

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 13, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MR. ROBERT CONNER
MS. SANDY COX
MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER
MS. WINNIE WALKER

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. CONNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING. MS. ESPENSCHIED SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK PRO TEM MARY JO FRAGASSE

1. The Treasurer's Report for June 2009.
2. The Treasurer's Report for May 2009.
3. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of June 22, 2009.
4. Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 22, 2009.
5. Airport Commission meeting minutes of June 9, 2009.
6. A copy of a letter dated June 24, 2009 from Mayor Taylor to Auditor Gundy asking that she review the financial issues for the first 6 months of the year and the balance of the year.
7. The Auditor's Monthly Statement for June 2009.
8. Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council for June 2009.
9. New Philadelphia Police Monthly Activity Report for June 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR'S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that the Joint Solid Waste District will hold their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Tuscarawas County at Buckeye Career Center on August 20-22. Reported that the Labor Management Steering Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis. Announced that he has appointed Kelly Watson to the Planning Commission to replace Denny Watson, Kelly's brother. Reported that the 32nd First Town Days Festival was very successful. Reported that dialogue is moving forward with ODOT on the West High Avenue property in hopes of finding a tenant/tenants. Reported that he will be holding budget reviews with all departments that report to the Service Director or Safety Director.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL ABSENT

In a written report provided by Mr. Zucal in his absence, he reported that the airport ramp rehabilitation project is underway and should be finished in two weeks. Reported that he met with a representative of the Tuscarawas County Soil and Water Conservation District at the south side park to evaluate the topography and soil types of the land acquired for a cemetery. Reported that the Ray Avenue NW CDBG and the JKMC pillar replacement project should begin by the first of August. Thanked all city service employees who worked during the First Town Days Festival.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that one of the newly purchased police cruisers has been delivered, with two more coming.

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested approval of her June reports. Distributed copies of a report from the County Auditor’s office showing the expected reduction in local revenue money.

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Requested approval of his May and June reports. Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the Auditor’s June reports and the Treasurer’s May and June reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Updated Council on the status of several lawsuits. Reported that mediation with O Holly should begin in October. It has been brought to the attention of Mr. Johnson that the name on the deed for the restaurant at the airport should be changed from Perkins Pancake House to the Perfect Landing.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that there was no meeting in July, and the next meeting is scheduled for August 11 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, pending an agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. JIM ZUCAL

Will meet July 14, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER

Will meet July 14, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the airport meeting room.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet July 15, 2009 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a request from Auditor Beth Gundy to request an advance from the County Auditor for the July 2009 real estate taxes. The Committee approved the request, and a resolution will be prepared for the next regular meeting. Also discussed were unnumbered resolutions to transfer funds to supplement cash in the Cemetery Department, to transfer funds in the Sewer Department, and an ordinance to amend and adjust the appropriations. All issues were approved, and legislation will be prepared. Fire Chief Jim Parrish was in attendance to discuss a request to either refurbish the 1987 aerial truck or purchase a new truck. The Committee took this under advisement, and another meeting will be held in the future.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER

Mr. Maurer made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED NO REPORT

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

23-2009 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations for the year 2009, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

11-2009 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to amend the New Philadelphia Enterprise Zone, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

15-2009 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Service Director to list for sale a utility box truck not currently in use by the Water Department, 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.

AT COUNCIL 7:55 P.M.ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND ACQUISITION. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:10 P.M.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Popham requested that the annual police auction be assigned to Committee. Mr. Day assigned it to the Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Conner questioned the May/June water rate billing as some residents are being billed for excess of 30 days and therefore are being bumped up to the higher rate. He said the bills are inconsistent, and he asked that residents be reimbursed for their overpayment. Mayor Taylor will give this to Service Director Jim Zucal when he returns from vacation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED July 27, 2009

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____