

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 24, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING

7:30 pm

Public Hearing on the CRP Grant

President Hamrick opened the public hearing at 8:05pm. He apologized for the late start.

Mr. Carnes explained the City is requesting to pursue a grant to realign the intersection at Lincoln Highway and First Avenue. The Community Revitalization Grant would require the City to match 15% (not 5% as previously stated) of the projected costs, which could be \$150,000. The estimates for the project are around \$1 million. Mr. Hudson explained that he will look into finding the funding for the match.

Mr. Carnes explained a Resolution is required supporting the filing of the grant application with Chester County Department of Community Development for the 2014 Community Revitalization Program grants Fund for Improvements (and possible realignment) of Route 30 and 1st Avenue (Route 82) intersection in Downtown Coatesville.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:10 pm on the CRP grant; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Call to Order

President Hamrick called the meeting to order at 8:10 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, 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.

President Hamrick announced Mrs. Jones would not be in attendance.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the March 10, 2014 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Collins made a motion to add action item 9) Receive and consider Resolution for the CRP grant; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Proclamation

President Hamrick read the Proclamation for Hutchinson U.A.M.E

Citizens' Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone thanked Council and staff for meeting on the landlord issues. It was a nice 1st step. There was good open dialogue. He looks forward to the next meeting. He asked for the Acting Fire Chief to explain the 3rd floor egress when it comes up on the agenda.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans thanked Council and staff for meeting on the landlord issues. He is looking forward to another meeting. There are additional fees the Association would like to discuss.

Joe Leofsy

Mr. Leofsky thanked Council and staff for meeting on the landlord issues. They just received all the information and need a little time to review it. The water heater Ordinance is still in place but the fee has decreased. He asked for a program to pay fees online.

Ruth Montes

Ms. Montes suggested having a translator at the meetings and on the website. There are many people that should see the website. She stated one person can make a difference.

Gonzalo Montes

Mr. Montez announced he came from the church with his niece to help the City. He asked for more light to be put in the back streets. It will help to deter criminal activity.

Gonzalo Montes Jr.

Mr. Montez announced he is a youth group leader at the Rivers of Living Water healing of the Hurt Church. They help the youth in the community. Council asked for flyers to be sent to City hall so the information can be placed on Channel 66 and the website.

Amy Montes

Ms. Montez explained that she is here to help the youth in the City.

Constancio Zacrleta

Ms. Zacrleta stated she would like to see art, music, gardening one day teaching the teens.

President Hamrick announced that many of the items addressed were not action items. He explained that at the next meeting to make sure to sign the correct paper.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Darrell Williams

Mr. Williams voiced his concerns about people walking their dogs in the park without leashes and not cleaning up after them.

Clyde Wilson

Mr. Wilson voiced his concerns about having to attend a hearing at Parkesburg instead of at Judge Koons office in Valley Township. He complained he was unable to obtain a police report for the incident. He stated that his daughter was questioned about an incident at Regency.

Jeff Martin and Kesha Lovelace

Mr. Martin and Ms. Lovelace voiced their concerns regarding the Police Department. They questioned the actions of the City Solicitor at a criminal hearing the previous week. Council asked for Mr. Martin and Ms. Lovelace to meet with them in Executive Session after the meeting to discuss the matter.

Allen Mowery

Mr. Mowery announced he has been a landlord for 23 years. He voiced his concerns with the fees regarding trash and permit fees. Mr. DeSimone and Mr. Evans stated they would meet with Mr. Mowery to explain the fees that were discussed prior to the meeting with the landlords.

Ron Suber

Mr. Suber voiced his concerns with the previous Police Chief and the Officers who retired with their pensions. He stated the new Police Chief is doing an excellent job, but voiced concerns about officers that have been with the City for a long time. He voiced his concerns about the City Manager and Solicitor.

