

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2012

Salute to the Flag

PUBLIC HEARING

President Collins called the Public Hearing to order at 7:20 pm.

1. Public Hearing on the 2013 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Simpson announced he would not be in approval if the City was to withdrawal the money from the Reserve Trust Fund. The taxes will need to be increased at 1 point in time. Mr. Brazzle explained the City needs help; raising taxes will help the City. Mr. Marcarelli explained that the interest for the year that is placed in the Rainy Day Fund will be lower due to the money taken out of the trust fund. Mrs. Hunt stated the way the tax increase for the Solid Waste is a misrepresentation.

John Pawlowski – Resident

Mr. Pawlowski explained the RDA and City had received an offer on the Flats site which would have helped the RDA to pay the City back on the loan. The offer was denied due to the lack of a Redevelopment Plan.

Moses Brian – Resident

Mr. Brian suggested having South Coatesville. Valley, Modena and Coatesville work together to get money.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close the public hearing on the 2013 Preliminary Budget; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President David Collins, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs., Jarrell Brazzle, 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 an executive Session was held earlier this evening, December 10, 2012, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve the November 26, 2012 meeting minutes; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0-1. Mr. Brazzle abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve accounts payable; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

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

Presentations (5 Minutes)

1. Swearing in Stephen T. Johnson as Police Chief
Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore Stephen T. Johnson in as the Chief of Police as his son held the bible. Chief Johnson stated “First and foremost, I am a cop, I’ve been a cop for 35 years and that is not going to change. To my officers, I am one of you guys.” Chief Johnson thanked his family, friends and city council for the opportunity to command the City’s Police Department. Chief Johnson thanked Philadelphia Police Commission Charles Ramsey and his Girlfriend Marta Santos.
2. Awards Presentation by Acting Fire Chief James Lentz and Interim Police Chief James Bell
Acting Fire Chief Jim Lentz and Interim Chief Police Chief James Bell awarded the first responders for their heroic acts that helped to save six adults and an infant. The Officers were Coatesville Corporal Jeffery Ingemie, Officers Kirt Guyer, Sylvester Earle, Chief Battalion Craig Weaver, Coatesville Firefighters Edward Brooks and Michael Pawlowski and East Brandywine Firefighter Gregory Pilotti.
3. Proclamation for Acting Police Chief James Bell
Mrs. Hunt read a proclamation for Acting Chief James Bell thanking him for his service to the City. Acting Chief Bell thanked the City and the Officers for their work.

Citizens’ Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (5 Minutes)

A, Emondi – Resident

Mr. Emondi asked if residents are able to sit in the executive meetings. Mr. Carnes explained the executive meetings are closed door meetings to discuss Executive, personnel, litigation and real estate matters.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens’ hearings on regular action items only; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

A, Edmoni - Resident

Mr. Edmondi asked the status of the street signs and lights on 8th Avenue. Council explained the roads are State Roads and School District Roads. Council suggested that Mr. Edmonsi meet with the School Board to discuss the issues.

John Pawloski – Resident

Mr. Pawlowski stated the downtown looks great. There are some lights that are not working. Mr. Pawlowski suggested putting lights up on Main Street. He sure he can raise money to help with the flags and brackets. Mr. Hudson suggested that Mr. Pawlowski meet with him and Mr. Wilkinson.

Marie Hess - Resident

Ms. Hess thanked everyone for their help. It has been a great year for the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Brandywine Health Foundation had donated money to help with the events.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens’ hearings on non- agenda items; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government herein set forth, for the year 2013.

Mr. Simpson stated he would not be in support of borrowing from the trust and not raise taxes. President Collins said he would be in support if the solid waste was rolled into the taxes.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government herein set forth, for the year 2013; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Mr. Brazzle and Mr. Simpson were the dissenting votes.

2. Receive and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Tax Rate for General Revenue and debt purposes for the year 2013.

Mr. Simpson stated he is not in agreement of a withdrawal and not a tax increase. Mr. Brazzle stated the City is in need of revenue. When staff is asked to provide Council with ways to generate income, Council does not approve. The way to help the City is to raise taxes and move the solid waste into the tax bill. Mr. Collins stated that he would support the increase if it was only the solid waste that was rolled into the taxes and not an additional millage to that. Mrs. Hunt stated the way it is being proposed is being presently incorrectly. The City is not doing away with the trash fee, but making it into a tax. The way it is being described is misguided and deceiving.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Tax Rate for General Revenue and debt purposes for the year 2013 at 9.415 mills; President Collins seconded the motion. Motion failed 1-6. President Collins, Mr. Brazzle, Mr. Simpson, Mr. LoPrinzi, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hunt were the dissenting votes.

Mr. Simpson made a motion amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Tax Rate for General Revenue and debt purposes for the year 2013 with a 3 mill increase to eliminate trash fees; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-4. Vice President Hamrick, Mr. LoPrinzi, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hunt were the dissenting votes.

Mr. Simpson excused himself from the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to reconsider amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Tax Rate for General Revenue and debt purposes for the year 2013 at 9.415 mills; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mr. Brazzle was the dissenting vote.

3. Receive and consider an Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve and Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Receive and consider the appointment of Tyrone Harley, Sr. to the Redevelopment Authority to fulfill the term 2010 – 2014 previously held by Eric Collins.
Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the appointment of Tyrone Harley, Sr. to the Redevelopment Authority to fulfill the term 2010 – 2014 previously held by Eric Collins conditional on residency requirements; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
5. Receive and consider a Resolution accepting three (3) deeds of dedication in the Millview Subdivisions
Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve a Resolution accepting three deeds of dedication in the Millview Subdivisions; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
6. Receive and consider Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Professional Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 3790
Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Professional Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 3790; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-4. Vice President Hamrick, Mr. Brazzle, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Jones were the dissenting votes.
7. *Receive and consider Request for Proposal of Information Technology Support Services*
Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve a request for proposal of Information Technology Services; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
8. Receive and consider a Resolution of the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, establishing that Cedarville Engineering Group, LLC. (Previously working under and with T&M Associates as the City Engineer) shall continue to act as the City Engineer without further assistance if T&M Associates. Henceforth, Cedarville Engineering Group, LLC shall be identified as the City Engineer continuing to provide services at the same rates and following the same procedures in effect when operating under and with T&M Associates.
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9. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108 fees of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania by establishing or modifying certain building, zoning, rental and related fees as well as Fire Department charges
Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108 fees of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania by establishing or modifying certain building, zoning, rental and related fees as well as Fire Department charges; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
10. Receive and consider engagement letter from Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP for the Fiscal year 2012
Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve an engagement letter from Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP for the Fiscal year 2012; President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Vice President Hamrick was the dissenting vote.

11. Receive and consider 2013 Tax Anticipation Note authorizing and awarding Resolution.
Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the 2013 Tax Anticipation Note authorizing and awarding Resolution; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Discussion Items (5 Minutes)

There were no discussion items at this time

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced there was no sale as of December 10, 2012 on the Strode Property.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson explained the new parking tickets will be issued as of January 1, 2013 and a copy of the ticket is in the packet. He thanked everyone for volunteering their time on Thanksgiving at the Jubilee Church.

Council Comments

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting and staying the whole time.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked everyone for their support. She announced the Coatesville Red Raiders were going to Hershey for the finals.

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for the attending the meeting. She thanked Chief Johnson. Mrs. Jones stated "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." She wished everyone the best for the holidays.

Vice President Hamrick thanked the department for their assistance in the Christmas Parade.

President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It is an honor to be up here on Council. The position is not to be taken lightly.

Adjournment

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Submitted by:
Kirby Hudson
City Manager