in my position and I thank all three of you for that opportunity. Sometimes it challenged me. I deeply appreciate that. The one thing I know we all have in common is the deep commitment we have to the citizens of New Philadelphia and those who support it on a daily basis. You've made a lifetime contribution, Sandy and Winnie you've been here through the tough times, and the city has grown because of it, and Dan, you and I are the relatively newer ones to council. I enjoyed working with you on Special and Contact and again talking a little football from time to time. All 3 of you are going to be missed, and I know the citizens, I would hope, certainly appreciate all that you contribute, and you have made New Philadelphia a better place because of that.

Mr. Zucal continues "Mayor Johnson, sitting next to you, we love our Buckeyes, and we love the City of New Philadelphia, and again I just would want to echo Dave took on a tough task, a challenge that not everybody would want to take, and stepping back and looking at the body of work that you've done. I heard you say many times here in council chambers, "I left the City in a better condition than I found it". Mr. Zucal continues "and you're absolutely right about that. The biggest thing that I can say about Dave, what means most to me in my heart, is that you care deeply about people. You made a commitment to people, at every single level you did what was best for people, not what was best for politics, and not what was best sometimes for material things in this world, but you care deeply for them, that will always be something you can look in the mirror and say "I'm proud of what I've done". You can never turn away from that, no one can ever take that from you, Mayor Johnson.

Mr. Zucal continues " (Speaking to Law Director Marvin Fete) I've known the guy at the end of the table for a little longer than you have. I think it's probably September 5th 1964 that I first met him. I always thought he was a lot younger than me. Honestly as family members we haven't always seen eye to eye. We have differences of opinion about things, but when you talk about some of the things that he knows, I can tell you he knows far more than I ever would about any of those things, and I sat there many times and continue to sit here, and his wealth and knowledge about so many things that have made the city of New Philadelphia better shocks me. Because of his expertise in dealing with people, knowing the government entities, the grant writing process, the infrastructure, all those different things, and as Darrin said, not because he's my brother, but because he's the most versatile, knowledgeable people I would ever want to meet. He always had an answer, had multiple answers, multiple ways to address it, and if that wasn't good enough, he could give me the resources I could talk to and make an informed decision. Jim, because of your hard work I know too the City of New Philadelphia is a far better place than it was many years ago, and I look around and there's been great great progress made. I hear that from the citizens, I see with my own eyes and I deeply appreciate all the work that's gone in by all those members who are here tonight. Thank you very much, I wish you all the best and I know you'll all be successful, and again, thank you again."

Comments from President of City of New Philadelphia Council, Sam Hitchcock:

"One of the bad parts about sitting in this position in this chair is everyone else has the opportunity to say all the good stuff first, and I'm left with less. I agree with everything that was said and I definitely endorse all the statements that were made and all the heartfelt comments were certainly well taken, and as Marvin mentioned, there's quite a few people who will be going out of public service here in just a few days and a lot of expertise and talents are going to be going with them. As Mayor Johnson said at the last meeting, if someone entrusted him with something, he always felt he should give it back in better condition than he received it in. That's something that made an impression on me, and I think it's safe to say that people who are leaving, some by choice and some by chance, I think it's safe to say that the city is in much better shape as they leave it than it was when they received it. I think they have given of themselves and their expertise, and their talents and their devotion and their dedication to public service, and I think the city is better off having received that service, and not as a public official, and not as President of Council, and not as an elected official, but as a citizen of this community, I appreciate everything that you've done for me as a citizen. I think you've all distinguished yourselves in public service and I'm going to miss you. The most important thing that I gained from all of you is your friendship.

MS.COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13PM.

A RECEPTION WAS HELD WITH COOKIES AND PUNCH AND A BEAUTIFUL CAKE DECORATED WITH THE NAMES OF THE OUTGOING COUNCILPEOPLE AND ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDED BY COUNCIL AND SERVED BY JULIE COURTRIGHT AND MARY ANN OTTE.

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

Sam R. Hitchcock