

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MAY 22, 2000 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. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. TOM LOCKER
MR. MIKE TAYLOR

MR. HOUSTON MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE ORDINANCE 27-2000 FROM TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. JIM LOCKER. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

THE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2000 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE.CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The New Philadelphia City Board of Health meeting minutes of April 12, 2000.
2. A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control requesting a transfer of a C1 and C2 permit to Pokmac, Inc., dba Eastside Market & Drive Thru, 260 Beaver Ave., N.E., New Philadelphia, OH 44663, transferred from Rocket Oil Co., dba Rocket Oil Co., same address, and asking that objections be made no later than June 17, 2000.
3. Planning Commission meeting minutes of May 10, 2000.
4. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of May 8, 2000.
5. Treasurer's Report as of April, 2000.
6. Treasurer's Reconciliation for the period ending April 30, 2000.
7. Treasurer's statement of transactions of all New Philadelphia City funds for the month of April, 2000.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from May 9, 2000 through May 22, 2000. Reported that all union contracts within the city have been approved and signed. Reported meeting May 11 with TEC regarding the upgrading of the traffic light system in the city. Reported that the city's internet service will all be combined with Tusco Net. Relinquished the floor to Mr. Tom Farbizo, Special Assistant to the Mayor, who reported meeting on May 11 with Park Superintendent Rod Miller and Jeff Gessner of Newton Paving in regards to the stadium parking lot. Paving is complete, with lining yet to be done. Building up of the old stone walls is also being done. Both projects are being funded by a grant from ODNR. Reported meeting May 17 with several individuals who are preparing for a group of persons coming to the city for Leadership Ohio. They will be visiting several areas of interest within the county on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17. Reported, that on May 18, he gave a presentation of the city's linked deposit program at a statewide workshop of Downtown, Ohio, Inc. In Columbus. Mayor Brodzinski requested passage tonight of Ordinance 34-2000.

SERVICE DIRECTOR.MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that a public meeting was held tonight for Phase II of the CDBG which is continuation of curbs and sidewalks on Front St. The work is scheduled to begin June 12. Scheduled a public meeting for June 12 at 6:30 p.m. For the Beaver Ave. & Hillandale Ave. Water line extension. Requested a future meeting with the Public Works Committee to discuss possibly increasing water and sewer rates. Distributed a priority list of streets to be paved this year to each council member. Mr. Taylor asked if the new traffic lights are trip lights as motorists approach from 2nd St. At West and East High Ave. Mr. Espenschied said they are, and the lights will remain green on West and East High Ave., until they are

tripped. Relinquished the floor to General Services Superintendent Fred Neff, who explained the proposed I & I Program. This program will help to solve the infiltration into the sanitary sewer lines within the city. He is requesting \$9500 to begin the program. The money is for safety equipment for employees going into the manholes.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.MR. GREG POPHAM. ABSENT

In the absence of Mr. Popham, Mayor Brodzinski reported that the traffic lights at 2nd St. & East High and 2nd St. & West High are in full operation with the new LED lights. Reported that the traffic light at Miller & Tuscarawas Aves. Will now go to blinking at 9:00 p.m. Instead of 6:00 p.m. Reported that five new auxiliary police officers will be sworn in Wednesday, May 24. Reported that the civil service test was given last week for police and fire.

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY.ABSENT.NO REPORT

TREASURER.MR. BOB GERBER

Reported that, according to state auditors, the city can keep the 344 shares of Met Life stock that was given to the city. He said the decision needs to be made whether to sell the stock or keep it. Distributed some information pertaining to training that is available for the treasurer's position. Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR.MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that the meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss staffing of the Prosecutor's office was held over until more information is gathered.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, June 14.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet Tuesday, June 6, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. In Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting May 9. It was reported that a change in the menu at the Airport Restaurant has resulted in an increase in business. They are still waiting for their liquor license to be approved. Reported that the Ohio Historical Society wishes to be informed of any future change to the access road relocation into Schoenbrunn Park.

PARK BOARD.MR. ART CICCONE

Reminded council members that dedication services will be held Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. At Park Place, the new youth center at Tuscora park.

