

**City Council
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2012**

Call to Order

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Ed Simpson, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs., Jarrell Brazzle, David Collins, Jeff LoPrinzi, and Mrs. Ingrid Jones. Staff members present included City Manager Gary Rawlings, Assistant City Manager Kirby Hudson, 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.

President Simpson announced Mrs. Hunt would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the accounts payable dated February 23, 2012; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mr. Brazzle asked to delete presentation 1.1 Parks and Recreation Commission by Marie Hess, Chairman and move to next meeting.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to add Regular Action Item # 9.6 amending 2012 Council Meeting dates; Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations:

1. Parks and Recreation Commission by Marie Hess, Chairman
Presentation was moved to the March 13, 2012 meeting.
2. Quarterly MBO Report from Kirby Hudson, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Hudson reviewed in the Assistant City departmental operation. The Early Intervention Phase III has been completed. The City is currently working with twelve of the surrounding communities on finalizing the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Mr. Hudson announced he has been working with the YMCA coordinating the Summer Camp and Ash Park. Mr. Hudson announced he attended a meeting regarding the First Suburbs Project. He announced that he has been assisting Institutions of Higher Learning with establishing classes in the City. He explained that the Police Department has now implemented the new parking permit process and enforcement.

Citizens' Hearings – Regular Action Items Only

John Pawlowski

Mr. Pawlowski asked Council to give an overview of regular action item 9.2.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearing on regular action items only; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Citizens' Hearings – Non-Agenda Items Only

Richard Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins announced the Coatesville Baseball League was interested in utilizing the baseball field at Ash Park for the summer. President Simpson asked Mr. Jenkins to provide staff with the Special Event application to acquire the proper approvals. The Special Event application will be brought before Council once the approvals have been completed.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items at this time.

Regular Action Items

1. Consider Demolition bid for 257 East Chestnut Street

Mr. Carnes explained the bids were incorrectly advertised. The bids were not all broken down by properties and not all information was provided by bidders.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the demolition bid for 257 East Chestnut Street; Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Motion failed 0-6. All Council members were the dissenting votes.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to reject the bids and rebid properties; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to confirm and ratify and approve acceptance of the grant and conveyance of an easement from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for the "Riverwalk" Project as previously approved by Resolution Number 2009-14 dated April 27, 2009

Mr. Carnes explained the original easement agreement between the City and the RDA for the benefit of the project known as the "Riverwalk" referred to property identified by several tax parcels including reference to Tax Parcel No. 16-5-17, which was that time not owned by the RDA but which is soon to be acquired or will have been acquired by the RDA.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to confirm and ratify and approve acceptance of the grant and conveyance of an easement from the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for the "Riverwalk" Project as previously approved by Resolution Number 2009-14 dated April 27, 2009

3. Consider First Reading an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a lease with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for the parking lot located at Third Avenue and Lincoln Highway at 300 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-5-258) said lot to be used for parking and other City purposes at rates and terms set forth in the attached lease.

Mr. Simpson explained the City intends to lease the parking lot located at Third Avenue and Lincoln Highway at 300 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-5-258) pursuant to a lease.

The City will take control of the parking lots for enforcement purposes. The RDA will maintain ownership of the parking lots for possible development in the future.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve first reading an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a lease with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for the parking lot located at Third Avenue and Lincoln Highway at 300 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-5-258) said lot to be used for parking and other City purposes at rates and terms set forth in the attached lease; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Consider First Reading an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a lease with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for three parking lots located at Seventh Avenues East Diamond Street and East Lincoln Highway: 1) 707 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-280); 2) 706 East Diamond Street (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-280.1); and 3) 701 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-281.1) said lots to be used for parking and other City purposes at rates and terms set forth in the attached lease.

Mr. Simpson explained the City intends to lease for three parking lots located at Seventh Avenues East Diamond Street and East Lincoln Highway: 1) 707 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-280); 2) 706 East Diamond Street (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-280.1); and 3) 701 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-281.1) pursuant to a lease. The City will take control of the parking lots for enforcement purposes. The RDA will maintain ownership of the parking lots for possible development in the future.

Mr. Collins made a motion to approve first reading an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a lease with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for three parking lots located at Seventh Avenues East Diamond Street and East Lincoln Highway: 1) 707 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-280); 2) 706 East Diamond Street (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-280.1); and 3) 701 East Lincoln Highway (Tax Parcel No. 16-6-281.1) said lots to be used for parking and other City purposes at rates and terms set forth in the attached lease; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Consider request to waive Real Estate Taxes on non-revenue producing Redevelopment Authority Properties

Mr. Simpson explained the RDA has asked for a waiver on the non-revenue producing properties. The RDA is currently working to make the properties tax exempt with the County and School District. Tax exemptions should have been applied for when the RDA first acquired the properties. The requested amount for tax exemption from the City is \$8,934.65. The City will lose the tax revenue for the properties.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to waive Real Estate Taxes on non-revenue generating Redevelopment Authority properties; President Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

6. Consider amending 2012 Council Meeting Dates

President Simpson explained the current schedule has a meeting on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012. The schedule requires cancelling the Monday, May 28, 2012 meeting and rescheduling for Tuesday May 29, 2012.

Mr. Collins made a motion to amend the 2012 Council Meeting dates cancelling the meeting date Monday, May 28, 2012 Memorial Day and rescheduling for Tuesday May 29, 2012; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

President Simpson as Council President appointed Jack Burkholder to the Vacant Property Review Committee as a representative for the Redevelopment Authority.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes asked if there were any questions on the Solicitors report. There were no questions at this time.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Rawlings asked if there were any questions on the TCFYI Items. There were no questions at this time. Mr. Rawlings announced there is a Council of Government at Caln Township Building on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Council Comments

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for being faithful and attending the meetings. It is good to see everyone. She thanked everyone for their confidence and support.

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He wished everyone a good night.

Vice President Hamrick asked everyone to enjoy the rest of their evening.

Mr. Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The City is currently facing a lot of issues. Council is personally working to make sure to address all substantiating issues. There are many issues that need to be addresses.

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked for residents to grab their neighbors and bring them to the meetings.

President Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and appreciates their support.

Adjournment

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Submitted by:
Gary Rawlings
City Manager