

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville PA
March 14, 2016

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Marie Lawson, Msrs, Edward Simpson, Joseph Hamrick, 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 March 14, 2016 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Lavender-Norris announced Mrs. Green would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the February 22, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Lawson made a motion to add discussion item 1) Community Day and delete action time 10) Zoning amendment and add presentation 2) Sonia Huntzinger; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Certificate of Recognition – Dom Brown
President Lavender-Norris read and presented the certificate of recognition to Mr. Dom Brown.
2. Sonia Huntzinger, Economic Development Administrator
Ms. Huntzinger thanked everyone for inviting her into the community. She welcomes all to call her with their ideas. She looks forward to working with everyone.

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

Indira Sammy

Ms. Sammy made a suggestion on due process on clarification. She asked for a reasonable time for the landlord to make repairs filed in any complaints.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans asked for transparency in seeing the text of Resolutions and Ordinances prior to approvals.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider appointment of Fran Scamuffa to the Vacant Property Review Committee for the term 2014-2017.
Vice President Lavender-Norris made a motion to appoint Fran Scamuffa to the Vacant Property Committee for the term 2014-2017; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Receive and consider Resolution 2nd Century Alliance
Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve a Resolution supporting the Coatesville Economic Development Program Administrator; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Receive and consider labor Counsel
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to appoint Ballard Spahr as labor counsel for the City of Coatesville; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Receive and consider Resolution to amend fee schedule attached to an Ordinance No. 1471-2016 to correct typographical errors in the Housing Standards and rental Inspections & Rental Inspections Chapter , Section 2 & 3 9and clarification as to supporting information provided in Section 1 relating to a required lease being supplied) and adding procedural requirements for a “Tenant generated complaint inspection)
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve a resolution to amend fee schedule attached to an Ordinance No. 1471-2016 to correct typographical errors in the Housing Standards and rental Inspections & Rental Inspections Chapter, Section 2 & 3 (and clarification as to supporting information provided in Section 1 relating to a required lease being supplied) and adding procedural requirements for a “Tenant generated complaint inspection) with amendment (in Writing); Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
5. Receive and consider First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108-1 Fees as follows: 1) amending Section 108-1 I. (2) by adding new subsections (A) through (D) establishing charges for disposal of large items, I.E. televisions, computer monitors, tires, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners: and , 2) amending the exhibit to Ordinance 1471-2016 (revising the fee schedule at Chapter 108-1) with respect to a “tenant generated complaint inspection” to provide prior notice and opportunity to cure the landlord with tenant liable for inspection fee if no violations found and landlord liable for inspection fee if violations found after notice and opportunity to cure.
Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve First Reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 108-1 Fees as follows: 1) amending Section 108-1 I. (2) by adding new subsections (A) through (D) establishing charges for disposal of large items, I.E. televisions, computer monitors, tires, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners: and , 2) amending the exhibit to Ordinance 1471-2016 (revising the fee schedule at Chapter 108-1) with respect to a “tenant generated complaint inspection” to provide prior notice and opportunity to cure the landlord with tenant liable for inspection fee if no violations found and landlord liable for inspection fee if violations found after notice and opportunity to cure; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
6. Receive and consider Resolution approving municibid offers and sale of vehicles
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the sale of seven of the eight vehicles to the highest bidder on Municibid minus the tractomotive; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Receive and consider soliciting bids for pool repairs
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve soliciting bids for Ash Park Pool, Palmer Park Pool and the Riverwalk Splash Pad repairs; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
8. Receive and consider RFP for Fireworks on July 16, 2016
Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve advertising the RFP for the 2016 fireworks changing the date from July 16 to July 9; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
9. Receive and consider bid proceedings for entering into a one year farming lease for City property known as the "Conti Property"
Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve bid proceedings for entering into a one year farming lease for City property known as the "Conti Property"; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
10. Receive and consider Adopt-A-Park Program
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to table the Adopt-A-Park Program until further clarification from the solicitor; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Community Day
Mrs. Hunt announced the Community day will be held on July 9th instead of the previous stated date of July 16, 2016.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced

