

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 28, 2008 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
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR, ROB MAURER (ARRIVED LATE)
MS. WINNIE WALKER

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE TONIGHT’S AGENDA. MR. LOCKER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED. (MR MAURER NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR THIS VOTE.)

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 5 YEAS, MOTION PASSED. (MR. MAURER NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR THIS VOTE.)

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 21, 2008.
2. A corrected copy of the Treasurer’s Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for June 2008.
3. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of July 14, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Reported that department budget reviews for the first 6 months of 2008 are complete. Reported that the paving list has been changed to remove 4th St. NW from Wabash Ave. north to the corporation due to the possibility of ODOT participation through the 80/20 funding program in 2010. Due to this change, other areas needing attention will be addressed. Reported meeting with the Police and AFSCME unions to address several concerns. Reported that the Schoenbrunn Advisory Committee is working to revitalize Schoenbrunn Village. Reported that he intends like to apply to the OPWC for a grant to extend the main sewer line from the Reiser Avenue pump station to the wastewater treatment plant, and he also met with OMEGA for an additional grant. Announced that he has appointed Councilwoman Sandy Cox to the Planning Commission to replace the late Mr. Houston. Congratulated Main Street and all downtown merchants for their recent Sidewalk Sales.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL

Reported that the tennis court and basketball courts resurfacing is underway. Reported that the paving of West High Avenue is also underway by ODOT. Reported that the Performance Audit of the Water, Wastewater, and Sanitation & Recycling will begin Wednesday July 30. Reported that the Natureworks project at Tuscora Park came in under the engineer’s estimate.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Reported that the entrance exam for police officer was given July 23, and there were 18 candidates.

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY NO REPORT

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Reported that the Municipal Treasury Investment Board will meet Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 8:30 A.M.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Requested an Executive Session to discuss real estate and litigation. Ms. Cox made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet August 12 at 1:00 P.M.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. JIM ZUCAL

Will meet August 12 at 5:00 P.M.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet August 20, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting July 21 to discuss support of an application to Clean Ohio Council for revitalization of the former ODOT building on West High Avenue, support of legislation for ongoing paving projects for 2008, to authorize payment for gasoline purchased through 2008, advertise for bids for a storm sewer project on Hummel Avenue and South Broadway, and an ordinance to increase appropriations in certain accounts. All issues were approved by Committee.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Reported meeting tonight to discuss consideration for work on two waterline projects, the city's participation for funding to assist with the cost of a new wastewater line from Reiser Ave. pump station of the wastewater treatment plant, and the extension of the sidewalk on West High Avenue. The first two issues were approved by Committee. The sidewalk extension issue was discussed, and it was agreed that the administration will talk to the property owners and determine if they would be interested in providing financial assistance. The Committee will meet again in the future to continue that discussion.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE NO REPORT

Mr. Lautenschleger informed Council that a meeting was held tonight to designate an interim chairperson of this committee until a new council member is appointed. Mr. Lautenschleger will serve as interim chair.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

VISITOR’S COMMENTS:

Kendra Rothrock, 1260 Lakeview Rd. NW, New Philadelphia, said she encountered a problem with a retaining wall that was leaking from a broken waterline above their property. She said she contacted Water Superintendent Kelly Ricklic to have it repaired. She also contacted Law Director Mike Johnson concerning the city’s financial assistance in having it repaired; however, there was a need to sign a release. She said she and her husband were concerned over the language in the release, and concerned that the city should be aware that this leak existed and there could be future problems, unless it is repaired. Service Director Jim Zucal said he is aware of the problem, and will get with the Law Director to work out the legal details. Mr. Johnson explained the details of the release, and encouraged Mr. & Mrs. Rothrock to contact his office so that they may receive their check and sign the release.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

34-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize payment for the ongoing paving projects approved for the year 2008 and for which money has been budgeted in the appropriations, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Conner. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

35-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize payment for gasoline purchased throughout the year 2008, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Mr. Conner asked if this has been put out for bid. Mayor Taylor said he contacted some suppliers, but, due to the unsteady market, they will not submit a bid. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

36-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the City of New Philadelphia to advertise for bids and award contracts for storm sewer project on Hummel Avenue and South Broadway and to further authorize payment for such project, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Conner. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

37-2008 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2008 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Conner, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

24-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio in support of an application to the Clean Ohio Council, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

AT 8:12 P.M. COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE AND LITIGATION. COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:08 P.M.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Day said he has been contacted by Fire Chief Jim Parrish who has spoken to Ed Schumacher of WTUZ Radio who is interested in restoring a 1949 fire truck, stored on the south side. The Fire Department is interested, and is seeking Council's approval. Mayor Taylor recommends titling the truck to the union, and letting them restore it. Law Director Mike Johnson suggested that it be assigned to Committee, because some research on the matter needs to be done before turning it over to the Fire Department. Mr. Day assigned it to the Safety, Health, and Service Committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED August 11, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____