

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, Pa 19320
Council Chambers, Coatesville City Hall
April 22, 2019

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:44 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, 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. Hunt and Mrs. Bookman would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the April 8, 2019 meeting minutes; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Vice President Green was not present for vote.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Vice President Green was not present for vote.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to add Presentation 2) CrossFit – Kyle Wegman and Action Item 5) New Compressor; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations

1. Rob Smith – Soccer Field

Mr. Smith announced the US Soccer Foundation awards grant three times a year to underserved communities to help cover the costs of lighting, irrigation, construction, surfacing and enhancement. Safe places to play transforms abandoned courts, empty schoolyards, vacant lots and the likes into state of the art soccer fields for kids. For communities where space is at a premium, Safe Places to Play developed what we call the mini pitch. These are small customized areas perfectly suited for organized soccer programs and pick-up games. Mini-pitches provide a quality playing surface for kids. They also transform the look and feel of neighborhoods. Hard court concrete or asphalt surfaces like unused tennis courts, basketball courts, and vacant lots are the ideal locations for mini pitches.

The JT Dorsey has a program “Soccer for Success”/ this is the 3rd year for the program with 120 youth in the program this spring held at Rainbow. The plan is to expand the program into the City.

Mr. Smith explained he will be working on getting the program and grant funding (no match) for the City to receive a “Safe Places to Play” field for the youth.

2. Crossfit – Kyle Wegman

Mr. Wegman announced Crossfit Coatesville will be opening on May 1, 2019 at 139 East Chestnut Street, Suite 104, Coatesville. Each CrossFit workout is fully scalable to challenge every level of experience, every shape, size and age. Whether you’re an athlete who’s been training for years, or someone who is completely new to fitness. CrossFit is for you. Crossfit is not a specialized fitness program, but s deliberate attempt to optimize physical competence in each of 10 recognized fitness domains: cardiovascular and respiratory endurance, stamina, strength, flexibility, power, speed, coordination, agility, balance and accuracy. Each workout consists of high intensity, constantly varied functional movements while incorporating elements from Olympic weightlifting, plyometric, powerlifting, gymnastics and calisthenics among others.

He announced a 10% discount for law enforcement, firefighting, emergency services, and military.

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

There were no citizens’ hearings for regular action items only.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a Resolution authorizing the City’s sale of vehicles and other equipment identified herein by means of Municibid auction consistent with the requirements of the Third Class City Code

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the City’s sale of vehicles and other equipment identified herein by means of Municibid auction consistent with the requirements of the Third Class City Code; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Receive and consider bid for Fireworks bid from Bixler Pyrotechnics, Inc.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the bid from Bixler Pyrotechnics to include the five year contract; Mr. Folk seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Receive and consider LTL Consultants for Code Enforcement Services

Vice President Green made a motion to approve LTL Consultants for Code Enforcement Services; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Mr. Simpson was the dissenting vote/

4. Receive and consider Washington Hose Company Land Development (Pole Barn)
Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Washington Hose Company Land Development; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Receive and consider approval of financing for air compressor
Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve first reading an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a bank qualified lease-purchase agreement with Univest Capital, Inc. for purposes of acquiring a compressor and hose for the use of the City pursuant to a COSTAR contract exempt from public bidding , with no pledge of full faith and credit and taxing power of the City as security for repayment, a non-appropriation clause which are less in duration than the useful life of the compressor being leased, said agreement to require interest payments at rates set forth in the attachment for a three (3) year term for a maximum lease amount of \$118,270.00 plus interest; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to close action items; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes
There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

2. Keep Pa Beautiful – Illegal Dump Free PA Program
Mr. Logan announced a grant from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. The grant recipients will receive a surveillance kit to be placed at undisclosed locations as a part of the Illegal Dump Free Program. The kit includes three concealable, lockable cameras and accessories that capture usable, conviction worthy footage of license plates and illegal dumpers – even at night. One camera uses wireless technology that can send pictures via text to a registered cellphone when triggered providing almost instant results. The anticipated loan period is approximately 3 months. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful will provide technical assistance for installation. Municipalities will have the option to purchase the equipment at the end of the grant period.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Verwey announced:

