

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, Pa 19320
Council Chambers, Coatesville City Hall
July 8, 2019

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, and Mrs. Deborah Bookman, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Mr. Donald Folks and Mr. Edward Simpson. Staff members present included: City Manager, Michael Trio, Assistant City Manager, James Logan, Police Chief, John Laufer, Finance Department, Richard Troutman 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 Ms. Al Amin would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the June 24, 2019 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the account payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to add Presentation 1) 2nd Century Alliance; 2) Cedarville Engineering (MS4); 3) DEPG; Action Item 2) AFSCME Contract and Discussion Item 3) Permit and Citation fees; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. 2nd Century Alliance – Sonia Huntzinger
Ms. Huntzinger reviewed the goals, objectives and the strategic plan for 2nd Century Alliance. She introduced Charles Green as the new Downtown Manager. Mr. Green announced he is from the City. This City is my City. He is excited to work in moving the City forward and very eager to serve in the city.

2. Cedarville Engineering – Beth Uhler
Ms. Uhler explained the (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The ultimate goal is to recognize and increase awareness as stormwater as a point source pollutant and manage stormwater as you would any other point-sourced pollutant (like sewage). She explained the funding grants such as Watershed Resource Protection Program (WRPP); Growing Greener Plus and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

3. DEPG Coatesville Associates, LP

Mr. James DePetris introduced Dave DePetris, Tim Cassidy and Steve Youchak. He provided an update on the development of Aroogas Restaurant. Sleep Inn is interested in occupying the upper floors on the Gateway Project. Mr. Youchak provided information on Sleep In with a construction schedule, site plan, Sleep Inn brochure, parking plan and elevation which are developed for efficiency. Mr. Cassidy reviewed the footprint for the Sleep Inn and parking plan.

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 third extension request from DEPG Coatesville Associates, LP

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the third extension from DEPG Coatesville Associates LP through to and including November 15, 2019, in which to record the SLDO Plan; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider AFSCME Contract

Mr. Folks made a motion to deny the AFSCME contract as submitted and allow to negotiate; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to close action items; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

2. Planning Commission recommendation for parking C-2 district and 4th Avenue

Ms. Huntzinger announced the Planning Commission has been working on a parking plan for the City. At this time, they are working on a plan for the C-2 district and 4th Avenue. The 4th Avenue Streetscapes Project will begin shortly. Would like to see the parking strategy completed prior to the end of the project.

3. Permit and citation fees

Mr. Logan announced the City will be analyzing the current permit and citation fees. The City is not in line with other townships. The increased/decreased fee requests will be provided to City Council at a later date for approval.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Verwey announced he:

- Continued work on code enforcement and litigation matters
- Worked on a zoning matter
- Worked on land development matter

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced;

- First and Lincoln Intersection Project
 - The contractor has completed demolition of the traffic island in preparation of the Phase 2A traffic pattern
 - The contractor was onsite June 28, 2019 and July 1, 2019 setting up the temporary traffic signals
 - Contractor is currently intending to switch from existing traffic signs to the temporary traffic signals on July 10, 2019 pending a successful operational test by PennDOT
- Pennsylvania American Water
 - Work is anticipated it be completed with a mill and overlay of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd between South 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue by mid-September
- PECO
 - Begun construction on a gas main replacement along Olive Street between 13th Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue
- Private Developers
 - Opportunity Zone has opened gates to the City
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - 91 South 12th Avenue application has been withdrawn by the applicant
- Planning Commission
 - DEPG filed an amendment to the approved LD plan for interim parking plan consistent with short term solution to expedite Arooga's plan. Scheduled for PC meeting on July 10, 2019.
- Code Enforcement
 - Holding interviews fir Quality of Life position this week

Vice President Green announced Catalyst has initiated construction on the bypass billboards.

