

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Benner Building Auditorium, 545 East Lincoln Highway Coatesville, PA 19320
September 25, 2017

President Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:47 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President C. Arvilla Hunt, Vice President Marie Lawson, Mssrs, Joseph Hamrick, Mrs. Carmen Green, 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.

President Hunt announced Mr. Simpson would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the September 11, 2017 Meeting minutes: Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to add discussion item 1) Palmer Park Community Cook off; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. District Attorney Thomas Hogan

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan presented the City of Coatesville Police Department with a Commendation for outstanding work in the arrest and conviction solving on the homicide that occurred less than a block away from the Benner School, where police were recognized on Monday. The Coatesville police officers who investigated the shooting death of a homeless man had cared enough to solve his homicide. The Police have good relationships with people on the street here in Coatesville. DA Hogan noted that most of the city is covered by video surveillance, either by police or a private citizen, an initiative of Chief John "Jack" Laufer began when he became the Chief of Police. The shooting, near a backyard lot along Diamond Alley in the city's East End, was captured on surveillance. "It was outstanding work by the Coatesville Police Department," said Hogan, who added that the police were persistent in the investigation to seek justice. Chief Laufer said the investigation was a team effort within the department and the county detectives, as well as the DA's office, from the initial report of shots fired and finding a deceased man in that area, through the arrest and the trial. Yen of the DA's office noted that the trial occurred in less than a year from the homicide and that the jury took about an hour to convict Tucker in July of first-degree murder, possession of an instrument of crime, and firearms violations. He is awaiting sentencing. The first-degree murder conviction carries with it a mandatory term of life behind bars without the possibility of parole. DA Hogan praised the police for solving the murder case. He also thanked them for their efforts to prevent more crimes from occurring and for their proactive community policing outreach efforts.

2. Water Ice Truck – Chief Laufer

Chief Laufer announced the old emergency response vehicle was turned into a Community Policing Water Ice Truck with no expense to the city. He thanked Lucky Sign Shop, K's Kollision, Rita's of Gap, KZ Automotive and the Coatesville Police Union. It has been exciting to have a vision watch it come to fruition with the help of others. It is not about the water ice but the conversation with the Community. Council thanked the Chief and the Police Department for taking community policing to another level.

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

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

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and acknowledge the Coatesville City Hall Electrical, General Trades, HVAC and Plumbing bids as received and reviewed on September 14, 2017.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to acknowledge the Coatesville City Hall Electrical, General Trades, HVAC and Plumbing bids as received and reviewed on September 14, 2017; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider Coatesville City Hall Electrical Construction Package Contractor recommendation and accept Greg A. Vietri Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$321,000.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Council President to execute a standard AIA contract for construction consistent with the bid and conditioned upon approval by the City Solicitor.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made motion to approve the Coatesville City Hall Electrical Construction Package Contractor recommendation and accept Greg A. Vietri Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$321,000.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Council President to execute a standard AIA contract for construction consistent with the bid and conditioned upon approval by the City Solicitor; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Receive and consider Coatesville City Hall Plumbing Construction Package Contractor recommendation and accept Myco Mechanical Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$269,000.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Council President to execute a standard AIA contract for construction consistent with the bid and conditioned upon approval by the City Solicitor.

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve the Coatesville City Hall Plumbing Construction Package Contractor recommendation and accept Myco Mechanical Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$269,000.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Council President to execute a standard AIA contract for construction consistent with the bid and conditioned upon approval by the City Solicitor; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Receive and consider Coatesville City Hall General Trades Construction Package Contractor recommendation and accept Caldwell, Heckles & Egan as the lowest

responsible bidder with a base bid of \$1,744,000.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Council President to execute a standard AIA contract for construction consistent with the bid and accepting deducts identified in the bid as Alternatives No. 1 and No.2 reducing the price by \$6,500.00 to a total contract price of \$1,737,500.00 and conditioned upon approval by the City Solicitor.

