

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
June 13, 2016

Public Hearing

Mr. Carnes opened the public hearing on Mixed Use Overlay Zoning District on areas within the Amtrak right of way and area to the South of the rail to Harmony Street, including east of First Avenue and including areas North of Kersey Street, West of Fourth Avenue and including “the Flats” Redevelopment Area North of the Lincoln Highway West of First Avenue at 8:15 pm.

A court stenographer was present to record the hearing.

President Lavender-Norris closed the public hearing at 9:50 pm.

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 9:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Marie Lawson, Mssrs, Joseph Hamrick, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced an Executive Session was held on June 13, 2016 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Lavender-Norris announced Mrs. Green and Mr. Simpson will not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the May 23, 2016 meeting minutes: Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the accounts payable; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or modifications to the agenda.

Presentations

1. PFM Management

Mr. Schlesinger explained the City previously approved the first reading of an Ordinance proposing BB&T Bank at 2.76 fixed rate for 15 years. The debt principal amount of up to \$3,911,000 for the purposes of providing funds for (1) Capital Renovations and improvements for the purpose of reducing energy use for city facilities; (2) Renovations and additions to Coatesville City Hall; and (3) paying the costs of issuing the note.

Tim O’Neill, Lamb McErlane, explained the legal procedures required for the funds.

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

Diane Brownfield

Ms. Brownfield asked if there was a period of review for the public hearing, if not, table the item until the next meeting.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing and directing the incurring of non-electoral debt through the issuance of its general obligation note of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$3,911,000 for the purposes of providing funds for (1) Capital Renovations and improvements for the purpose of reducing energy use for city facilities; (2) Renovations and additions to Coatesville City Hall; and (3) paying the costs of issuing the note; directing the proper officers of the governing body to prepare, certify and file the required debt statement and borrowing base certificate; covenanting that the City shall include the amount of annual debt service in its budget for each fiscal year; setting forth the substantial form of the note; setting forth the stated principal and interest payment dates, redemption provisions, place of payment and other details of the note; stating a covenant as to payment of principal and interest without deduction for certain taxes; providing for the execution of the note; awarding the note at private sale and stating that such private sales is in the best financial interest of the City; appointing a paying agent and sinking fund depository; establishing a sinking fund; Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to certify and to file with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development certified copies of the necessary proceedings; covenanting that the proceeds of the note shall not be used in such a manner as to cause the note to be an arbitrage bond under federal tax law provisions; making certain tax representations and designating the note as a "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation"; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to do all things necessary to carry out the ordinance; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the governing body to pay issuance costs; and repealing all inconsistent ordinances.

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and directing the proper officers of the City to do all things necessary to carry out the ordinance; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the governing body to pay issuance costs; and repealing all inconsistent ordinances adding BBT at the fixed rate of 2.76: Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance to establish a “Mixed Use Development Overlay Zoning District on areas within the Amtrak Right-of-Way and areas to the South of the rail tracks to Harmony Street, including areas East of First Avenue and West Fifth avenue, and including areas North of Kersey Avenue West of Fourth Avenue and including “the Flats” Redevelopment area North of the Lincoln Highway West of First Avenue”

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3. Receive and consider Kaboom Agreement.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to accept the agreement with Kaboom, and the Natural Lands trust, Inc. to collaborate the construction of a new playground at West End Park; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Item

1. Junior Council Person

Vice President Lawson suggested having a youth representative to start at the beginning of the year. The person would only attend regular meetings not executive meetings. It is a way to get the youth involved and educated about Council and the City. Mr. Hamrick liked the idea. Mrs. Jones said we have our hands full with what we got. It is a good idea but make sure there is no nepotism in selecting the person. Vice President Lawson explained Council as a whole would select the person and provide guide lines.

2. Municipal Building Room Usage

Vice President Lawson explained within the recent weeks, the rooms at City Hall have been requested for many uses. She suggested renting the rooms out as other municipalities. President Lavender-Norris explained Downtown currently charges \$75 with proof of insurance to use the room. There must be a person available to make sure the building is secure (responsible City employee or City Council member present)

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced:

- The Mixed Used Development Overlay Zoning District public hearing was well attended
- ACR Machine will have a Public Hearing on zoning issues in the near future.

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- The splash pad will be open on or before June 30, 2016

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

Quincy Teel

Mr. Teel asked the City for a waiver regarding the Summer Basketball League. Council asked Mr. Teel to submit an application for review.

Arden Hunt

Ms. Hunt inquired about the status on the complaint regarding the police officer. She voiced her concerns on more complaints regarding the officer. President Lavender-Norris explained Council and staff are investigating. It is not falling on deaf ears.

Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa stated “A Junior Council person is a great idea, it’s a great way to get youth perspective in the City.”

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans commended the Chief for the updating the residents about the street sweeper and providing warning and a grace period on violations.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to close citizens’ hearing on non-agenda items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Thank you for all the dialogue during the hearing. The City is working on finding the funding for the pools. Hope to have in operation next year.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She quoted “A free government is a complicated piece of machinery, the nice and exact adjustment of whose springs, wheels, and weights, is not yet well comprehended by the artists of the age, and still less by the people.” By John Adams.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She appreciates all the comments and concerns. The issues are not falling on deaf ears, we are listening and we are reacting. Our hope is to make things better as a whole.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It is awesome to see a full room. A junior council person would be an asset to the City and see what the government does. The more people who understand government, the more people get involved. The person would learn that City Council is a 24/7 position. There are projects in motion moving the city forward.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for hanging out this evening. Despite the perception of some, I care. Thus like sitting on this side of the table in this seat. I sat across the table in the other seats. I did not expect to have all issues solved overnight. I am not looking at what’s wrong, but looking for what is right. Don’t jump one to ten, start at one and work through to ten. Looking for the City to be redeveloped, revitalized. Have a blessed evening

Adjournment

Vice President Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 pm; Mr. Hamrick the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Mrs. Hunt left prior to the vote.