

MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 CITY HALL PLACE, COATESVILLE, PA 19320

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mr. Trio called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Mssrs, Edward Simpson, Joseph Hamrick, Mrs. Linda Lavender-Norris, Mrs. Marie Lawson, Mrs. Carmen Green, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones, and Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday and Finance Peter Barsz, CPA

Election of City Council President

Mrs. Lawson nominated Mrs. Lavender-Norris as Council President; Mrs. Green seconded the nomination. Nomination failed 3-4. Mr. Hamrick, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Hunt were the dissenting votes.

Mr. Simpson nominated Mrs. Hunt for Council President; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Nomination passed 5-2. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Lawson were the dissenting votes.

Election of City Council Vice President

Mr. Hamrick nominated Mrs. Jones as Council Vice President; Mr. Simpson seconded the nomination. Nomination passed 5-2. Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Lavender-Norris were the dissenting votes.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris nominated Mrs. Lawson as Council Vice President; Mrs. Green seconded the nomination. No votes taken.

Resolution No. 2017-01 – City Council Meeting Dates

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-01; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2017-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve Resolution No, 2017-02; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Adopt Robert Rules of Order for the Year 2017

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for the Year 2017; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mrs., Green made a motion to approve the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King Day; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Comments – City Council President

President Hunt wished everyone a Happy New Year. She declined the nomination last year, felt she was unable to fill the position at that time. She accepts the challenge this year to help move the City forward.

Comments – City Council Vice President

Vice President Jones thanked everyone for attending. It is an honor and pleasure to be Vice President and a pleasant surprise.

Comments – City Council Members

Mr. Hamrick stated he is looking forward to the New Year. He asked to move to executive session after the meeting to discuss personnel.

Mrs. Green wished everyone a Happy New Year. Look forward to 2017.

Mrs. Lawson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Simpson wished everyone a Happy New Year. He is starting his fourteenth consecutive year on Council. He can truly say this has been the most together Council he has ever served with. It is a privilege and honor to serve with you. He thanked Mrs. Lavender-Norris and Mrs. Lawson for the two years they served as President and Vice President. The change of President and Vice president is nothing personal, everyone needs to experience the President and Vice President position, until you are in that position you do not know what it's like. It will be an honor to work with all of Council this year.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Jones, thanks to both for making the transition. She appreciates it. You don't understand until you are in the positions. She is willing to help in any way.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.