

**CITY OF COATESVILLE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 – 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COATESVILLE CITY HALL**

Call to Order

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to at 3:00 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Mr. David Collins, Mr. Joseph Hamrick, Mr. Edward Simpson, Ms. Marie Hess, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones and Mrs. Linda Lavender-Norris. 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.

Swearing in of newly elected Council Members – Honorable Judge Gregory Hines

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore Mrs., Linda Lavender-Norris in as Minister Williams held the bible.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore Ms. Marie Hess in as her fiancé Daniel Lawson held the bible.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore Mr. Joseph Hamrick in as John Pawlowski held the bible.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore Mr. David Collins in as Emmett Hunt held the bible.

Election of City Council President

Mr. Simpson nominated Mr. Hamrick as President; Joseph Hamrick seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Hunt nominated David Collins as President, Mrs. Jones seconded the nomination.

Mr. Simpson motioned to appoint Joseph Hamrick as President; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-3. Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Collins were the dissenting votes.

Election of City Council Vice President

Mr. Simpson nominated David Collins as Vice President, Mrs. Jones seconded the nomination.

Mr. Simpson motioned to appoint David Collins as Vice President; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2014-01 – City Council Meeting Dates

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-01 City Council Meeting Dates; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2014-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-02 Designate Emergency Response Services; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Simpson explained the appointment of the solicitor and Zoning Hearing Board were not on the previous year agendas. After reviews the appointments were deleted from the agenda.

Appointment of Western Chester County Council of the Governments Delegate and Alternate Delegate

Mr. Simpson made a motion to appoint President Hamrick as the Western Chester County Council of the Governments; Vice President Collins seconded the motion.

Mr. Collin made a motion to appoint Mr. Simpson as Alternate delegate Western Chester County Council of the Governments; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Adopt Robert Rules of Order for the Year 2014

Vice President Collins made a motion to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for the year 2014; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

President Hamrick read the Proclamation.

Vice President Collins made a motion to approve the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Consider Bank Depositories

Mr. Simpson made a motion approve the bank depositories; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

President Hamrick asked Mr. Marcarelli if the City had the funds to pay the payables. Mr. Marcarelli explained the City received the money from the TAN.

Vice President Collins made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Comments – City Council President

President Hamrick stated he is going to do the best job that he possible can as President. He will carry on what Council has already started. He will try to promote the downtown businesses, color palette and funding for the business. The safety of residents and businesses is the key to the revitalization of the City.

Comments – City Council Vice President

Vice President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed the new council members. He explained that much is given while much is expected of Council. It is not all glory sitting at the seats. The intent is for Council to stand for something and in order to stand for something we must stand together. He explained that in 2013 Council was working on developing goals and objectives for Mr. Hudson. The goals and objectives will be delegated to administration, administration will be held accountable for completion.

Comments – City Council Members

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There are now four women on Council, “tough women for tough times.” She stated “One monkey don’t stop no show, just get yourself another monkey.”

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He congratulated Ms. Hess and Mrs. Lavender-Norris. There is a busy month ahead of Council. A lot needs to be done as part of the budget process. Mr. Simpson asked for a moratorium on the license fees. Council asked staff to hold off on mailing license registrations. The fees will be examined closely at the next meeting.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated Ms. Hess and Mrs. Lavender-Norris. She thanked Mr. Collins for his dedication as Council President in 2013 and congratulated Mr. Hamrick as President for 2014.

Ms. Hess wished everyone a Happy New Year. She is overly excited to be here. Her biggest goal is to do as much as she can for the City of Coatesville. Although, she accomplished a lot in the Parks and Recreation Commission, she still wants to do more, and being as city council person, the position would allow her to do as much for the City of Coatesville. She is looking forward to working together to move the City forward.

Ms. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated Mr. Hamrick. She stated that diversity reflects the community, as it should, and she is honored to be a part of it. She stated that anything that she says, anything she does, will have to come from an informed place and not from an emotional place. She is looking forward to helping move the City forward.

Adjournment

Vice President Collins made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45pm; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Kirby A. Hudson
City Manager