Mrs. Lavender Norris made a motion to approve the Coatesville City Hall General Trades Construction Package Contractor recommendation and accept Caldwell, Heckles & Egan as the lowest responsible bidder with a base bid of \$1,744,000.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Council President to execute a standard AIA contract for construction consistent with the bid and accepting deducts identified in the bid as Alternatives No. 1 and No.2 reducing the price by \$6,500.00 to a total contract price of \$1,737,500.00 and conditioned upon approval by the City Solicitor; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider Coatesville City Hall HVAC Construction Package Contractor recommendation and reject all bids as being over budget and authorize immediate re-bidding of same.

Mrs. Green made a motion to accept the Coatesville City Hall HVAC Construction Package Contractor recommendation and reject all bids as being over budget and authorize immediate re-bidding of same; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Receive and consider 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Pension

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Pension; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Receive and consider 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Firemen's Pension Fund

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Firemen's Pension Fund; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Receive and consider 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes
There was no discussion on the minutes.

Solicitors Report

John Carnes announced:

- The prime bids for the General Contractor, Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC were opened on September 14, 2017
- The City and solicitor participated in the fire arbitration.
- Working with catalyst to establish Orphan's court approval for the use of a portion of Gateway Park.
- Reviewed various draft contracts and agreements and assisted with various miscellaneous matters involving litigation and enforcement and has assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations and involving various personnel matters.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio:

- Thanked City Council for the Grand Prix, it was a smashing success. All participants were pleased how they were treated. He thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Administration, Public Works and Administration for all their hard work and participation with the event.
- Announced the demolition for the gateway project has begun.
- Announced the Assistant City Manager resumes have been presented to Council for review.

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

Rosario Harden

Ms. Harden has tried to get street repaved after PAWC completed years ago. She has called Mr. Trio and President Hunt regarding the matter. Mr. Trio explained the City is working on a master plan for repaving the streets. He stated he would contact Ms. Harden and speak with her about the matter.

Lisa Wolf

Ms. Wolf announced the children and their parents were excited to see the vehicles at the Grand Prix. She asked for use of the auditorium on November 13, 2017 for a concert. Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked Ms. Wolf for her communication to the public on the union trade training day. Mr. Trio thanked her for her assistance with the audio system every week.

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

Special Events

1. Community BBQ Cook off
Saturday 30, 2017 beginning at 12 noon at Gateway Park. There will be additional activities and the citizens can sample.
Council agreed in unison for the event.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked Mr. Trio and the committee for the Grand Prix. They did a wonderful job this year. It took a while for Council to come on board with the grand prix, but it is moving forward & growing and everyone is having a good time. He thanked the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their assistance in keeping the citizens safe. Safety to our citizens is our first priority. He thanked there Police Department for the hard work and dedication. He has praised them outside of the City.

Mrs. Green announced the Grand Prix was a remarkable, great event. It was better this year and such a beautiful day. She thanked Mr. Trio for making Council feel comfortable. She is excited about all the construction going on in the City. Grateful and thankful for everything going on. Working on infrastructure improvements that have been needed for the city. We want to make sure inclusive to the residents in the development to make sure they get the work done. She is disappointed in the turn out for the union trade meeting. Only 8 people showed up. "Coatesville, this is our season, this is our time.'

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She is still excited over Saturday at the Grand Prix. Chief Laufer, there is never a lack of praise for our guys. She quoted "Sometimes a still tongue makes a wise head." By Get'em Goncalo.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris echoed the sentiments of fellow Council. The Grand Prix was a wonderful day. The only negative she heard was "it's loud", everything was very positive. Upstate New York will be starting a Grand Prix event copying after the City. She congratulated the Chief on his well-deserved commendation. He is consistently doing an exemplary work. The Union trade day had a horrible turn out but it was not a waste. The few came out are being directed and trained. Another event will be held in a month or two in the City.

Vice President Lawson thanked Mr. Trion for a job well done and Ms. Mowday for her work behind the scenes. There are more residents defending the grand prix event. It is nice to see resident step up for their community. She thanked Chief Laufer for the fantastic job he has been doing.

President Hunt dittoed the comments of her colleagues. Hats off to the Chief. She thanked her fellow Council for their help and their support. She is grateful for the things they do for the City. If we work together, we can get things done. Very grateful and thankful.

Adjournment

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.