

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
June 26, 2017

Vice President Lawson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Vice President Marie Lawson, Mssrs, 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.

Vice President Lawson announced an executive session was held earlier this evening June 26, 2017 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Vice President Lawson announced President Hunt would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the May 22, 2017 meeting minutes as written and the June 12, 2017 meeting minutes with edits; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to add Action Item #4) Defer RDA Interest; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Green made a motion to add action item #3) Olivet Methodist parking lot lease; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Green made a motion to add Presentation #2) Proclamation; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Ken Knickerbocker of Vista Today

VISTA Today celebrates Chester County's quality of place and economic health by publishing short, concise, easy-to-read summaries of the county's assets: its commerce, cultural, and community news and events. VISTA Today covers events shaping the county, driving economic development and redefining what it means to live and work in Chester County.

There are allot of great things going on and not getting out thru social media. Formed a Steering Committee with members of representatives of the City, CASD, CYI, Rep. Lewis office and even the County. Trying to get \$20,000 to fund it. Once we get the \$20,000 we will have the logo designed assets or landmarks. The site will be called Coatesville Today. Publishing will start in late August. We are excited and thank you for your support.

2. Proclamation for Chief John W. Laufer, III

Vice President Lawson read the Proclamation for Chief Laufer.

Chief Laufer thanked his family, Council, staff, the Police Department for the Proclamation. It was a total surprise to him. He stated he cannot do what he does without the dedication all the members of the Police Department, we all work each and every day and pull together. He thanked everyone for their support in the past 4 ½ years. He looks forward to getting up in the morning and going to work. Mr. Trio thanked the Chief for his service and stated the Chief has been a great resource to him.

Mrs. Green explained that Mr. Simpson presented this to Council in appreciation for all that the Chief does. The City Council unanimously support you in your leadership.

Mr. Simpson asked for a motion of support for the Chief. Mr. Carnes stated the item would need to be added to the agenda. To add to agenda we need more specifics. Mr. Simpson asked for the item to be changed to add as an action item. Mrs. Green stated she is not understanding what we are adding to the agenda. Is this a Resolution or Proclamation? Mr. Carnes explained it is a motion of support not a Resolution. Mrs. Lavender-Norris explained that with regard to this being put on the agenda, she is not sitting here to play politics and not here to further no City agenda. The appreciation for the Chief goes without saying. When it comes around to me. I say no. Mrs. Green stated does not understand is it a Proclamation or a Resolution. Mr. Carnes explained we just had a proclamation, now we are adding support. The naming is just another name for the same thing. It is just a motion of support for the Chief. Vice President Lawson explained the way we vote is only to add to the agenda. It is no indication that we do or do not support our Chief.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to add action item #5) support for the chief; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Lavender-Norris was the dissenting vote.

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

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

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only: Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Resolution of Support

Vice President Lawson explained the Resolution of support was originally intent of Mr., Simpson before it was changed to a Proclamation. The name or position was not added due to the surprise for the Chief. When Mr. Simpson asked about the Resolution. He was told it was deleted from the agenda. Mrs. Lavender-Norris stated we did show our appreciation for the chief, do we need to do this. Mrs. Green was confused on the Resolution versus Proclamation.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve a Resolution of support for the police chief. Motion failed due to lack of second.

2. Receive and consider Melissa Lopez to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2017-2020

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve Melissa Lopez the Parks and Recreation commission for the term of 2017-2020; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Mrs. Green abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris congratulated Ms. Lopez for her appointment to the commission.

3. Receive and consider Olivet Methodist parking lot lease

Mr. Carnes explained the Ordinance is authorizing the lease of the Olivet United Methodist Church parking lot located at North Third Avenue. The City will obtain public parking for the benefit of commuters using the City Train Station and the church will have the shared lot.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve an Ordinance authorizing the lease of the Olivet United Methodist Church parking lot located at North Third Avenue (Tax Parcel No. 16-5-88) pursuant to a long term (30 year) lease; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Receive and consider defer RDA interest

Mrs. Green asked for a joint executive meeting with the RDA before approving or disproving the deferment of the RDA interest. There are several issues that need to be addressed before a vote is taken. She will vote no until a meeting occurs. Mr. Hamrick explained there a grants on the table and this needs to be addressed. Ms. Gattuso explained the City audit cannot be completed nor can the RDA Audit be completed until the issue of the RDA interest has been completed. The DCED audit has already been completed and sent out. It has no bearing on the issue of the RDA interest. Mrs. Green stated she would still like a meeting before approved.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to defer the RDA interest; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-4. Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lavender-Norris, Mr. Simpson, and Vice President Lawson were the dissenting votes.

5. Receive and consider support for the police chief

Mrs. Green asked if it was a Resolution. Mr. Carnes explained it is just amotion of support.