Vice President Collins made a motion to close citizens' hearings on no-agenda items only; Ms. Hess seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider conditional offer of employment for part time Police Officers

Vice President Hamrick explained the Civil Service Commission has provided us with the certified list of applicants who have successfully completed the oral and written exams for appointment, as well as the required background check. The Third Class City Code requires that the Chief of Police nominate a candidate from among the three highest ranked applicants on the eligibility list. These appointments are for the position of part-time Patrol Officer within the Coatesville Police Department. Candidates appointed tonight by council will be conditionally appointed subject to successful completion of a medical and psychological evaluation. Initially it should be noted that the City Council had by-passed Adam Weaver at his request previously when he was the next eligible on the list. He is now available to work if hired and is first on the list.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to nominate Adam Weaver be appointed as a part-time Patrol Officer in the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a physical and psychological examination; Ms. Hess seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to nominate Louis Stackeni Jr be appointed as a part-time Patrol Officer in the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a physical and psychological examination; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to nominate George Carlson be appointed as a part-time Patrol Officer in the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a physical and psychological examination; Vice President Collins seconded the motion, Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance authorizing the sale and transfer of City Property at 117 East Lincoln Highway; Tax Parcel No. 16-5-171E to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for one dollar.

Vice President Collins made a motion to approve for second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing the sale and transfer of City property at 117 East Lincoln Highway; Tax Parcel No. 16-5-171E to the Redevelopment Authority for one dollar; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Receive and consider Three Year Contract with Eagle Disposal as the City of Coatesville Solid Waste Hauler.

Mr. Carnes explained the contract would have to be approved conditioned upon the performance bond, payment bond, bid bond. Ms. Hess asked "What have we done to get an estimated amount of units?; Will the billing go up?; Are we seeing a savings in the recycling?" She explained that she has received several complaints about Eagle Disposal. Mr. Marcarelli announced we will be able to have better address management with the containers. Mr. Hudson explained the hauler will now pay the tipping fees. The City submitted a grant for recycling totes. Mr. Simpson asked the cost for the Solid Waste last year. He asked how could we send out 4,500 bills and only ask for an estimate of 4,140 units on the proposal. Mr. Simpson stated the fees charged do not equate to the fees paid by the City. He guarantees we are still not sure who is being billed and who is not being billed. Mr. Marcarelli explained the City has all the names of who should be billed but not all of their addresses. The proposal with totes will help to provide with the address management. Mr. Collins asked if the bill would still be \$295 per year. Mrs. Lavender-Norris stated Council has not received significant information to make a decision.

Council asked staff to look into the matter further.

Mr. Simpson rescinded his motion for approval of the three year contract with Eagle Disposal; Vice President Collins rescinded his second. Motion was rescinded 6-0.

4. Receive and consider budgeted 2014 Police Department vehicle purchase

Chief Laufer explained the Police Department budget \$37,000 for a vehicle in 2014. They are requesting approval to move forward with the purchase of a 2014 Ford Interceptor for the cost of \$35,430.55. The Police Department is trying the Ford Interceptor to help lower the maintenance and gas mileage fees compared to the Challenger.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the budgeted 2014 Police Department vehicle purchase; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Collins made a motion to add action item 9.1) Receive trash bids; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Leofsky asked Council to just accept the bids and look into the matter further.

Mr. Killen explained Valley has trash totes,

Mr. DeSimone asked Council to accept the bids and look into the matter further.

