

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON PRESIDING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: MS. SANDRA COX  
MR. JOEL DAY  
MR. SAM HITCHCOCK  
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON  
MR. JIM LOCKER  
MR. ROB MAURER

COUNCILMAN ART CICONETTI WAS ABSENT.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL DAVE JOHNSON EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE AIRPORT RESTAURANT LEASE, AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 70-2002 AND 71-2002.

LAW DIRECTOR MIKE JOHNSON EXPLAINED THAT THE FORMER OWNER OF THE AIRPORT RESTAURANT DID NOT PAY HIS SALES TAX IN 2000, AND IN ORDER FOR THE NEW TENANT TO OBTAIN A LIQUOR PERMIT, THE CITY MUST PAY THE SALES TAX, WHICH COULD BE IN EXCESS OF \$37,000.00. HE SAID HE HAS MADE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN THE LIQUOR PERMIT DIVISION TO DETERMINE THE EXACT AMOUNT OWED, BUT HAS HAD NO SUCCESS.

ORDINANCES:

70-2002 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to enter into an agreement to compromise and pay the sales tax liens of liquor permit 2371055 which is to be transferred to the tenant of the New Philadelphia Airport Restaurant as required by the restaurant lease, and declaring an emergency. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Mr. Locker made a motion to suspend the rules. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Hitchcock, Mr. Day, Ms. Cox, and Mr. Houston all agreed that they can not vote for the ordinance not knowing the exact amount owed. Councilman Joel Day suggested that State Representative Kerry Metzger be contacted to try to negotiate with the Liquor Permit Division and the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Johnson said he would contact him immediately.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.

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

APPROVED September 9, 2002

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