

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Benner Building Auditorium, 545 East Lincoln Highway Coatesville, PA 19320
October 9, 2017

Vice President Lawson called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Vice President Marie Lawson, Mssrs, Joseph Hamrick, Edward Simpson, 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.

Vice President Lawson announced Mr. Simpson would not be in attendance and Mrs. Green may be late.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Lavender-Norris asked for a running total of expenses for the City to be in the Benner Building. Council asked at the last meeting to provide copies of the Cedarville invoices in the Council packets with the payables.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the September 25, 2017 Meeting minutes: Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to add action item 2) Special Budget workshop meeting and 3) Liquor license; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations

There were no presentations at this time.

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

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

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close citizens' hearings' on regular action items only; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Resolution of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania authorizing the application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a Traffic Signal Approval

Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve a Resolution of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania authorizing the application to the Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Application; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Receive and consider special budget workshop meeting
Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to authorize special workshop meetings for the 2018 proposed budget; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Receive and consider Liquor license
Mrs. Lavender-Norris made a motion to approve the solicitor to prepare and advertise for liquor licenses; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes
Mr. Hamrick asked Mr. Trio if he addressed the pavement issue with Mrs. Harden. Mr. Trio stated he called Mrs. Harden and spoke to her about the issue and it has been resolved.
2. Organizational invitation for citations and tickets
Mrs. Lavender-Norris explained the City Council receives requests for citation to be presented at various events throughout the year in the City. The cost for all Council to attend is expensive. She suggested that the Council President and Ward representative attend the meeting and represent the City. At least two representative of City Council.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced:

- The AIA contracts have been sent out for approval of the City Hall Renovations.
- The survey work by Urwiler and Walter has been completed and monuments have been installed.
- Working with Catalyst to establish Orphans Court approval of the use of a portion of Gateway Park to be developed as an open-air amphitheater with additional site improvements including a digital monument display communication device and Veteran's memorial.
- Olivet Methodist Church parking lot lease changed from 30 year to 20 year lease.
- 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 announced:

- The City Hall demolition has been completed.
- Gateway Project demolition is underway site is 95% clear.
- Cedarville has filed the 4th phase of the HOP plans for intersection HOP and construction plan
- Palmer Park initiative Natural Lads and Brandywine Health Foundation. Conducted follow up meetings with Ann Hutchinson in preparation of October meeting.

- Third Avenue is approximately at 50 % with East side of improvements completed.
- CDB – submitting scope and description of work – extension of Third Avenue Streetscape between Lincoln Highway and Harmony Street.
- Codes Department issued 73 code violations and 82 instant tickets.
- Billed the owner for the work done at 1136 Stirling Street (Clean-Up) and have received payment.

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

John Stonewall

Mr. Stonewall stated he is going thru a hard time. We learn to always do what best with what's in your hands. He hopes someday he will be able to bring his services back into the City. He thanked the City for all they have done.

Justin

Justin asked Council to add onto the park at Patton and Madison and change the old tennis courts into Skate Park. It would be no cost to the City. It could be an Eagle Scout project. Council provided contact information to Natural Lands Trust.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick asked if financial documentation can be placed on the table in case residents have questions. He told Mr. Stonewall there is a lot of development going on and maybe there will be a new opportunity to comeback in the City.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It is great to hear your ideas. The thought for the day is a fact "The loudest one in the room, is the weakest in the room." By Frances Lucas, American Gangster.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Excited about the direction the City is moving in. She videotaped some of the buildings going down on 1st Avenue. We are the direction we are heading. Let's stay together, let's not give up on one another we don't have to agree on everything, we can agree to disagree. Too many coming behind us and too many going ahead of us.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He echoes the same sentiment of Mrs. Lavender-Norris. We have waited and waited for years for those buildings to come down. It is

joyous to see them come down, butt will be an even better day when the footers go up. Look forward to turning the City around. It is long overdue

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Hope that Maranatha will someday come back in the City. It was a community place, not just a school. A true benefit was parents could walk their kids to the school. She thanked the young men for bringing their ideas in front of Council. It is great to see the youth step up before Council and tell us what we need and what we want. Council has welcomed and promoted residents to come forward with ideas for our City. She thanked Mr. Mulderig for his quick response to calls. She has received compliments on his work. The concerns of the residents are being addressed. Have a good night.

Adjournment

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm; Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.