

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 28, 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, Msrs, Edward Simpson, 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, Acting Fire Chief James Lentz, and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Collins announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, May 28, 2013 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the May 13, 2013 meeting minutes; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to add presentation 2) Pam Baker – Barbacane Thornton; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations (5 Minutes)

1. Peace by Piece Police Miniseries in Coatesville PA – Ozzie Feliciano

Mr. Feliciano explained the miniseries involves a Police Detective who investigates the double homicide of the City's state representative Willie Williams and his wife. As she investigates she unearths a property dispute between the victims and the city's most prominent church and discovers a possible criminal enterprise.

Mrs. Jones asked if the City will receive a monetary contribution. Mr. Feliciano explained if the story is picked up, the City will receive a donation to the Coatesville Parks and Recreation Program.

Mr. Feliciano asked for Councils blessing for the production of the miniseries in the City. Council gave their approval.

2. Pam Baker – Barbacane Thornton

Ms. Baker provided Council with a review of the draft 2012 Audit. This is not the final, there are still a few changes required. The City's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$27,862,677 for the fiscal year reported. This total includes both governmental and business type (solid waste) activities. The total net position comprised of the following: Capital assets, net of related debt of \$10,319,334; unrestricted net position of \$17,543,343; the City's governmental funds fund

balance at the end of 2012 were \$9,612,404; The City solid waste fund net position at the end of 2012 was \$176,997; and the long terms debt decreased during 2012 by \$73,590. Ms. Baker stated there has been a tremendous effort to get the City in moving in the right direction.

President Collins asked for a grade on the improvement in the Finance Department. Ms. Baker gave an "A" for effort and a "B-" for its current status. Mr. Simpson asked if the audits have improved from previous years. Ms. Baker stated this is the first audit the City has received in years instead of financial statements. There are beginning and ending numbers in the audits. The Finance Department is moving in the right direction. Vice President Hamrick asked if there is still an issue with the timecards. Mr. Marcarelli explained the current process of the timecards. Ms. Baker explained this is the draft for the 2012 audit.

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

There were no citizens' comments on regular action items at his time.

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

There were no citizens' comments on non-agenda items at his time.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action and non-agenda items only; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Consider a Resolution of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania authorizing the creation of an AD HOC Finance Budget Review Commission and rescinding inconsistent Provisions found in Resolution No. 2012-23

Mr. Carnes explained the change to the Resolution from the 19320 area code for membership to include the Chester County Area.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania authorizing the creation of an AD HOC Finance Budget Review Commission and rescinding inconsistent Provisions found in Resolution No. 2012-23; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consider Resolution for Dilworth, Paxson LLP as legal services provider for the pension plans
Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve a Resolution for Dilworth Paxson, LLP as the attorney for the Fire, Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Consider approval of Conrad Siegel Actuaries as actuarial services provider for the pension plans
Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve Conrad Siegel Actuaries for the Police, Fire, and Non-Uniform Pension Plans; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Consider 2013 COPS Grant
Chief Laufer explained the grant offers to hire new community policing officers and would pay 75% of a new officer's salary for three years. The City is responsible for 25%. Mr. Smith will be submitting the grant for the City of Coatesville.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve Chief Laufer to move forward with the application for the 2013 COPS Hiring Program Grant; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Consider to accept the 2012 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Temporary Chief Lentz explained the grant is for upgrades to the training room at Washington Hose Company and funds for nationally certified fire inspection, fire safety and rescue training.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to accept the 2012 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant in the amount of \$40,660.00; Vice President Hamrick seconded them motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes explained he is currently working on the public nuisance and sign ordinance to bring before Council for approval.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson explained he has met with several auction firms. He has recommended a local company to handle the auction. Mr. Simpson asked if a reserve has been set for the properties. Mr. Hudson explained the starting bid will be the amount of the appraisals and move forward from that amount.

Discussion Items (5 Minutes)

1. Discuss Street Closures for Special Events

Mr. Hudson explained there have been several complaints regarding street closures. Residents guest cannot park in front of their houses and for some events the resident are asked to move their vehicles. The street closures are a burden for resident. There are parks that can be utilized for events. Mr. Hudson suggested raising the rate of the street closure to cover all the costs involved in closing the street. Council asked for a cost analysis for street closures.

2. Discuss Cambria Terrace Parking

Mr. Hudson and Temporary Chief Lentz explained the lack of parking at Cambria Terrace. The City has currently placed No Parking signs on the streets for safety reasons. The Fire Department would not be able to access the homes if cars were parked on both sides. Temporary Chief suggested lifting the no parking ban on the south side of Oak Street between Rosemont Avenue and 4th Avenue. Mr. Hudson explained the City is trying to set up a meeting with the president of the Homeowners Association and Mr. Huston to discuss the parking issues. Chief Laufer explained written warning notices were given out the previous week for anyone who was illegally parked.

Mr. Simpson excused himself from the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Council Comments

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She is glad the public is aware that Council does not make a lot of money. She thanked everyone for their constant support. She thanked Chief Laufer and the Police Department for their hard work and dedication in finding Tiffany McDaniel's.

Mrs. Jones thanked the “boys in blue.” She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She quoted “A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier.”

Vice President Hamrick explained that Council are the servants of the taxpayers. He gave kudos to the department heads for their work. He thanked Ms. Hunt for the Red and Black event.

President Collins thanked Mr. Marcarelli and his staff on the combined grade of a B+. The City of Coatesville is moving forward.

Adjournment

Mrs. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm; Vice President Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Kirby Hudson
City Manager