

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

MR. DAY ACKNOWLEDGED BOY SCOUT TROUP #181 FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE. INCLUDED WERE EAGLE SCOUTS SCOTT ESPENSCHIED, NOAH HIXENBAUGH, AND JAY BEACHY.

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

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCES 43-2008 AND 44-2008 TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA. MR. LOCKER SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MR. CONNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 7 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. The Treasurer's Statement of Transactions of all City funds for August 2008.
2. The Treasurer's Reconciliation for August 2008.
3. The Treasurer's Summary of Transactions for the General Checking Account for August 2008.
4. Special/Contact Committee meeting minutes of September 8, 2008.
5. Tuscora Park Board meeting minutes of August 27, 2008.
6. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of August 11, 2008.
7. Public Works & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of September 8, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Announced the retirement of Assistant Wastewater Superintendent Bill Seibold, and commended him for his years of service. Reported that the Street Department continues to clean up from the recent windstorm, and commended all city workers for their assistance during this time. Reported that he is investigating the possibility of having work done on the columns and trim at the JKMC. Reported that the Records Retention Committee met today and have submitted a list of records to the Ohio Historical Society. Thanked Police Chief Jeff Urban for his diligence in working on a records retention policy. Reported that Solid Waste District Policy Committee has begun the process of updating and proposing a new plan, hopefully by mid year 2009. Reported that he is working with OMEGA for a pre-application for a grant as part of the sanitary line off Reiser Ave. Additional funds are being sought through

the OPWC District 14 grant program. Reported that he sent a proposal to Goshen Township Trustees for a 3-year agreement for fire protection.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MR. JIM ZUCAL

Reported that the Natureworks Grant project is underway at the Little League ball field at Tuscora Park. Reported that the City has applied for grant funds from the OPWC for the Reiser Ave. sanitary sewer line.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.....MR. GREG POPHAM

Commended all city workers for their fine job in clearing debris.

AUDITOR. MS. BETH GUNDY ABSENT NO REPORT

TREASURER MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Requested approval of his and the Auditor's August reports. Reported that he will be working on bids for banking Ms. Cox made a motion to approve the Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Reported that the pending civil case against the City is going for mediation next week. Reported that he filed a motion to dismiss a lawsuit concerning the re-routing of traffic during a downtown festival. Reported that Municipal Court is increasing certain court costs. Explained the EEOC conciliation agreement in regards to Ordinance 44-2008.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR

Will meet October 14, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. JIM ZUCAL

Reported meeting September 9. Three (3) variances were granted. The next meeting will be October 14, 2008 at 5:00 P.M.

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

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet September 24, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the Park office.

HEALTH BOARD.....MS. SANDY COX

Will meet October 15, 2008 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss a request for additional hotel costs for the Mayor and Service Director; Ordinance 43-2008, bids for a new street sweeper; and Ordinance 39-2008, contract with Beech Engineering. All items were approved.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER

Reported meeting September 15 to discuss salary increase requests for certain department heads. More information is needed before another meeting is held.

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

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

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MS. COLLEEN SMITH

Will meet soon concerning signage at Franklin Square.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MS. WINNIE WALKER NO REPORT

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Eagle Scouts Scott Espenschied, Noah Hixenbaugh, and Jay Beachy each spoke of their scouting background, and explained their individual projects to become an Eagle Scout.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

39-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia to authorize the Mayor of the City to enter into a contract with Miller Studio, Inc., DBA Beech Engineering and Manufacturing to offer a five-year tax credit for income taxes as the result of new jobs created within the City for the calendar year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

41-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to establish ambulance rates for the year 2009, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

43-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Service Director of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to advertise for bids for a new street sweeper, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Conner. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

44-2008 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Mayor of t he City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter in conciliation settlement agreement with Shawn Harshey through the EEOC and to implement said agreement, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Smith. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

28-2008 A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

30-2008 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the sale of certain motor vehicles owned by the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio and no longer needed by the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:04 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED October 13, 2008

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____