

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
October 24, 2016

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Marie Lawson Mssrs, Joseph Hamrick, and Mrs. Carmen Green. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced An Executive Session was held earlier this evening October 24, 2016 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Lavender-Norris announced Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Simpson would not be in attendance. Mr. Simpson was in attendance for the executive session.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve the October 10, 2016 meeting minutes; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Green made a motion to table action item 3 and 4 and add discussion item 10 trash toters; Mrs. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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 at this time.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Deborah Bookman and James Bookman to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2016-2019
Vice President Lawson made a motion to appoint Deborah Bookman and James Bookman to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2016-2019; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Receive and consider authorizing the allocation of \$376,219.57 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program.
Mr. Brennan explained the City received a \$376,219.57 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program, and the City must authorize the amount of money each municipal pension plan will receive from the 2016 allotment.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the allocation of \$376,219.57 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

- ~~3. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing the condemnation by eminent domain to acquire a portion of certain property identified as UPI#16-5-140 in fee simple to enable widening of the Right Of Way for certain road improvements along the East Lincoln Highway, all within the City of Coatesville~~
- ~~4. Receive and consider Resolution adopting revised Civil Service Regulations governing Firefighters~~
5. Receive and consider Police Department promotions
Chief Laufer announced the promotions are Detective Shannon Miller and Officer Paul Antonucci to Corporal.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the Police Department promotions as presented: Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Receive and consider soliciting proposals for a 2016 Tax Anticipation Note
Vice President Lawson made a motion to solicit proposals for a 2017 Tax Anticipation Note (TAN); Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion Item

1. Trash Toters and inventory
President Lavender-Norris proposed going door to door to make sure the address and toter numbers coincide on the City's list. Mrs. Green explained it would help us get a better handle on the billing rolls. Vice President Lawson offered to translate the flyers into Spanish. President Lavender-Norris explained this is an accountability measure. Mr. Cazille explained this has happened too often in the City regarding the Solid Waste. No one gets it right. President Lavender Norris stated the staff, admin, council and residents will be held accountable. There are employees on light duty that will be able to check the toter list to addresses. Ms. Scamuffa asked if there would be overtime involved. Will PW be understaffed? Council explained the department will not be understaffed.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced he:

- Sent proposed sidewalk café ordinance to the County Planning Commission for review and attended the City Planning Commission meeting.
- Attended the Planning Commission meeting on the Conditional Used Application from ACR Machine Co. seeking to extend business operations in the newly re-zoned I-1 Light Industry district at 21 N. 10th Avenue.
- Attended meeting with DEPG to discuss changes regarding its projects on Lincoln Highway in the City.
- Assisted City Engineer with subdivision of add-on 5 acre lot connecting city property south of the by-pass to route 340.

- Assisted with various miscellaneous matters relating to the Pension Ordinance, Insurance and various matters involving litigation and enforcement and has assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- Budget workshop will be held on November 1, 2016 at 6pm in City Hall
- Pension fund is structured for a goal of targeted ROI of 7.5%
- City Hall renovation revised to one floor due to cost
- New proposals for the Flats have been discussed
- Approved application for ACR machine company request for zoning text and map amendment to amend the C3 Commercial district regulations
- City was not selected for the multi modal grant
- Will address sidewalk concerns at 999 Olive Street

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

John Pawlowski

Mr. Pawlowski provided Council with an update on the third Gazebo for the Riverwalk. He asked for volunteers to put up and take down the flags on Veterans Day. He thanked Public Works for their work at Palmer Park before the new park was put in. The new park is a great success for the youth during the day, teenagers take over at night. He thanked Ms. Huntzinger for the Brandywine Creek Trail cleanup.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the Bookman's for volunteering their time for the Parks and Recreation Commission. There are other boards, commissions or committee that need volunteers, if anyone is interested. The COG will be holding a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the bylaws.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. We are headed the right way in the budget. Thankful things are beginning to line up. Thanks to the Financial firm for providing Council

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked the Bookman's for their involvement in the community. There were over 100 volunteers on "make a difference day". Dug Take Back received over 500 lbs. of prescription drugs. The Police Department were the judges for the pumpkin contest at Fuel City Café. Need to discuss boarded up properties at next meeting.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It was great day for the clean up on the Riverwalk, Mr. DeSimone brought all his tools, Rev Lewis provided lunch and Mr. Cazille helped her up the hill. Thank you to everyone who helped with the event. One common goal from residents to Council and all in between is to work together. It is not just you working or I working but we working together. Have a blessed evening.

Adjournment

Vice President Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.