

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2014

Call to Order

President Hamrick called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Joseph Hamrick, 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, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Public Works Director Donald Wilkinson, Police Chief John Laufer, and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Hamrick announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening, June 9, 2014 to discuss personnel and legal matters

Mr. Hamrick announced Vice President David Collins would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Hunt Made a motion to approve the May 27, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Ms. Hess abstained from the vote.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mrs. Lavender-Norris 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 to the agenda at this time.

Presentations

1. Coatesville Towers Flag Day Celebration – Thomas Gallagher

Mr. Gallagher introduced himself as the Service Coordinator at Coatesville Towers since April 2014. He wanted to formally introduce himself and invite everyone to the Flag Day Ceremony on June 13, 2014. The event will be held at Coatesville Towers at 2PM. It is our pleasure here at the Coatesville Towers to celebrate not only the veterans of the United States but also the men and women of Coatesville who risk their lives every day to make our community a safer place.

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

There were no citizens' hearings on regular action items only at this time.

Mrs. Jones 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)

Roger Wayne

Mr. Wayne proposed a Music and Health Festival. The festival would require closing a portion of Lincoln Highway down for five hours. Council explained to Mr. Wayne, he would need to contact PennDot and make a street closure request. The additional request would require a special event permit for the City of Coatesville.

Jimmy Clark

Mr. Clark voiced his concerns regarding an incident with the Police Department. He stated he plans to file a lawsuit against the City. He has lived in Coatesville and long time and believes Coatesville is a great place to live.

Arden Hunt

Ms. Hunt voiced her concerns on why some areas of topics seem more important than citizens' rights. She inquired about a place to address complaints. She asked the purpose of ward Council. She questioned the process of a family event involving her brother and the Police Department. Mrs. Lavender-Norris explained she has spoken to Chief Laufer and relayed to Ms. Hunt that due to pending investigation, Chief Laufer had to withhold information, but she would relay information as soon the information was available to be released. President Hamrick suggested Community Meeting in each ward.

Bryan Clark

Mr. Clark voiced his concerns regarding the Codes Department. He has tried to set up a meeting. Mr. Hudson and Mrs. Lavender-Norris offered to meet with him and Mr. Molina to work on the issues.

Joe Leofsky

Mr. Leofsky voiced his concerns on the Codes Department inspections. He questioned the 37% increase in local taxes and why Arcelor Mittell's taxes are so low. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Carnes explained the City has been working on the annual taxes from Arcelor Mittell. Mr. Leofsky stated he would like to see a plan that pays back the monies borrowed from the trust fund.

Mrs. Hunt stated when she first came on Council she suggested meetings in the wards. It would be nice to see all Council members attend each one.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance authorizing the sale and transfer of City property at 105 East Diamond Street, Tax Parcel No. 16-5-155E to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for \$1.00.
Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve for second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing the sale and transfer of City property at 105 East Diamond Street, Tax Parcel No. 16-5-155E to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for \$1.00.; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 190 of the Code of the City of Coatesville to address changes resulting from the City's recent contract to use containers for collection purposes
Mrs. Hess made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 190 of the Code of the City of Coatesville to address changes resulting from the City's recent contract to use containers for collection purposes; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108-1.I(1) Fees on the City of Coatesville to address use of containers for collection of ½ cubic yard

Mr. Carnes explained the City recognizes that in extraordinary circumstances a very large family or other unanticipated needs may require additional trash and recyclable pickup at a location – which such needs can be supplied as a double collection subject to a double billing. There are additional fees for an application and another container. Council agreed further discussion was required before an approval can be made.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108-1.I(1) Fees on the City of Coatesville to address use of containers for collection of ½ cubic yard; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion failed 5-1. President Hamrick, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Jones, Ms. Hess and Mrs. Lavender-Norris were the dissenting votes.

4. Receive and consider new back up contract with Help-Now

Mr. Carnes explained the City needs an additional server. In addition, Help Now is offering to improve the backup program. Help Now is offering additional backup assistance to address the new technology in the police department and the fact that the City is backing up doc star and has greater backup needs. The new monthly enhanced backup package comes with a monthly price tag of \$2,006.40 or a difference of \$611.26 per month to the current monthly rate.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve a new back up contract with Help-Now; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider appointment of two (2) part time officers to full-time status.

