

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON APRIL 11, 2005 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. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2005 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. A notice from the Ohio Ethics Commission reminding Council of the April 15, 2005 deadline to file their 2004 Financial Disclosure Statement.
2. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of March 30, 2005.
3. March 2005 Summary of Reports for the New Philadelphia Fire Department.
4. The Auditor's Monthly Statement of Revenue for the General Fund for March 2005.
5. The Auditor's Financial Statement for March 2005.
6. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of March 28, 2005.
7. Parks & Cemetery Committee meeting minutes of March 28, 2005.
8. A letter dated March 30 2005 from Charlie Wilson, Ohio State Senator of the 30th District, thanking Council for their resolution objecting to proposed cuts to Local Government Funds.
9. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for March 2005.
10. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all city funds for March 2005.
11. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for March 2005.\
12. The New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for March 2005.
13. The New Philadelphia Municipal Court 2004 Annual Report.
14. A letter dated April 8, 2005 from Dominion East Ohio notifying Council that a filing has been made with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to improve its Energy Choice program, making it easier for customers to shop for a new gas supplier.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from March 29 through April 11, 2005. Reported that he attended a retirement party on April 10 for Buckeye Career Center Superintendent Eugene Fries. Informed Council that he attended the meeting of the Solid Waste Board of Directors, and they have agreed to increase the reimbursement of the City's composting fees from \$9,000 to about \$37,000. An additional grant will also help the city in the future recycling program.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that the Steering Committee is working on a final draft for an Employee Handbook. The Committee is also visiting all city departments to see how they can work more cost efficient. Mr. Houston asked how the new pothole-patching machine is working. General Services Superintendent Fred Neff, who was in attendance, explained the process and reported that it is working very well, and he encouraged council to view it in the process.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM

Informed Council that the city's first Drug Dog Mickey, activated in 1990, recently passed away at the age of 17. Mr. Houston asked how many police cars are in operation, since there have been several recent mishaps. Mr. Popham reported that some were minor repairs, and all are in working order now.

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval tonight of her March reports.

TREASURERMR. MIKE TAYLOR

Requested approval tonight of his March reports.

LAW DIRECTORMR. MIKE JOHNSON

Congratulated Mayor Brodzinski for his efforts in getting the composting cost reimbursement increased. Recommended that the Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement for Miller Studio, Resolution 9-2005, be given first reading only tonight, so that the schools have time to review. Also recommended that Ordinance 11-2005, alley vacation on Beitler Ave., also be given first reading only tonight. Informed Council that the City has been sued for an ambulance matter.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSIONMAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet April 13, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALSMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet May 3, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONMR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet April 12 at 6:00 P.M. at the Airport.

PARK BOARD MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting March 30. Discussed was flooding at the Waterworks Ballfields, soccer grant, concession stand shelter, and budget cuts. The Board will pursue funding to replace the tennis courts. In another matter, Mr. Lautenschleger reported that the New Philadelphia PRIDE Committee met April 5, and they will be beginning a door-to-door campaign to explain the proposed ½% income tax increase on the May ballot.

HEALTH BOARD. MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet April 13, 2005 in the Health Department at noon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . MR. ROB MAURER . . . NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the Solid Waste Management Plan.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. MR. GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the alley vacation on Beitler Ave. and the Miller Studio Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. BILL ELLWOOD

Will meet immediately following tonight’s regular Council meeting to discuss the city’s recycling program.

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

8-2005 An ordinance by Council for the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to repeal Ordinance 1161.02 Permitted Principal Uses in a residential district and to enact new Section 1161.02 Permitted Principal Uses which shall include condominium usage in a residential district, and declaring an emergency. (4th Reading)

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

9-2005 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 2005 in the amount of \$60,000.00, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

11-2005 An ordinance by the City Council of New Philadelphia, Ohio to vacate an unnamed alley located at 413 Beitler Avenue NE, New Philadelphia, Ohio and part of the Rebecca L. Dye property, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

8-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to permit the closing of East High Avenue from Public Square to Second Street NE during the Art On The Square Program sponsored by Main Street which shall occur June 10, 11 and 12, 2005, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

9-2005 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into an Ohio Enterprise Zone Agreement with Miller Studio, Inc. and to submit the same to the State of Ohio Department of Development, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Ms. Cox made a motion to accept the Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Johnson assigned the letter from Dominion East Ohio to the Contact & Special Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Brodzinski reminded everyone of the ½% income tax issue on the May 3 ballot.

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED April 25, 2005

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____