

**City Council
Organization Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2012**

Call to Order

Mr. Rawlings called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs., David Collins, Edward Simpson, Jeff LoPrinzi, Jarrell Brazzle, Mrs. Ingrid Jones and Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt. Staff members present included City Solicitor John Carnes, Chief of Police Julius Canale, Acting Fire Chief Jim Lentz, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Director of Public Works Donald Wilkinson, and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Swearing in of newly elected Officers

Mr. Rawlings announced Judge Gregory Hines would be swearing in the new Council Members. Mr. Collins read the oath with his hand on the bible held by Mrs. Ingrid Jones. Mrs. Hunt read the oath with her hand on the bible held by her husband. Mr. Loprinzi read the oath with his hand on the bible held by his daughter.

Election of City Council President

Mr. Rawlings opened the floor to nominations for Council President.

Mrs. Jones nominated David Collins for Council President. Nomination failed 3-4.

Mr. Brazzle nominated Edward Simpson as Council President. Nomination passed 4-3.

Election of City Council Vice President

President Simpson opened the floor to nominations for Council Vice President.

Mrs. Jones nominated David Collins for Council Vice President. Nomination failed 3-4.

Mr. Brazzle nominated Joseph Hamrick as Council Vice President. Nomination passed 4-3.

Action Items

1. Resolution No. 2012-01 – City Council Meeting Dates

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-01 approving the City Council Meeting dates for the year 2012; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Resolution No. 2012-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-01 designating emergency responses for the year 2012; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Adopt Roberts Rules of Order for the Year 2012

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for the year 2012; Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

President Simpson asked Mr. Collins to read the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Mr. Collins read the proclamation as written.

5. Consider Bank Depositories

Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the bank depositories naming First Niagara, Coatesville Savings Bank, Graystone Wealth Management and Mass Mutual; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Consider Resolution for Tax Anticipation Note (TAN)

Mr. Collins asked Mr. Rawlings to explain the need for the TAN and Mr. Carnes to explain what the TAN is. Mr. Rawlings explained the need for the TAN is to pay the insurance bills that come due in January, pension obligations, payroll and bills. Mr. Carnes explained the City will receive the TAN with a 2.75% increase. The TAN is typically used with municipalities in the beginning of the year before tax revenues are received. The money is in the budget to pay the TAN since it is anticipated revenue. The monies must be paid back by June 30, 2012. The City has received TAN in previous years.

President Simpson asked if there were any citizens' comments.

Patsy Ray-resident

Ms. Ray stated that the public is made aware of the monies needed to pay the bills but is not made aware of whether the loan has been paid back.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Rawlings to provide Council with the account reconciliations at the second meeting in January. He stated we need, there are no excuses. Mr. Simpson explained the money is not being taken from the Reserve Trust Fund. It is a loan.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Tax Anticipation Note of \$947,000; Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Brazzle were the dissenting votes.

City Council President Comment

President Simpson thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked everyone for voting for him. His advice to new Council is to follow your heart when you are voting. People will come to you and ask you to vote certain ways. He asked that you vote for the way your heart is, not for what someone else asks you to do. He is looking forward to the New Year. There are many great things coming to the City. The Veldrome is moving forward, the Hotel should be open in the spring and Walgreens is in development. President Simpson asked for an Item of Discussion to be placed on the next agenda on creating committees where a Council members works with a department. The Council member will provide Council with feedback on the departments.

City Council Vice President

Vice President Hamrick stated it was a great year. He was pushed into the Presidency and hopes that he did a good job. He enjoyed last year and is looking forward to another good year.

City Council Members

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He explained that he is not happy with the City's finances. There are changes to be made or the City will not go anywhere. Every Department needs to be

evaluated and if a cut is need, then the cuts should be made. He stated he will be watching the Department closely and if the jobs are not being done than the person needs to go. He stated that means everyone in all the departments that he is just not looking at one person. Council needs to put more effort into the inner workings of the City. He stated that he will be out for a couple of weeks due to a medical problem, but will somehow be kept involved.

Ms. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked all the new members on Council. She stated discretion is the better part of valor. We need a lot of discretion to be valorous.

Mr. Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It is an honor to serve on Council. He has learned we need to be cognicent. We only have authority as a group. He is not up here for himself but here for the constituents. He agreed that Council needs to get involved in how departments are run and encourages setting up committees to add guidance.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked family and friends for their support. It is a privilege and an honor to serve on Council. The reason why she voted no on the Tan was because she is new and does not have enough information to vote for the TAN. She is in support of Mr. Simpson setting up committees with the departments and Council. "We have a great city in Coatesville that we have allowed to go down the tube, my desire is to be part of it and let the City grow to where it is and beyond."

Mr. Loprinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He has seen a lot and hopes that he can make a positive impact in his ward and the City in general. He asked that people provide him input as to what is really needed. He hopes to help out the best that he can. "It is your City."

Adjournment

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Submitted by,
Gary Rawlings
City Manager