

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2013

Call to Order

President Collins called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President David Collins, Vice President Joseph Hamrick, Mssrs, Jeff LoPrinzi, Mrs. C. Villa Hunt and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. 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, Police Chief John Laufer, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Firefighter Craig Patton, and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Collins announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, May 13, 2013 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the April 22, 2013 meeting minutes; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the accounts payable; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to add Regular Action Item #6, Motion to accept the Insurance Company settlement; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations (5 Minutes)

1. Lincoln University Update – Dr. Jennings

Dr. Jennings announced the Coatesville Campus for Lincoln University will begin in the fall of 2013. The fall semester will offer undergraduate and graduate level business classes such as finance, accounting, management, and information technology. The University will be adding Nursing classes in January. The clinical for nursing will be taken at the VA or Brandywine Hospital. The University will hold up to 650 students. There will be a 10% discount for Coatesville Area Students and Staff.

2. Forgotten Cats – Felecia Cross and the Humane Society of U.S – Hettie Brown

Ms. Brown explained community cats are unwonted, free roaming cats that may be cared by members of the community. They may be feral or stray. The cats become overpopulated. The best alternative is to Trap, Neuter and Release. The idea is to end or limit reproduction. The colony size will be reduced immediately. If you trap the cats and remove them from the area, new cats will come in and take advantage of the new territory. Ms. Cross explained Forgotten Cats will keep the cats until all they could catch are neutered and then release the cats. The City does not want to trap, neuter and release right away without catching the other cats or you will be trapping the same cats over and over again. Ms. Cross and Ms. Brown asked for volunteers to help find the locations of the cats and trap them.

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

Chaya Scott – Coatesville Youth Initiative

Ms. Scott explained the youth have taken on recycling as an initiative. She offered assistance from the group to get the word out.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

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

There were no comments at this time on non-agenda items only.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' comments on non-agenda items only; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Regular Action Items

1. Consider 2nd Reading and Adoption an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to sell properties located at Pratts Dam Road and North Manor Roads, West Brandywine Township and 214 Mount Airy Road, Valley Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania via auction or other procedure authorized by the City Charter and the Third Class City Code.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the 2nd Reading and Adoption an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to sell properties located at Pratts Dam Road and North Manor Roads, West Brandywine Township and 214 South Mount Airy Road, Valley Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania via auction or other procedure authorized by the City Charter and the Third Class City Code; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consider Resolution of the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, adopting revised Civil Service Regulations Governing Patrol Officers, Corporals, Sergeants, Lieutenants and Fire Fighters

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County adopting revised Civil Service Regulations governing Patrol Officers, Corporals, Sergeants, Lieutenants and Firefighters; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Consider Proclamation for the St Paul A.M.E. Church being listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Mrs. Jones read the Proclamation.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Proclamation for the St. Paul A.M.E. Church being listed in the National Register of Historic Places; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Consider Brandywine Management Service Contract

Mr. Carnes explained the conditions of the contract.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Brandywine Management Service Contract; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Consider Coatesville Memorial Community Center License Agreement Between the City of Coatesville and Brandywine YMCA

Mr. Carnes explained the conditions of the Agreement.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Coatesville Memorial Community Center License Agreement between the City of Coatesville and the Brandywine YMCA; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Consider the terms of the Insurance Company Settlement

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the terms of the Insurance Company settlement; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

1. A special event permit was submitted from Highway Cruisers Motorcycle Club for a Bike Blessing on May 19, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 5:00pm. It has been requested to close the streets from 7th Avenue and Merchant Street to 7th Avenue and Lumber Street.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit from Highway Cruisers Motorcycle Club for a Bike Blessing on May 19, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm requesting the streets closed from 7th Avenue and Merchant Street to 7th Avenue and Lumber Street; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes asked if there were any questions on his report. There were no questions at this time.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson asked if there were any questions on his report. There were no questions at this time.

Discussion Items (5 Minutes)

1. Discuss the City Council's rollout of "How We Communicate", as part of its 2Q13 Action Plan
President Collins explained there will be timely reports to Council from staff. He commended Mr. Carnes and Mr. Hudson for their reports.
2. Discuss the formation of the Budget Review Committee with a "revised" membership structure
President Collins explained the Council received only one response. Council agreed to broaden the range for applicants from the 19320 area to cover the Chester County area. Mr. Carnes explained Council would need to change the Resolution to include the changes.
3. Discuss Cambria Terrace Parking
President Collins explained Acting Chief Lentz has proposed additional parking alternatives for the residents of Cambria Terrace. Mr. Hudson asked for the Parking issue to be addressed by the Planning Commission because it is a deviation of the original plans. The Housing Authority should be entitled to provide their recommendations.
4. Discuss Recycling Containers
Mr. Wilkinson explained the Public Works Department is requesting permission to apply for a PADEP grant in the amount of \$204,680.00. The DEP share is \$184,212.00 and the City 10% match is \$29,468.00. The grant would supply 3500-96 gallon recycling bins, hot stamp on each container, unloading, assembly and distribution and additional education and printing for the recycling program. Council approved Mr. Wilkinson to move forward with the application. Council asked for more discussion and information regarding the expense portion for the City.

How will the match be paid will it be charged to the resident or will the City cover the cost. Mr. Wilkinson explained the fees for dumping in the landfill will decrease if more is recycled.

Council Comments

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone good evening and to enjoy the week.

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked everyone to bring a friend or neighbor to the meetings. He wished everyone a good night.

Vice President Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Police Department and the DEA for the Prescription Drug Take Back. Officer Ollis explained the City received 85 pounds of prescription drugs.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She quoted "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." by Martin Luther King, Jr.

President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He commended Co-Council for being accountable and transparent. He explained between, Administration, Council and Residents things are changing more for the positive.

Adjournment

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by:
Kirby Hudson
City Manager