

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 27, 2001 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. GEORGE HOUSTON
MR. JIM LOCKER
MR. TOM LOCKER

COUNCIL MEMBER WINNIE WALKER WAS ABSENT.

THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2001 WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED.

CORRESPONDENCE. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council for December, 2001.
2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 12, 2001.
3. Board of Control meeting minutes of December 4, 2001.
4. Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting minutes of December 9, 2001.
5. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 18, 2001.
6. A letter dated December 14, 2001 from Adelpia Cable notifying Council that effective on or about Monday, January 13, 2002 changes will be made in home shopping programming.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT MAYOR RON BRODZINSKI

Submitted a written report of the activities of the Mayor’s office from December 11 through December 27, 2001. Reported that he met recently with Brad Swinderman and Ms. Cox concerning re-districting of the city wards, and hope to have it completed by mid-February. Reported that on December 11 a fire study was reviewed that is addressing the needs of the fire department for the next 25 years. Reported that he attended an Issue #2 meeting, and the city was given a \$3000 grant and a \$150,000 interest free loan towards the wastewater treatment plant. Reported that there are 2 applicants for the Airport Restaurant, and interviews are being held this week. Requested passage of Ordinances 58-2001, 59-2001, and 62-2001.

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that bids for the wastewater treatment plant were opened December 19 and exceeded the engineer’s estimate. The project was revised, and new bids will be opened January 8, 2002. Reported that the underground work for the traffic light signalization should be finished by the first of February, 2002. Thanked all council members and president for their cooperation this past year, and especially thanked Mr. Locker and Ms. Walker for their dedication over the past two years. Mr. Cicconetti asked if a traffic light will be installed at 4th St. and Fair Ave. N.W. Mr. Espenschied said yes there will be a light there.

SAFETY DIRECTORMR. GREG POPHAM ABSENT NO REPORT

AUDITOR MS. BETH GUNDY

Requested passage tonight of Ordinances 58-2001 and 62-2001.

TREASURER MS. TERRI DEARDORFF

Requested passage tonight of Resolution 27-2001.

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MIKE JOHNSON

Recommended passage tonight of Ordinances 58-2001, 62-2001 and Resolution 27-2001. Reported that a trial date has been set for January 25 for the accident at South Broadway and Front St. Reported that no decision has been received on the FBO lawsuit that was tried December, 2000. Reported that two new lawsuits have been filed. Thanked Ms. Walker and Mr. Locker for their dedication on Council. He said when they had questions, they contacted him and they discussed the issues so they were prepared when they came to council.

MAIN STREET REPRESENTATIVE MS. PAULINE WYRIE

On behalf of Main Street representatives, thanked Ms. Walker and Mr. Locker for their service to the community. Reported that a private investigator has purchased a building in the downtown area. Invited council and administration to a community self-assessment on Thursday, January 17, 2002 at noon at the Courthouse Café. Invited everyone to Main Street at Midnight which will be held downtown on New Years' Eve.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION MAYOR BRODZINSKI

Will meet January 9, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at Tuscora Park.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MR. GARY ESPENSCHIED

Reported that there will be no meeting in January.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

PARK BOARD MR. ART CICONETTI NO REPORT

HEALTH BOARD MS. SANDRA COX NO REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MS. SANDRA COX

Reported meeting December 18 to discuss temporary appropriations. Changes were made and the ordinance needs to be amended before passage. Also discussed was Ordinance 61-2001, with passage recommended tonight. Ms. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Day, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, immediately following reading of legislation. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

SALARY COMMITTEE MR. JIM LOCKER NO REPORT

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . MS. WINNIE WALKER . . ABSENT . . NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MR. JOEL DAY NO REPORT

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE MR.GEORGE HOUSTON

Requested passage tonight of Resolution 30-001.

CONTACT COMMITTEE.MR. ART CICCONE NO REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MR. TOM LOCKER

Reported that it is the consensus of the committee to allow the Ohio General Assembly to handle the matter concerning HB386, which deals with predatory lenders. Mr. Locker thanked his family for their support over the last six years he spent on Council. He advised newly elected council members Rob Maurer and Sam Hitchcock to thoroughly analyze issues and be good listeners before making decisions. He urged Mayor Brodzinski and his administration to keep up the good work to keep this city a great place to raise a family.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

- 57-2001 An ordinance to increase pay rate for substitute clerk at the New Philadelphia City Health Department, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
- 58-2001 An ordinance to make temporary appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of New Philadelphia, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
 - Motion to amend the ordinance made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Jim Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance amended.
 - Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Jim Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.
 - Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Jim Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.
- 59-2001 An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 39-97 to create a new position in the Water Department being part-time clerk and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
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- 61-2001 An ordinance to increase pay rate for part-time clerk at the New Philadelphia Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 22-2001 A resolution by New Philadelphia City Council providing for retaining investment banking services and underwriting services of Seasongood & Mayer in connection with the proposed financing, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)
 - Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll call, 7 yeas, rules suspended.

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

24-2001

A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio opposing budget cuts by the Ohio General Assembly and enactment as worded of House Bill 405, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

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

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

25-2001

A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to voice opposition to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio decision concerning Dominion East Ohio Gas Company and the usage of overcharges by Dominion East Ohio Gas Company to pay delinquent and otherwise uncollectable accounts with such overcharge to the detriment of the citizens of New Philadelphia and other customers in Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd 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 Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Tom Locker. Roll call, 7 yeas, resolution passed.

26-2001

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. (1st Reading)

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

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

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. HOUSTON. MOTION PASSED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:21 P.M.

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____

APPROVED January 14, 2002

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____