

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
545 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
March 26, 2018

CITY OF COATESVILLE

COATESVILLE CITY HALL

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Messrs., Edward Simpson, John Guerrero, Mrs. Deborah Bookman, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Mrs. Delores Williams. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Police Chief John Laufer, Codes Department Scott Mulderig, Finance Department Amanda Gattuso and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening March 26, 2018 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Appointment of Council Member for the At-Large Position

Mr. Simpson nominated John Guerrero for City Council at Large; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. President Lavender-Norris was the dissenting vote.

President Lavender-Norris nominated Joseph Hamrick for City Council At Large. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Swear in Council Member for 2nd Ward and At-Large Position

Mrs. Delores Williams was sworn in as 2nd Ward City Council Member as her Mon held the Bible by the Honorable Judge Koon.

Mr. John Guerrero was sworn in as At Large City Council Member as Nancy Wood held the Bible by the Honorable Judge Koon.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the March 12, 2018 meeting minutes; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-2. Mr. Guerrero and Mrs. Williams abstained from the vote.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Vice President Green asked for a breakdown of the Cedarville bills by escrows, reimbursables, grants, etc...

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to delete Presentation 1) Latifah Lamb and add Freedom Life Helicopter Candy Drop as a presentation and delete Discussion items 1 & 2; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Freedom Life, Gabriel Draper – Helicopter Candy Drop

Mrs. Draper explained the helicopter will not be dropping the candy over the kids. The children will be held back until after the candy is dropped. Should the kids run out the helicopter will stop dropping the candy and move on. The insurance information has been provided to the City from the Church and the Helicopter Company.

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

There were no citizen's comments on regular action items only.

Regular Action Items

1. Helicopter Candy Drop

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Helicopter Candy Drops with conditions; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Receive and consider conditional offer of employment for Part time Police Officers

President Lavender-Norris announced the Civil Service Commission has provided us with the certified list of Part time Police Officer applicants who have successfully completed the oral and written exams for appointment. The Third Class City Code requires that the Chief of Police nominate a candidate from among the three highest ranked applicants on the eligibility list. These appointments are for the position of part-time Patrol Officer within the Coatesville Police Department. Any candidate who is eligible for veterans' preference under the Third Class City Code, appearing on the list of three candidates must be selected. Candidates appointed tonight by council will be conditionally appointed subject to successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological evaluation.

The first list of three candidates for consideration by Council are ranked by score as follows:

1. Joshua L. Mowery
2. James B. Mains
3. Lennard Smith

From this list, Chief Laufer has nominated all three members Joshua L. Mowery, James B. Mains and Lennard Smith for conditional appointment as a part-time Patrol Officer in the City Police Department. The hiring of the three applicants will exhaust the current civil service list.

Vice President Green moved that Joshua L. Mowery, James B. Mains and Lennard Smith be appointed as a part-time Patrol Officers in the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and psychological examination.

Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carries and Joshua L. Mowery, James B. Mains and Lennard Smith are appointed as a Patrol Officer on a part-time basis, subject to successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological exam

Discussion Item

1. Eagle Contract stipulations for trash/recycling not collected

Mr. Trio announced as per the contract on page 11, the City Manager has a right to impose a fine. Mr. Saites usually gets call and contacts Eagle Disposal to come out and comply. Vice President Green stated there are areas in the City where it is not enforced. Mr. Trio asked for a list of the locations to provide to Eagle Disposal.

2. PW Salt Shed Roof

Mr. Trio announced the salt shed is currently unsafe and in need of replacement. The roof/hut was purchased for \$8,000 as an emergency. The City will be submitting an RFP for the base walls and foundation with an estimated cost of \$20 – 25k.

Solicitors Report

John Carnes announced:

- City Hall renovation project is moving forward
- OIC 22nd 5th Avenue submitted a conditional use hearing
- Fourth Avenue Project - working to obtain Right of Way Agreements and Temporary Construction Agreements.
- The Zoning amendment for signage has been sent to the County.
- Assisted with various miscellaneous matters involving litigation and enforcement and has assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations and various personnel issues.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- On pace with the schedule on the City Hall Renovations
- CASD meeting tomorrow to discuss the LERTA
- Unity Day will be held on July 21, 2018 – Finance working on the RFP
- Grand Prix will be held September 22, 2018
- Attended a Western Chester County Chamber meeting to provide an overview of the projects in the City.

Mr. Trio welcomed the new interim Council members.

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

Darrell Williams

Mr. Williams asked for speed limit signs around Ash Park. People fly up and down the streets. Chief Laufer suggested “Children at Play” signs. Mr. Williams suggested cameras in and around the parks. The activities in the parks is changing.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans congratulated the new council members. He asked for the Trust Fund documents. In a previous article John Carnes stated the City must reimburse the Trust Fund. There is no amount shown on the financial statement to be repaid.

Paul Dodson

Mr. Dodson suggested reactivating the PAL program or maybe more programs for the youth. If we save one child it is worth it. The City should try to get the foot beat police officer back in the downtown area. Parking meters chase people away, people should nit have to pay to park in front of their homes.

Sonia Huntzinger

Ms. Huntzinger announced the 2nd Century Alliance will be holding an informational service Thursday morning.

Diane Brownfield

Ms. Brownfield thanked Council for what is offered with Keystone to pay the real estate/trash bills. She asked if we are getting another Sweeps Officer.

Chief Laufer announced Operation Nighthawk. The operation was dedicated to late Trooper Kenton Iwaniec, who was killed in March 2008 when he was struck head-on by an impaired driver while heading home after leaving a shift at the Avondale barracks. He was 24. Since Iwaniec’s death his family has led a passionate effort to spread awareness about the dangers of impaired driving. The family has also raised money to equip police with portable Breathalyzer units. On Saturday the Iwaniec family spoke to the police officers and state troopers who participated in the enforcement effort.

A cooperative police effort resulted in 47 Dui arrests on the first night and more on Saturday in Chester County as law enforcement took an aggressive stand against impaired driving with ‘Operation Nighthawk.’”

A total of 150 officers participated in the specialized training and enforcement program across Chester County. The Iwaniec family donated a portable breathalyzer to the City of Coatesville. The have donated over 1,000 breathalyzers to various entities.

Special Events

The special event was previously moved to action items.

Council Comments

Mr. Williams thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcoming her to City Council.

Mr. Guerrero thanked everyone for attending the meeting and welcoming him to City Council. I want to bring a positive change back to the City of Coatesville.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting and sharing your thoughts. Congratulations to the interim Council members. She thanked the Chief for his concerns for the citizens. Awesome Police Department.

Mrs. Bookman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I thoroughly enjoy being on Council, and hope the new members will enjoy. She had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Trio to go over the workings of the various departments. (Goldstar for the information provided) Have a good evening.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Excited for the Helicopter Candy Drop, It is something new in the City. Excited about everything new in the City and the different events going on. She thanked the Chief for doing a good job. There is a lot of Police – Youth interaction. She thanked staff for all you do.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She announced City Council is floating the thought of having the first meeting as a work session and the second meeting will be for voting. Council will have more time to discuss various items put before them. We want to get stern with all our work, all for the good of the City. She welcomed and thanked the new members of City Council. She works for and with the Community.

Adjournment

Vice President Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.