

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
April 10, 2017

Call to Order

President Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:44 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President C. Arvilla Hunt, Vice President Marie Lawson, Msrs. Edward Simpson, Mrs. Carmen Green, Mrs. Linda Lavender-Norris and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Police Chief John Laufer, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Finance Department Joe Egan and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Hunt announced an executive session was held earlier this evening April 10, 2017 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Hunt Announced Mr. Hamrick would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

There were no minutes presented for approval

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Green asked for Discussion item 3) Certificate of Recognition to be added to the agenda

Presentations

1. 3ctLive - Alray Johnson, Michael Dunn

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dunn were not in attendance for a presentation. Mr. Trio announced that he has been working with 3ctLive, the School District and Ms. Huntzinger.

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

Deborah Bookman

Ms. Bookman asked for clarification regarding the Smoker Farm. Mr. Carnes explained the City of Coatesville owns land outside of the city limits. The land is leased annually for farming. Smoker Farm submitted a bid for the farming.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider entering into a farming lease for City property with Smoker Farm

Mr. Carnes announced Mr. Smoker submitted a bid price for 1 year of \$150 per acre per year and a bid price of \$230 per acre per year for 3 years. The documents will need to further review and discussed with Mr. Smoker before approval.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to table entering into a lease with Smoker Farm until further review: Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion tabled 6-0.

2. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville (the City) to enter into a “bank Qualified lease agreement for purpose of acquiring 4 police vehicles (two (2) 2017 Ford Interceptor and two (2) 2017 Ford Explorers) pursuant to COSTAR contracts and incurring lease obligations (not in excess of \$140,221.42) for the police vehicles) to be evidenced by lease purchase agreements with the bank (the “Lessor”) to which the City will pay to lessor the rental payments for the purposes of providing the said equipment for the City; authorizing the execution and delivery of such lease purchase agreements; setting forth the amounts of rental payments to be made thereunder and covenanting to pay such amounts from current revenues, subject to annual appropriation; authorizing and directing the taking of necessary or appropriate actions including execution and delivery of requisite documents in connection with the lease purchase agreements; and taking related actions.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville (the City) to enter into a “bank Qualified lease agreement for purpose of acquiring 4 police vehicles (two (2) 2017 Ford Interceptor and two (2) 2017 Ford Explorers) pursuant to COSTAR contracts and incurring lease obligations (not in excess of \$140,221.42) for the police vehicles) to be evidenced by lease purchase agreements with the bank (the “Lessor”) to which the City will pay to lessor the rental payments for the purposes of providing the said equipment for the City; authorizing the execution and delivery of such lease purchase agreements; setting forth the amounts of rental payments to be made thereunder and covenanting to pay such amounts from current revenues, subject to annual appropriation; authorizing and directing the taking of necessary or appropriate actions including execution and delivery of requisite documents in connection with the lease purchase agreements; and taking related actions.; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Receive and consider anti-discrimination Ordinance

Mr. Carnes explained the Ordinance as written (following several townships) would cost money. The Ordinance needs to be further reviewed and discussed by Council regarding their expectations. A Human Resources Commission needs to be prepared and positions filled.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to table the anti-discrimination Ordinance for further review: Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion tabled 6-0.

4. Receive and consider granting Coatesville Little League used of the field at Patton Park
Vice President Lawson announced Coatesville Little League will be moving back to the West End. The Public Works Department will be taking the baseball equipment from Ash Park and put it in Patton Park.

Mr. Gorham explained the league will provide a porta potty, drag the field and take care of the safety equipment. The league has insurance.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve Coatesville Little League use of the field at Patton Park; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider Brandywine Health sign permit Application for 13 banners hung spaced evenly along Lincoln Highway beginning at Strode Avenue to 13th Avenue

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the Brandywine Health sign permit application for 13 banners hung spaced evenly along Lincoln Highway beginning at Strode Avenue to 13th Avenue; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

There were no minutes to discuss.

2. Welcome Packets

Vice President Lawson suggested bringing back “Welcome Packets” for new residents, homeowners, renters in the City.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced:

- Subdivision Plan in Valley Township will be presented before the Planning Commission on April 22, 2017
- The City solicitor has been monitor and assisting with the development of the DEPG project
- Advertised and prepared for consideration by City Council as Second Reading an Ordinance approving Lease/Purchase Financing through M&T Bank for four police cars
- Reviewed and prepared public trash bid documents and advertised for bidding with responses due by May 5, 2017
- Reviewed various draft contracts and agreements and assisted with various miscellaneous matters involving litigation and enforcement and has assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations.

