

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 22, 2003 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. SAM HITCHCOCK
MR. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. ROB MAURER

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2003 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVE JOHNSON COMMENDED COUNCIL MEMBERS ART CICCONETTI AND JOEL DAY FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE.

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

- 1. Public Works Committee meeting minutes of December 15, 2003.
- 2. Airport Commission meeting minutes of December 9, 2003.
- 3. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 8, 2003.
- 4. Certificate of Official Result of Election on the Sunday sale of alcohol at Ikon Marathon Food Mart, 1260 West High Avenue, New Philadelphia, OH 44663.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of his office from December 9 through December 22, 2003. Reported that he attended the Open House at the new addition to the American Red Cross at 113 West High Ave. on December 11. Reported that he attended the annual Christmas in the Park tonight sponsored by McInturf Realty, and said the city is privileged to have such a fine event in beautiful Tuscora Park.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Thanked Mr. Cicconetti and Mr. Day for their service and said it has been a pleasure to work with them over the past several years. Reported that, as of December 19 51 gravesites were sold, with 241 left available. Relinquished the floor to Building Inspector Bill Richesson, who reported that he has notified several residents to clean up their properties.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM ABSENT NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Thanked Mr. Cicconetti and Mr. Day for their help over the past several years. Requested emergency passage tonight of Ordinance 57-2003 and Resolutions 41-2003, 42-2003, 43-2003, and 44-2003.

TREASURER MR. MIKE TAYLOR

Thanked Mr. Cicconetti and Mr. Day for their service to the city, and wished them luck.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Requested that Council President Johnson assign to Committee the issue of tax abatement for Smurfit Stone. Explained Ordinance 59-2003, and recommended its emergency passage. Recommended emergency passage tonight of Resolution 44-2003.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Reported that the next meeting will be January 14, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Will meet January 6, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER

Thanked Mr. Cicconetti and Mr. Day for their service and help over the past years.

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICCONETTI NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting tonight to discuss Ordinance 57-2003, amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations, Ordinance 58-2003, authorizing the purchase of three (3) police cruisers, Resolutions 41-2003, 42-2003, and 43-2004, which advance funds to fund current operations, and Resolution 44-2004, accepting amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission. All items were approved by Committee, and their passage recommended.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE MR. SAM HITCHCOCK

Congratulated Mr. Cicconetti and Mr. Day for their service to the city.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MR. JOEL DAY

Thanked Council for working with him over the past few years, and said he hopes to return in some capacity in the future. Congratulated Mr. Cicconetti for his long service and said it has been a pleasure sitting next to him all these years. Reported meeting December 15 to discuss Ordinance 54-2003, to raise the annual plumbing and sewer license fee. Changes were made to the original ordinance, and an amendment will be needed before passage. Reported that the issue of future cemetery land was addressed, and requested that it be assigned to Committee.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR.GEORGE HOUSTON NO REPORT

Mr. Johnson assigned the tax abatement request for Smurfit Stone to the Zoning & Annexation Committee.

CONTACT COMMITTEE. MR. ART CICCONE

Thanked Council and the Administration for all the help they have given him over the past twenty-six years, and said he hopes to come back and sit in the audience some time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. ROB MAURER

Thanked Mr. Cicconetti and Mr. Day for their service and help over the past couple of years.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Ella Slough, 616 Sandpiper, S.E., New Philadelphia, said she is glad that the "Welcome to Our City" sign has been erected over the House of Stones building, since it almost was placed across the street at the county building. Ms. Slough thanked Mr. Cicconetti for his service to the city.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 51-2003 An ordinance enacting tax and repealing Ordinance 3283 and amendments thereto, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

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

- 54-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to raise the annual plumbing license fee within the City of New Philadelphia and to delete the need for an additional sewer license, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

 Mr. Hitchcock made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 7 yeas, ordinance amended.
 Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Houston. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

- 57-2003 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2003 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

- 58-2003 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing and directing the Safety Director to advertise for bids, receive bids, and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of three (3) motor vehicles properly equipped for use in the police Department, in 2004, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

59-2003 An ordinance to adopt 2004 amendments to the traffic and general offenses codes and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

35-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Dan Fait for his years of service through the New Philadelphia Fire Department, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Hitchcock, seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

36-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Art Cicconetti for his years of service to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. (2nd Reading)

Ms. Cox made a motion to amend by naming Council Chambers as the “Art Cicconetti Council Room.” Mr. Day seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Cicconetti), resolution amended.

Motion to vote on pass made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 6 yeas 1 abstention (Cicconetti), resolution passed.

37-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend Joel Day for his years of service to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. (3rd Reading)

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

38-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to commend David Zeller for his service to the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Cicconetti. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

41-2003 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, to advance funds from the General Fund (101) to the Cemetery Operating Fund (209) to supplement cash needed to fund current operations, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Mr. Maurer. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

42-2003

A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to advance funds from the General Fund (101) to the Street Fund (203) to supplement cash needed to fund current operations, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

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

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Mr. Day. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

43-2003

A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to transfer funds from the General Fund (101) to the Police/Fire Pension Fund (265) to supplement cash needed to fund current operations, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Cicconetti, seconded by Mr. Hitchcock. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

44-2003

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. (1st Reading)

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

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

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MR. HOUSTON SAID HE WILL MISS BOTH MR. CICCONETTI AND MR. DAY BECAUSE OF A LONG-TIME ASSOCIATION WITH MR. CICCONETTI, AND FOR SITTING NEXT TO MR. DAY. MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 12, 2004

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____