

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Benner Building Auditorium, 545 East Lincoln Highway Coatesville, PA 19320
August 28, 2017

President Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President C. Arvilla Hunt, Vice President Marie Lawson, Mssrs, Edward Simpson, Joseph Hamrick, 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, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Codes Department Scott Mulderig and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

An Executive Session was held earlier this evening August 28, 2017 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Hunt announced Mrs. Green would not be in attendance.

.01 Public Hearing

7:30 p.m.

1. Flood Plain Ordinance

The Public hearing was transcribed by a stenographer.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve August 14, 2017 meeting minutes with edits and August 22, 2017 meeting minutes as written; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Lawson made a motion to delete action item 4 (duplicate); Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Certificate of Appreciation

None of the recipients were in attendance.

2. Coatesville Gun Buyback Benefit Concert – Tom Buglio

Vice President Lawson announced Mr. Buglio will be late and asked for the presentation to be later in the meeting. (Mr. Buglio spoke during citizens' hearing on non-agenda items)

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

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

Vice President Lawson made a motion to close Citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

1 Minutes

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction to development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the City of Coatesville which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply with, the requirements or provisions of the Floodplain Conservation Overlay District (FC); and accomplishing same by amending Article VIII of the Zoning Ordinance and replacing existing subsections 224-21 through 224-28 with the newly stated provisions identified.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance requiring all persons, partnerships, businesses and corporations to obtain a permit for any construction to development; providing for the issuance of such permits; setting forth certain minimum requirements for new construction and development within areas of the City of Coatesville which are subject to flooding; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail, or refuse to comply with, the requirements or provisions of the Floodplain Conservation Overlay District (FC); and accomplishing same by amending Article VIII of the Zoning Ordinance and replacing existing subsections 224-21 through 224-28 with the newly stated provisions identified; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider Second Reading and Adoption an Ordinance for the licensing agreement for the administration copier

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance for the licensing agreement for the administration copier; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Receive and consider recommendation from the Civil Service Commission for the hiring of Josh Schreiber as full time fire fighter for the City of Coatesville

Mr. Trio explained the hiring of Mr. Schreiber is to fulfill an existing position.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve the Civil Service recommendation for the hiring of Josh Schreiber as full-time Firefighter for the City of Coatesville; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

- ~~4. Receive and consider Licensing Ordinance for Administration Copier~~

5. Receive and consider Cedarville Engineering proposal for professional services of the Coatesville City Hall Renovations.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the Cedarville Engineering proposal 1.0 Engineering drawings for \$11,000 only; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

Council asked for a detail of the expenses for the move to the Benner Building.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced:

- City Hall Renovations – Special meeting was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at which time the lowest responsible bidder and the contract was approved with an addendum thereto requiring the use of local labor. The other construction work prime bids for General Contractor, Electrical, Plumbing, and HVAC is out to bid with bids due to be received on September 7, 2016 so that the construction can directly follow the demolition work.
- Floodplain Ordinance – draft Floodplain Ordinance prepared by the City Engineer and modified it to make it a part of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- Advertised for second reading of an Ordinance to address financing of a new color copier and maintenance agreement and new shredder.
- Reviewed various draft contracts and agreements and assisted with various miscellaneous matters involving litigation and enforcement has assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations and involving various personnel.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- Currently working out bugs with the buildings – need to work out the glitches
- Moving forward on contractors – City Hall demo began today and will be done within 30 days
- 1st Avenue and Lincoln Highway – hopefully receive the funding this year
- 3rd Avenue is moving forward – will be open in 3-4 weeks
- Floodplain Ordinance was a mandate

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

Allen Belser

Mr. Belser asked for better access to the building. The doors were locked. Mr. Trio explained we are currently working on this issue.

Melanie Roberts

Ms. Roberts voiced her concerns regarding payment for the Jazz series that was cancelled. She had a verbal contract to play at the events. Two were cancelled last minute due to the rain. It was not her fault the events were cancelled. She had to pay \$375 out of her pocket to the band. Mrs. Lavender-Norris explained the event was canceled and Ms. Roberts did not play so there will be no payment. Mr. Carnes explained the Committees responsibilities regarding events.

Laurie Shannon-Bailey

MS. Bailey introduced Sergeant Rodger Ollis to discuss the Gun Buy Back. Sergeant Olli explained there will be a fundraiser on September 2, 2017 call the Coatesville Peace festival Event. The gun buy back will be September 16, 2017.

Tom Buglio (Presentation #2)

Mr. Buglio explained the gun buy back is to get the guns off the street. It is a good effort to get rid of the guns. The concert is designed to raise funds for the cause. Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for

collaborating together. Mrs. Silvia Washington explained it is a great effort for municipalities work together and getting the message out to the young people.

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

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked everyone for coming and announced a special executive session will be held on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at 7pm.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and persevering. She quoted "Indeed, the body may be a good servant, but, when it becomes a master, its powers of evil are unlimited." By Mahatma Gandhi.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris announced the Jazz series went well even though 2 out of 4 were rained out. She is interested in setting up a celebratory for New Year's Eve – maybe at the Marriott or Cultural Society. There is a meeting scheduled for development and employment on September 21, 2017 at the Exton Laborers Trade Center. All Unions will be represented. God Bless and have a good night!

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Chief and his staff for their outstanding work for the hate crimes. The Chief thanked Mr. Simpson and stated the City deserves better than the hate.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending, the auditorium is much bigger here. The Doors are now open. We definitely want the community here at the meetings. She echoed Mr. Simpson regarding how the Police Department handled the Hate crime. It was handled the best way, quick and speedy. There are a lot of cameras out there.

President Hunt thanked everyone for attending and echoed the previous Council member's comments. Kudos to the Police Department and staff.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.