

**MINUTES  
CITY OF COATESVILLE  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 – 6:30 PM.  
1 CITY HALL PLACE, COATESVILLE PA 19320  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COATESVILLE CITY HALL**

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Mr. Donald Folks, Mr. Simpson (Via Phone), Mrs. Deborah Bookman, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, and Ms. Khadijah Al-Amin. Staff members present included: City Manager, Michael Trio, Assistant City Manager, James Logan, Police Chief, John Laufer, Finance Department, Amanda Gattuso, Peter Barsz and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

**Election of City Council President**

Ms. Al Amin nominated Mrs. Deborah Bookman as Council President; Mr. Folks seconded the nomination. Nomination failed 3-4. Mrs. Lavender-Norris, Mrs. Green, Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Hunt were the dissenting votes.

Mrs. Hunt nominated Mrs. Lavender-Norris Council President; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Nomination passed 4-3. Mrs. Bookman, Ms. Al Amin and Mr. Folks were the dissenting votes.

**Election of City Council Vice President**

Mrs. Bookman nominated Ms. Al Amin as Council Vice President; Mr. Folks seconded the nomination. Nomination failed 3-4. Mrs. Lavender-Norris, Mrs. Green, Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Hunt were the dissenting votes.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris nominated Mrs. Green as Council Vice President; Mr. Simpson seconded the nomination. Nomination passed 4-3. Mrs. Bookman, Ms. Al Amin and Mr. Folks were the dissenting votes.

**Public Comment**

Maximus Weikel

Mr. Weikel questioned the current status of the new AFSCME contract signing. It has been expired for a year. AFSCME members are eager to get the contract signed. He asked Council to please add it to their New Year Resolution list and get a quick vote.

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to close public comments; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-01 – City Council Meeting Dates**

Vice President Green made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-01, City Council Meeting Dates for the year 2019; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service**

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-02, Designation Emergency Response Services; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-03 – 2019 Tax Anticipation Note Revision**

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-03, the Tax Anticipation Note Revision; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Adopt Robert Rules of Order for the Year 2019**

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for the year 2019; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

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

**Comments – City Council President**

President Lavender-Norris thanked those who chose to support her remaining as Council President. It has truly been a pleasure working with you all in the past year. I look forward to greater things this year and years coming. Just coming together we can make it happen. Thank you and I appreciate you. Happy New Year.

**Comments – City Council Vice President**

Vice President Green stated she is thankful and grateful for those who supports her. I am excited about this year and I think about all of our meeting times and efforts. There will be fruition this spring. I am excited and happy to continue in moving the City forward.

**Comments – City Council Members**

Mrs. Bookman wished everyone a Happy New Year. I am excited for this New Year. It's going to be a great year, a year with lots of growth. As usual. Thank you all for coming out.

Ms. Al Amin wished everyone a Happy New Year. I look forward to working to move Coatesville forward. Safe travels and have a good evening.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a Happy New Year. I echo all my colleagues and look forward to another positive year. Thank you to everyone for the prayers for my husband. His surgery was successful. Sorry I was late to the meeting. Have a good night.

Mr. Folks stated "Anyone can be a boss, to be a great boss you have to fire somebody." Happy New Year

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Happy New Year. My schedule should be back to normal in the next couple weeks. I will be back to antagonizing everyone. Congratulations to everyone. I look forward to a good year next year. There is a lot of projects in the pipeline coming to fruition.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion passed 7-0.