

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 23, 2001 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  
MS. WINNIE WALKER  
MR. TOM LOCKER

THE MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2001 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE. . . . . CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Minutes of the New Philadelphia Airport Commission meeting held July 10, 2001.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of July 11, 2001.
3. Safety, Health, and Service Committee meeting minutes of July 16, 2001.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from July 10 through July 23, 2001. Informed everyone that the Clydesdales are coming to New Philadelphia on August 2. Reported that he attended a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Greer Steel, who was celebrating the fifth generation of Reeves and Greers. Reported that a Model T Ford convention was held in New Philadelphia last week. Reported that a Farmers' Market has been set up at the park and being held on Tuesdays. Reported that he attended the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration of Goshen Dairy. Reported that the new Skate Park will open Saturday July 28 with a ribbon cutting celebration at 3:45 p.m. and exhibitions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that his office has been exceptionally busy issuing building permits. Reported that the CDBG project will begin this week, as well as the Tuscora Park waterline project. Mr. Jim Locker complimented the General Services Department for their excellent blacktopping this year.

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

Explained that the firemen are using the weight room and running track at Tuscora Park for workout training, which is part of a wellness program suggested by the city's new insurance carrier

AUDITOR . . . . . MS. BETH GUNDY . . . . . ABSENT . . . . . NO REPORT

TREASURER . . . . .MR. ROBERT GERBER . . . . . ABSENT . . . . . NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . .MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that he and the mayor met with the Tuscarawas County Economic Development Office to discuss the Endres annexation. A new enterprise zone for the city must be done. Reported that a lawsuit has been filed against the city concerning a workers' compensation denial. Ms. Cox wanted to know why Council has not seen an

ordinance in regards to the three waterline projects when all three have already been bid out. Mr. Johnson will have the ordinances prepared. Ms. Walker asked the status of the canine dog ordinance. Mr. Johnson said he is working on it, and will have it ready for the next meeting.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION . . . . . MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet Wednesday, August 8, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

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

Will meet Tuesday, August 7, 2001 at 5:30 in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION. . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting July 10. Reported that gross sales at the Airport Restaurant are low. Appraisal bids will be taken for the Don Kamban property adjacent to the airport. Plans for the Grand Prix to be held August 18 are proceeding.

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

HEALTH BOARD. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX

Will meet Wednesday, August 8 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. . . . . MS. SANDRA COX . . . . . NO REPORT

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

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . . . MS. WINNIE WALKER

Mr. Johnson assigned a request to review the city's current curfew ordinance.

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. GEORGE HOUSTON . . . . . NO REPORT

CONTACT COMMITTEE. . . . . MR. ART CICCONE . . . . . NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. TOM LOCKER . . . . . NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Richard Renner, 131 Park Ave. N.W., New Philadelphia, spoke in favor of the proposed housing code ordinance, and said he hopes the city will consider pre-inspecting all rental properties before they are rented.

John Roth, 720 3<sup>rd</sup> St. S.E., New Philadelphia, said the city doesn't need another housing code ordinance; there are already ordinances that aren't being enforced.

Jack Jones, 126 4<sup>th</sup> St., New Philadelphia, said he has always been against a housing code ordinance, and sees no need for one now.

Amy Cleary, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, 332 West High Ave., New Philadelphia, asked that council recognize the need for housing assistance for all residents of the city, and for all the groups her office represents.

Beth Jensen, 354 6<sup>th</sup> St, Social Worker at Harbor House, asked that council recognize that there is a need for remedies for people having safety problems in their homes.

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., thanked Mayor Brodzinski for the hose that was supplied to water the downtown area flowers, and for starting a farmers' market in the city. Asked that the trees and shrubs at the cemetery either be taken down or trimmed. She said ORC law states that the Service Director is to give a report of available cemetery lots every 6 months, and asked if that could be done. She asked the status of the former Elks building. President of Council Dave Johnson said that conflicting vacation schedules have delayed meetings concerning the use of the building, but he hopes to meet soon. Ms. Slough said there are many homes in the city that need to be fixed up.

James Deibel, 609 Hargar St., Dover, Ohio, said he would like to see inspections of rental properties after tenants move out so the tenant can be held responsible.

Judith Dzigiel, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, spoke in favor of the housing code ordinance.

Tom Weigand, 1531 Dover Ave., Dover, Ohio, said he is against the housing code ordinance because it will affect the "poor" people of the city. He said mandating rental inspections will increase the rent for those who cannot afford decent housing.

Mike Harrington, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, said the housing code ordinances sets a minimum standard, and merely asks that rental properties are supplied with heat, workable plumbing, running water, etc., and not luxury items. He said these minimum standards should apply to all walks of life, regardless of income.

#### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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- 28-2001      An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to increase the salary for the Water Superintendent to equal the salary of the Wastewater Superintendent within the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 30-2001      An ordinance by the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio establishing a housing code for residents of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and declaring an emergency. (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 31-2001      An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to establish the position of Building Inspector as a full time position in the City of New Philadelphia with duties to enforce the housing code and building codes in the City of New Philadelphia and setting salary for such position, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)
- Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 34-2001      An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to change the zoning from Industrial to Business zone for the area known as 416 Robinson Drive SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- Public Hearing to be held August 27, 2001 at 8:00 p.m.

- 35-2001 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to amend New Philadelphia Codified Ordinance Section 351.99 penalty section, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 37-2001 An ordinance to accept the application by Gregory E. and Linda C. Donaldson for the annexation of certain territory in Dover Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio and to establish Industrial zoning of the same. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

RESOLUTIONS:

- 15-2001 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas County, Ohio authorizing and directing the Mayor of said City of New Philadelphia to act as the signature designee for the adoption of an anti-displacement and relocation assistance for local government plan, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. 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 8:16 P.M.

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

APPROVED August 13, 2001

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