NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2007 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. ROBERT CONNER MS. SANDY COX MR. JIMMY EICHEL MR. GEORGE HOUSTON MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER MR. JIM LOCKER

COUNCILMAN ROB MAURER WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

- 1. Minutes of the Municipal Treasury Investment Committee meeting of September 20, 2007...
- 2. Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 10, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from September 10 through September 24, 2007. Reported meeting on September 17 with the Service Director and the Main Street Director. Reported that on September 18 he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for TV2-PCM, and welcomed them back to live telecast. Reported that he conducted the Planning Commission monthly meeting to discuss rezoning requests on West High Avenue and Wabash Avenue. Reported that he attended the Treasurer's quarterly Investment Committee meeting, and congratulated Treasurer Mike Taylor for getting the most return on the city's investments. Reported meeting September 21 in Zanesville for rural broadband funding. Reported meeting today with representatives of the city's unions and Aultcare concerning medical coverage. Congratulated the Texas Roadhouse for their "Family Day" held today. Reported that last week's Tuscarawas County Fair was a huge success with great weather throughout the week. Congratulated the Cleveland Indians for winning the Central Division Championships in baseball.

SERVICE DIRECTOR......MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that letters have been sent to those residents needing to cut their high grass, weeds, etc. Reported that he received an e-mail from a grateful resident thanking the City for their sidewalk replacement program. President Johnson reminded everyone that fire hydrant flushing is being done, thanked the Service Director for getting the burned out trailer on East High Avenue removed, and informed Council that Mr. Houston is working with Goshen Township Trustees to have those properties on the East end, not in the corporation, cleaned up. Mr. Eichel asked if the sidewalk replacement funds have been exhausted. Mr. Espenschied said there is a small amount of money leftover, if it should be an emergency.

SAFETY DIRECTOR......MR. GREG POPHAMABSENTNO REPORTAUDITOR......MS. BETH GUNDYNO REPORTTREASURERMR. MIKE TAYLORABSENTNO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON NO REPORT

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. ANITA EDWARDS

Reported that the Downtown Christmas Lighting Ceremony will be held November 16, and Christmas decorations will be put up November 3.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION......MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet October 10, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

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

Reported meeting September 11, and three (3) appeals were heard and granted.

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

PARK BOARD......MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Will meet September 26, 2007 at 7:30 P.M.

HEALTH BOARD......MS. SANDY COX

Will meet October 10, 2007 at noon in the Health Department. .

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. SANDY COX NO REPORT

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

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

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

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

Mr. Johnson assigned requests for rezoning properties on Wabash Avenue and West High Avenue, and for annexation of property at 1796 Baltzley Valley Road.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROBERT CONNER NO REPORT

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE MR. JIMMY EICHEL

Reported meeting today with Service Director Gary Espenschied, Councilwoman Sandy Cox, and representatives of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources concerning the potential usage of the south side park for cemetery land.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Mary Jo Fragasse, 115 Third St. N.W. New Philadelphia, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, reminded everyone that tomorrow, September 25, will be the final Farmer's Market for the year.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES: NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

29-2007 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio t enter into an agreement for general airport engineering planning services at New Philadelphia Municipal Airport, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 3 yeas 3 nays (Conner, Cox, & Eichel) suspension of rules failed.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Conner asked the Law Director or the Mayor if any new information has been received from Michael Baker, Inc. concerning the airport consultant lease. There being no new information, Mr. Baker will be asked to attend the next meeting of Council to address concerns.

Mr. Locker, in reference to a letter from Law Director Mike Johnson concerning the Police Department's timely delivery of the Council packets, said he would like to continue having the packets delivered as they are currently done. Mayor Brodzinski suggested that Council packets be put into their individual slots in the mailroom. It was a unanimous decision by Council that the police continue to deliver the packets to each council person's home.

Law Director Mike Johnson said Airspace Ltd. has furnished information concerning condominium hangars, and they are requesting a meeting either as a work session or committee assignment.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was noted that Council will meet Thursday, December 27 instead of December 24 because of Christmas Eve holiday.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL_____

APPROVED October 8, 2007

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL_____