

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
545 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
August 13, 2018

0.1 Public Hearing - Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania vacating: 1) A portion of Fleetwood Street between Brick Alley West to Fourth Avenue; and 2) a portion of Berry Alley between the section of Fleetwood Street aforementioned South to its intersection with Dewey Alley; listing the property owners abutting the portions of Fleetwood Street and Berry Alley to be vacated as referenced from any official map of the City of Coatesville; providing for a savings clause; providing for a repeal of inconsistent Ordinances and, vacating utility rights of way in portions of Fleetwood Street and Berry Alley to be vacated

Mr. Carnes provided an overview of the Ordinance. A Stenographer was present for the hearing.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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, Messrs., Edward Simpson, Mrs. Deborah Bookman, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Ms. Khadijah Al Amin. Staff members present included, 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.

President Lavender-Norris announced Mr. Folks would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2018

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the July 9, 2018 meeting minutes; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Accounts Payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Ms. Al Amin was the dissenting vote.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Council unanimously added action item 7) grant for DOJ; 8) Bids for Palmer Park Revitalization; 9) Bids for South 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Highway; 10) Bids for 1st Avenue and Route 82 alignment; 11) DEPG extension request and Presentation 2) Pawlowski Day.

Presentations

1. Swearing In – Officer Michael T. Kinsman
Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Officer Michael T. Kinsman as a full time City of Coatesville Police Officer while his parents held the Bible.

Chief Laufer introduced the new part time Officer James Mains to City Council.

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

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider appointment of the Assistant City Manager
Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the appointment of James Logan as Assistant City Manager; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mr. Simpson was the dissenting vote.
2. Receive and consider second reading and adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania vacating: 1) A portion of Fleetwood Street between Brick Alley West to Fourth Avenue; and 2) a portion of Berry Alley between the section of Fleetwood Street aforementioned South to its intersection with Dewey Alley; listing the property owners abutting the portions of Fleetwood Street and Berry Alley to be vacated as referenced from any official map of the City of Coatesville; providing for a savings clause; providing for a repeal of inconsistent Ordinances and, vacating utility rights of way in portions of Fleetwood Street and Berry Alley to be vacated
Vice President Green made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania vacating: 1) A portion of Fleetwood Street between Brick Alley West to Fourth Avenue; and 2) a portion of Berry Alley between the section of Fleetwood Street aforementioned South to its intersection with Dewey Alley; listing the property owners abutting the portions of Fleetwood Street and Berry Alley to be vacated as referenced from any official map of the City of Coatesville; providing for a savings clause; providing for a repeal of inconsistent Ordinances and, vacating utility rights of way in portions of Fleetwood Street and Berry Alley to be vacated; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Receive and consider second reading and adoption of an Ordinance authorizing to enter into a lease with BB&T to finance furniture for City Hall
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing to enter into a lease with BB&T to finance furniture for City Hall; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Receive and consider first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to convey to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation certain properties for a Highway Improvement Project (realignment of First Avenue at intersection with Lincoln Highway) in the City of Coatesville being portions of tax parcel (UPI) no. 16-5-140, 16-5-172, 16-5-225, 16-5-225.1, 16-5-232
Vice President Green made a motion to approve first reading an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to convey to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation certain properties for a Highway Improvement Project (realignment of First Avenue at intersection with Lincoln Highway) in the City of Coatesville being portions of tax parcel (UPI) no. 16-5-140, 16-5-172, 16-5-225, 16-5-225.1, 16-5-232; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider Resolution for City of Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix
Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the Resolution for the City of Coatesville Invitational Grand Prix on September 22, 2018; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
6. Receive proposals and consider firm for the cleaning of City Hall, Police Department and District Court.
No action taken at this time.
7. Receive and consider Department of Justice ShotSpotter Grant
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the application to the Department of Justice for the ShotSpotter Grant in the amount of \$137,500; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
8. Receive and consider Palmer Park rebid proposals
Mrs. Bookman made a motion to accept the Palmer Park rebid proposals and award the bid to Veteran Construction & Utility Services, Inc. at the cost of \$384,083.00; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
9. Receive and consider 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Highway Streetscape rebid proposals
Vice President Green made a motion to accept the 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Highway Streetscapes rebid proposals; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
10. Receive and consider 1st Avenue (Route 30) and Route 82 Redesign rebid proposals
Vice President Green made a motion to accept the 1st Avenue (Route 30) and Route 83 Redesign rebid proposals; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
11. Receive and consider DEPG extension request
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the DEPG extension to December 7, 2018 to finalize paperwork; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes
Vice President Green asked if minutes were current on the website.
2. Pawlowski Day
Council discussed having an event to dedicate a Gazebo to Mr. John Pawlowski for all his hard work and dedication in obtaining funds for the Gazebos at the Riverwalk before the cold weather begins. A date suggested was Friday August 24, 2018.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Carnes announced:

