

MINUTES  
CITY OF COATESVILLE  
Regular Meeting  
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, Pa 19320  
Council Chambers, Coatesville City Hall  
April 8, 2019

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Mr. Donald Folks, Mr. Edward Simpson, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Ms. Khadijah Al Amin. Staff members present included: City Manager, Michael Trio, Assistant City Manager, James Logan, Police Chief, John Laufer, Finance Department, Peter Barsz and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the March 25, 2019 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payable**

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Ms. Al Amin and Mr. Folks were the dissenting votes.

**Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda**

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to table action item 6) 723 Merchant Street plan approval and add Action time 6a) Financial Investment; add subject to review to action items 6.4 and 6.5 action times and discussion 7.2 Branding in Coatesville

**Presentations**

1. Kyle Wegman – Cross Fit Gym  
There was no presentation at this time.

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

There were no citizens' hearings on regular action items only.

**Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, as amended, Part II, "General Legislation," by adding Chapter 70, "All-Terrain Vehicles and Dirt Bikes" for the purpose of regulating the use of all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes; and including §70-1, "Purpose." Addressing the

purpose of the new chapter; §70-2, “Definitions,” defining terms used in the new chapter; §70-3, “Registration Requirements,” addressing registration of ATV’s and dirt bikes; §70-4, “Compliance with State Law,” requiring compliance with the Pennsylvania Law; §70-5, “Operation and Use,” setting forth the requirements for the operations and use of ATV’s and dirt bikes; §70-6 “Violations and Penalties,” establishing liability for violations and penalties to be imposed; §70-7, “Impoundment of ATV or Dirt Bike,” setting forth the procedure for impoundment and redemption of ATV’s and dirt bikes used in violation of the Chapter.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance amending the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, as amended, Part II, “General Legislation,” by adding Chapter 70, “All-Terrain Vehicles and Dirt Bikes” for the purpose of regulating the use of all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes; and including §70-1, “Purpose.” Addressing the purpose of the new chapter; §70-2, “Definitions,” defining terms used in the new chapter; §70-3, “Registration Requirements,” addressing registration of ATV’s and dirt bikes; §70-4, “Compliance with State Law,” requiring compliance with the Pennsylvania Law; §70-5, “Operation and Use,” setting forth the requirements for the operations and use of ATV’s and dirt bikes; §70-6 “Violations and Penalties,” establishing liability for violations and penalties to be imposed; §70-7, “Impoundment of ATV or Dirt Bike,” setting forth the procedure for impoundment and redemption of ATV’s and dirt bikes used in violation of the Chapter; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for years 2019 thru 2022

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement for years 2019-2022 with the with the change to \$530.00 for clothing allowance subject to withholding tax; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Laufer thanked everyone involved in the process of negotiations and settling the contract.

3. Receive and consider Richard Troutman as Finance Director

Vice President Green made a motion to appoint Richard Troutman as Finance Director; President Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Hunt was not present for the vote.

4. Receive and consider Memorandum of Lease between Coatesville Bypass Outdoor, LLC and the City of Coatesville

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Lease between Coatesville Bypass Outdoor, LLC and the City of Coatesville subject to review; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider Display Lessor Agreement and Estoppel Certificate between the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Bypass Outdoor, LLC

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve the Display Lessor Agreement and Estoppel Certificate between the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Bypass Outdoor, LLC subject to review; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

6a. Receive and consider financial investments

Mrs. Green made a motion to authorize investing the funds of the City of Coatesville in the amount of \$3,935,536.53 as follows: 1) invest \$1,760,150.00 into a money market with an interest rate of 2.5%; 2) invest \$1,600,000.00 into a 12 month certificate of deposit with an interest rate of 2.83%; and 3) invest \$575,396.53 into a 24 month certificate of deposit with an interest rate of 3.10%

7. Receive and consider sign permit application from Brandywine Health Foundation to place thirteen banners for the 2019 Strawberry Festival along Lincoln Highway from Strode Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue from May 1, 2019 to June 8, 2019

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the sign permit application from Brandywine Health Foundation to place thirteen (13) banners for the 2019 Strawberry Festival along Lincoln Highway from Strode Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue from May 1, 2019 to June 8, 2019; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to close action items; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Discussion Item**

a. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

b. Branding in Coatesville

Mrs. Hunt suggested branding of City and making it a special place. There is so much rich history in Coatesville. Love to see it displayed and not lost. There were three suggestions as follows:

1. Rename the Community Center to the Pop Ramson Community Center (First recipient of the Mac Stuber Award and inductee into the Coatesville Hall of Fame)
2. Rename Gateway Park to Lukens Family Park at Gateway. (Lukens Family was the source of survival at one time in the City. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue is a significant area to the Lukens)

3. Name a block between 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Chestnut Street to Doris A. Spann Street. (responsible for 1<sup>st</sup> Food Cupboard, 1<sup>st</sup> Planned Parenthood and 1<sup>st</sup> young mothers back to school)

Council suggested developing a list of any potential recipients of who enriched the City's history.

### **Solicitors Report**

Mr. Verwey announced that he:

- Worked on a Code Enforcement litigation matter
- Addressed contracting and grant issues
- Worked on land development matters
- Worked on real estate matters
- Addressed personnel issues
- Responded to inquiries
- Responded to inquiries on various legal issues

Vice President Green asked Council members who have questions for solicitor to write them down and give them to him at the meeting, so we can discuss or he can research for next meeting.

### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Logan read the City Manager report.

- First and Lincoln Highway intersection will begin next week
- Two Digital Boards are being developed in the City (Route 82 and bypass 30, and amphitheater at Gateway Park). Estoppel was approved this evening to support financing.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Streetscapes to begin within next couple of weeks.
- The Baker Property will be rebranded "Brandywine View. Compact single, Family DD;s and multifamily design.
- Train Station continues to move forward – Recent recipient of \$1 million grant from Chester County Commissioners to support public parking garage.
- Arrogas sports bar at Coatesville Cultural Center is in design and moving forward – Projected to open October 2019
- Renovation and adaptive use has started at the old Lipkins Warehouse by Mark Lane, LLC
- Renovation and adaptive use has started at the Chertok Warehouse by Spartan Co.

- The City will be installing a new outdoor fitness center with a grant from the National Fitness Campaign. The fitness center will be approximately a 25' x 30' outdoor exercise center and finished in 2020.
- Submitted two CRP grants \$1 million for Train Station and \$800,000 for inlets.
- Coatesville Grand Prix September 21, 2019
- Coatesville Unity Day and Fireworks July 6, 2019
- Easter Egg Hunt April 13, 2019
- Coatesville Nite Out – May 4, 2019 – recognizing the youth teams of Coatesville.

### **Assistant City Manager Report**

Included in City Manager Report reading.

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

#### John Pawloski

Mr. Pawloski explained that in 1867, Coatesville was incorporated as a borough. It has 2 Ordinances, 1 for walking animals in the streets and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for anti-littering. Mr. Pawloski said South Church Street in the West End has become a dumping ground. The litter is along Lukens Fences. He received a letter from Lukens giving the City permission to clean up. Council suggested sending a nice letter to Lukens and have them clean up their property.

#### Roberta Consentina

Ms. Consentina announced Fresh2You will be putting in the permit for the produce truck. She voiced her concerns about the trash in her neighborhood and thrown in her front yard.

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

### **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

### **Council Comments**

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Keep our City in prayer, there have been a lot of deaths in town. If you pray, just lift this City up.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting and spending the evening with us. I look forward to bringing things back into the City. We are continuing to get things moving.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Safe travels and good night.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. In going over the Manager and Assistant City Manager report a lot is going on. I just want to acknowledge the organizations we have partnered and especially to our Commissioners Kathi Cazzone, Terrence Ferrell and Michelle Kichline. They have been super great to us. It has been their support of the City that was instrumental in getting SEPTA to come here. They have reached out to them and employed them to come back to the City of Coatesville and given us a million dollars for the parking structure; worked with us in connection to the parks providing funding for Palmer Park; helping us with the National Fitness Center (which Mr. Logan is instrumental in bringing in). I just want to acknowledge there is a lot going on such as the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project getting ready to start, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and \*2 realignment is beginning. I am excited right now for what is going on in the City of Coatesville and thank partners like this who are believing in us. I believe personally that it's time for the City to get what it deserves. There was an informational meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Streetscapes last week and I believe two more will be held before work begins. We do have Unity Day coming up. I would like to see that in the reports, Unity Day is before the Grand Prix. We have to start working on Unity Day and every year, I want it to be better and better. Same thing with the Summer Jazz Festival, better and better each year. Are we going to have the Festivals in July or August? It seems to rain every Friday in August. The Coatesville Night Out is something that is well deserved. I know the Basketball Team won the championship and people were saying we should have a parade or we should do this or we should do that. It's not only our Basketball team, it's the football team. We need to acknowledge our youth. Our football, our basketball team did a phenomenal job, and so did the band which won the state championship and the swim team. I thought having something like this, Coatesville Night Out, where the whole community coming together and having different people cater the event, would be a wonderful idea and a celebration. There are a lot of positive things going on now. Mr. Pawlowski, I did see your photographs and I know how you care about the littering. I do know we are in the process of hiring one more Public Works employee that can help us out. I think that the property is owned by Arcelor Mittal, we need more than an approval from them for cleaning up the property. They should clean it up, but if we clean it up, we need to charge them. They have a responsibility to be good stewards also and clean up their property like everyone else. Ms. Roberta, I am not sure when you purchased your property, but one of the things when you own a property with an open front, people walk by and drop stuff. It's really an inconvenience, you can invest in a fence or you will be open to all that and trying to prove this is your trash and this is mine is impossible unless you have cameras that show the people dumping in your yard. There is no way in pin pointing who is doing it. Just want to thank everyone for coming out.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for coming out and encourage you to come out to the Community Update meeting and get more detail about the businesses that are coming and

those that are being renewed. Please come out the event is at the Brandywine Health Center beginning at 8pm. It is open to the public. Invite your friends, anybody you think would be interested and even invite those who may not seem interested and allow them to become interested. The City is on the move and we don't want to leave anyone behind, because we want to move everyone forward. Mr. Logan you did a wonderful job running the meeting for the first time. Thank you all for coming out, staying out and being a part of our meeting. We do appreciate you and look forward to seeing you in two weeks. Have a blessed evening and be safe on your way home.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Folks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.