Mr. Simpson made a motion of support for the Police Chief John Laufer; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Lavender-Norris was the dissenting vote.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Green asked for the minutes to reflect no vote was required for Fresh2You. Mrs. Lavender-Norris asked for her council comments to be changed and add wording to complete a statement.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced he:

- Followed up on insurance and related issues relative to Fireworks Extravaganza fireworks display scheduled for the July 8, 2017 Unity Day celebration. Mrs. Lavender-Norris asked if the company provides the music for the fireworks. Mr. Carnes explained it was a requirement in the RFP.
- Worked with the RDA and Olivet Methodist Church to revise the lease for the Olivet Methodist Church Parking Lot – for use by commuters, with repairs and improvements being supplied by grant funds.
- Reviewed various draft contracts and agreements and assisted with various miscellaneous matters involving litigation and enforcement and has assisted the City it's interpretation of codes, rules and regulations.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- CASD taking possession of the TV equipment and broadcasting collateral on June 11, 2017.
- Catalyst delivered executed leases to the City.
- Emergency HVAC systems were installed in PD and Admin to bridge new unit installation.
- Benner building is the most suitable for relocation with renovations are completed in City Hall.
- Boyle Construction under agreement.
- 162 building permits including 129 rental permits were issued in May 2017 out of the Codes Department.
- 3rd Avenue Streetscapes project to begin on July 18, 2017
- 2 cameras will have two cameras in the Olivet Methodist parking lot
- Moving along with hiring 5 new part time firefighters,
- Next meeting with National Lands Trust and Open Space Committee is July 18, 2017
- Unity Day and Fireworks are schedule for July 8, 2017 in Gateway Park. All are welcome.

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

Kenya Danell

Ms. Dannell asked who the owner of record is for Third Avenue and Fleetwood Street and the 200 block of Fleetwood. She asked who is responsible for the upkeep and those need to be held accountable. She explained when she is previously called Council members with issues regarding properties the issues have been addressed. She asked for the land at 3rd Ave. and Fleetwood and 200 and Fleetwood to be cleaned up.

Paul Dodson

Mr. Dodson offered his support of the police chief and the police department. He asked the city could look into amending section 218-93 to add permit parking for contractors or bags to cover the meters. Not all contractors are required to get codes permits but they need to run out and pay into the meters while working. People who work at night have to run out during the day are in the morning and move their vehicles or pay the meters to avoid tickets. Mr. Hamrick asked what a reasonable permit fee would be for contractors.

Terrell Bryant

Mr. Brian asked for every June 2 to be considered Wear Orange Day in the city of Coatesville. Wear Orange Day is to promote gun safety. There has been a lot of gun violence within the city.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans thanked Mr. Mulderig for the improved quality of life in the city. You think the finance department for providing the previous year's balance. Word of encouragement to the police chief. He asked the police chief and Mr. Carnes to look into Paul Dodson's requests for the parking permits. He explained an assistant city manager would help the current city manager. He stated a learner would help the RDA redevelopment in the city.

Spartacus Lewis

Mr. Lewis explained he received a parking ticket and wanted to dispute the ticket, but there was no information of who/how to correspond with the dispute. He asked for the way disputing guilty or not guilty with better communication. The process is currently very timely which exceeds 15 to pay the ticket the flat rate without penalty. He asked to revise parking tickets which will be helpful to the resident and public works.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-action items; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Melissa Lopez for stepping up to the plate and joining the Parks and Recreation commission. We know we have issues with parking, counsel can look into revising the tickets.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There have been good comments. She announced the ribbon-cutting Thursday, June 29 at 4 PM for Nikki's uniform and gifts. She acknowledged Fonz Neuswan on the organization called "The Movement". The movement is working on a fundraiser to get the pools repaired. There is a meeting at City Hall on June 27 to discuss ways for the pools be reopened. The organization is going to have a fund raiser to help get our pool up and running. She thanked Mr. Neuswan for offering his non-profit in order to do this. All those interested and have comments should come to the meeting. "Pool together for our community." Mr. Newsuan offered his nonprofit to help with the pool repairs. City Council has been laboring over fixing the pool for years. We have a lot of challenges. Mrs. Green stated to the Chief that she supports him 100%. She was just a little confused on what they were voting for earlier.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked all the department heads for all you do and all you continue to do. Mr. Trio keep up the good work. I have special kudos, roses, guns and everything for Chief Laufer. I can't say enough about him and all his endeavors. I'll continue to sing his praises. She quoted "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world

remains and is immoral.”

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Be safe, have a blessed night!

Mr. Simpson clarified this is the first time a proclamation has been presented without voting. He asked Mr. Carnes to let him know whether or not we can present a proclamation without a motion. Every Proclamation has been voted for and approved except for today. He was told the Resolution was pulled from the agenda.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There will be a meeting at City Hall tomorrow. The City is not the only community involved in fundraising to fix their pools. We are definitely not alone in this feat. Coatesville always comes out victorious when we put our heads together. It is an awesome activity to bring our community together. Chief, I cannot thank you enough for what you do for us residents on a daily basis and the leadership as you can see the guys feed off that and you can see a huge difference in the department. I appreciate you. She thanked staff for their endurance with the heat.

Mrs. Green said she was sorry to Mr. Simpson, we do vote on proclamations and though we did. Just wanted to vindicate myself with Mr. Simpson.

Adjournment

Mrs. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.