5. Receive and consider amending Chapter 108 fees of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania by modifying certain use and registration fees (and inspections related to same) and providing specific fees for hot water heater installations)

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108 fees of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania by modifying certain use and registration fees (and inspections related to same) and providing specific fees for hot water heater installations); Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Receive and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 136 “Housing Standards” to address leasing licenses to provide new penalties and restrictions

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 136 “Housing Standards” to address leasing licenses to provide new penalties and restrictions; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Receive and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 108 fee of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania by establishing or modifying certain rental and related fees

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108 fees of the Code of the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania by establishing or modifying certain rental and related fees; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Receive and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 136 “Housing Standards” to address emergency egress for units above the 2nd story

Interim Fire Chief Lentz asked for time to make corrections and modifications to the Ordinance as written. Mr. Carnes explained that he was given two drafts, one from the Codes Department and one from the Fire Department. He moved forward with the draft from the Fire Department with some changes. Mr. Molina and Interim Chief Lentz stated that there is a need to sit down and discuss the changes that are required for the Ordinance. Mr. Carnes explained that Council can pass the Ordinance for First Reading. Council suggested that a meeting be held to make the proper changes to the Ordinance for Second Reading and Adoption.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 136 “Housing Standards” to address emergency egress for units above the 2nd story; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Lavender-Norris were the dissenting votes.

9. Receive and consider a Resolution supporting the Community Revitalization Grant

Vice President Collins made a motion to approve a Resolution supporting the filing of the grant application with Chester County Department of Community Development for the 2014 Community Revitalization Program grants Fund for Improvements (and possible realignment) of Route 30 and 1st Avenue (Route 82) intersection in Downtown Coatesville.

allow staff to move forward with applying for the CRP grant; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

- 9.1 Receive and consider accepting the bids for Solid Waste

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to accept the bids submitted but not to award for the Solid Waste; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes explained he has been working on the Ordinances with the Department Heads. He worked with staff to address questions by the bidders and issue responses and review bids for the Solid Waste. There is currently no change in status at Millview.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson announced a Public Hearing will be held at West Pikeland regarding the Proper Process of notifying the Public of Gas Lines. He announced the Spring Fling at the Coatesville Country Club on April 6, 2014.

Discussion Item

1. Career & Entrepreneurial Seminars – May 3, 2014

President Collins explained Council set aside funding for Revitalization in the City. On May 3, 2014, the City will be hosting a Career Entrepreneurial Seminar at Lincoln University. The Seminar will address the needs of the City. The purpose is Coatesville's Revitalization Plans and Market Analysis Direction. There will be three groups focusing on: Group A) Individuals seeking a job change or new career path; Group B) Motivated individuals perusing their own business; and C) Existing business exploring an opportunity to expand here.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve a \$5,000 spending budget for the Career Entrepreneurial Seminar; Ms. Hess seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

1. A banner permit application has been submitted by the Brandywine Health Foundation to place thirteen banners for the 2014 Strawberry Festival along Lincoln Highway from Strode Ave to 13th Avenue from May 1st to June 9th 2014.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the banner permit application by the Brandywine Health Foundation to place thirteen banners for the 2014 Strawberry Festival along Lincoln Highway from Stride Avenue to 13th Avenue from May 1st to June 9th, 2014; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. A special event application has been submitted from the Rotary Club of Coatesville for the Lewis and Clark Circus to be held at Gateway Park on June 21 – June 22, 2014.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve a special event application from the Rotary Club of Coatesville for the Lewis and Clark Circus to be held at Gateway Park on June 21, 2014 – June 22, 2014; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. A special event application has been submitted from Virtuous Sisters of Christ for the 8th Annual Lock Arms for Christ March for Peace on the Streets starting at Gateway Park to Abdala Park on April 12, 2014 starting at 9 am. It has been requested for a rolling stop for the parade.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve a special event application from Virtuous Sisters of Christ for the 8th Annual Lock Arms for Christ March for Peace on the Streets starting at Gateway Park to Abdala Park on April 12, 2014 starting at 9 am; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Council Comments

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a good night.

Ms. Hess thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She appreciates all the support.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He appreciates the Housing Association supporting Council.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She appreciates the Housing Association meeting with Council and working together.

Vice President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

President Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He announced Council will be adjourning to an executive meeting. He thanked the Housing Association for working with the staff and Council.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm; Ms. Hess seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Submitted by:
Kirby Hudson
City Manager