

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
May 22, 2017

President Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President C. Arvilla Hunt, Vice President Marie Lawson, Msrs, Edward Simpson, Joseph Hamrick, 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, Finance Department Joe Egan, Codes Department Scott Mulderig and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Hunt announced an executive session was held earlier this evening May 22, 2017 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the May 8, 2017 meeting minutes; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Lawson made a motion to add agenda presentation 3) Pulver RACP Project 2; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to add action item 7) letter of support – Building Better Communities grant Program; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Certificate of Recognition - David DeSimone

President Hunt present Mr. DeSimone with a Certificate of Recognition for taking the time to help beautify our City.

2. National Lands Trust – Building Better Communities Grant

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is pleased to continue its partnership with the American Water Charitable Foundation (AWCF) to expand the Building Better Communities program. Building Better Communities is a five-year initiative designed to enhance public parks by creating and improving nature-based playgrounds and natural play areas for children, while also providing water stewardship education about water resources and conservation. Building Better Communities projects are supported with funding from AWCF and implemented through annual grants administered by NRPA.

The Natural Lands Trust asked for a Letter of Support to apply for a grant up to \$150,000 for revitalization for Palmer Park. The application is due June 1, 2017.

3. Pulver RACP Project

Mr. Pulver announced he is requesting a \$3,000,000.00 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant to support the 30 West Project in the City of Coatesville. The 30 West project is a proposed 40,000 square foot office building, which will be constructed adjacent to the recently developed Marriot Hotel at the entrance to the City from route 30 bypass. The 30 West Project will bring over 150 new jobs to Coatesville along with 250 construction jobs. The cost to build 30 West is \$11,300,000 and the developer will provide \$7,800,000 in equity and debt - of which \$1,917,000 has already been spent. A \$3,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Award authorized in 2017 would provide the final piece of funding to begin the vertical construction of 30 West in 2018 with completion in 2019.

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

Delores Smith

Mrs. Smith questioned the over parking on her street. There is nowhere to park. Mrs. Green stated that she spoke to Chief Laufer and Council will be discussing it later on in the meeting during discussion items.

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone thanked Mr. Pulver for his fortitude. He put in a good word for Eagle Disposal as a consumer. He thanked City Council for the Certificate of Recognition and stated there are many others who do work to help beautify the City.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider appointing Connie Ellis to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2015-2018

Vice President Lawson made a motion to appoint Connie Ellis to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2015-2018; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Receive and consider a Resolution supporting the Business Plan for the Coatesville Office/Hotel Development RACP Project II (30 West Project) in the City of Coatesville.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the Resolution supporting the Business Plan for the Coatesville Office/Hotel Development RACP Project II (30 West Project) in the City of Coatesville; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Receive and consider an Ordinance declaring a State of Emergency regarding lack of air conditioning equipment for City Hall and authorization the City Manager to make emergency purchases of air conditioning equipment and necessary repairs

Mr. Hamrick asked Mr. Trion to explain. Mr. Trio announced the air conditioning units are currently down in City Hall. Although the City will be renovated in the meantime the Police Department need air conditioning. The Police Department will be remain at City Hall during the renovation. There is an emergency need to replace the current AC units. Mrs. Green asked where the funds are coming from. Mr. Trio explained this was in the original development plan and loan for the City Hall renovations.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve an Ordinance declaring a State of Emergency regarding the lack of air conditioning equipment for City Hall and the authorization the City Manager to make emergency purchases of air conditioning equipment and necessary repairs; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Acknowledge and accept of Solid Waste Bids

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to acknowledge and accept the Solid Waste bids; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Receive and consider award of contract for Solid Waste Bids to the lowest responsible bidder

Mrs. Lavender explained she wanted responsible highlighted. Mr. Hamrick explained administration must be held responsible. Vice President Lawson explained Mr. Saites goes above and beyond to help. Mr. Hamrick stated if they do not fulfill their contract there should be penalties (fees deducted). President Hunt stated the current company leaves toters in the alleys and streets. Mr. Carnes explained all bids were in compliance with the recommendations and Eagle Disposal was the lowest bidder. Mrs. Green stated that recycling is not picked up concurrently or completely. Mr. Saites explained eh receives a listing at the end of the day with any issues that Eagle Disposal saw throughout the daily route. Council suggested a log to show some of the issues. Eagle Disposal agreed to provide the residents with recycling information. They would like to work with the City and asked for any problems to be submitted to them.

