

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 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 Hamrick, Mssrs, Jeffrey LoPrinzi, Edward Simpson, Mrs. Arvilla C. 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, August 26, 2013 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the August 12, 2013 meeting minutes; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

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

Presentations (5 Minutes)

1. Habitat for Humanity – Chip Huston
The presentation was cancelled for the meeting.

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

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

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

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

Kim Belknap – Coatesville Library

Ms. Belknap introduced herself as the acting director at the Coatesville Library and thanked the City of Coatesville for their donation.

Michael Richards - Resident

Mr. Richards voiced his concerns on the cars speeding on Coronet Drive.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Consider appointment of Charles Pinchback to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2012 -2015 and accept resignation of Jose Rios from the Police Pension, Non-Uniform and Fire Pension Commissions for the term 2013 – 2014.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to appoint Charles Pinchback to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2012-2012; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Hamrick made a motion to accept the resignation from Jose Rios from the Police Pension, Non-Uniform Pension and Fire Pension for the term 2013-2014; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consider abatement of taxes owed for 374 Fleetwood Street, Coatesville, PA
Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the abatement of taxes for the property located at 374 Fleetwood Street owned by the Redevelopment Authority designated for the Train Station project; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 218 – Vehicle and Traffic for the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 218 – Vehicle Traffic for the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Consider Resolution of approving Downtown Revitalization District
Vice President Hamrick made a motion to approve the Downtown Revitalization District; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced there were no bidders for the City properties. Mr. Carnes explained that he is working with various Department Heads on Ordinances.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson announced the Feasibility study for the Veleddome has been completed. The Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Main Street Future Focus and Community Showcase on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 from 7:30 to 10:30 am. The City was not selected for the Keep Pa Beautiful 2013 Fresh Paint Days Grant. Mr. DiOrio from the Graystone Society asked for a Council member to speak at the 911 event. Vice President Hamrick volunteered to speak. Mr. Hudson announced the equipment for Channel 66 has been upgraded and the Lincoln University ribbon cutting will begin to air on Friday.

Discussion Items

1. Discuss 3Q Council Timeline
President Collins explained the status of the timeline items as follows:
 - a. How we communicate – incomplete, working on reports from Boards and Commissions.
 - b. Service Awards – Hope to wrap up in September
 - c. Embroidered souvenir patch – to be determined
 - d. Budget Review Committee – Completed and have met to discuss the budget

- e. City goals and objectives – Council set up a workshop on September 16, 2013 at 6 pm to discuss the goals and objectives and the accountability of administration.
 - f. Refresh /Paint Downtown – timeline extended to November 30, 2013, beautify Records Building and Lincoln Center.
 - g. Downtown supermarket feasibility – Not feasible given present City demographics.
 - h. City color palette – Completed and approved by City Council
 - i. Downtown Revitalization District – Completed and approved by City Council
2. Discuss Community Yard Sale
President Collins announced the City has received requests on when the community yard sale is. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Molina stated that they are awaiting the direction of Council. Council asked staff to set up a Spring and Fall time and present it to Council for approval.
3. Discuss Street closures for special events
Mr. Hudson explained the proposed Ordinance is to charge a flat fee of \$600 per event, four hour maximum, proof of liability insurance and a form with approval from the neighbors to close the streets. The timeframe for the events would be within 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. President Collins explained if the event is not sanctioned by the City, the fee is \$600. The fee is waived if it is a City sponsored event and a discount is provided for a 501C3. Mrs. Hunt asked how Council would differentiate between the groups and if having the power to approve or deny events would create partiality. Mrs. Hunt explained the City does not have enough parks to accommodate all the events. Council agreed to further discuss the matter at their workshop.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to drive safely.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a good night.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She quoted “The greatest motivational act one person can do for another is to listen.”

Mr. LoPrinzi thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Vice President Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Kirby Hudson
City Manager