

**MINUTES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 – 3:00 P.M.**

Salute to the Flag

Call to Order –City Manager, Kirby A. Hudson

President Collins called the meeting to order at 3:00 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, , Public Works Director Donald Wilkinson, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Acting Fire Chief James Lentz, and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Mr. Hudson announced Mrs. Hunt was not in attendance at this time.

Election of City Council President

Mr. Hudson opened the floor to nominations for the City Council President for the year 2013.

Mr. Hamrick nominated David Collins ad City Council President

Mr. Hamrick motioned to appoint David Collins as City Council President; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Election of City Council Vice President

President Collins opened the floor to nominations for the City Council Vice President for the year 2013.

Mr. Simpson nominated Joseph Hamrick as City Council Vice President; Mr. Brazzle seconded the nomination.

Mr. LoPrinzi nominated Jeffrey LoPrinzi as City Council Vice President; Mrs. Jones seconded the nomination.

Mr. Simpson made the motion to appoint Joseph Hamrick as City Council Vice President; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Mr. LoPrinzi and Mrs. Jones were the dissenting votes.

Resolution No. 2013-01 – City Council Meeting Dates

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-01 – City Council Meeting Dates for 2013; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution No. 2013-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service for the year 2013; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Adopt Robert Rules of Order for the Year 2013

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to adopt the Robert's Rules of Order for the Year 2013; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mr. Simpson read the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

President Collins asked for a discussion item to be placed prior to the vote for Police Chief.

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to add the Discussion Item reviewing current status of Chief Johnson.; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Hunt entered the meeting at 3:10 pm.

Mr. Collins stated that he wanted to make sure the loop has been closed so the City does not end up with two Police Chiefs. Mr. Hudson explained to Council that he has spoken to Mr. Johnson on multiple occasions and received verbal resignations. Mr. Hudson stated that a letter from the City was sent to Mr. Johnson accepting the verbal resignation.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept the verbal resignation from Mr. Johnson as the Chief of Police; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Consider Major John Laufer as City of Coatesville Police Chief

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to appoint Major John Laufer, III as the Chief of Police for the City of Coatesville at the salary of \$90,000; Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Consider Bank Depositories

Mr. LoPrinzi made the motion to approve the bank depositories; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the accounts payable; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Comments – City Council President

President Collins thanked the co-council for electing him as President. He urged fellow council members with the help of staff to continue to focus on the issues such as quarterly budget reviews; hiring new labor counsel and revitalizing the City's downtown area.

Comments – City Council Vice President

Vice President Hamrick thanked his colleagues for the vote of Vice President. It is important for the City to stay on Budget. We cannot continue to overspend. The main concern is revitalization.

Comments – City Council Members

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked for leniency on parking tickets during the holiday season.

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The City has started last year to get on the right track.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She is looking forward to the New Year. She wished everyone a blessed year.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He looks forward to the New Year.

Mr. Jones stated "Today is always the beginning of tomorrow." She hopes 2013 will be a good year.

Adjournment

Kirby A. Hudson
City Manager