HEALTH BOARD.MS. SANDRA COX.NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.MS. SANDRA COX.NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the matter of purchasing safety equipment for entering the manholes to work on infiltration in the sanitary sewer lines, and to determine whether to keep or sell the shares of stock that the city received.

SALARY COMMITTEE.MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet Monday, June 12 at 6:45 p.m. To discuss Ordinance 37-2000, funeral leave for non-bargaining employees.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE. MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that he is accumulating information concerning the proposed housing code. A meeting will be scheduled some time in June.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.MR. JOEL DAY.NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the Service Director's request to discuss increasing water and sewer rates.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE.MR. GEORGE HOUSTON

Scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30 p.m. To discuss the proposed Cookson annexation.

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICCONE

Scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m.to discuss the liquor permit transfer from Rocket Oil to Pokmac at 260 Beaver Ave., and to begin work on changing wards within the City.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.MR. TOM LOCKER.NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Kenneth Swinderman, 1111 11th Dr., New Philadelphia, asked that Council consider an ordinance that would prohibit city employees from taking city owned vehicles home with them. Mayor Brodzinski has already dis-allowed vehicles being taken home, but Mr. Swinderman said a change in administration could allow the vehicles to be taken home again. Mr. Houston suggested that this matter be assigned to Committee. Mr. Swinderman questioned the policies of the Police Department concerning the removal of bats from residences. Mayor Brodzinski will talk to Police Chief Staggers about this. Mr. Swinderman questioned why the speed limit changes in certain areas from 35 mph to 25 mph. He said they should all be uniform at 35 mph.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, said the speed limits were changed under the last Mayor and Safety Director. Asked that bushes and trees at East Avenue Cemetery be trimmed. Ms. Slough thanked the administration for removing the junk along the fence at the airport. She said more signs have been added at Tobacco Row on East High Ave. And Beaver Ave., and asked if there is a law against the number of signs. Zoning & Annexation Committee Chairman Mr. Houston said his committee looked at this and couldn't come up with any changes that would be lawful. She said garage sale signs on telephone poles and trees are also a problem.

Mary Krockner, 2479 David Rd. S.E., New Philadelphia, asked the date of the Zoning & Annexation Committee meeting where the Cookson annexation will be discussed. She wanted to point out that the Commissioners never approved this annexation. Law Director Mike Johnson said the Court of Common Pleas ordered the Commissioners to approve the annexation and forward it to City Council.

Frank Lunsford, 124 Tell St. S.E., New Philadelphia, asked if Bank lane S.E. Is on this year's paving list. Service Director Gary Espenschied will check. Mr. Lunsford asked that the ordinance regulating boom boxes be enforced because they are already a problem this year.

Dick Stone, 380 Donahey Dr., N.E., New Philadelphia, asked if the Sunshine Law was violated at the recent meeting of the Planning Commission because some citizens said they were denied the right to speak. Law Director Mike Johnson said the mayor opened the floor to public comment, and there was no violation.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

34-2000 An ordinance establishing fees for ambulance services and to modify Ordinance No. 6-99 and declaring an emergency. (3Rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Tom Locker. Ms. Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., asked what the increases are. Mr. Taylor said the basic life support for residents increased from \$100 to \$120; advanced life support, from \$150 to \$170; and a new category of medic assist was set at \$65. Roll call, 6 yeas 1 nay (J. Locker), ordinance passed.

37-2000 An ordinance to authorize funeral leave for non-bargaining unit employees of the City of New Philadelphia, and declaring an emergency. (2Nd Reading)

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President of Council Dave Johnson assigned a possible ordinance prohibiting employees from driving city owned vehicles home to the Salary Committee, and a review of speed limits within the city to the Safety, Health, and Service Committee.
NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Farbizo asked Law Director Mike Johnson to update Council on the liquor permit to the Airport Restaurant. Mr. Johnson said a license is to be transferred to the restaurant, and will stay with the building, regardless of the owner. The Clerk sent the notice to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control notifying them that the city will not request a public hearing, and a decision will be made in the near future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL_____

APPROVED JUNE 12, 2000

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL_____