

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 1, 2016

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Msrs, Edward Simpson, Joseph Hamrick, Mrs. Carmen Green, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced an Executive Session was held on February 1, 2016 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Lavender-Norris announced Vice President Lawson will not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve the January 11, 2016 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to add regular action item 8) Emergency Declaration Ordinance; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Coatesville Train Station update – Jenn Granger, PennDot
Mr. Granger provided Council and the RDA members with a Coatesville Train Station project timeline and conceptual renderings of the Coatesville Transit Oriented development and education center, Train Station and the 3rd Avenue Streetscapes. The Streetscapes (3rd Avenue and Lincoln Highway to Fleetwood Street) construction will begin this year and anticipated to take a year or less. The project consists of parking, lighting, improved streets, etc... The City staff and Redevelopment Authority members have been working closely with PennDot and DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) on the project. They have submitted two multi-modal grant application. There are three phases to the project 1st phase) streetscapes improvements; 2nd phase) construction of the relocated Fleetwood Street; the final phase 3) construction of the platform and the train station. The budget situation in Harrisburg has put a hold on some of the finances for the project.

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

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

There were no citizen's hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Discuss certificate of recognition
2. Discuss update for the Adopt-A-Park program
3. Discussion of members for the unity day committee
Council moved items to the next meeting due to the absence of Vice President Lawson who requested the items to be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider reappointment to the Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees. Darrell Williams to the reserve Trust Fund for the term 2016-2017.
Mr. Simpson made a motion to table the appointment of Darrell Williams until the next Council meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Receive resignation from Michael Mauphin from the UCC Board of Appeals.
Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept the resignation from Michael Mauphin for the UCC Appeals Board; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Receive and consider a Resolution authorizing the City's sale/trade of vehicles and other equipment identified herein by means of Municibid or trade-in pursuant to costars purchase for new vehicles, or by public bid or auction consistent with the requirements of the Third Class City Code.
Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's sale/trade of vehicles and other equipment identified herein by means of Municibid or trade-in pursuant to costars purchase for new vehicles, or by public bid or auction consistent with the requirements of the Third Class City Code; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Receive and consider purchase order for Street Sweeper
Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the purchase order for a street sweeper; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
5. Receive and consider conditional employment offers for part-time officers
Mr. Hamrick made a motion to appoint Kevin M. Costino; Richard J. Howell, Ryan J. Herman and John P. Bogan for conditional appointment as a part-time Patrol Officer in the City subject to successful completion of a medical and psychological evaluation; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
6. Receive and consider list of Constables
Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve constable services from Clinton Hurst, Lamont Sellars, Ricky Campbell, Steve Force, Ray Sheller, Kenny Hopton, Glenn Markley and Clayton Ayers; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
7. Receive and consider press release for delinquent trash fees
Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the press release from Portnoff Law Associates regarding the delinquent trash fees; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
8. Receive and consider an Ordinance declaring a State of Emergency/Emergency Snow Declaration/Travel Ban
Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the Ordinance declaring the State of Emergency/Emergency Snow Declaration/Travel Ban for the City of Coatesville effective at 7:00

pm January 22, 2016 and to remain in effect until the emergency abated; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Simpson excused himself from the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Solicitors Report

The development agreements, funding from escrow and has been obtained and all are acceptable from Family Dollar. There were some minor changes to the plans recommended by the City Engineer.

An escrow account with DEPG has been established and requires a W-9 to be used to cover legal and engineering related costs. Reviewing the CRP grant and other aspects of the development including multi-modal application for highway improvements on Lincoln Highway and Fleetwood Street.

Worked on various matters involving litigation and assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced he has been working hand in hand with DEPG (Legend Properties) and the Train Station. The City is assisting to get funding for the Parking garage.

We are close to closing the Code Enforcement process. The paperwork will be presented to Council in their packet for the next meeting.

Appreciate staff and people who worked for and with the City to help us clean up the snow.

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

Robert Milliken

Mr. Milliken announced he works/volunteers at the Chester County Association for the Blind in Coatesville. He explained the Association is having budgetary issues and asked for exemption on the solid waste fees.

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone complimented the Police, Fire, Public Works, Council and staff on the removal of the snow. Council members were on Facebook keeping the residents apprised and Mr. Simpson was plowing the snow. The residents worked together to remove snow.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked City staff for their assistance during the worst snow storm since 1996. We will do better the next time. The City did the best we could with what we have. Contractors came into the City to help.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She acknowledged Public Works and the staff for their good job with what we had. The community came together, men and kids were out shoveling.

There was equipment that went bad but the City made the best of it. Everyone expects everything done right at that moment. The main concern for the City is safety 1st.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting and sticking to the end. She thanked Mr. Millicken for his civic duty to the Blind Association. There has never been a storm as bad as the storm in 1958. She quoted "Rights that do not flow from duty well performed are not worth having." by Mahatma Gandhi.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She echoed the sentiments of the previous Council members. She thanked staff and administration for keeping Council apprised during and after the storm.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She received both compliments and complaints from residents on work done or not done. The City was in no worse shape than the surrounding municipalities. She thanked Mr. Johnson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Troupe and Mr. Butler for their work during the storm. Public Works was called out to rescue the Police Department and Fire Department with stuck vehicles. She promised issues are being dealt with regarding the bad equipment (hopefully in 1-2 months will be ratified). She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm: Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.