

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
October 22, 2018

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 Anthony Verwey, 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 – October 8, 2018

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the October 8, 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; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to add Presentation 2) RCL Presentation; 3) Marie O’Connell; 4) Catalyst; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. American Blue Cross – Badges vs Badges – Ann Beal

When first responders compete to collect blood, everyone wins! Police and Fire departments from the Coatesville area will compete to see who can recruit the most eligible blood donors in the community during their first-ever American Red Cross Battle of the Badges 19320 blood drive on Friday, Nov. 9.

Community members are needed to roll up their sleeves and donate blood with “team police” or “team fire” Nov. 9, 3-8 p.m. at the Chester County Public Safety Training Center, 137 Modena Road. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Presenting donors will receive a free T-shirt, while supplies last.

Battle of the Badges is a friendly competition between first responders that helps the Red Cross meet patient and hospital demand for blood, which is especially challenging during the holiday season and throughout the winter months.

2. RCP Presentation – Bill Adams

Mr. Adams explained The Responsible Contractor Policy, RCP, supports and encourages fair wages and fair benefits for workers employed in the construction, maintenance and operations of CalSTRS properties by the contractors and subcontractors of our investment managers. The policy is subject to fiduciary principles concerning duties of loyalty and prudence, both of which further require competitive returns on CalSTRS' real estate investments. CalSTRS has received strong support from labor organizations.

A responsible contractor, as used in this policy, is a contractor or subcontractor who pays workers a "fair wage" and a "fair benefit" as evidenced by payroll and employee records. Fair benefits are defined as including, but are not limited to, employer-paid family health care coverage, pension benefits and apprenticeship programs. What constitutes a fair wage and fair benefit depends on the wages and benefits paid on comparable investment projects, based on local market factors, that include the nature of the project (for example, residential or commercial, public or private), comparable job or trade classifications and the scope and complexity of services provided.

State and local bidding laws do have minimal requirements which are part of the problem since only minimal steps are taken to define or put teeth into the responsible component of the "lowest responsible contractor" requirements that apply to all PA bidding authorities. Most laws, simply require this but then take little to no action to make sure public contractors are actually "responsible" --- ie, have the requisite qualifications, performance capabilities and record of "business integrity" (law compliance, etc.) to successfully perform the projects for which they are hired.

The RCP helps public bodies hire better qualified contractors and better qualified construction craft workers who produce better projects.

3. Marie O'Connell – Express Pro

Ms. O'Connell announced she joined Express Employment Professionals in July of 2015 as the owner of the Chester County (Main Line), PA office. She and her team partner with a variety of businesses of all sizes, across many industries, providing a full range of staffing services to help ensure client's maximum flexibility and cost savings.

Express Employment Professionals of Chester Main Line, PA is a leading staffing provider helping job seekers find work with a wide variety of local businesses. Because we're locally owned, we live in and work in this community and have a vested interest in its success. In addition to our staffing services, our team is actively involved with a wide variety of causes and organizations that help strengthen our beautiful city.

The vision is to help as many people as possible find good jobs by helping as many clients as possible find good people. Teamwork makes Dreamwork!

4. Catalyst

Mr. Earle announced the application for the Gateway Ampitheatre will be submitted within the next few weeks.

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

There were no citizen's comments on regular action items only,

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1327-2009, Authorizing and Approving a Seven Million Dollar (\$7,000,000.00) Loan Agreement and Promissory Note Between the Redevelopment Authority and the City of Coatesville, to Authorize the capitalization of one million nine hundred – sixty-two thousand, two hundred thirty-four dollars (\$1,962,234.00) accrued interest, forgiveness of certain accrued interest, elimination of further interest payments and setting forth terms of repayment; and authorizing and approving a promissory note between the Redevelopment Authority and the City of Coatesville.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1327-2009, Authorizing and Approving a Seven Million Dollar (\$7,000,000.00) Loan Agreement and Promissory Note Between the Redevelopment Authority and the City of Coatesville, to Authorize the capitalization of one million nine hundred – sixty-two thousand, two hundred thirty-four dollars (\$1,962,234.00) accrued interest, forgiveness of certain accrued interest, elimination of further interest payments and setting forth terms of repayment; and authorizing and approving a promissory note between the Redevelopment Authority and the City of Coatesville; Mr. Folks seconded the motion . Motion passed 4-2. Ms. Al Amin and Mrs. Hunt were the dissenting votes.

2. Receive and consider budget timeline

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the budget timeline; President Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to close regular action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes at this time.

2. Pawlowski Gazebo dedication

Council agreed to have the Pawlowski Gazebo dedication on November 10, 2018 at 1 pm.

3. Ribbon Cutting

No date was set for the ribbon cutting.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Verwey announced he worked on:

- Real Estate issues
- Right to Knows
- Legal Issues
- Civil Service List and what is required by the City

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- Lincoln Highway and 1st Avenue realignment about ready to go
- Palmer Park construction has required additional electrical work
- South 3rd Avenue Streetscapes project – Cedarville providing inspection of installation work and CBDG compliance.
- PECO concrete work completed to patch areas adjacent to the Flower Shop
- BIU follow ups and rental inspections
- Transition for Codes Department and staff No new Zoning Board applications
- DEPG has a follow up hearing for the LCB projected for November 2018

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

President Lavender-Norris announced access to City Hall will not be until 7:20 pm and the doors will not be open until then.

Garrett McComsey

Mr. McComsey voiced his concern regarding the inactive furnace on the rental attached to his home (duplex). The various renters have been using kerosene over the years to heat the place. Council asked Mr. McComsey to speak with Mr. Logan or Mr. Trio.

Rosena Harden

Ms. Harden voiced her concerns regarding the overgrown grass and brush under the underpass. She asked for clean-up and the grass cut at the property where Mr. Legree used to live.

James Clark

Mr. Clark announced he has a business called Brush of Colors, LLC and offered to get volunteer work.

Charles Jaramillo

Mr. Jaramillo asked for a copy of the document signed to condemn his building. Council asked Mr. Jaramillo to fill out a Right to Know.

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Folks said "Just remember in the morning you're not fully dressed until you put a smile on your face."

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Happy about the encouraging information and communication this evening.

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

Mrs. Bookman thanked everyone for attending the meetings. Safe Travels.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. McComsey we will get you taken care of.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She announced over the next three weeks Public Works will be replacing street signs and handicap signs throughout the community. Please let them know you care. Look on our website and Facebook to see where we are working. Thank you for the positivity moving forward. Be safe and blessed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Bookman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.