Vice President Lawson explained that due to her constituents and the issues that they have had with Eagle Disposal she would not approve rewarding their contract.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to award the Contract for Solid Waste Removal to the lowest bidder Eagle Disposal for a three year term with the option of renewal for two additional years; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Vice President Lawson and Mrs. Green were the dissenting votes.

6. Receive and consider waiver Fresh2You Peddler Permit Application Fees

Council explained that Fresh2You receives money for their products. It is not a nonprofit.

Mrs. Green made a motion to waive the Fresh2You Peddler permit application fees; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-5. President Hunt, Vice President Lawson, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Green and Mr. Hamrick were the dissenting votes.

7. Receive and consider letter of Support for Building Better Communities Grant
Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve a letter of support for the Building Better Communities grant; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes
There was no discussion on the minutes presented this evening.
2. Darryl Shady Lewis – addition to the mural on Coatesville Memorial Community Center
Vice President Lawson announced Darryl “Shaddy” Lewis retired from basketball after 19 years. She asked for his image be added to the mural at the Coatesville Memorial Community Center. Council discussed adding additional stellar people within the community to the mural.
3. Parking on S 1st Avenue and also on Walnut Street
Mrs. Green stated she has discussed this issue with the Police Chief. There are a lot of parking with handicap signs. People are parking in the alleys and in the thru way. The parking needs to be addressed on this street. Virginia Avenue, Bantel Row and New Street have a lot of handicap signs. The Chief suggested an Ordinance limiting the amount of handicap signs per street.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced:

- Monitoring and assisting with the development of the DEPG Project
- Assisted with the public solid waste bid. Four bids were received with the lowest responsible bidder Eagle Disposal.
- Worked with the City Manager to execute AIA Contract with Architectural Concepts for the Architectural and Mechanical Engineering work for the renovation of City Hall
- Reviewed comments from Scott Mulderig regarding an expedited ticket procedure similar to that used in SWEEPS to address grass and weeds and snow and ice.
- Reviewed various draft contracts and agreement 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:

- Onsite meeting was conducted with WCU who are generating a plan/program to asset city in cloning data and mapping gaps in Codes/Financial programs.

- Working with DR. Taschner to coordinate a temporary move during City Hall renovations.
- 111 Building permits (including 186 rental permits) were issued resulting in \$8,721 of permit fees.
- 3rd Avenue Streetscapes bids have been received and after justification review by Michael baker Corp have been awarded pending RDA approval.
- Civil Service – Chief Alderman completed the written and agility test. The Civil Service Commission will be making a recommendation to City Council at the next meeting.

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

Darrell Williams

Mr. Williams Stated that he heard rumors in regards to losing the Police Chief. The Chief has done a great job and commends his work. He asked to meet with President Hunt, Vice President Lawson, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lavender-Norris after the meeting to discuss conduct. Mrs. Lavender-Norris stated that she feels the same about the Chief and was offended when her name was attached to the rumor.

Cynthia Taoltoan

Ms. Taoltoan announced Jubilee Ministries is planning a Community Day on August 18, 2017 in Abdala Park.

Deb Bookman

Mrs. Bookman stated this is the third time Santa's house has been brought up in a Council meeting. She asked the balance due for the Easter Egg Hunt go to the purchase of the shed for Santa's house. She is looking to get gifts for the kids this year such as hats, gloves and scarfs. She is appealing to our hearts for donations.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans applauded the efforts of Mr. DeSimone and Mrs. Bookman. He asked if CDBG funds can be used for cameras in the West End. He asked for cameras on Madison. He is concerned about some of the things he has read and asked for a Resolution to reassure the Chief about his job.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Vice President Lawson announced the garden party in Ash Park on Saturday received the help of some kids and the Liberian Association. They have offered to help out in the park over the summer. On May 13th during the annual vaccinations by the SPCA, 135 vacations were given. The Public Works Department picked up 20 more tires for gardens.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the friends of West End Park for the clean-up.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a good night.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She quoted “Strength of numbers is the delight of the timid. The valiant in spirit glory in fighting alone.” By Mahatma Gandhi.

Mrs. Green stated she enjoyed planting the garden. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Hamrick thanked Mr. DeSimone for the kind service he provides in the Community. He thanked the Bookman’s for their give back to the community.

President Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked staff for all the work that they do. She announced on June 7, 2017 there will be a ribbon cutting at the Splash Pad for the Gazebos. She would like to see Mr. Pawloski’s name somewhere on a plaque at the Gazebos.

Adjournment

Mrs. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.