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- The City hosted the first Chester County “WALK WORKS” on Thursday, April 6th. Although the days walk was rained out, a ceremony was held at City Hall to complete the kickoff! Commissioner Ferrell and City Council President Hunt and Council Member Mrs. Jones welcomed the participants. Citizens are urged to join us AND help spread the word in the Coatesville area to encourage participation in Chester County’s challenge to walk 1 billion steps in 2017!
- Continue to follow upon developer inquiries and RFI’s with Sonia Huntzinger
- Meeting with CASD and 3ctv relative to public access TV. Coordinating with 3ctv and Mr. Carnes reviewing franchise agreements with Comcast and Verizon to coordinate/complementary programming.
- 360 Building permits (including 186 rental permits) were issued in January resulting in \$29,026 of permit fees.
- Mr. Mulderig continues to address quality of life issues.
- Nick Saite, Public Works, preparing a list of material and equipment required for work.
- Civil Service Commission and testing is ongoing

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

Sonia Huntzinger

Ms. Huntzinger announced the Growing Greater Public Meeting on April 20, 2017 at the Senior Center and the City Wide Clean up on Earth Day, April 22, 2017 meeting at City Hall 8 am.

Claude Bailey – President Elite Riders, M/C club

Mr. Bailey questioned the signs posted on the building where their establishment is. He asked if the club can remove the signs or if the City will. Mr. Trio explained the signs were posted on both properties by mistake and the City will remove the signs from the one. The property is not zoned for two establishments. Mr. Bailey explained the Club does positive things in the City.

Joel Moreno – Thunderguard Puerto Rico Coatesville M/C Club

Mr. Moreno stated he understands and will apply for the zoning permits for the area they will be leasing. The club is trying to go thru the proper channels and put a good face on the motorcycle club. We do a lot for our community.

Bashera Grove

Ms. Grove received a letter from Portnoff for her solid waste. The original bills were being sent to the wrong address. Is willing to pay bill but not the additional legal fees. Mr. Egan stated the administration is meeting with Portnoff.

Anthony Harkins

Mr. Harkins presented Trustees, Tyrone Harley, Art Griffin and Quicy Teel. Mr. Harley explained that at 117 & 119 East Lincoln highway, they do not tolerate or permit illegal activity. The entity before was removed due to their activities.

Diane Brownfield

Ms. Brownfield announced Mr. Assetto and Mr. Panik have resigned from the Historical Commission. Mr. Osborn has submitted his application to be on the commission. Council asked Ms. Brownfield to have the members to submit their resignations.

Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa stated while talking to residents she received several complaints about trash on New Street. She asked for more police presence in the West End.

Vanessa Corbett

Ms. Corbett questioned her bill from Portnoff for her solid waste fees. Mr. Egan stated the administration is meeting with Portnoff to discuss the bills. Ms. Corbett stated it is not fair for people to be able to park in her handicap spot. Council explained handicap spots are not designated to one person, anyone with a handicap sign can park there.

Andrew Vilchek

Mr. Vilchek voiced his concerns on the snow removal on Chester Avenue where he lives. He cleaned his driveway and was plowed back in. On Walnut Street and Palmer Alley, The road is only cleared once, suppose emergency vehicles need to come down the road. Mrs. Green asked him to contact her.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens; hearings on non-agenda items; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

1. Ebenezer Full Gospel Baptist Church for “Good Friday Service & Food Giveaway” on April 14, 2017 from 9 am to 3 pm at Gateway Park

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve Ebenezer Full Gospel Baptist Church for “Good Friday Service & Food Giveaway” on April 14, 2017 from 9 am to 3 pm at Gateway Park; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Council Comments

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It has been very productive.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. You never know what you’re going to be impressed by, always learn something from someone or someone else. Special Athletics quote “Promote respect, acceptance and inclusion among people with or without intellectual abilities.” Thought for the Day is Special Olympics Athletic Oath “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

Mrs. Lavender Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She appreciates everyone who showed up this evening and standing up for what you believe in. Your concerns impact our decisions. If you do not come out and discuss the concerns, we cannot help.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He announced the committee for the Coatesville Grand Prix updated their website. Check it out!

Mrs. Lawson announced there will be a wiffle ball game at Ash Park on Friday April 14, 2017 from 1 -4. It will be the kids versus the Police Department. She thanked the Public Works Department for all they have done. It looks fabulous. The planting for the garden in Ash Park will be in May. Scott Mulderig has made a tremendous difference in the two weeks he has been back.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. A lot of things were presented this evening. She invited the Motorcycle clubs to Community Day to bring their bikes, teach the kids about bikes (motorcycles). She thanked all the committees and its members.

Mr. Trio thanked everyone for attending. He stated it is great to have a lot of residents here this evening. The Boards and Commission have vacancies. Would like to see the residents join.

Adjournment

Mrs. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.