

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
545 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
February 16, 2018

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Messrs., Mrs. Deborah Bookman, and Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt. Staff members present included City Solicitor John Carnes, and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Green made a motion to add Boards and Commissions; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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

There were no citizens' hearing on regular action times.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider new member of City Council representing the Second Ward

Mr. Carnes announced Delores Williams and Jarrell Brazzle submitted letters of interest are present.

Vice President Green nominated Jarrell Brazzle; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-1. Mrs. Hunt was the dissenting vote. Motion must be majority of total Council membership.

Mr. Carnes explained per code section 2-208 filling of vacancies. The Council, by a majority vote if its total membership, shall within 30 days from the time of office becomes vacant, make an interim appointment of a qualified person per section 202-4 to fill the vacancy.

Should sufficient vacancies exist so that Council lacks the necessary majority to make the appointment, the Court of Common Pleas, upon petition of any Council member or any five registered voters of the City, shall make interim appointments to fill the vacancies.

Should the Council, for any reason, fail to fill a vacancy within 30 days after the vacancy occurs, the Court of Common Pleas, upon petition of any council member or any five registered voters of the City, shall make the interim appointments to fill the vacancies which may exist.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris apologized to the applicants and Judge Koon for attending the meeting and no action being taken. This is the second time they have attended with the action.

Mr. Brazzle explained the same thing happened when a council member resigned when he was on Council before. It takes four votes to get a new member on.

2. Boards and Commissions

Vice President Green explained there are times when people attend the meetings and may have to leave or they are unable to attend the meetings when appointments are being approved. It is hard to get applicants for the Boards and Commissions and we should not turn away appointments

because they are unable to attend the Council meeting. Mrs. Hunt explained she has no problem if the appointee contacts the City and has a valid excuse as to why they cannot attend, but feels if they are able to attend and want to be on a committee, they can commit to attending the appointment meetings. Mrs. Bookman explained when she was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, her husband, was unable to make the meeting so it took another couple weeks before the commission had enough members. If a person is interested and qualified, we should appoint them.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve appointing members to Boards and Commissions if they are unable to attend the meeting when the appointments are approved; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by unanimous decision.