Assistant City Manager Report

Mr. Logan announced:

- Unity day was a wonderful celebration
 - Thanked City Council, local businesses and residents
 - Had over 21 vendors – 8 food trucks
 - Wonderful to see the community come out
 - Thank committee – Mr. Bookman and Mr. Cole
 - Public Works did a great job
 - Thank Peter DeMeo and Fran Scamuffa for their help.
- Summer Series
 - Jazz and Rhythm and Blues
 - Starting July 26th
 - Held every other Friday night
- Branding
 - Branding initiative is moving forward

- Committee of young entrepreneurs, local business and staff
- New launch of website end of August beginning of September
- Exploring bringing back a newsletter
- Opportunity Zone
 - 2nd installment meeting on July 25th at the Marriott Hotel
- Trash Issue
 - Alleys – LTL will be issuing citations to those violating the trash regulations
 - Eagle does not remove trash that is not inside of the totes
- Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Working on restoring the basketball court at Patton Park

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

Portia Graham and Lithelson LaGuerra

Ms. Graham and Mr. LaGuerra presented UCES protection plan membership. UCES helps American families to financial stability while protecting identity, credit, family, finances, lifestyle and future. The program provides credit restoration; credit attorney; will, trust, POA; budgeting' debt payoff; credit monitoring; financial lockbox; credit builder; indentity monitoring; net worth and savings goals.

Joe Leofsky

Mr. Leofsky explained in previous meetings that he was denied his right to speak and was removed from the meeting. He stated that there have been ordinances passed and revoked on how to conduct business for decades. He voiced his concerns regarding the property within the City limits.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans announced that the Coatesville Housing Authority is committed to protect the rights of the businesses of the City. Voices concerns on the obstructed rights to the information on a property that was closed down within the City limits.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Folk seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There's been a real buzz of all the activity in City of Coatesville, all the potential investors, and people shake their head and say no there's not, and there's actually people who want to invest believe it or not. Now is the time to prosper, all thanks to the Opportunity Zone, Governor Wolf and the County who are helping the City. So hopefully we move forward. Thank you very much.

Mr. Folks announced the City is moving forward and he is very pleased to be part of this. Eight months ago, I was going to quit but I held in there and this is real good time for the City of

Coatesville. I can't wait till I see the buildings rise. "Never judge people who have little to nothing, because one day you may find yourself with nothing at all. Always respect one another, no matter what, never look down on anyone."

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There are a lot of great things going on in the City of Coatesville that I am proud to be a part of, not just on counsel but a resident being born and raised here. Thanks to the staff and especially thanks to our leadership for their help on Unity Day and their participation. We did get a little rain down at the end, but it was a wonderful, wonderful day. I'm just glad to see different faces here tonight. Good to see you here tonight Mr. Bookman. I want to thank everyone for everything we are doing. I'm excited about the way the City is going. Good night, God bless!

Mrs. Bookman thanked everyone for attending meeting this evening. It's good to see new faces and see some old faces and the return of my cameramen. I see the City moving forward. I joined counsel to make a difference and that hasn't changed and I believe we are on the rise and we will meet our goal. Be safe, see you next month. There is only one meeting in July and we will be back in August.

Vice President Green echoed former councilmembers comments. It's always good to see you here. Unity Day was wonderful. Thank you, Mr. Logan, thank staff, Mr. Trio and our great solicitor for his great advisory to the City of Coatesville. Thank you Chief Laufer and Sgt. Ollis for all the work you do to make sure everyone is safe. It has been a busy week with the fireworks. I appreciate everyone's hard work and dedication. Thank you, Ms. Shannon-Daily for your dedication and your organization's participation with the Park and your donation. It is wonderful, as it seems we have so many local organizations and so many partners. It's times like this as Mr. Simpson said "This is Coatesville's time!" We have we have been very patient and we have been waiting for so long and I know a lot of people want to see stuff happen. I'm really excited about everything that is going on. I'm excited about the rebranding that Mr. Logan is working on that's exciting. A lot of times you see on Coatesville, that Coatesville used to have this and that, we can't go back, we need to re-create the City. I am grateful and excited that we work together for one common goal and that goal is to take care of our City, and improve our City for the welfare of our residents, and make them proud of where they live. Thank you, Charles, and welcome to the City of Coatesville, we appreciate you and look forward to working with you. Urius, we appreciate what you do for the City. Portia thank you, it's a well needed service and I know you've been going around and presenting this to the residents. Thank you.

President Lavender-Norris stated the downfalls of being president, is that you get to speak last and everyone has already said what you want to say. However, grateful to be here, grateful to be counsel representation. Our City is growing, not only businesses but the people. We have a very diverse City and that is one of the main qualities that we are so diverse. We have so much culture to offer. Coatesville in the near future is going to be the destination in the County and this is because we work together. There is no big I little you, it's all about all of us residents, government, partnerships, municipalities joining in with us. We are destined to be great and we will not stop until we are recognized as a great community. I promise you we will be. I am a follower and I follow the divine so that being said you all be blessed and thank God. Be safe!

Adjournment

Vice President Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.