

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 10, 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 FEBRUARY 24, 2003 AND MARCH 3, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE . . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for February 2003.
2. Safety, Health, and Service meeting minutes of February 24, 2003.
3. Salary Committee meeting minutes of March 24, 2003.
4. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for February 2003.
5. New Philadelphia Fire Department Departmental Activity Report for February 2003.
6. Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting minutes of March 3, 2003.
7. Airport Commission meeting minutes of February 11, 2003.
8. Finance Committee Budget Appropriations meeting minutes of March 3 and March 6, 2003.
9. New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of February 12, 2003.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT . . . . . MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from February 24 through March 10, 2003. Reported that he has been informed that the Sheriff's Office has notified the city that employees of that department will no longer be permitted to work as park police officers. Reported that on February 26 he attended the Main Street Volunteer Recognition Night. Reported that the firefighters have approved their contract. Reported that he attended a meeting this morning in Canton in regards to the closing of the Employment Bureau in New Philadelphia, effective mid-May. The State did announce that there will be a new facility in Monroe Mall that will provide training, job development, and other services to the work force. Requested passage tonight of Ordinances 14-2003, 15-2003, 16-2003, and 17-2003. Reported that on February 28, Max Ball of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, retired after 31 years of service.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the South Broadway Paving Project will begin March 31 and will last about 150 days. It will be done in 4 phases, and traffic will be maintained. Reported that the first Public Hearing was held tonight for the 2004 CDBG, and he is taking suggestions for projects to be done with the funds from that grant. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that a letter has been sent to Twila Bernard informing her either to fix up her property or tear it down. Reported that he has informed some residents of garages that need to be torn down.

SAFETY DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GREG POPHAM . . . . . NO REPORT

AUDITOR . . . . .MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Ordinances 14-2003, 15-2003, 16-2003, and 17-2003.

TREASURER . . . . .MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that the monthly work is done through August 2002.

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Informed Council that the city is being sued as a result of an altercation at Park Place at Tuscora Park. Reported that he has numerous meetings over the last couple of week, mostly with the Service Department.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . .MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet March 19, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in the Police Station Conference Room.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet April 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

AIRPORT COMMISSION . . . . .MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet March 11, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Airport.

PARK BOARD . . . . .MR. ART CICCONE . . . . . NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD. . . . .MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet March 12, 2003 at noon in the Mayor's Conference Room.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . .MS. SANDRA COX

Recommended passage tonight of Ordinances 12-2003, 14-2003, 15-2003, 16-2003, and Resolution 4-2003. Reported meeting March 3 and 6 to discuss the 2003 Budget. Meetings were held with each department head. President of Council Dave Johnson thanked the Mayor, Auditor and the Finance Committee for their work on the budget.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Reported that the Ambulance Committee met tonight to discuss the current ordinance. Fire Chief Jamie Snyder said he would like to see ambulance fees increased. The Committee agreed to meet again on March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. JOEL DAY . . . . . NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Reported meeting March 3 to discuss pending annexations. Mr. Johnson assigned a letter from P.A.L. Mission, requesting a zoning change at 331 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N.W.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. ART CICONETTI

Reported that the Bi-Centennial Committee will meet March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Historical Society Room.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROB MAURER . . . . . NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Beth Catola, 317 North Broadway New Philadelphia, representing Main Street New Philadelphia, thanked Council for their monetary support over the past 4 years, and reviewed the services provided.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, asked the status of the burned out house on East High Avenue. She asked that the Service Department look at the area of Fair Ave. NW and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. because there is constant water lying there. Law Director Mike Johnson said the Court has issued an order of sale for the East High Ave. property, and the city is waiting to tear it down. Mr. Espenschied will look at the water problem on Fair Ave.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

Amended 5-2003      An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to all full-time unit non-bargaining unit employees in the amount of 3% increase for the calendar year 2003, 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2004, and 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2005, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

6-2003      An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to accept the agreement between the City of New Philadelphia Street Department Local 1958, American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees for 2003, 2004, and 2005, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

7-2003      An ordinance to accept the application by Mark G. and Brenda I. Luikart for the annexation of certain territory in Goshen Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and to establish Residential zoning of the same. (3rd Reading)

- 8-2003 An ordinance to authorize the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into a contract with Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. for economic development of the Downtown New Philadelphia for the calendar year 2003 and to pay to Main Street New Philadelphia, Inc. the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 10-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enact a pay raise to New Philadelphia Auditor, Treasurer, and Law Director in the amount of 3% increase for the calendar year 2003, 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2004, and 2-1/2% increase for the calendar year 2005, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 11-2003 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with the Joint County Public Defender's office for the provision of legal representation for indigents charged with violations of New Philadelphia City ordinances in the Municipal Court where such offenses carry a possible loss of liberty, establishing compensation, and terms thereof, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- 12-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to amend Section 143.02, Subsection G of the New Philadelphia Codified Ordinances, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 14-2003 An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of New Philadelphia, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 15-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to amend Special Fund 823 to receive all parking space lot rental money and all parking meter money and to pay for Main Street, salary and costs associated with parking enforcement officer and meter maintenance, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms.. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 16-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to terminate the payment from the cemetery lot purchases to the Cemetery Endowment Fund, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

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

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

17-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to amend Ordinance #37-97 to modify and change for full time employees vacation allowance, personal days to three days per year, addition of Veteran's Day as a holiday, contribution for monthly hospitalization insurance, and the amount of the monthly life insurance premium, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

4-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio requesting Governor Robert Taft to honor his commitment in maintaining the local government fund and local government revenue assistance fund for the budget year 2004 and 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

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

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

5-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Max Ball for his years of service with the City of New Philadelphia through the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

6-2003 A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to apply for a loan through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Fund for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant in the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Cox. 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 8:21 P.M.

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

APPROVED March 24, 2003

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