

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 29, 2014

Public Hearing 2015 Preliminary Budget

6:00 p.m.

President Hamrick opened the floor for the 2015 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing.

Mr. Marcarelli explained the process for the preliminary budget. He explained there is an \$82,064 shortfall.

Public Comments

Khadijah Al-Amin

Ms. Al-Amin stated the City cannot raise taxes and cannot take money out of the trust. The money has been mismanaged in accounts. There is a shortfall in the budget. Mr. Simpson has made suggestions. She has made suggestions and provided proof that departments are not doing their work. The tax payers should not pay for appropriations.

Jarrett Jackson

Mr. Jackson questioned the budget for the Coatesville Memorial Community Center (CMCC). The CMCC has planned to take over expenses in 2017 but are unable to afford to fully take over at this time. He is still working on activities for the center. Mr. Jackson asked to work with the City Manager regarding the CMCC budget. President Hamrick stated Council wants to work with him.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans suggested asking entrepreneurs if they would like to take up a project to help with the solid waste. They could have people go to door to door to find the correct information for the billing.

Joe Leofsky

Mr. Leofsky questioned the status of the Arcelor Mittal tax situation. Mr. Hudson explained he has reached out to the Senators. They are unable to help. Mr. Hudson explained the issues and the agreement regarding the City taxes.

President Hamrick closed the Public Hearing on the 2015 Preliminary Budget.

Call to Order

President Hamrick called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Joseph Hamrick, Council Vice President David Collins, Mssr, Edward Simpson and Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Mrs. Marie Lawson, 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, and Police Chief John Laufer.

President Hamrick announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening December 29, 2014 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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

Approval of Minutes:

President Hamrick announced there are no minutes in the packet to be approved at this time.

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

President Hamrick made a motion to add regular action item 10) abide City Charter for City Manager to live in the City of Coatesville within one year of being appointed; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

There were no presentations at this time.

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

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans voiced his concerns on the proposed 2015 budget regarding tax increases and withdraw from the Reserve Trust Fund. He read portions of the CCA Sale Agreement and Ordinance pertaining to withdrawing funds.

Joe Leofsky

Mr. Leofsky questioned the reason behind the withdrawals from the Trust Fund. The reason for future obligations is not an emergency.

Paul Dodson

Mr. Dodson questioned Vice President Collins on his attendance at budget meetings and his vote to withdraw money from the Trust Fund. President Hamrick and Vice President Collins explained the process of the Finance Review Committee.

Khadijah Al-Amin

Ms. Al-Amin stated the contract in her possession shows the CCA sold for \$48 million dollars. She questioned the reason for withdrawing money. The reasons have not been catastrophic to the City. She urged the City to collect their delinquent solid waste bills and municipal taxes.

Tom Audette

Mr. Audette voiced his concerns on tax increases. If taxes continue to increase, he will not be able to afford to live in Coatesville.

Mrs. Lawson 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)

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans provided a background of the City of Coatesville and Mr. Saha. He explained the process of eminent domain. Mr. Evans questioned the Mission Statement for the City of Coatesville. President Hamrick

Joe Leofsky

Mr. Leofsky explained the land from Mr. Saha was outside of the City limits. The City used money from the trust to cover expenses. A withdrawal from the trust state the City has an obligation to pay the money back.

Paul Dodson

Mr. Dodson voiced his concerns about a property he sold and the new owner is required to pay for a rental license for 1 day (2014) and then pay for the 2015.

Aphonso Williams

Mr. Williams voiced his concerns regarding multi family dwelling violations. The City should collect overdue money from Landlords to help the financial situation.

Thomas Mammarella

Mr. Mammarelli stated the condition of the town is a disgrace. A property owner should have 30 days to bring the home up to Code or the City will do and charge a fee.

Matt Baker

Mr. Baker questioned the standpoint of the Forensic audit done in 2011. There is no information provided anywhere on the website showing the results of the audit.

Richard Swift

Mr. Swift voiced his concerns about a pitbulls that has been acting aggressive. Chief Laufer asked Mr. Swift to speak with Sergeant Ollis.

John Pawlowski

Mr. Pawlowski voiced his approval for action item 2) granting approval of Final Subdivision for Arcelor Mittel Plate. It will be an asset to the City.

Mrs. Lawson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider memorandum of agreement between the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Police Officers' Benevolent Association

Mrs. Lawson made a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement between the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Police Officers' Benevolent Association for four years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider a Resolution of the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, officially granting approval of the Final Subdivision Plan for Arcelor Mittal Plate, LLC establishing a lot Line Change to Permit the Transfer of Parcel "A" an approximately 4.10 acres consisting of all Tax Parcel 16-5-229.2 and a part of Tax Parcel 16-10-20 to be conveyed to Tax Parcel 16-10-220.1E owned by Brandywine Mansion Properties

Mr. Carnes explained the City Council will grant waivers of Sections 197-10.A(1), 197-37.B(12), and 197-37.B(13) regarding the classification of the plan as a minor subdivision and/or land development, the waiver to not require the Plan to show existing utilities and the waiver to no require the Plan to show contours at two foot intervals.