- Assisted in addressing legal matters requiring attention during the completion of City Hall Renovations and finalizing the District Court
- Renaming 1st – 4th Avenue of Harmony Street as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard is proceeding with notice to neighboring communities and School District in accordance with the MPC.
- Assisted in re-bidding of public works projects at 1st Avenue, 3rd Avenue and Palmer Park Phase 1.
- Working with DEPG developer to obtain a developers agreement and financial security agreement to permit recording of approved subdivision plans/
- 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

There was no citizen manager report at this time.

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

Regina Lewis

Mrs. Lewis, representative for ChesPenn, presented a check to the City for Unity Day. It was a pleasure to be a partner. President Lavender-Norris thanked Mrs. Lewis and stated we are sincerely grateful.

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone provide Council with a picture of the Family Dollar lot show trash on the ground. He thanked Council and Codes for addressing the issues but the owners are not addressing them. It is not fair to the residents. He voiced his concerns on a move out property in the West End. President Lavender-Norris stated she would speak with him at the end of the meeting.

Rudy Mayo

Mr. Mayo voiced his concerns regarding the rear of his property on Lumber Street. It is being used as a dumping ground. Vice President Green stated it is the property owner responsibility to clean up. Ms. Al Amin suggested asking neighbors if he could put a bulk item in the trash for pick up. Mrs. Bookman stated Eagle need to educate residents on bulk item pick up.

Joseph Gallagher

Mr. Gallagher, Owner of Bogies, voiced his concerns on the posting of his business property. Mr. Gallagher has a lease with Coatesville Savings Bank. The tenants were not notified. President Lavender-Norris stated the owner of the building was notified and should have provided the notification to the tenants.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans read a letter to Council. President Lavender-Norris asked "Excuse me" while Mr. Evans was reading the letter. Mr. Evans explained that he had the floor and would not be interrupted by Council. President Lavender-Norris asked Mr. Evans to have a seat and Mr. Evans refused. President Lavender-Norris asked Mr. Evans to be removed from the building. Chief Laufer escorted Mr. Evans out of the building.

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

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Vice president Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked Mrs. Lewis and Ms. Huntzinger for the Town Hall meeting about the growth and progression in the City. She wanted to clarify some things. The City of Coatesville is trying hard to progress and move forward and it seems as though some folks come and speak as though we don't live in the City, like we don't live here, and everything we do doesn't affect us. We want our residents to feel confident and comfortable to come to our podium and speak. We can't entertain foolishness. We have a lot of stuff going on. I read a lot, I hear a lot, and I see things coming across as though City Council is trying to stop the progress of the City, City Council is not working with the residents of the City, City Council is not working with the businesses of the City. We work tirelessly, we work hard and why wouldn't we want to see progression in the City of Coatesville. The funny part of it, is all the negative, most of the negative comments come from people who don't live in the City limits. That's what's hilarious and they don't live within the City, but have all the best interest of Coatesville at heart. That just amazes me. I see all kinds of things right here, this person comes to the podium and talks about what someone told him or what he heard the bottom line is if you're going to do business and work in the confines of the City then do it the right way, be legitimate and come and do the right things you need to do to make your business work. We have a lot of events going on I don't see anyone participating in the events. I don't see anyone supporting the local businesses we have downtown but I see a lot of negativity about the City on how Council does not care about what goes on in Coatesville. I've been a Coatesville resident all my life. I care deeply about the City of Coatesville. We may not always agree on everything, but it seems as though the City Council is not working or doing what you personally think they should be doing for you than you think it's bad. What is going on the City did not occur overnight so can't be fixed overnight. "It's teamwork that makes the dream work." You have to work together that's why I decided to thank all the partners such as 2nd Century Alliance, Brandywine Wellness, ChesPenn the ones that help us and bring their expertise and skill set to the table to help us achieve what we are all trying to achieve. I get a little down and depressed when I hear all the negativity. This is volunteer, I'm volunteering because I love the City of Coatesville. To hear all the oppressed negative comments all the time. It's a shame but then I said that you don't even live here but they know what's best about what's going on here. I'm here for the residents I'm not here for anybody else. I'm here representing the residents who voted for me no one else. So when I put a vote on the table and vote on an item I'm voting for what's best for the City not for anything else or any other purpose. I just needed to say that and I'm tired of the potshots. The City is progressing I'm very excited about the things going on in the development. I'm not going to take it and you're not going to do it meeting after meeting. I'm sorry. Thank you for coming and I welcome you Mr. Logan. I'm sorry Mr. Logan I get passionate and you'll see that.

