NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON DECEMBER 28, 2009 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL JOEL DAY PRESIDING. MR. DAY OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

COUNCILMAN ROBERT CONNER WAS ABSENT.

MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MADE A MOTION TO ADD ORDINANCE 34-2009 AND ORDINANCE 35-2009 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

MS. COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 23, 2009 MEETING. MS. COX SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL, 6 YEAS, MOTION PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE ................. CLERK DIANE ROUDEBUSH

1. Finance Committee meeting minutes of December 14, 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MAYOR’S REPORT.......MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR ...... ABSENT ........ NO REPORT

SERVICE DIRECTOR .......... MR. JIM ZUCAL

Reported that a pre-construction meeting was held Wednesday December 16 concerning the Reiser Ave. sanitary sewer force main project, which is to begin in 3-4 weeks. Reported that bids were opened for the repairs to the salt bin at the Water Plant.

SAFETY DIRECTOR.......MR. GREG POPHAM

Requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Ms. Cox made a motion to go into Executive Session immediately following the legislative agenda. Mr. Locker seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

AUDITOR. ........MS. BETH GUNDY ........ ABSENT

Treasurer ........ MR. DAVE JOHNSON

Informed Council that he had a corrupt file on his computer and was unable to finish his December report, but, in the absence of Auditor Gundy, requested that her report be approved. Ms. Cox made a motion to accept the Auditor’s December report. Mr. Maurer seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas, motion passed.

LAW DIRECTOR ....... MR. MIKE JOHNSON ...... NO REPORT

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:
PLANNING COMMISSION……..MAYOR MIKE TAYLOR
Will meet January 12, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS . . . . . . MR. JIM ZUCAL
Will meet January 12, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION……MR. JIM LOCKER . . . NO REPORT
PARK BOARD……MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER . . . NO REPORT
HEALTH BOARD……MS. SANDY COX
Will meet January 20, 2010 at noon in the Health Department.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
FINANCE COMMITTEE . . . . . . . . . MS. SANDY COX . . . NO REPORT
Thanked outgoing Clerk of Council Diane Roudebush for her dedication during her 26 years of service.

SALARY COMMITTEE . . . . . . . . . MR. JIM LOCKER . . . . . . . . . . NO REPORT
Wished a Happy Retirement to the Clerk.

SAFETY, HEALTH, AND SERVICE COMMITTEE . . . MR. ROB MAURER . . . NO REPORT
Thanked the Clerk for her support and service.

PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. . . . . . MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER NO REPORT
Also thanked the Clerk for her service to the City. Reported meeting tonight to discuss two easements within the City. Ordinances 34-2009 and 35-3009 were added to the agenda for emergency passage tonight.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE . . . . . . MS. COLLEEN ESPENSCHIED . . . NO REPORT
Thanked the Clerk for her support and service. Reported meeting tonight to discuss the final plat for DJW Phase 3 addition. The Committee recommends that it be added to the agenda for the January 11, 2010 meeting.

CONTACT & SPECIAL COMMITTEE . . . . . MR. ROBERT CONNER . . . ABSENT . . . NO REPORT
PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE . . . . . . MS. WINNIE WALKER
Reported meeting tonight to discuss cemetery land on the south side. The Committee made a recommendation that the land be turned over to the Park Department, because it is unfit for cemetery use. Thanked the Clerk for her support and help over the last several years.

VISITOR’S COMMENTS: ONE.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:
ORDINANCES:

32-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to establish ambulance rates for the year 2010, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Maurer, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

34-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to enter into an easement agreement with the State of Ohio, Ohio Historical Society, to permit an easement for the installation, construction, reconstruction, use operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, removal, servicing, and improvement of a certain roadway providing access to the City’s cemetery upon the easement area, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Lautenschleger, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Lautenschleger, seconded by Mr. Locker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

35-2009 An ordinance by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio, Ohio Historical Society, to permit an easement for the construction, installation, reconstruction, use, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, removal, servicing, and improvement of a certain sanitary sewer force-main upon the easement area, and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Mr. Lautenschleger, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Ms. Walker. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

37-2009 An ordinance amending and adjusting the permanent appropriations ordinance for the year 2009 and declaring an emergency. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 6 yeas, rules suspended.

Motion to vote on passage made by Ms. Cox, seconded by Mr. Lautenschleger. Roll call, 6 yeas, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

38-2009 A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for a FY 2010 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant and to enter into an agreement with the successful proposer to prepare such application and to administer and implement the CHIP should the city receive the grant, and declaring an emergency. (3rd Reading)

Motion to vote on passage made by Mr. Locker, seconded by Ms. Cox. Roll call, 6 yeas, resolution passed.
A resolution by the Council of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio to reject the fact finder report dated December 8, 2009 concerning the International Association of Firefighters Local 1501, New Philadelphia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. (2nd Reading)

AT 7:50 COUNCIL ADJOURNED FROM REGULAR SESSION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL. COUNCIL RECONVENCED INTO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:55 P.M.

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS:  NONE

Treasurer Dave Johnson and Law Director Mike Johnson each expressed their wishes to the Council Clerk for a Happy Retirement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Joel Day expressed Thank You to Clerk of Council Diane Roudebush and wished her well in her retirement. Mr. Day acknowledged the presence of former Council Presidents Kerry Metzger, Elizabeth Stephenson, and Mark Henke, who was in attendance representing his father Dennis Henke.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. COX, MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 P.M.

APPROVED January 11, 2010

CLERK OF COUNCIL ____________________________

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL ________________________