

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular Meeting

545 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320

June 25, 2018

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Messrs., Donald Folks, Edward Simpson, Mrs. Deborah Bookman, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Ms. Khadijah Al Amin. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Police Chief John Laufer, Finance Department Amanda Gattuso and Recording Secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2018

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the June 11, 2018 meeting minutes with edits; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Al Amin was the dissenting vote.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

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

Presentations

1. Police Department Award
Chief Laufer announced the Police Department received the Red Cross Community Impact Hero Award
2. Evidence Based Program , Mental Health and Violence Protection – Jeannette Stukes
Ms. Stukes was not in attendance for presentation.
3. Jeremy Schmidt – Edge Digital Rebranding
Mr. Schmidt announced he would like to rebrand the City of Coatesville website. The website at this time is not real mobile friendly. There is so much information that can be accessible via mobile technology. Council asked Mr. Schmidt to meet with Mr. Trio to discuss rebranding the City's website.

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

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone questioned the action item appointing a zoning officer. Person should be qualified.

Paul Evans

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Mrs. Bookman made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development as identified as Coatesville Mixed Use Redevelopment that such subdivision be served by sewer tap ins and sewer extensions; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Receive and consider appointment of Zoning Officer

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to table appointment of Scott Mulderig as Zoning Officer until next meeting; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to appoint Cedarville Engineering as Zoning Officer; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion failed 1-6. President Lavender-Norris, Vice President Green, Mrs. Bookman, Ms. Al Amin, Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Simpson were the dissenting votes.

3. Receive and consider MS4 TMDL Plan Proposal From Cedarville Engineering

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to approve the proposal from Cedarville Engineering to provide support services for the city's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) for the contract price of \$14,370.00; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Receive and consider authorization of RFP for furniture financing

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to authorize the RFP for furniture financing; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close regular action items; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

2. Patton Park

Mrs. Bookman announced the message board was installed at Patton Park. Thankful to Council for helping make this possible. Looking forward to move on to the other parks in the City.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Carnes announced:

- The Ordinance amending provisions governing off-premises sign regulations was advertised for public hearing and consideration for adoption at the July 9, 2018 public meeting. Minor

typographical errors were picked up by the County Planning review and have been addressed and a re-review sought.

- The Ordinances for Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard will take time to review with County and amend the official map of the City of Coatesville to reflect the name change.
- Assisted with various miscellaneous matters involving litigation and enforcement and has assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations and various personnel matters.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- The bids are being expedited for 1st Avenue and Route 82 redesign and 3rd Avenue. Hope to get better pricing. The original bids were very high.
- City Hall Update
 - District Court has moved in and is operating
 - Working on punch outs and getting certifications for building
- Splash Pad
 - JCI has electricians out to fix the electrical work
 - Thank you to the Chief, Scott and Vietri for your assistance with the Splash Pad.

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

John Robinson

Mr. Robinson asked for the City of Coatesville to recognize Diana Lewis for her inclusion in the Smithsonian Institutes African American Museum's Media Exhibit. She has received a list of honors throughout her career. Mrs. Lewis grew up in the City of Coatesville. Council stated they would like to formally honor Mrs. Lewis at a Council meeting in August.

Dave DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone voiced his concerns regarding the Codes department and violations/citations. He has been very active over the years in the beautification of the City. He voiced his concerns regarding the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds around the Dollar Store. Council stated the City will make arrangements to meet with the Dollar Store.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans voiced his concerns regarding the process of filing complaints and their responses. There have been allegations, rumors of harassment and he has acted with integrity. He cautioned Council on putting people in gate keeper positions.

Cass Rawlins

Mr. Rawlins questioned the peddler license and asked if everyone is required to obtain the permit. Council explained the peddler license is required for the manager, and all employees that work are required to have a background check.

Lula Johnson

Ms. Johnson inquired about a ticket she received parking next to her driveway and asked what required distance to park away from a driveway is. Chief Laufer asked her to fill out a parking review request and speak to Sergeant Ollis.

Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa asked for the speakers to be up higher for everyone to hear. She suggested Council go out and see the properties and violations in the City. Ms. Al Amin stated she has ridden with the Codes Officer and observed properties throughout the City.

Joe Hamrick

Mr. Hamrick asked for the vote on the Zoning Officer. He did not hear the official votes.

Christopher Brown

Mr. Brown asked about the status of his meeting. He did not meet with the City Manager but met with Mr. Swift. Council asked Mr. Brown to meet with Mr. Trio on Tuesday to discuss his complaints.

Diane Brownfield

Mr. Brownfield thanked and congratulated the Police for the great job they are doing. She asked if the City owned Alleyways. She read the dates of the certified re-election totals (5/31/18) and the Swearing date (5/29/18). Council noted the members were resort in after the certification. President Lavender-Norris stated the City follows the charter.

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He asked if there are any other Assistant City Manager interviews scheduled.

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Six years ago, he received a coin which reads "For service with strength, honor, integrity and pride". We need to get back to pride and honor.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There has been a lot of decisions to make, we are working together to make the best decisions to move our city forward. It is with great pride to honor my cousin, Diana Lewis, as she was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mrs. Lewis grew up in the City and want us to honor her. She should receive a key to the City. She has been the Marshall for the City of Coatesville Christmas Parade a couple of times.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for attending the meeting. We as a Council will collectively continue to work together to move Coatesville forward. I will certainly always do what I consider to be my share to make sure I am doing exactly what the citizens elected me to do and help move Coatesville forward.

Mrs. Bookman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. See you next meeting.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. DeSimone, we appreciate you and know you take pride in your properties. We gave you a Certificate for things you did in the City. She thanked the Chief and Sergeant Ollis for bringing such honor to the Police Department. Mr.

Robinson you are a preserver of heritage. Hopefully we will collectively do Diana Lewis justice in honoring her. It should have been done a long time ago. Thank you to our staff.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. We aren't as bad as we were, we still have work to do, as you challenge us and move us forward and motivate us. We took an Oath to always put the City in the best position to grow. We didn't take it lightly, again, we are residents, what we do doesn't just affect you it affects us too. We are going to do our due diligence. I can promise you that everything we do, you won't like, however, we're not doing it so you will like it, we are doing it for the good of the City. Have a Blessed evening.

Adjournment

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.