

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2015

Interviews

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Shaw's his main motivation for being on Council. Mr. Shaw explained that he has been involved in the community. He will take responsibility to help make the community better. He would like to contribute to the City in a broader sense.

Mrs. Hunt asked Mr. Shaw his political party. Mr. Shaw replied independent

Mr. Carnes asked Mr. Shaw if he's registered voter. Mr. Shaw replied yes, for as far back as he can remember.

Mr. Hamrick asked Mr. Shaw how long his lived in the city. Mr. Shaw replied he is worked in the City since 2000 and moved into the City in 2004.

President Lavender-Norris asked Mr. Shaw to clarify that Mr. Shaw put in his name and was not prodded to fulfill the vacancy. Mr. Shaw replied that no per person prodded him to be on Council. There was no human coercion.

Mr. Simpson explain the council is s more than just two meetings a month. Mr. Shaw stated that when he makes commitment he stays with the commitment.

Mrs. Hunt asked how easy Mr. Shaw is persuaded. Mr. Shaw explained that he has strong convictions, and he is representing the fourth Ward and their interests. He believes that if we work together, the teamwork will balance.

President Lavender-Norris asked Mr. Shaw his short term goals. Mr. Shaw explained that there are two goals within the city government 1) finance and budget and 2) professional leadership. In the broader sense the community overall would be 1) the economic component and 2) growth in the character component.

Vice President Lawson asked Mr. Shaw why he's excited for Council now as he is lived in the city for years. Mr. Shaw explained that he always been involved in the City. The timing is critical and due to the city situations with the city manager's resignation and Mr. Collins resigning from Council, he feels that it is important is an important time to get more involved in helping to move the City forward.

President Lavender-Norris asked Mr. Shaw about his commitment if only appointed until the election. What if the competition in the election wins, will he still be involved in the city. Mr. Shaw said that he is not lot sure how long he will hold the position, but he is made a commitment for how short and how long to move the community forward.

Mrs. Jones asked Mr. Shaw in what other entities is he involved. Mr. Shaw explained he is currently the executive director for life transforming ministries; Treasurer for the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce (President in 2011). He has been and is involved in various committees. He has provided the information on his resume.

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Council Vice President Marie Lawson, Mssr, Joseph Hamrick, Edward Simpson, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. Staff members present included City Solicitor John Carnes, Fire Administrator Nick Saites, and Police Chief John Laufer.

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

There were no citizens' hearings on regular action items at this time.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider candidate to fulfill the 4th Ward Council Vacancy

President Lavender-Norris announced there were two candidates but the other person will be running in the election.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to appoint Bill Shaw to fulfill the 4th Ward City Council Vacancy; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick said he was disheartened by the meeting for the Train Station. PennDot is controlling the money and it has become a political nightmare. There is nothing taking place. The RDA has done everything they can. There is no timeline for the completion of the Train Station.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a goodnight.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He explained the City of Coatesville was originally first up for the Train Station, now we are the third, since the RDA and CCEDC are slowly being pushed aside. He congratulated and welcomed Mr. Shaw to City Council.

Mrs. Hunt welcomed Mr. Shaw aboard. When she first came on Council, the Veledrome was the big hoopla. The train Station was supposed to be done in 2015. She stated we need to show togetherness as a council government. When the government is divided, they will not look at us. We need a connected front were administration and Council work together. She wished everyone a good night.

Mr. Shaw thanked everyone for their confidence. He thanked God first and foremost and then his wife for her support. He thanked all for the faith people have given him to move forward. He's really excited to begin Council. It is time for the community to work together. We need to work together, set a bar, and set expectations. A goal is to figure out what attracts people to come into the city. He's thrilled to join Council and truly looks forward to working with Council and staff. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It was neat to see all who attended the Train Station meeting. The liaison position for the Council member and the department will help to know what is going on in the department and their agendas. She congratulated and welcomed Mr. Shaw to Council. Vice President Lawson wished everyone a goodnight.

President Lavender-Norris congratulated Mr. Shaw for his willingness to join the fight. She always says “we are who, we are fighting for!” Let’s not wait for the developers to start developing. Why can’t we do something to get the ball rolling? Let’s do something in wait to make the City more appealing, why the developers are working on their projects. She thanked everyone for being here and consistently here. Have a wonderful evening.

President Lavender-Norris announced Council will be going to Executive Session after the meeting to discuss legal and personnel.

Adjournment

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.