

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, Pa 19320
Council Chambers, Coatesville City Hall
May 13, 2019

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, Mr. Donald Folks, Mr. Edward Simpson. 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, Ms. Al Amin and Mrs. Bookman would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the April 22, 2019 meeting minutes; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or modifications at this time.

Presentations

1. Chester County Commissioners Recognition

President Lavender-Norris read the list of funding opportunities granted by the Current Commissioners for the City of Coatesville. The Commissioners have done so much for the City and presented the City with funding. The Council felt they should be recognized for the support of the City of Coatesville.

President Lavender-Norris presented the Chester County Commissioners Kathi Cozzone and Terrence Ferrell with Certificates of Recognition. Michelle Kichline was unable to attend.

President Lavender-Norris stated we take pleasure in acknowledging and showing our appreciation to our County Commissioners because they have been extremely wonderful to the City. Vice President Green announced they are in the process of funding a downtown manager. Besides city projects. There are so many other monies delegated to other entities. We are not the only people in the County. They realize we are on the move and have been

supportive of the City of Coatesville as we move forward. MR. Simpson announced he has been on City Council for 16 years and this trio of County Commissioners have done more for the City of Coatesville than any other commissioners. They have been the most generous to the City of Coatesville and we want to recognize them.

2. David Terry Recognition

Mr. Terry was not in attendance for the recognition. Place on next meeting agenda.

3. Gordon Early Literacy Program

Dr. Miles announced the Gordon Literacy Program has asked to block off Kersey Street between Third and Fourth Avenue for a Block Party. The event will be on May 23, 2019 from 5pm to 7pm. This free, fun filled kindergarten registration event is to invite families to learn about what the Coatesville Area School District has in store for your kindergartner in the 2019-2020 school year including 1:1 computer and before and after school care. Everything is free. The bouncy house will not be in the street but in the side parking lots. There will be wristbands for all participants. Chief Laufer explained that in case of an emergency Kersey Street will be accessible with no obstructions.

4. Hoop Dreams

No one was present for a presentation. The special event application was approved by all departments pending payment for the event.

5. America's Finest Auto Concepts

No one was in attendance for the presentation and no special event permit has been submitted at this time.

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

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a Resolution requesting a Greenways, trail and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$195,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Revitalization of Palmer Park

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve a Resolution requesting a Greenways, trail and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$195,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Revitalization of Palmer Park; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Receive and consider second reading and adoption of 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 \$18,270.00 plus interest

President Lavender Norris asked to table the motion until the following meeting. She asked if the funds from Municibid could be used for the payment for the compressor instead of paying on another lease. Mr. Trio stated he would discuss the funding with the Finance Department.

Vice President Green made a motion to table the second reading and adoption of 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 \$18,270.00 plus interest until the next meeting; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion tabled 4-0.

3. Receive and consider lease between the City of Coatesville and Representative Dan K. Williams

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve a lease between the City of Coatesville and Representative Dan K. Williams; Vice President Green seconded the motion, Motion passed 4-0.

4. Receive and consider request from the Chester County Food Bank to waive Peddler Permit

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve waiving the peddler permit fees only, not the background checks, for the Chester County Food Bank, Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close action items; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Verwey announced he:

- Worked on code enforcement and litigation matters
- Worked on land development matters
- Worked on Ordinances
- Addressed personnel issues
- Addressed real estate issues

- Addressed taxation issues

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced he:

- First and Lincoln
 - Coordinating utilities for sanitary sewer filed adjustments for the Diamond Avenue access and addressing trash and other accessing got properties affected by the construction
- Current CBA negotiations to finalize the AFSCME contract
- Attended Restaurant tour on Monday May 6, 2019 with Mark Sherman, Mark Milanese, Crosby Wood and Mike DePetris showcasing potential properties.
- Attended presentations at the RDA meeting for tow potential developers for 190 West Lincoln Highway
- Code Enforcement
 - LTL Consultants has initiated inspections for the City.
 - Follow up interviews are being held for the Quality of Life position for the Codes Department

Assistant City Manager Report

Mr. Logan announced;

- Ribbon cutting for Palmer Park is May 14, 2019
- Coatesville Night out for the Coatesville youth athletes is on May 23, 2019
- City of Coatesville and 2nd Century Symposium is May 30, 2019
- Unity Day is July 6, 2019. He thanked Fran Scamuffa for volunteering for Unity Day
- The Branding Committee met and will slowly be executed

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

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

Special Events

1. Coatesville Area School District submitted a Special Event application for May 23, 2019 for a block party from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It has been requested to close Kersey Street in front of the school.
2. Jubilee Evangelistic Ministries, Inc. submitted a Special Event application for August 10-18 for aa Revival to be held at Abdala Park
3. Hoops Dreams Foundation submitted a Special Event application for Youth League use of Ash Park courts Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm beginning June 17, 2019 thru August 8, 2019.
4. Coatesville Savings Bank and the Parks and Recreation Commission submitted a Special Event application for Community Day to be held on May 18, 2019 at Gateway Park from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Council approved special events as per the approval from the department heads upon payment of the permit fees are required.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked for a possible new meeting to discuss the parking at the Senior Center. The City took back the parking allotted to them when they first opened. The parking is being used by the District Court. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/Harmony Street was adopted to be a one way street. We need a study done for more parking. The City could offer 6-8 spaces at 300 East Lincoln Highway to the Senior center for their use. There are a lot of people that visit the Senior Center on a daily basis.

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Coatesville is open for business. A lot is going on, some you see, and some you don't. Cross Fit has opened. Britney has opened up a business in the Coastal. She opened two weeks ago, cooking food, the food is real good. We are open, if you know anyone who wants to open a new business, have them come in.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Logan, I appreciate you and your volunteerism. You just have a wonderful spirit for Coatesville, anything and everything going on, you are making a presence. Appreciate you coming in on your off time. The event tomorrow at Palmer Park is very important, and important for staff to be involved in the Ground Breaking. It would be nice to see people from City Hall there. Palmer Park looks fantastic, we are working on one park at a time. It is very important to make sure our kids are safe. I am excited about things going on in the City. Thank you Fran for volunteering for Unity Day. We need a lot of volunteers for Unity Day. We need a lot of volunteers every year, every year we want to get bigger and better. It is held at Gateway Park the center of the City. More ideas and more volunteers had more ideas to make it better. Thank you and have a good night.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I am blessed and grateful for the wonderful meeting. We had the opportunity to thank the County Commissioners. I would like to opportunity to say thank you to our staff and to our solicitor you've been wonderful. I appreciate you all. Thank you for coming out and don't stop. Everybody be safe, God Bless and have a good night.

Adjournment

Vice President Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.