

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 13, 2003 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 DECEMBER 23, 2002 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A letter dated January 7, 2003 from Adelphia notifying council of an upcoming price adjustment for commercial cable television customers, effective with the February 2003 billing statement.
2. New Philadelphia Fire Department Monthly Report for December 2002.
3. New Philadelphia Airport Commission meeting minutes of December 10, 2002.
4. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 23, 2002.
5. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for December 2002.
6. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of December 12, 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from December 24, 2002 through January 13, 2002. Reported that he attended the Mainstreet at Midnight Festivities on New Years’ Eve and led the countdown to midnight. Reported that weekly construction meetings are being held concerning the new city offices. Reported that Police Captain David Cimperman was sworn in on January 7. Reported that the clerical worker and the AFSCME will vote this week on their new contract, and the firefighters will meet with factfinders. Reported meeting with a representative of ODOT to discuss a possible decrease in cost to rent city offices at the former ODOT building on West High Avenue. Mr. Houston asked if the return of Captain Cimperman would change the present number of captains already in the police department. Mayor Brodzinski said he and the Law Director would be looking at this and the number of police officers currently on the job. Mayor Brodzinski congratulated the Ohio State Buckeye Football Team for their winning the National Championship in the Fiesta Bowl on January 3, 2003. Mr. Johnson asked if the meter man position has been filled. Mayor Brodzinski said it has not yet been filled.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that 63 grave spaces were sold in 2002, with 292 remaining. Reported that 199 dead trees were removed, 423 were pruned, and 166 new trees were planted. Reported that over 1700 feet of new storm sewers were installed, 1000 feet of new water lines were installed, and 300 feet of sanitary sewer lines installed. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that no work is being done at the Twila Bernard property. Reported that 40 housing code letters were sent to property owners in 2002. Reported that he is currently looking at unsafe garages in the city. Mr. Day asked the progress of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Espenschied said the job is approximately 60% complete. Treasurer Mike Taylor asked if the city would be doing any paving this year. Mr. Espenschied said the main paving project this year is South Broadway, costing approximately \$100,000.00. If any money is leftover, he will look at the areas most needed. Mr. Espenschied said he would like to take Council members through the new city office building in the near future so that Council can see the progress of the project.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinance 95-2002, purchase of new police cruisers.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested emergency passage tonight of Resolution 2-2002, and requested that her transfers be approved. Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Thanked the Auditor’s office for their assistance in getting started on the job of bringing the city’s finances current. He will be starting with January 2002. Reported that he will be meeting tomorrow with Bank One, who is the primary deposit for general and payroll accounts. Reported that he will be looking at offering electronic direct deposit payroll for city employees. Reported that he will be talking to the State Auditor’s Office about a proper record retention schedule.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Explained Ordinance 98-2002, and asked that no action be taken tonight. Explained that Ordinance 2-2003 is a companion to Ordinance 94-2002. Reported that the billboard Ordinance 1-2003 has been prepared and ready for the Zoning & Annexation Committee’s review.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet February 12, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet February 4, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting December 10, 2002. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Airport Commission member David See and his wife Sandy who died in an airplane crash November 17, 2002. Funding for construction of a new airport was discussed and money received from Federal Air 21 could possibly be used for a feasibility study.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONE

Will meet January 29, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD. MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 95-2002, with emergency passage being recommended tonight. Also discussed were the requested transfers of the Auditor, which were approved by Committee. Resolution 2-2003 was also discussed, and passage recommended.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the proposed increase by Adelpia Cable.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if there is a possibility of re-installing a traffic signal at Fair Ave. and 2nd St. N.W. She said she has heard some complaints about cold food at the Airport Restaurant. Mayor Brodzinski said there would not likely be a traffic light put in that location, but he will bring it to the attention of General Services Superintendent Fred Neff. He also took into advisement the complaints about the food at the Airport.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 94-2002 An ordinance to enter into an annexation agreement attached hereto to allow annexation of property owned by Dennis Carr to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- 95-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Safety Director to advertise for bids, receive bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of three (3) properly equipped motor vehicles for use in the Police Department in 2003, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 96-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 371.03(f) to prohibit jay walking in a school zone one-half hour before school starts through one-half hour after school ends daily, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 98-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to cancel and revoke Ordinance 66-2002, the application by David and Nanette Avon for annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 99-2002 An ordinance to amend New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance 107.01, No Smoking Areas to designate all buildings and vehicles owned or occupied by the City of New Philadelphia No Smoking Areas, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 100-2002 An ordinance to repeal Ordinance 351.18 – Snow Emergency and to enact new Codified Ordinance Section 351.18 of the Codified Ordinances for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 1-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact commercial advertising regulations for the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 2-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the Law Director to proceed with the annexation of certain territory owned by the City of New Philadelphia and contiguous to the City of New Philadelphia located on the south side of New Philadelphia immediately west of Donald Drive SW and adjacent to Mistee Dawn Estates Fifth Addition, 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 Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1-2003 A resolution authorizing additional construction funds for a state wastewater project in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to be requested through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Fund, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- 2-2003 A resolution declaring the necessity to request an advance of \$900,000.00 from the County Auditor on the February 2003 Real Estate Tax Settlement, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. 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:

Mr. Johnson reminded council members to submit their top ten projects they would like to accomplish in 2003.

Mr. Houston said that the City of New Philadelphia should be proud of Cie Grant of the Ohio State Buckeye Football Team, and suggested that another recognition be given to him.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 27, 2003

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____