

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 23, 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, Vice President David Collins, Msr, 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 23, 2014 to discuss personnel and legal matters

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the June 9, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Hess seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Collins made a motion to table action item 1) Receive and consider the hiring of the new part time Fire Chief; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion tabled 7-0.

Vice President Collins made a motion to add regular action item 5) authorize the payment of the Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,294,240.00 by the due date June 30, 2014; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Swear in Full time Officer Claire Lange and Officer Joseph Norcini

Officer Claire Lang was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Grover Koon as her husband and children held the bible.

Officer Joseph Norcini was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Grover Koon as his wife held the bible.

Chief Laufer thanked Judge Koon for swearing in the fulltime officers. He thanked City Council for keeping the Police Department fully staffed.

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

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans inquired on the time and location where he should position the DJ for the Coatesville Community Unity Explosion. Ms. Hess and Mrs. Hunt invited him to attend the meeting with the event coordinator on Tuesday June 24, 2014.

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone inquired about the trash fee.

Vice President Collins made a motion to close citizens' hearings for regular action items; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Quincy Teel

Mr. Teel asked Council to waive the fees for the Summer Basketball League held in Ash Park for the youths. Council agreed to waive the fee. Chief Laufer explained there is no parking in front of Lincoln University.

John Pawlowski

Mr. Pawlowski updated Council on the status of the Gazebos at the Riverwalk. He has received \$1,600 in cash donations. President Hamrick explained that additional security cameras will be required to cover the Gazebos.

Renee Carey

Ms. Carey announced the 2nd Annual Living the Dream (LTD) Corvette Club Boys and Girls BMX Bike giveaway at 2:00 pm on July 19, 2014 in the Walgreen Lower lot, 8th Avenue and Lincoln Highway. The LTD hosts the free giveaway for deserving, less fortunate youths. There will be 11 BMX bicycles given to children within the 8-12 age range.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans update Council on discussion with Mr. Molina. He voiced his concerns regarding the fees for multiple inspections. He asked for fees to be fair, reasonable, and equitable.

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone explained the meeting with Mr. Molina are going favorably and progressing nicely. He thanked Council for attending the meetings.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to close citizens' hearings for non-agenda items; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption 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

Vice President Collins asked if residents would have the option for smaller containers. He asked for alternatives to the current container due to the size. The containers are too big, some residents will not want the huge container outside of their home. Mr. Carnes stated the containers were approved in the contract. Mr. Hudson stated he would look into whether alternate sizes are available.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve second reading and adoption 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. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-3. Vice President Collins, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Jones were the dissenting votes.

2. 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

Vice President Collins questioned the size of the containers. He asked if smaller containers were available would the fee be the same.

Ms. Hess 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 passed 4-3. Vice President Collins, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Jones were the dissenting votes.

3. Receive and consider renaming the Police Equipment Grant 2010 Fund account to the Police Equipment Fund Account

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve renaming the Police Equipment Grant 2010 Fund account to the Police Equipment Fund Account; Ms. Hess seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Receive and consider closing inactive bank accounts which include 1) Grants – Weed & Seed, 2) Police JAG Technology, 3) Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, and 4) Capital Grant.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve closing inactive bank accounts which include 1) Grants – Weed & Seed, 2) Police JAG Technology, 3) Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, and 4) Capital Grant; Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Receive and consider authorizing the payment of the Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,294,240.00 by the due date June 30, 2014

Mr. Simpson asked if the money was in the General Fund. Mr. Marcarelli announced the City currently had the money in the General Fund to pay the Tax Anticipation Note.

Vice President Collins made a motion authorizing the payment of the Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,294,240.00 by the due date June 30, 2014; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes stated 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 announced the changes in Verizon programming. He announced Community Builders intends to submit an application for funding to the County of Chester Department of Community Development pursuant to its 2015-2016 Housing and Community Construction application request for proposals. The request is for \$250,000. Mr. Simpson asked for a review of the plans. Vice President Collins asked Mr. Molina to provide a written response.

Discussion Item

1. Coatesville Unity Explosion

Mrs. Hunt announced they are moving right along with the event. Communication has been sent to all churches, vendors, businesses. She asked for volunteers for the event. She thanked everyone who has participated and PennDot for the approval of the street closure and banner permit. There will be sports events starting at Ash Park, DJ's, live music, bouncers, slide and more fun activities for the family. The proceeds from the event will be put towards fixing Palmer Park pool.

2. Individual Ward meetings for Community

President Hamrick announced Council discussed having a meeting in each ward. Council agreed to hold one ward meeting per month. There can be no more than three Council members present and asked for

one person from Public Works, Codes, Police and the City Manager be present at each meeting. The meetings will help feel the heartbeat of the citizens.

Special Events

1. A Special Event application was submitted from CYWA for a concert on July 19, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It has been requested for 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue East Lincoln Highway and 5th Avenue from Diamond Street to Lincoln Highway to be closed for the event.

Mr. Simpson explained the area cannot support the amount of people suggested for the event. The Police Chief explained the street cannot be closed for safety reasons. Mrs. Hunt stated it would impact the businesses. Council suggested Gateway Park or Ash Park for the event.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve a special event application from CYWA for a concert on July 19, 2014 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and requesting for 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue East Lincoln Highway and 5th Avenue from Diamond Street to Lincoln Highway to be closed for the event; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion failed 7-0.

Council Comments

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She announced that she had a very productive and informative meeting with the Public Works Director and City Manager. She stated Ash Park Play equipment looks wonderful and the Welcome to Coatesville signs look great.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She welcomed Vice President Collins back. She stated we need to get moving quickly to get Palmer Park Pool opened. She quoted Albert Einstein "The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything"

Ms. Hess inquired about the status of CONCERN program interacting with the City. She thanked Mr. Pawlowski, Mr. Zuratt, Sergeant Ollis and Officer Galetta for putting the flags up on Lincoln Highway for Flag Day. She announced "Coatesville Pride" video which is posted on the City's website. She thanked the Rotary Club for bringing the Circus back to Coatesville. New Life in Christ would like to re-adopt Ash Park. The swings are finally up at Ash Park, we still need to get the plaque up for Mr. Lopp.

Mr. Simpson welcomed Vice President Collins back. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked everyone to be aware; school is out and children are not paying attention and walk in the street.

Vice President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated the grass need cut at the bank on 1st Avenue. We need to take back pride in what the City looks like.

President Hamrick stated it was great to see the flags out. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

Mrs. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice President Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Submitted by:
Kirby Hudson
City Manager