

**City Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday April 9, 2012**

Salute to the Flag

Public Hearing

Mrs. Jones made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:44 pm; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

1. City of Coatesville Keystone Communities Grant Application.

Mr. Rawlings explained the City of Coatesville has applied for an Keystone Communities Grant Application to be submitted to the State Department of Community and Economic Development. The purpose of the Keystone Communities grant application is to provide grant funding in the amount of \$46,065 to cover engineering and design costs for the street paving and storm sewer repairs/replacement on the following streets in the City: Walnut Street between Third and Fifth Avenues; Thompson Street between Oak and Walnut Streets; and Woodland Avenue from Oak Street to City Line.

There were no public comments.

Close Public Hearing

Mrs. Jones made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:48 pm; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Call to Order after the Public Hearing

Vice President Hamrick called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs., Jarrell Brazzle, David Collins, Jeff LoPrinzi, Mrs. C. Villa Hunt and Mrs. Ingrid Jones. Staff members present included City Manager Gary Rawlings, Assistant City Manager Kirby Hudson, City Solicitor John Carnes, Police Chief Julius Canale, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Director of Public Works Donald Wilkinson, and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Vice President Hamrick announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, April 9, 2012 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Vice President Hamrick announced President Simpson would not be in attendance and Mr. Collins would be late as he was attending a meeting for the City.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve the accounts payable dated April 4, 2012; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to delete Regular action item 9.9 Fire Pension and 9.10 Non-Uniform Pension and add Regular Action Item 9.9 amend Chapter 38 Police Pension; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations:

1. Earth Day by Wes Horner

Mr. Horner announced on Saturday April 21st, 2012 at Gateway Park from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There will be an Earth Day Planting Extravaganza on the Brandywine Creek. The event is sponsored by the City of Coatesville, The Brandywine Conservancy, Coatesville Community Policing Committee, and the Coatesville Parks and Recreation Commission. Light refreshments will be provided. The Brandywine Conservancy is committed to the belief that preservation and wise use of natural and cultural resources provides health, education, beauty, and increased quality of life for individuals and communities. Reforestation focuses on water resources, including enhancing water quality, restoring natural flows in the Brandywine, and improving plant and animal habitat. Trees provide food and shelter for life in and around streams, promote absorption of rain into the ground, replenish groundwater supplies, and reduce storm water runoff and downstream flooding. In addition, tree leaves, branches and roots reduce erosion and prevent excess sediment and nutrients from entering streams during storm water runoff.

Citizens' Hearings – Regular Action Items Only

Donna Ellis – Resident

Ms. Ellis explained she was from Dance without Drama. She hopes to bring something meaningful to the City. The group demonstrated line dancing.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Citizens' Hearings – Non-Agenda Items Only

Shayla Durnell – Resident

Ms. Durnell proposed having a Merchants Day on Merchant Street after Ramadan in August. The idea is to bring the Merchants in and block the street for a Flea Market. She asked for assistance with the permits required. Council asked Ms. Durnell to meet with the Assistant City Manager.

John Pawlowski – Resident

Mr. Pawlowski announced 156 Strode Avenue has been boarded up. He stated that the water in the Brandywine cannot be seen due to the vegetation. He asked that no high plants or trees be planted to hinder the sight of the Brandywine Creek.

Rev. Floyd Narcisse – Resident

Rev Narcisse announced the Rally for Trayvon Martin was very successful. He thanked Council for the Rally and Vice President Hamrick for his speech. He asked what the plan is to keep the kids off the street over the summer. Mr. Brazzle and Mr. Hudson explained the various events for the youth of the City. Rev. Narcisse offered his assistance in helping the community.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

