

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
August 27, 2018

0.1 Public Hearing - - Ordinance renaming that portion of Harmony Street between 1st Avenue and 4th Avenue as “Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard” and amending the official map of the City of Coatesville to reflect the change of this name,

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

Vice President Green made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:55 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., Donald Folks, Mrs. Deborah Bookman, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Ms. Khadijah Al Amin. Staff members present included, City Manager Michael Trio, Assistant City Manager James Logan, 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. Simpson would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2018

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the August 13, 2018 meeting minutes with edits; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Mr. Folks abstained due to his absence.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Ms. AlAmin and Mrs. Bookman were the dissenting votes.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to add Discussion item 3) reset date for Pawlowski Day; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Letter of Recognition – Annie Eggleston
President Lavender-Norris presented Mrs. Annie Eggleston with a Proclamation and Letter of Recognition commemorating her 98th Birthday.
2. Chief Laufer – “Recognition from “Buckle Up PA”
Chief Laufer announced the City of Coatesville Police Department received a Highway Safety Network Plaque in recognition of “Buckle Up PA.” He also announced Officer Jose Colon is receiving the Individual Meritorious Community Service Award for his

contributions after Hurricane Maria. Officer Colon received donations, packaged and shipped them, went to Puerto Rico and helped distribute the donations to those in need.

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

There were no citizens' comments on action items only.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider appointment of City Solicitor

Vice President Green nominated Gawthorpe Greenwood, PC as the City Solicitor; Mrs. Bookman seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Hunt nominated John Carnes as the City Solicitor. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Vice President Green made a motion to appoint Gawthorpe Greenwood, Co as the City Solicitor; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Hunt was the dissenting vote.

Mr. Verway of Gawthorpe Greenwood was introduced as the new solicitor.

2. Receive and consider second reading and adoption of an Ordinance re-naming that portion of Harmony Street between 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue as "Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard" and amending the official map of the City of Coatesville to reflect this change of name.

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3. Receive and consider second reading and adoption 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

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4. Receive and consider award for the Route 30 and Route 82 Realignment to Meco Constructors, Inc. at \$1,704,079.00

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to award Route 30 and Route 82 Realignment to Meco Constructors, Inc. at \$1,704,079.00; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider award for the 3rd Avenue Lincoln Highway Redesign Project to James R. Kenney Excavating and Paving Inc. at \$174,976.40.

No motion was made.

6. Receive and consider SPCA renewal

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to table the SPCA renewal; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion tabled 6-0.

Mr. Carnes explained the City should not enter into a five year contract. Mr. Barsz stated he would look into other avenues to use other than the SPCA.

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to close action items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

Vice President Green stated the minutes were done more verbatim. She asked to see more from citizens' comments.

2. Food Truck – 300 East Lincoln Highway

Chief Laufer explained the Food Truck in the lot at 300 East Lincoln Highway has received all the permits required from the Board of Health and the Codes Department. The only issue was where the truck could be located. Chief recommended to be consistent with what was done last year with the Farmers Market to use the gravel lot. Council asked to provide a timeframe of when the truck will be there.

3. Pawlowski Day

Mrs. Hunt asked to set a new date for dedication to Mr. Pawlowski at the Riverwalk. Mrs. Hunt asked Mr. Trio to contact Mr. Pawlowski to get the dates of his availability before it gets to cold out.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Carnes stated he is disappointed in not being chosen to remain as the City solicitor. He has put a lot of effort into the City of Coatesville and provided the best quality service. I have enjoyed my time with the City and it has meant a lot to me. This is very unique to happen in the middle of the year. It has been a pleasure to represent you.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio thanked those who checked up on him while he was out. I appreciate the compliments on the building. We still have some bugs to work out. I hope everyone enjoys our new space. I look forward to its continued use. There is one more meeting before the Grand Prix. Thank Council for approving the Resolution for the Grand Prix to be held on Saturday September 22, 108.

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

Edwin Seggara

Mr. Seggara voiced his concerns regarding the previous Council meeting. He discussed the Roberts Rules of Order, collusion, resident's right to speak, and equal rights for all transparency.

Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa voiced her concerns regarding the last meeting agreeing with Mr. Seggara. She discussed the voting process, , agree to disagree, owners, landlords, and taxpayers.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans complimented the room and the lighting. He voiced his concerns regarding the Sunshine Law and his to speak, and addressed several properties. President Lavender-Norris explained we will not address another persons' property.

Pamela Depte

Ms. Depte voiced her concerns about trash under the underpasses and clean ups at Jeanne Treadwell James Park. Vice President Green stated Jeanne Treadwell will be put on list for clean ups.

Alan Bookard

Mr. Bookard stated he has not received his escrow payment to date. Council asked him to come in and meet with Finance.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens' hearing s on non-agenda items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Folks stated work has no cover, people do. Welcome to our new facility. Thank you for coming.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for spending the evening with us. She expressed her gratitude to Miss Eggleston for her 98 years. She thanked council and administration for moving swiftly on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. She thanked Mr. Carnes for his service to the city. I am sad we will not continue but we as Council will move forward and work together collectively. Thank you so much for your service. Mr. Trio welcome back.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Carnes thank you for your service. Mr. Trio welcome back. Mr. Verway welcome to the City of Coatesville. Thank all of council, we have been working hard collectively to try to move the city forward in a positive way. Thank everyone for coming and safe travels home.

Mrs. Bookman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Be safe on the road.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Ms. Pam came to the right place to get things done. I'd like to remind everyone of the Sounds of Summer, this Friday is the last one. We had a wonderful time last Friday. Thanks to Wells Fargo for the Sounds of Summer this weekend. It was a mediocre turn out but was a great time. The kids had a lot of fun, there were nice giveaways, and our seniors came out. I'm looking forward to having a good time this Friday. The Grand Prix is the next big event coming up but it's real important that the city residents come out and participate. With the Sounds of Summer and having these jazz musicians every week gives us something else to do. It helps to have people build up to self-esteem for our communities. The more that we do it, the better it gets and the more sponsors we get and the bigger it gets. I just want to thank every one of our sponsors who come and help out such as Wells Fargo, 2nd Century Alliance, ChesPenn and Peter Barsz It is good seeing everyone out

tonight. Thank you Mr. Trio, welcome back. John, I really appreciate you and all you've done for the city of Coatesville.

.Mrs. Lavender North thanked everyone for attending the meeting. As I sit right here, I do need you to understand, that I do what I do for my community. I make no apologies for it and until the Lord tells me I'm moving in the wrong direction I won't change. I appreciate you all for coming out and I appreciate you for your interest. I just need you to get involved. As the Mrs. Green was saying we had the Sounds of Summer. It was a wonderful event but I didn't see you guys. I don't want to just see you on the opposite side of the table, I want to be side-by-side and enjoy the city. We have a lot of positive things going on right now and I don't want to be the only one enjoying it. I want you all to enjoy it. We do it for the residents in our community, and if you come out and get involved, you like what you see. Yet those negative things to try to crop up are minute. We're here for the residents. They are the ones that elected us despite what your train of thought is. If three people voted for one and not one voted for the other, those three are considered all. I appreciate everything that vote I ever got from whoever it came. Because of that I'll stand flat-footed and fight for them day in and day out. I'm not afraid of the front line. That's where I do my best work. Everybody have a blessed night and be safe. We will be having a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony in September for the New City Hall.

Adjournment

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm and move into executive meeting; Vice President Green seconded the motion.