President Hamrick announced turning now to the appointment of full-time patrol officers, there are currently several part-time patrol officers hired through Civil Service in accordance with the Third Class City Code. At present, there are two full time patrol officer positions open in order to first meet minimum staffing requirements and then fill a position lost through attrition: To meet these purposes the Chief of Police has identified: 1) Joseph Norcini; and, 2) Claire Lang as the part-time patrol officers who should be offered employment as full-time Patrol Officers in the City Police Department. These will be addressed one at a time by separate motions.

Mrs. Jones moved that Joseph Norcini be offered employment as a full-time Patrol Officer in the City Police Department; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The motion carries and Joseph Norcini is now a Patrol Officer on a full-time basis.

Mr. Simpson moved that Claire Lang be offered employment as a full-time Patrol Officer in the City Police Department; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The motion carries and Claire Lang is now a Patrol Officer on a full-time basis.

6. Receive and consider accepting a contract extension to permit the farming of the Conti Tract pursuant to an additional one year lease, with Warihay Farms at \$280.00 per acre and authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate lease and any related necessary documents.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve a contract extension to permit the farming of the Conti Tract pursuant to an additional one year lease, with Warihay Farms at \$280.00 per acre and authorizing the City Manager to execute the appropriate lease and any related necessary documents; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced he has worked on various matters involving litigation and assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations. He is waiting for direction on the fees for the licenses in the Codes Department. Council set a work session for Monday June 16, 2014 at 6:00 pm to meet with Mr. Molina to discuss and finalize the fees.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson announced there is a one-day summit to discuss economic development strategies for Keystone Corridor East. It is being held by Toby Fauver, Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. He asked Council to report back to him if they could attend the meeting.

Discussion Item

1. Palmer Park Pool

President Hamrick announced in a meeting he attended with Lieutenant Audette, Sergeant Ollis at Second Baptist Church, residents inquired about reopening the pool in an attempt to provide more activities for the city's youth. President Hamrick explained the City received an estimates from Bulldog Construction in 2012 for \$10-15,000 to fix the pool. Ms. Hess asked what needs done and what is the cost? Mr. Wilkinson explained there are cracks in the pool and the pool house will need work. Mrs. Jones asked if any preventative work has been done or has the pool been neglected. Mrs. Lavender-Norris asked why there is not regular annual maintenance done. Mr. Wilkinson stated the pool area has been winterized annually. Council is working on a way to get the pool open in the upcoming years.

2. Coatesville Unity Explosion

Mrs. Lavender-Norris explained the Fireworks will be on July 5, 2014. They are recruiting volunteers. The day will be a fun filled day of activities. The family fun day will start at Ash Park with basketball, soccer, etc... and end with Fireworks at Gateway Park. There will be a flat fee for vendor spaces. Ms. Hess explained Council is looking at ways for the City to do things as a community. Mrs. Hunt explained the monies earned will be earmarked for Palmer Park Pool. The event will be advertised in the paper, flyers and the website.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting and being patient and kind. She left with one tip "Hope for the best, prepare for the worst, and don't be surprised at anything in between."

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She asked everyone to understand that their issues are not minor to Council, but there are a lot of issues before Council, and we cannot do them at all at once, but we are devoted to get them done. It will take time. She addressed Mr. Wilkinson regarding a boxsping on the street for weeks. Mrs. Lavender-Norris explained we need to do a better job in keeping our streets clean.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Ms. Hess thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked Ms. Hunt for her passion and devotion to her brother. Ms. Hess explained that people do not understand that Council is working to

help. It just takes time. She was contacted by a group called CONCERN which is a boys group. They would like the boys to work for the city doing things like painting curbs. Mr. Hudson asked Ms. Hess for the contact information.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated we are doing the best job we can. She asked everyone to continue to keep Mr. Collins in your prayers.

President Hamrick announced he is excited for the Coatesville Community Unity Explosion. It is all about the community. There are a lot of volunteers for the event. He thanked Mr. Evans and Mr. Leofsky who are volunteering their time. He stated "We are a family, we have to respect each other."

Adjournment

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Kirby Hudson
City Manager