1. A special event application was received from Brandywine Center for a Block Party on Saturday July 28, 2012 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. They have requested a street closing Chester Avenue between Lincoln Highway and Harmony Street.
Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve a special event application from Brandywine Center for a Block Party on Saturday July 28, 2012 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm closing street Chester Avenue between Lincoln Highway and Harmony Street; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. A special event application was received from the Coatesville Youth Initiative for an Environmental Awareness Festival on August 18, 2012 at Gateway Park from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. It is anticipated 200 people in attendance.
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve a special event application from the Coatesville Youth Initiative for an Environmental Awareness Festival on August 18, 2012 at Gateway Park from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. A special event application was received from the Hiway Cruiser Motorcycle Club for a Bike Blessing on April 14, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. They have requested a street closing from 7th Avenue to Lumber Street.
Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve a special event application from the Hiway Cruiser Motorcycle Club for a Bike Blessing on April 14, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and a street closing from 7th Avenue to Lumber Street; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. A special event application was received from Ministers Alliance of Coatesville and Vicinity for the Juneteenth Ceremony on June 16, 2012 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Gateway Park. It is anticipated 100 to 300 people will be in attendance.
Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve a special event application from Ministers Alliance of Coatesville and Vicinity for the Juneteenth Ceremony on June 16, 2012 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Gateway Park; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items at this time.

Regular Action Items

1. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance enacting as Chapter 182 entitled “Municipal Liens” a section of the City Code authorizing, assessing, imposing, ratifying and adopting a schedule of attorney fees (as well as costs) to be assessed in the collection of all delinquent accounts for which a municipal claim may be lawfully imposed or assessed on any property in the Commonwealth by a City and authorizing the amendment of such schedule from time to time by Resolution of the City Council; providing for notice before assessing fees; authorizing assessing, ratifying and imposing a penalty of five percent (5%) of any delinquent account as a penalty for the non-payment thereof on all property in the Commonwealth by the City; authorizing, assessing, ratifying and imposing interest on all Municipal Claims which may be lawfully imposed or assessed on

property in the Commonwealth by the City; providing a savings clause; repealing inconsistent Ordinances or parts and amending the City Code Section 108-1 W (2) to supply a schedule of fees consistent with Section 3 of said Ordinance and providing that said section of the City Code can thereafter be amended by Resolution of the City Council.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve for second reading and adoption an Ordinance enacting as Chapter 182 entitled “ Municipal Liens” a section of the City Code authorizing, assessing, imposing, ratifying and adopting a schedule of attorney fees (as well as costs) to be assessed in the collection of all delinquent accounts for which a municipal claim may be lawfully imposed or assessed on any property in the Commonwealth by a City and authorizing the amendment of such schedule from time to time by Resolution of the City Council; providing for notice before assessing fees; authorizing assessing, ratifying and imposing a penalty of five percent (5%) of any delinquent account as a penalty for the non-payment thereof on all property in the Commonwealth by the City; authorizing, assessing, ratifying and imposing interest on all Municipal Claims which may be lawfully imposed or assessed on property in the Commonwealth by the City; providing a savings clause; repealing inconsistent Ordinances or parts and amending the City Code Section 108-1 W (2) to supply a schedule of fees consistent with Section 3 of said Ordinance and providing that said section of the City Code can thereafter be amended by Resolution of the City Council; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 136 of the City Code governing Housing Standards to provide for a new paragraph Q to Section 136-9 requiring the designation of a Resident Agent responsible for maintenance of Rental Property in the City of Coatesville where the property owner resides outside of the County; and amending Section 136-13 Leasing Licenses to require under Subsection “C” that a new rental application is necessary whenever there is a change of tenancy and that all tenants are to be listed on forms made available by the Codes Department so that the City is aware of the tenants at the property and the status of the license applications.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve for second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 136 of the City Code governing Housing Standards to provide for a new paragraph Q to Section 136-9 requiring the designation of a Resident Agent responsible for maintenance of Rental Property in the City of Coatesville where the property owner resides outside of the County; and amending Section 136-13 Leasing Licenses to require under Subsection “C” that a new rental application is necessary whenever there is a change of tenancy and that all tenants are to be listed on forms made available by the Codes Department so that the City is aware of the tenants at the property and the status of the license applications; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

