

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 24, 2014

**Call to Order**

President Hamrick called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Hamrick, Vice President David Collins, Mssr, Edward Simpson and 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, Police Chief John Laufer, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Acting Fire Chief James Lentz, and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Hamrick announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, February 24, 2014 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the February 10, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

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

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

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to add a presentation from Chester County Economic Development Council regarding the Train Station; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to delete Discussion Item 3) 117 East Lincoln Highway from the agenda; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Presentations**

1. Train Station Project – CCEDC, Pennoni Associates, Bernardon Haber Halloway Architects  
Project officials provided an executive summary of their findings which were: parcel specific recommendations and recommendations outside the scope. The findings are the demand for retail exists; Lincoln University can be a major influence; Coatesville needs increased service frequency; destination community facilities are likely anchor tenants and residential development should be focused to the Baker Site. The parcel specific recommendations are RDA Train Station site, multiple platform/parking options; Fleetwood site should be used for parking and “held during stabilization; existing train station should be targeted towards transit related public mission; 3<sup>rd</sup> & Lincoln likely candidate for YMCA/retail opportunity and Fleetwood site should emerge as commercial opportunity after stabilization. The recommendations outside the scope were targeting retail on Route 30, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; “Flats” site has the potential to cannibalize Route 30 development and zoning needs to allow for flexibility and creating character.

**Citizens’ Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)**

Bridgette Paylor – Resident

Ms. Paylor stated she was out of electricity for 5 days. She asked for reconsideration on a citation she received for snow removal.

Earl Leaphart – Resident

Mr. Leaphart asked for reconsideration on a citation he received for snow removal.

John Pawlowski – Resident

Mr. Pawlowski encouraged Council to approve the request from the Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Citizens' Hearings – *Non-Agenda Items Only* (3 Minutes)**

Bob Barndt – Resident

Mr. Barndt voiced his concerns on the lack of attention in snow plowing the alleys. The trash trucks are unable to get thru to pick up the trash. He asked the City to commit more time to the alleyways.

Crystal Thomas – Resident

Mrs. Thomas inquired about the status of the new Ordinance for the second means of egress. Mr. Carnes explained staff is currently looking at drafts. The current Ordinance is still in place.

Tonya James – Resident

Ms. James asked for Council to look at parking downtown for shoppers. Vice President Collins explained Council is working to make downtown more business friendly.

Jessie Snead – Resident

Mr. Snead voiced his concerns on the snow removal on Coates Street. He asked why the school buses cannot go back to Lincoln Highway, Coates Street was only supposed to be a temporary thoroughfare.

Ron London – Resident

Mr. London voiced his concerns about the snow on the streets.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 218 Article VII "Parking on Snow Emergency Routes" to add the emergency management Coordinator and Chief of Police as parties authorized to address such emergencies.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 218 Article VII "Parking on Snow Emergency Routes" to add the Emergency Management Coordinator and Chief of Police as parties authorized to address such emergencies; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Receive and consider defer interest payment on RDA loan

Mr. Simpson made a motion to defer the interest payment on the RDA loan; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Receive and consider waiver of impact fees in lieu of PAWC taking responsibility for paving specified streets from curb to curb.

Mr. Simpson asked to vigilante on who the City uses for pave and make sure not to cover drain holes.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to table the waiver of impact fees in lieu of PAWC taking responsibility for paving specified street from curb to curb; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion tabled 7-0.

### **Solicitors Report**

Mr. Carnes explained he has worked on various matters involving litigation and assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations.

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

Mr. Hudson explained there is no timeline on list provided from Pennsylvania American Water. The specs have not been put in.

### **Discussion Items**

1. Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees

Ms. Lavender-Norris researched the Boards and Commissions. She asked if it is legal for Boards and Commission to have nonresidents. Mr. Carnes explained approvals can be made for the various Boards and Commissions. There are some that cannot have anyone outside of the City such as Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Hess explained the applicant must be present when appointed, reappointed and follow the application process. Mrs. Lavender-Norris explained the Boards and Commissions will be required to provide Council with quarterly reports.

2. City Council Priority Focus Actions for 2014

Vice President Collins explained there are many things the Council needs to focus on. Council agreed to meet on March 3, 2014 for a Council workshop to prioritize the focus actions for 2014.

3. Community Center as Emergency Center

Action Fire Chief Lentz explained the process for making the Community Center into an Emergency Center is very costly. The City does not have the funds, nor the properly trained personnel to staff the emergency center. The City is currently working on their Emergency Management System with personnel and equipment requirements.

### **Special Events**

1. A Special Events application was submitted from Liga De Fut-Bol Soccer De Coatesville PA, for Fut-Bol Soccer at Ash Park starting April 6, 2014 until November 9, 2014 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve a special event application submitted from Liga De Fut-Bol Soccer De Coatesville PA, for Fut-Bol Soccer at Ash Park starting April 6, 2014 until November 9, 2014 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Council agreed that all applicants using the parks should clean up after their event. If the park is not cleaned up they will lose the privilege to use the park for future events.

2. A Special Event Application was submitted by Coatesville Little League for the use of Abdala Park starting March 1, 2015 to July 15, 2014, Monday thru Friday 5pm to dark and all day Saturdays.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve a special event application submitted by the Coatesville Little League for the use of Abdala Park starting March 1, 2015 to July 15, 2014, Monday thru Friday 5pm to dark and all day Saturdays; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Council Comments**

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She asked if the City had the ability to remove the snow on Coates Street and put it in Ash Park. In the past, snow was dumped in the parks to help clear the streets. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Barnes explained dumping of snow in parks is against EPA regulations and the City could be fined. Mrs. Lavender-Norris wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Hess thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a good night.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She quoted in regards to our children “ Our most precious commodity is our promise to the future,” and “It takes an entire village to raise a child, but children who are not taught by parents will be raised by the world.”

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He offered his condolences the Mr. Molina and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Simpson read an Ordinance passed in June 2012 regarding repaving the street curb to curb as originally built.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She extended her condolences to Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Molina. She looks forward to a productive year.

Vice President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He extended his condolences to Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Molina. He reminded everyone of the community forum at Lincoln University on February 27, 2014.

President Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Mr. Sciocchetti and all the people with the Train Station. He wished everyone a good night.

### **Adjournment**

Vice President Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Submitted by:**  
**Kirby Hudson**  
**City Manager**