

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Special Meeting**  
**Monday April 30, 2012**

**Special Session**

Council President Edward Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Council President Edward Simpson, Council Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Messrs., Jarrell Brazzle, David Collins, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones and Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt. Staff members present included City Solicitor John Carnes, City Manager Gary Rawlings, Acting Fire Chief Jim and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Council President Simpson announced Mrs. Hunt would be late and Mr. LoPrinzi would not be in attendance.

**Citizens' Hearings – Regular Action Items Only**

There were no citizens' comments on items at this time.

**Citizens' Hearings – Non-Agenda Items Only**

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items and non-agenda item only; Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

*Mrs. Hunt entered the meeting at 6:24 pm.*

**Regular Action Items**

1. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Coatesville Chester County, Pennsylvania ("City"), 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 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. Collins asked if an impact study has been done. Mr. Carnes explained the Ordinance is to bring the Pension Plan into City Code. The Auditor General said the City was not in compliance. President Simpson explained the Administrative Code was required to put the plan together and then was approved.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Coatesville Chester County, Pennsylvania ("City"), 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 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 until the April 30, 2012 special meeting; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania ("City"), 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 1, 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 of part-time officers.

Vice President Hamrick asked if this was the second and final reading. Mr. Carnes explained there may be an amendment to include the Police Chief and Lieutenant. President Simpson explained the Chief has a contract with stipulations regarding training and reimbursement within a certain time period. Mr. Brazzle asked if the safety would be impacted since they are Part Time officers. Mr. Simpson explained the Part time officers would be riding with the full time officers for a specific time frame. Mr. Collins and Mrs. Hunt inquired about an impact study. Mr. Rawlings explained he did not have the study. President Simpson explained the Early Intervention Program provided a study stating the amount of Officers the City required. Mr. Rawlings explained it will be a cost savings for the City. Mrs. Hunt was concerned about the impact of safety with the loss of the experienced officers. Mr. Brazzle explained that some of the current full time officers started as part time officers with Coatesville. President Simpson announced the current Council has made more headway than any other Council with saving money and reducing the budget. The City will still maintain the same amount of officers.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania (“City”), 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 1, 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 of part-time officers; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Consider “As-Built Plans” for the “interior roads” in Millview

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve the “As-Built Plans” for the “interior roads” in Millview; Mr. Collins seconded the Motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Council President Simpson announced Council would adjourn into an Executive session at 7:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Council President Simpson reopened the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Mr. Carnes explained the Fire Truck issue is for a public meeting.

Mr. Dan Paulakinas explained that he has been suspended since January due to an email regarding the Fire Truck. He has since received notification to return his gear or he will be arrested. Mr. Carnes explained there is an appeal process regarding suspensions. Acting Chief Lentz announced he has

attempted to set up meetings with Mr. Paulakinas and has been unsuccessful. Mr. Collins explained the subordinate needs to go to the City Manager since he is unable to meet with his immediate supervisor. Mr. Paulikinas stated he needs to go above the Chief. President Robert Beech stated that Acting Chief and Mr. Paulikinas have not met. Council agreed that a meeting should be held between the City Mnagaer, Acting Fire Chief, and Presidents of the Fire Companies. Council asked Mr. Rawlings to update them on the results.

Mr. Collins asked about the significance of the Fire Truck. Mr. Paulikinas explained the truck was transferred into the City's name. President Simpson explained the grant was submitted by the Fire Relief Association but was under the City of Coatesville name.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Submitted by:  
Gary Rawlings  
City Manager