3. Receive and consider the adoption of the Early Intervention Phase III Report.
Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to adopt the Early Intervention Phase III Report; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Receive and consider an Agreement with the City of Coatesville and the Brandywine YMCA for the Pool located at Ash Park for the Summer of 2012.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve an Agreement with the City of Coatesville and the Brandywine YMCA for the Pool located at Ash Park for the Summer of 2012; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Receive and consider an Agreement with the City of Coatesville and the Brandywine YMCA for the Coatesville Memorial Community Center for Summer Camp.
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to table action item regarding the Brandywine YMCA for the Coatesville Memorial Community Center for Summer Camp until next meeting; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0
6. Receive and consider a Non Exclusive License Agreement between the City of Coatesville and Full Truth Bible Study.
Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve a non-exclusive agreement between the City of Coatesville and Full Truth Bible Study; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Receive and consider a Non Exclusive License Agreement between the City of Coatesville and DWD a/k/a Dance without Drama
Mrs. Hunt inquired about the status of the insurance. Ms. Ellis explained the insurance is \$425.00 per year. Mr. Hudson suggested fund raisers for the insurance. Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Brazzle offered to pay for the first year of insurance of the Dance without Drama.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve a non-exclusive agreement between the City of Coatesville and DWD a/k/a Dance without Drama; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 38 to include the Police Pension Plan
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve first reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 38 (“Pensions”) Article I (“Police Pension Fund”) of the general laws of the City of Coatesville to comply with changes to the Coatesville Police Pension fund as set forth in Resolution No. 2009-15 as suggested by the February 2011 Auditor General’s report and adopting the City of Coatesville Police Pension Plan as approved by collective bargaining and the Police Pension Commission; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 38 to amend the Police Pension for a buyout
Mr. Brazzle explained the buyout plans offers early retirement to Officers close to retirement age or timeframe to retire. The Officers will be replaced with part time officers. The buyout will cost the City some money, and the City may need to tap into the trust fund, but in the long run, the City will save a lot of money. The agreement has been complied by the City and the Police Union. Mrs. Hunt explained the part time Officers will be qualified for the position.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve first reading and Ordinance amending Chapter 38 (“Pensions”) Article I (“Police Pension Fund”) of the general laws of the City of Coatesville to add a new section 38-8.3 providing an early retirement window from May 1, 2012 to May 31, 2012 to permit members who have reached superannuation requirements as of May 1, 2012 to retire immediately at 70% of final average salary and permitting members with at least 15 years of pension service as of May 1m 2012 to retire immediately at 50% of annual salary; identifying the eligibility for COLA Adjustments and specifying those officers able to take advantage of such terms; requiring 25 full-time

officers; and, establishing wages, union rights and benefits for part-time officers; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Collins entered the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close regular action items; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Brazzle excused himself from the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes explained things are moving slowly with Millview. He stated he has been working with the Assistant City Manager in providing the lease agreements with the various entities using the Coatesville Memorial Community Center.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Rawlings asked if there were any questions on his TCFYI items. He explained that the Codes Department has provided a quarterly report.

Council Comments

Mr. LoPrinzi explained it has been slow steps to get where we are at, and it will not take overnight to get where we are going. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked for attendees to bring people out to the meetings.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending. There has been a boost in moral. She quoted "Yesterday is History, Tomorrow a Mystery, Today is a Gift, That's why it's called the Present"

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending and for encouraging Council. She stated Council is working hard to improve the state of the City. She voiced her concerns regarding the kids playing basketball on the streets. The City did not get into the situation it is in overnight, but we are working hard to make a City we are proud of.

Mr. Collins apologized for arriving late. He was attending a meeting on the Veledrome. He stated that tomorrow is only a mystery if we don't have a vision, If we have a vision of where we want to go, we will have to then define how we can get there. Mr. Collins announced the National Veledrome will probably be built within 2.5 years.

Mr. Hamrick stated the Trayvon Martin Rally and the Easter Egg Hunt went very well. He announced Kite Day will be on May 5th at 11 am in Millview. He thanked everyone from the Dance Group.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Gary Rawlings
City Manager