

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
September 10, 2018

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Messrs., Donald Folks, Edward Simpson, 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 Anthony Verway, Police Chief John Laufer, Finance Department Peter Barsz 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 Vice President Green would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes – August 27, 2018

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the August 27, 2018 meeting minutes; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or modifications to the agenda.

Presentations

There no were presentations at this time.

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

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

Regular Action Items

There were no action items at this time.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

2. Pawlowski Day

Mr. Trio announced Mr. Pawlowski would make himself available for whatever date the City set. Mrs. Hunt explained the dedication is for what Mr. Pawlowski did for the gazebos. Council agreed to set the dedication for September 23, 2018 beginning at 12:30 pm. Council asked Mr. Trio to reach out to Mr. Pawlowski with the date and time.

3. Ribbon Cutting

The Ribbon cutting will be the week after the Grand Prix, if the punch list is done by then.

4. Cleaning RFP

Mr. Trio explained he was not at the meeting in which the cleaning RFP was discussed. Ms. Al Amin asked if the Chief and Mr. Trio had any issues with the current cleaners. Chief Laufer explained the previous company sold and the City is happy with the services being provided by the new company. Mrs. Bookman asked if the contract is a yearly contract. Mr. Trio replied yes.

5. Public Works Compressor

Mr. Trio explained Mr. Barsz found a used generator for \$11,000. Council asked the price of a new one. Mr. Johnson stated around \$15,000. President Lavender-Norris asked for estimates on a new one with warranty. It would be better to pay a little more and get new equipment with a warranty. Mr. Johnson explained he has around 50 signs to be put up at this time. Mr. Trio explained the compressor was not budgeted and will need to look at where we can adjust the budget.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Verway explained he has been working with Mr. Carnes to get updates. He met with him to day to discuss various issues and to start transitioning files. He met with Mr. Trio regarding pending matters and has talked with the engineers.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- 1st Avenue and Lincoln Highway program is moving forward. Working with developer.
- Awaiting 3rd Avenue determination. Need to close loop with Cedarville.
- Working on completing the punch list for City Hall
- Planning Commission – Plan for the Mosque at 725 Merchant Street
- Zoning Board – No applications pending.
- Grand Prix September 22, 2018. – Increasing length of safety fence, Emergency services have been mobilized

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

Darrell Williams

Mr. Williams voiced his concerns on non-compliance of keeping outside properties clean, not upgrading properties or repairs being done for upkeep. Mr. Williams provided pictures of the property he is mainly concerned about. He named sections of the code regarding his complaints; Section 136-1 A,B,C & D and Section 136-9 A,B,C,E,F &N. Council asked Mr. Trio and Mr. Logan to set up a meeting with Mr. Williams.

Harvel Brown

Mr. Brown congratulated on the youth safety. He voiced his concern on the older men in Palmer Park smoking, drinking and using foul language around the youth. He stated the City of Coatesville has the most single family homes and asked the City Manager to help start people in the City to work. Between 5th and 6th Avenue on Lumber Street looks like a dump. He asked Council not to forget Coatesville, we can make it great again.

Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa explained the public servants work for the residents. She questioned Chapter 2 on special meetings and how they should be made public. She voiced her concerns on 223-227 East Lincoln Highway and why it has not been condemned.

Charles Jaramillo

Mr. Jaramillo announced he received a letter and a statement regarding his property on East Lincoln Highway. He voiced his concerns regarding a council member talking to one of the tenants. He explained at one time he could have sued the City and didn't. President Lavender-Norris explained Council could not discuss due to litigation on the property.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans He voiced his concerns regarding the Sunshine Law, 1st Amendment and his right to speak. He addressed several properties on East Lincoln Highway. President Lavender-Norris explained we will not address another person's property. Mr. Evans explained that he had the floor and has three minutes to speak. 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 meeting. Detective Sergeant Harris escorted Mr. Evans from the meeting.

Joe Leofsky

Mr. Leofsky asked who ordered the condemnation of 223-227 East Lincoln Highway. President Lavender-Norris explained we will not address another person's property. Mr. Leofsky explained that he had 1st Amendment rights and three minutes to speak. President Lavender-Norris asked Mr. Leofsky to have a seat and Mr. Leofsky refused. President Lavender-Norris asked Mr. Leofsky to be removed from the meeting. Detective Sergeant Harris escorted Mr. Leofsky from the meeting.

Edwin Seggera

Mr. Seggera voiced his concerns regarding the previous council meeting and citizen's comments. He discussed the resident's rights to speak, equal rights for all and transparency.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mrs. Bookman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Hunt was not present for the vote.

Special Events

1. End of Summer Community Event for families on September 22, 2018 from 12 noon to dusk. It has been requested to block off 1100 Olive Street.

Ms. Miles asked if she could have the event on her property and neighboring properties without closing the street. Council explained she can have a party on her own property without a special event permit.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Looking forward to the upcoming Grand Prix. It benefits the community. Hope everyone is there.

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for attending the meeting. If you dance, dance with nobody watching, love like you've never been hurt, and work like you don't need the money.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to continue coming. I enjoy seeing everyone. I am excited to continue to do things in the City to move it forward.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for attending the meetings. Safe Travels.

Ms. Bookman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Tomorrow is the September 11th ceremony at Lukens. I am from New York and was several blocks away when this happened. I have not been back there. This is the first time I have gone to this because it has been hard on me. But I hear it's a wonderful event. I invite anyone that's not at work or has the time to come out and join them. The event is from 8:30 am to 11am. Thank you.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for just being invested in our community. I don't take pleasure in having to almost be a disciplinarian. However, it is my responsibility to run the meeting and to ensure we stay within the boundary. I will not subject the City to unnecessary legal issues nor will I subject myself to it. I ran for council because I want the City to do better and I want to do my part in moving forwards. That's my motivation and I know for a fact, I won't say or do everything everyone wants to hear or see be done. You can always bet last dollar, but I'm going to do what I think is right for the City. For that being said, I don't mind not being appreciated for what I do, but at least I understand I stepped up to do my best. I appreciate you coming up to the podium and voicing your opinion. I have no problem with that. As a matter of fact I appreciate it, to the extent that it keeps me focused and on track. So please don't stop coming. God bless and have a safe evening.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm and move into executive session;
Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.