

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Special Meeting  
October 3, 2012

**Call to Order**

President Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President David Collins, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs., Jeff LoPrinzi, Edward Simpson, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones, and Mrs. C. Villa Hunt. Staff members present included City Manager Kirby Hudson, City Solicitor John Carnes, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Public Works Director Donald Wilkinson, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Acting Fire Chief James Lentz, Interim Police Chief James Bell, and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Collins announced Mr. Brazzle would not be in attendance.

**Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda**

There were no additions, deletions or modifications at this time.

**Citizens' Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (5 Minutes)**

There were no citizens' hearings on regular action items only.

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

**Citizens' Hearings – Non-Agenda Items Only (5 Minutes)**

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

**Presentation**

1. Financials by John Marcarelli

Mr. Marcarelli explained the 2012 budget versus the projected budget. The combined gap is projected at \$2,697,852 with a carryover from 2012 is (\$450,000). The amount needed from the Reserve Trust fund transfer is \$2,247,852. The use of the funds is as follows: 2012 Tax Anticipation Note \$947,000; Interest on 2012 TAN \$26,000; 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation \$129,606; Legal fees \$ 65,000; Lawsuit Settlements \$275,000; Police Salaries \$530,246; Interfund Transfers \$275,000. The 2012 legal fees as of September 30, 2012 is \$483,812. The City currently has 19 lawsuits pending. Mr. LoPrinzi asked about the money required to refund for the COPS grant. Mrs. Hunt asked for a list of the legal cases. Mr. Hudson explained some of the cases and stated that the information would be provided in the next executive packet. Council agreed that settlements need to be added to 2013 budget. The annual budget do not include deductibles or settlement costs.

**Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider request from the Redevelopment Authority for partial funding of the Feasibility Study for the Veledrome in the amount of \$26,000 to be paid in the year 2013.

Mrs. Jones inquired about how many feasibility studies are going to be done for the Flats. Mrs. Hunt asked why the study would not be the City's. Mr. Simpson explained the previous studies were done by the developers and were not the City's or RDA's. When the study is completed, the City will receive a copy but the original will stay with the RDA. The RDA will be paying \$19,000 through a grant.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the request from the Redevelopment Authority for partial funding of the Feasibility study for the Veleldrome of \$26,000 to be paid in the year 2013; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance authorizing the withdrawal and use of principal of a City Reserve Trust Fund in an amount up to two million two hundred forty-seven thousand and eight hundred and fifty-two dollars for emergency needs.

Mr. Simpson stated that he will not be doing this again, if anyone comes with the budget over revenue again, he will not vote for it. Mrs. Hunt stated we are using the Trust Fund as operating funds. If we continue to use it, it will be gone. The Reserve Trust has been a crutch for the City. President Collins explained the Trust Fund was used to pay bills for the year 2011. When he first came on Council, the City was in the same predicament. The City cannot use the trust fund every year. Mr. LoPrinzi stated that he had a gut feeling the City would be requesting more money again. Mrs. Jones stated people need to make sacrifices. Vice President Hamrick stated he was not happy, but this is needs to be done to keep the City operating. Mr. Marcarelli asked Council to not approve the payables at the next meeting, if the Ordinance is not passed. There will not be enough funds to pay the bills.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the First Reading an Ordinance authorizing the withdrawal and use of principal of a City Reserve Trust Fund in an amount up to two million two hundred forty-seven thousand and eight hundred and fifty-two dollars for emergency needs; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-3. President Collins, Mr. LoPrinzi and Mrs. Hunt were the dissenting votes.

3. Receive and consider First Reading and Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the 2012 adopted annual budget and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the City government as therein set forth, for the year 2012.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to table First Reading and Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the 2012 adopted annual budget and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the City government as therein set forth, for the year 2012; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Council Comments**

Mr. LoPronzi stated he was not impressed, there are many unanswered questions. He has a gut feeling the City will need more money later. He thanked everyone for coming.

President Collins asked each council member to write down exactly what they would like to see.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for coming out. There is a lot for Council to do, to get through this realistically. One thing that needs to be done, is to so what we can do to stop the lawsuits in the Police Department. Council needs to come together to get things done.

Vice President Hamrick thanked everyone for coming.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She has been a nervous wreck. It looks as if the City is going into receivership and have Harrisburg take over. She does not want to see this happen. She stated the City will need to make sacrifices and cut corners.

President Collins stressed there is not and should not be an adversarial relationship between council and the administration. He asked Council when they speak that they tone down. Council wants to do what is right. Council has a lot of work to do. Council has never brought up or discussed the legal issues. President Collins asked Mr. Carnes to provide documentation to Mr. Hudson for the next executive meeting. He asked Council to provide Mr. Marcarelli with any questions that they may have on the withdrawal.

Mr. Simpson asked for the documents to be submitted before the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Submitted by:  
Kirby Hudson  
City Manager