The conditions are: 1) The applicant shall submit a Deed of Consolidation, indicating the perimeter bearings and distances for the consolidate lot, as well as the overall gross acreage and net acreage; 2) The applicant shall comply with any and all conditions of the review letters by the City Engineer, City Planner and Planning Commission; 3) All outstanding bills to the City must be paid within 30 days.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve a Resolution of the Council of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, officially granting approval of the Final Subdivision Plan for Arcelor Mittal Plate, LLC establishing a lot Line Change to Permit the Transfer of Parcel "A" an approximately

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4.10 acres consisting of all Tax Parcel 16-5-229.2 and a part of Tax Parcel 16-10-20 to be conveyed to Tax Parcel 16-10-220.1E owned by Brandywine Mansion Properties; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Receive and consider Professional Services Agreement with by and between City of Coatesville and ViewPoint Government Solutions Inc. for Development, Deployment and Maintenance of ViewPermit
Mr. Molina explained ViewPoint was approved in the Codes Department 2014 budget. Mr. Marcarelli explained the funds are not available for the purchase.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with by and between the City of Coatesville and ViewPoint Government Solutions Inc. for Development, Deployment and Maintenance of ViewPermit; Mrs. Lawson seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-4. President Hamrick, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Lavender-Norris and Mrs. Lawson were the dissenting votes.

4. Receive and consider Emergency Ordinance for adoption the 2014 Budget Transfer Amendment
Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the emergency Ordinance for adoption the 2014 Budget Transfer Amendment; Mrs. Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Lavender-Norris were the dissenting votes.
5. Receive and consider an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government herein set forth, for the year 2015. (Final Budget)
Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn to executive session; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Carnes to explain the section of the Charter regarding the adoption of the annual budget. Mr. Carnes read the end of Section 2-604 (G) should, the Council for any reason, fail to adopt a budget before the start of the fiscal year; the appropriations of the preceding year; prorated on a month-month basis, shall be considered to be adopted temporarily pending adoption of a final budget. Section 2-604 (H) Levy of Taxes. At the time of adopting an annual budget, the Council shall simultaneously by Ordinance, levy sufficient taxes from authorized sources which, with other revenues and available receipts and balance, will provide for a balanced budget.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government herein set forth, for the year 2015. (Final Budget)Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion failed 0-6. President Hamrick, Vice President Collins, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Lavender-Norris and Mrs. Lawson were the dissenting votes.

6. Receive and consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Tax Rate for General Revenue and debt purposes for the year 2015
Mr. Simpson made a motion to table an Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) of the City of Coatesville, County of Chester, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Tax Rate for General Revenue and debt purposes for the year 2015; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion tabled 6-0.
7. Receive and consider an Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville
Mr. Marcarelli explained the Ordinance providing for the salaries and wages only show the increases as were approved in the contracts. There are no increase for employees that not under contracts.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve an Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Receive and consider Tax Anticipation Note

Mrs. Lawson made a motion to approve the Tax Anticipation Note; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

9. Receive and consider Acting City Manager

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve Michael O'Rourke for Acting City Manager at the rate of \$70.00 per hour; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

10. Receive and consider to abide by City Charter for the City Manager to Live in the City of Coatesville

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to abide by the Charter Section 2-402 the City Manager become a resident of the City of Coatesville as soon as possible thereafter and within one year, become and remain a resident during their tenure. Any and all previous Ordinances regarding City Manager residency will be rescinded; Mrs. Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced the Family Dollar Store conditional approval has been granted and was sent to the applicant in accordance with the MPC. The Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding Group Hons will move forward for adoption with a public hearing in accordance with the advertising requirements of the MPC. He assisted the City with the memorandum of agreement between the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Police Officers' Benevolent Association extending the contract for four years with 3% increase per year.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Hudson announced the City will be for the first time depositing money into the Reserve Trust Fund account. The amount to be deposited will be \$50,000. Mr. Marcarelli explained the City withdrew \$1.8 million from the Trust Fund and is able to refund \$50,000.

Discussion Item

There were no discussion at this time.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Mr. Hudson for his years of service and wished him luck in his future endeavors.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. She thanked Mr. Hudson for his years of service.

Mrs. Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She invited everyone to the re-organization meeting on January 5, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Mrs. Lawson thanked Paul Evans, Silver Sound for his assistance at the Christmas Carol event held on December 27, 2015. Next year the City will hold the event on December 19, 2015. The goal is to break the Guinness Book of World Record. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She is taking her time on the budget to do it right. It may not be very well liked, but it will be right. She asked everyone to stay involved, every decision

affects you. She thanked Mr. Hudson for his services as Assistant City Manager, Interim City Manager and City Manager. Happy New Year, Be safe and God Bless.

Vice President Collins thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Mr. Hudson for all his years of service. He wished all the luck in his future endeavors. Coatesville has a promising future! 2015 is the centennial year for Coatesville.

President Hamrick thanked Mr. Hudson for his service to the City. He has been a stand up guys and it has been a pleasure working with him. He stated the comments for action item 10; residency requirements was not directed to Mr. Hudson. President Hamrick wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Adjournment

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Kirby Hudson
City Manager