Mrs. Bookman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She echoed Vice president Green's comments. She thanked staff for all their hard work. Thanked Council for working extremely hard, we meet almost every day. We work and we are on Council. Like Vice president Green said we don't get paid we get a little stipend. We don't get paid for it but were here for the City because we care for the residents of the City. I'm thankful to the staff we have, they work very hard, they work with us not against us, we work together to make it a place we can say we are really proud of. I thank the

residents that do come out and encourage. There are wonderful things going on the City. The issues that are here. Every municipality has issues, they may not be the same but there are issues. The black cloud that has been over Coatesville is moving away and the rainbows moving in. Mr. Logan, I welcome you, get your roller skates on were on the move. Thank you Sonny and Oliver for coming to every Council meeting. Thank you God bless.

Ms. Al Amin thanked all the residents for coming out, but we definitely appreciate you coming out. We do like to hear from you about things need to be done in an orderly manner. Sonny and Regina thank you so very much for your meeting the other night it was full of information thank you for sharing information with the public. Mr. Logan, I look forward to working with you much so to continue to move the City forward. Oliver, thank you for all that you do. I'm looking forward to Thursday at Palmer Park. I will be there. Hope everyone else will be there. Some great things are happening. they are not going to happen overnight, we did not get this way overnight, and we are not going to get things done overnight. We are all working very hard collectively together and I hope the residents have been able to see some changes. We will continue to grow and continue to move forward until Coatesville's is where it needs to be.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Simpson had no comment.

President Linda Lavender thanked everyone for coming out. I apologize for the display that just occurred. However, I will not under no circumstance, as long as I'm the president allow anyone from the floor to run this meeting. I have a responsibility and I take it seriously. I welcome each and every one of you to come to the podium and speak with regard on whatever you choose. However, I will not sit here and allow a whole conversation to go forward regarding someone else's property, that we don't have anything to do with and discuss it with somebody that is not the owner of the property. I won't do that. I cannot do that. I welcome anyone to come to the podium and speak with regard to your property. I have no problem with that. I recommend you do that when you have an issue. I highly recommend that. However, I won't accept under any other circumstance. I'm looking forward to Thursday at Palmer Park from 4 PM to 7 PM. It's a groundbreaking. It's been a long time coming and for those of us who are residents, you've been hearing it, it's going to happen, it's going to happen and we haven't seen anything happen. This is our opportunity to celebrate things happening, I'm looking forward to that and I will ask you all to come out and even if you would like you can volunteer. The doors are wide open. Please come out and enjoy the day with us. Also Friday night, God willing and it doesn't rain, we'll be at Gateway Park for the Sounds of Summer Series. G2 Band will be there and we are open to vendors. We already have two that will be set up. That will be this Friday from 7 PM to 10 PM. The band is local. So bring your lawn chairs and come out and enjoy the evening. We're trying to show our appreciation to our residents, were not trying to focus on any negative, were trying to focus on what's positive and build on that. When I have a problem I don't need you to tell me what my problem is, what I need you to do is encourage me and direct me with a way to work it out. Like anything we want to build, but we can only build one brick at a time, we are not going to conquer all our issues at one time, but I promise you we will be working on them one at a time. We are Council together, seven of us, we're a Council, separately were just members. We have determined that we are going to be a Council therefore we are going to move the City forward. We don't agree on everything we do everything or everything we say, but that's okay we can agree to disagree and move on. That's how passionate we are better community. We live here and respect the

fact that you voted us in to represent you. We're taking this seriously. Thank you all for coming out. God bless you all and be safe on your ride home.

Adjournment

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0.