

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 8, 2004 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. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2004 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for February 2004.
2. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for February 2004.
3. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for the period ending February 2004.
4. Special Committee meeting minutes of February 23, 2004.
5. The New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for February 2004.
6. The Auditor's Financial Statement for February 2004.
7. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for February 2004.
8. Finance Committee meeting minutes of February 23, 2004.
9. Salary Committee meeting minutes of February 23, 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from February 24 through March 8, 2004. Reported that he has meeting with each department concerning the 2004 budget. Reported meeting March 1 with Service Director Gary Espenschied and General Services Superintendent Fred Neff to discuss changes to the recycling route. Reported meeting today at the Employment Source at Monroe Mall. Reported that he attended an Economic Development Summit in Cambridge regarding programs.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED ABSENT

In the absence of Mr. Espenschied, Mayor Brodzinski reported that construction is to begin soon on the new 1 million gallon clearwell. Reported that the department has been busy with permits since the new housing developments are progressing. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that he inspected the property at 481 1st Dr. N.E., he is checking a sewer complaint at 236 3rd St. S.W., and he is working on changes to the housing code.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her February reports.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval of his February reports. Informed Council that approximately 50 people have signed up for payroll direct deposit. Informed Council that he would not be in attendance at the March 22, 2004 council meeting. Mr. Locker made a motion to accept the Auditor's and the Treasurer's February reports. Mr. Hitchcock seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he is awaiting additional information concerning sick leave banks. Informed Council that the city has been sued in Federal District Court. Rodney Class is suing Chief of Police Jeff Urban and City Prosecutor Jim Range for violations in a traffic case.

PRESIDENT DAVE JOHNSON WELCOMED DAVID RENNER OF BOY SCOUT TROUP 181 WHO WAS IN ATTENDANCE FOR HIS MERIT BADGE.

MR. JOHNSON READ THE LIST OF TOP 10 PROJECTS THAT COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2004.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet March 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED ABSENT NO REPORT

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet March 9, 2004 AT 6:00 p.m. at the airport.

PARK BOARD MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet March 31, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the park office.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet March 10, 2004 in the Health Department at noon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Tuesday March 16 and Wednesday March 17 for the 2004 Budget Hearings.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

Mr. Johnson assigned a letter from the Police Chief concerning overweight trucks in the city.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned a letter from the Law Director concerning land canal rights.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. BILL ELLWOOD NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet March 22 at 6:45 P.M. concerning the Adelphia rate increase.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

7-2004 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Goshen Township to provide fire protection services for the calendar year 2004 in the amount of \$55,000.00, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

5-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the Cable Franchise Fees (260) to the Bond Retirement Fund (360) to supplement cash needed to pay current debt, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

6-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to add an additional depository institution for the period ending January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006 and to set the maximum amount allowable for such deposits, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Mr. Johnson assigned this to the Finance Committee.

7-2004 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to permit the closing of East High Avenue from Public Square to First Drive NE, SE during the Art On The Square Program sponsored by Main Street which shall occur June 11, 12, and 13, 2004, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson informed Council that there will be meeting of the whole Council immediately following the next meeting on March 22, 2004 to gather input concerning committee re-structuring.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED March 22, 2004

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____