- Family Dollar Store – Plans and storm water agreement are signed and notarized. Developer will file with Office of the recorder of deeds
- Resolution prepared to add procedural requirements with respect to "tenant generated inspection.
- Ordinance prepared addressing additional fees for disposal of bulk items.
- Worked with DEPG and DePetris to advance revitalization and assist the City on other aspects of the development.
- DEPG proposed Ordinance (Mixed Use Overlay) delivered to County Planning Commission
- Reviewed insurance claims and other potential liabilities of the City for the auditor
- 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

- The lease for the District Court to move to City Hall has been received.
- Working with DEPG on various initiatives - funding has been identified by the County and Multimodal
- The new street sweeper has been order and hope to have it in May. (Capital Issues)
- Municibid was very successful. The City received almost double of trade in value for the vehicles combined.
- Vintage Car Grand Prix website will be up in running within ten days. Right now there are 40 cars signed up. There will be a car show and motorcycle show portion.
- There are more good things to come.

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

Pastor Heard

Pastor Heard submitted a special event for their annual carnival to be held at Gateway Park. The carnival will be held July 12 – 16, 2016.

Mischa Overby

Ms. Overby inquired on how she can become involved in the community. She would like to be more of help to Council and the city residents. Vice President Lawson explained many events are posted on Facebook. President Lavender-Norris suggested joining a Board or Commission.

John Pawlowski

Mr. Pawlowski provided an update on the Riverwalk. He has collected \$8,000 towards the third gazebo and has applied for two grants. He asked for son kind of award for Mrs. Regina Horton-Lewis. For all she has done. The West End needs beautification.

Lucas Rodgers

Mr. Rodgers announced he will no longer be working on articles for the City of Coatesville. He will be working on editorials. Council thanked him for his fair coverage of the City of Coatesville. It was an honor to work with you and good luck to you.

David Long

Mr. Long thanked everyone for their support for his business he just opened. Mr. Long is the owner of Fuel City. He thanked Sergeant Ollis and Vice President Lawson for their marketing. He announced the Café will be holding “Coffee with the Chief” on the first Wednesday of the month from 8 am to 10 am. He thanked Lucas for all his articles on his café. The ribbon cutting will be on March 22, 2016.

Indira Sammy

Ms. Sammy announced she is volunteering on April 2nd for the clean-up in West End on April 2, 2016. She will be happy to help out. She thanked Council for all their good work.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans announced that Mr. Long is also the owner of the Upscale ReSale Business. Mr. Evans announced the Economic Administrator will be starting soon, hopefully there will be banners flying over soon. He is concerned regarding the bill and data files and the \$500 fine for those landlords who do not pay on time.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked the Second Alliance for the Coordinator. She will do a great job. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting, the crowd is getting bigger. She quoted Eleanor Roosevelt “Do one thing every day that scares you.”

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed Ms. Sonia Huntzinger, Economic Development Coordinator, to the City. There will be a clean-up in the West End Park on April 2, 2016. Have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She welcomed Fuel City to the City of Coatesville. Fuel City is in her ward. She thanked the landlords for their passion in what they do. She agreed with Mr. Pawlowski on something being done for Ms. Regina.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She welcomed Ms. Scamuffa to the Commissions. She thanked Mr. Pawlowski for his work on the Riverwalk. The hard work is paying off. She announced the March 19th Easter egg hunt and thanked staff for their assistance and the generous people who have donated. There will be a clean-up event in the West End Park on April 2, 2016. Fuel City is an awesome addition to the City of Coatesville. Ms. Huntzinger welcome to the City. Thank you Ms. Regina for all that you do and thanks to Public Works for the poles and signs on Oak Street.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The future is looking brighter. I anticipate working together. Welcome Ms. Huntzinger, I look forward to working with you. Be Safe, Be blessed and have a good night.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.