- He worked on code enforcement and litigation matters
- He addressed contracting and grant issues
- He worked land development matters
- He worked on two ordinances
- He addressed personnel matters

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- Construction on 1st Avenue and Rt. 82 has begun
- Introduced Richer Troutman, the new Finance Director
- Thanked Council and Mr. Logan for finalizing negotiations with the Police Department.
- Developers
 - Lipkins building has been completed
 - Begun to lease small workspaces
 - Mr. Sherman indicated there is heavy interest in leasing the spaces
 - Will limit building floors until a restaurant use is determined for upper levels.
 - Chertoks building is being framed out.
 - Permitted and progressing quickly
 - Will have 9 market rate units in building
- LERTA
 - City Council will recommend 10 Year to the County
 - School District approved 5 year LERTA
 - City has 10 year LERTA

Assistant City Manager Report

Mr. Logan announced:

- He attended the Community update meeting
- Brandywine Health sponsored 60k into the National Fitness Campaign
- Branding Team to restore and establish branding Coatesville
- Coatesville Night Out will be held on May 18 or May 25 in Ash Park to honor the youth and sports.

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

There were no citizens' comments on non-agenda items.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It has been a pretty quiet night. Appreciate everyone for attending.

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for attending the meeting. About three weeks ago, there was a major fire on Elm Street. I want to thank the Coatesville Fire Department for handling the fire. The whole block could have gone up. There were no lives lost in that fire. I'm starting to see a difference in

Coatesville. It's exciting to be on board now and seeing the change coming. There is a tunnel, I don't see the light yet but there is a tunnel, so I'm very proud of the City, I hope it comes faster, but I know time will tell. Keep praying for your City and love your neighbor.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone safe travels.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked LTL consultants for coming here, so ready for you guys to start. Welcome to the new finance director. The weather is broken, spring is here, gardening and summer which means more people out for stuff going on. Just received a text from a fellow Council member that is not here, that there was a dirt bike accident in front of her building. It seems to be a little serious. I pray for all is well and no one is hurt. These are the types of things when the weather breaks and it gets nice that we begin to encounter. I know we recently passed that Ordinance for the dirt bikes and ATV's. I now last night was really, really bad with people out on bikes. I know we have the policy where we won't chase them, but I do hope we catch them without a chase. Lieutenant Audette announced that four dirt bikes were confiscated the night before in the West End. Vice President Green announced the upcoming Community Unity Day. The fireworks have been approved for July 6th this year. James can you get working on that day's events. I appreciate everyone that has been coming out for the meetings, I've been trying to get out to all the meetings. I hear a lot of people say we don't know what's going on, we don't know this, and we don't know that. I really appreciate the Community Updates. I was unable to attend the last one but watched the video. It was a wonderful, wonderful presentation from all the presenters. We have a great Chief of Police that does a great job at presenting to the community. He did a marvelous job and every presenter there did a great job and I thank you for that and just keeping the community updated. The next meeting will be on June 20th in the evening. I hope to see more people. Had a nice audience at the last one. When we have these community updates, they put flyers out, advertise on social media and Facebook. People should come out and hear all the wonderful things that are going on in the City and they have the opportunity to give their input. Thank you and have a wonderful night.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. On May 14, 2019 we'll be having a volunteer finishing touch and ribbon cutting at Palmer Park. They're doing a wonderful job down there. It is coming along wonderfully, it's been renovated. It's just amazing the work they've done and this is just Phase 1 of it. So for 10 am to 4 pm there are the finishing touches. We want all volunteers, children, adults whoever wants to come out, we'll be spreading mulch, sweeping, and raking, just getting it to the finishing pint for completing phase 1. From 5 pm to 7 pm will be the Ribbon Cutting, there will be music, lite fare, and just a fun time for everyone introducing the beginning of the new park. Sp please spread the word and come out and hang with us, beautify the park and enjoy it and the same time. I', just grateful moving forward. We've been dragging, we've been fragmented but by the Grace of God, and we're now moving forward together and because we are working together, it's visible. I've been getting a lot of compliments, not for me personally but for the entire City. People are saying - you guys, great job, keep it up, we see change, we're excited,

what's going on now? We're moving in the right direction, get on board and take a ride with us. We shall see you I two weeks, God Bless and be safe. .

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.