

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
September 23, 2013

**Call to Order**

Vice President Hamrick called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Vice President Hamrick, Msrs. Jeffrey LoPrinzi, Jarrell Brazzle, 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.

Vice President Hamrick announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, September 23, 2013 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to approve the September 9, 2013 meeting minutes; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda**

Mr. LoPrinzi made a motion to remove Regular action item 7.3) Consider proposed agreement between the City of Coatesville Bureau of Fire and ACS Government Systems Incorporated until further review by the interim Fire Chief and solicitor; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Presentations**

There were no presentations at this time.

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

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

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Geraldine Turner – Resident

Ms. Turner read a letter from Sherry Davis. Ms. Davis is the mother of murder victim Alex Davis. In the letter, Ms. Davis asked City Council to create a policy on how families are informed of the death of a loved one by the Police Department.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Brazzle seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Regular Action Items**

1. Consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 218 – Vehicle and Traffic for the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania

- Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve a second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 218 – Vehicle and Traffic for the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Consider acknowledgement receiving a copy of the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) from the Chief Administrative Officer  
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) from the Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. LoPrinzi seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
  3. Consider Trick or Treat to be held on October 31, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.  
Mr. Brazzle made a motion to approve Trick or Treat to be held on October 31, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Solicitors Report**

Mr. Carnes announced he has met with the City Manager and Codes Department regarding suggested changes to the Zoning Ordinance relative to Group Homes. He announced the 642 Merchant Street Zoning Appeal was addressed on September 17, 2013. The relief was granted by the Zoning Hearing Board conditioned upon the property having the same façade as a similar twin proposed by the same developer at 710 Merchant Street.

### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Hudson announced that Forgotten Cats has received grant money. Forgotten Cats will be starting back by wards.

### **Discussion Items**

1. Special Event flat fee of \$300 for all street closures except for the three City approved events: Celebrate Coatesville / Bike Race, Christmas and Halloween Parades.  
Council discussed the fee of \$300 per street closure. The fee would be the same for all events except for the three City approved events: Celebrate Coatesville Bike Race, Halloween and Christmas Parades. There would be no waiver of fee for nonprofits. Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Brazzle felt the fee was still too high. There are churches that like to hold services outside and are working to improve the City. Mr. Hudson and Chief Laufer explained that in the past resident have complained about the inconvenience of their street being closed.

Crosby Wood, Chesco Grand Prix asked City Council to consider changing the date of Celebrate Coatesville and the Fireworks to August 9 or 190, 2014. This could help improve volunteer and spectator turnout. He suggested adding new events that would draw more participation from community members. Mr. Brazzle suggested Council accommodate the request. Council asked for the item to be placed as an action item for the next meeting.

### **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

### **Council Comments**

Mr. Brazzle thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He explained Council is continuing to move the City forward.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She quoted "From moon to moon and sun to sun – Women's work is never done. But, women make many mistakes – men only two, everything they say and everything they do!"

Mr. LoPrinzi wished everyone a good night.

Mr. Simpson wished everyone a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She explained Council continues to work together.

Vice President Hamrick announced he attended the Diamond Anniversary Dinner for the NAACP held at Bethel Church. He wished everyone a good night.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Brazzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Submitted by:  
Kirby Hudson  
City Manager