

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JUNE 10, 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 MAY 30, 2002 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Minutes of the Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting of June 3, 2002.
2. The New Philadelphia Police Department Monthly Activity Report for May, 2002.
3. Finance Committee meeting Minutes of May 30, 2002.
4. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of May 8, 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of the Mayor's office from May 31 through June 10, 2002. Reported that each Friday entertainment will be provided on the square at the gazebo from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ms. Cox asked if background checks are made for solicitors coming into the city. Mayor Brodzinski said no checks are made, they simply fill out a request for a permit, and that information is forwarded to the police department. Ms. Cox also asked if toll roads are still permitted in the city. Mayor Brodzinski said they are no longer permitted.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that he recently attended a wage and hour regulation seminar. Reported that the traffic light project is proceeding. Reminded residents that building permits are required for most projects. Building Inspector Bill Richesson was absent.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that bids were opened and awarded May 31 for the new fire pumper for the fire department.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY ABSENT NO REPORT

TREASURER MS. TERRI DEARDORFF NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that a new lawsuit has been filed against the city. Reported that he continues to work with Service Director Gary Espenschied concerning the water storage tank.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet June 19, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported meeting June 4, 2002, and 4 variances were granted.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

PARK BOARDMR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, June 12, 2002 at noon in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet June 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Resolution 19-2002 and amending the appropriations.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported meeting June 3, 2002 to discuss the sewer backup problems in the Moore Ave. N.W. neighborhood. The Committee made no recommendation because the General Services Department has been working to correct the problem, which has been ongoing for a number of years. Also discussed was a request from ASCAP for licensing for entertainment. Mr. Hitchcock will meet with the Law Director to discuss suggestions made by the Committee before final recommendation is made.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMR.GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if the property on Ray Ave. that was recently purchased by New Philadelphia Schools will be made into a parking lot and sound barriers erected. She asked if the weeds could be cut down on the properties on East High Ave. and in front of the former Quality Farm & Fleet. She asked what emergency plans are in existence for residents during storms or flooding and where are people to go. She asked when cemetery lots on the southside will be available for purchase, is the city considering selling the airport, and is the city dealing with Adelphia Cable. Service Director Gary Espenschied said the school has not submitted an application for any permit, so its use is not known. Law Director Mike Johnson said the city is working to get the East High Ave. released from bankruptcy so they can clean up the properties. Mayor Brodzinski said there is a countywide program for emergencies and he will check into it, and there are no current plans to sell the airport. The land on the southside has not yet been developed, so it is unknown when cemetery lots will be available.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

Amended 34-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact Section 903.16 Sidewalk Installation in residential areas, and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 2 yeas 5 nays (Hitchcock, Houston, Cox, Day, & Locker), ordinance failed.

44-2002 An ordinance granting a franchise to Frontiervision operating Partners LP DBA Adelphia Cable Communications (the grantee) to construct, operate, and maintain a cable system in the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio (the grantor), setting forth conditions accompanying the grant of the franchise, providing for regulation and use of the system. (3rd Reading)

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

47-2002 An ordinance to authorize additional payment to the Mayor for health insurance cost, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

19-2002 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio accepting the alternate formula for distribution of local government and local government revenue assistance funds as proposed by the Tuscarawas County Budget Commission and as prescribed in Section 5747.53 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

21-2002 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) and pay a licensing fee yearly, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

22-2002 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio to recognize the Community Corrections Program, Kory Halter Director and Cristal R. Studer, Administrative Assistant for their contributions to Tuscora Park, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED June 24, 2002

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____