

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
December 12, 2016

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Marie Lawson Mssrs, Joseph Hamrick, Edward Simpson, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Ingrid W. Jones, and Mrs. Carmen Green. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Police Chief John Laufer; Fire Chief/Codes Director Garry Alderman and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced An Executive Session was held earlier this evening December 12, 2016 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve the November 28, 2016 meeting minutes; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Lawson made a motion to delete discussion item 2) bus shelters and add Presentation 2) David Terry and Action Item 10) \$270,000 Bond Payment; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Coatesville Downtown Rotary - Lauren Shannon-Bailey

Mrs. Shannon Bailey presented the “Difference Maker Award” to Officer Michael Raech. Reverend Deets provided a Certificate from Representative Harry Lewis. Officer Raech stated he is only as good as the support of his fellow officers, nothing is possible without them.

Chief Laufer explained that Mrs. Shannon Bailey wanted to recognize the officers. The Corporal submitted recommendations. Chief Laufer thanked Mrs. Shannon Bailey for giving recognition for what the officer do every day.

2. F.I.S.H – David Terry

Mr. Terry asked Council to hold the FISH (Fathers Involved Shedding Hope) Rodeo on April 29 & 30, 2017. He announced the 501C3 is ready. Mr. Trio asked Mr. Terry to meet with him regarding vendor possibilities. Mr. Terry asked for NO Fishing to be posted two weeks before the event. Council approved Mr. Terry to move forward with the event and submit a Special Event application.

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

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance ratifying previous approval of the City of Coatesville Fire Fighters' Pension Plan (the "Plan"), as adopted effective as of May 12, 2008, restated effective as of January 1, 2009, and as amended from time to time, adopting service-related disability and survivor provisions under the plan and clarifying administrative and operational procedures of the plan.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve second reading and adoption and ordinance ratifying previous approval of the City of Coatesville Fire Fighters' Pension Plan (the "Plan"), as adopted effective as of May 12, 2008, restated effective as of January 1, 2009, and as amended from time to time, adopting service-related disability and survivor provisions under the plan and clarifying administrative and operational procedures of the plan; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-3. President Lavender-Norris, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Jones were the dissenting votes.

2. Receive and consider granting conditional use approval to Andrew and Helen Ruskay relative to the property located at 21 North 10th Avenue (based upon testimony hearing on November 14, 2016)

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve granting conditional use approval to Andre and Helen Ruskay relative to the property located at 21 North 10th Avenue (based upon testimony hearing on November 14, 2016); Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Receive and consider an Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government as herein set forth, for the year 2017

Mr. Simpson made a motion to table an Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government as herein set forth, for the year 2017 with changes as discussed; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion tabled 6-1. Mr. Hamrick was the dissenting vote.

4. Receive and consider Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) establishing the tax rate for General purposes for the year 2017

Motion made together with action item 5.

5. Receive and consider an Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to table and Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) establishing the tax rate for General purposes for the year 2017 and an Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion tabled 6-1. Mr. Hamrick was the dissenting vote.
6. Receive and consider proposal for 2017 Tax Anticipation Note
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to accept the proposal from M&T Bank for the \$1.1 million Tax Anticipation Note; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Hamrick was the dissenting vote.
7. Receive and consider Resolution awarding the 2016 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note
Vice President Lawson made a motion authorizing the issuance and sale of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series of 2017, of the City of Coatesville in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,100,000.00; establishing the terms, conditions and form of such note, accepting a proposal to purchase the note; providing for security and establishing a Sinking Fund for the note; authorizing certain officials to execute and deliver the note and to prepare and file certain certificates and other proceedings; and authorizing other necessary action; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Hamrick was the dissenting vote.
8. Receive and confirm termination letter for Development Agreement
Mrs. Jones made a motion to confirm termination letter to Johnson Controls for the Development Agreement; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
9. Receive and consider free parking from December 19, 2016 until January 2, 2017
Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve free parking from December 19, 2016 until January 2, 2017; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
10. Receive and consider \$270,000 Bond Payment
Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the \$270,000 Bond Payment; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Hamrick was the dissenting vote.

Discussion Item

1. Technology Commission

Vice President Lawson and Mrs. Green elected to join the Technology Commission.

~~2. Bus Stop Shelters~~

Deleted from discussion.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced he:

- Has been monitoring and assisting with the development of the DEPG project.
- Worked with the Finance Department to adopt the final budget adoption and procedures for adoption of the 2017 TAN.
- Prepared a decision and order with findings of fact and conclusion of law relative to the ACR conditional use hearing held on November 14, 2016
- Working with Family Dollar and the City Engineer to establish close out documents for the project including and appropriate Maintenance agreement supported by the performance bond.
- Advertised for 2nd reading and consideration by City Council an Ordinance adopting the Firefighters Pension Plan Documents and supplying a Disability Pension and Death benefit for Firefighters in accordance with the Third Class City Code.
- 123 South Mt. Airy subdivision project was submitted to the owners' attorney for review.
- 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.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced he:

- Pension
 - Completed Police Pension meeting relating to COLA and Pension liabilities identified by actuaries
- City Hall Renovation
 - Funding gap based on JCI cannot be closed with current project pricing-excessive pricing and overhead costs
 - Terminated with JCI and will utilize completed drawings to rebid the project
 - Project manager to be determined after comparative search. Schedule within thirty days.
- Redevelopment Authority
 - DEPG first round of environmental testing is ongoing
 - Signed license agreement on 11/21/16 - development entity needs to demonstrate site control.
 - 20000 SF – Vintage exotic Motorcar inquiry

- Myriad power submitting plan
- Engineer Planning and Code Enforcement
 - Building permit summary for November
 - 69 permits (including 48 rental permits) issued
 - Department operating well within expectations with no issues
 - Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board – no new applications
- DEPG Redevelopment Plan – Gateway
 - RACP grant for 3.9 million will provide the major funding to move the Gateway project forward
- Route 82 and Lincoln Highway/Streetscaping Programs
 - Funding provided by DCED multimodal grant to complete intersection this week to provide \$900,000 to fund this important infrastructure and transportation project supporting the redevelopment of the City.
- CDBG Programming
 - Due to reduced award amount the scope of projects will be amended to sidewalk and infrastructure work at Ash Park and 2nd Avenue
 - Some programmed sidewalk work may be provided as site improvements connected with possible Flats development projects in 2017.
- Public Works
 - Sweeper involved in accident. City was not responsible
 - City street light energy savings project completed

Council asked Mr. Trio to add blighted properties to his report.

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

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans stated despite healthy differences, everyone is coming together in the end. He inquired about the church robberies within the City.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Mr. Terry for his work in the City and Mr. Evans for his input.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The events last week were amazing. The corridor on 1st Avenue looks so nice. She is grateful for everyone who has helped out. Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending and staying for the meeting. She quoted “There is no end of learning, to growing, to reaching higher, to pursuing the right path, and perhaps greater, that all pursuits are lost if there is no love, no investment in others.” By Dr. Maya Angelou

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas. There has been hard work put into the City. She asked to just please keep Council inclusive. Have a blessed Holiday.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. “Shop with a Cop” was a successful event. It was great to see all the collaboration with neighboring Municipalities. Thank you Witmer for all that you do for the event. An event for contractors was held on December 11, 2016, thank you to everyone who attended.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She reiterated Council appreciation. A Christmas Celebration will be held on December 15, 2016; 7pm at City Hall. A light fare will be included to say Thank you and Merry Christmas. “Shop with a Cop” and Winter Wonderland” were awesome events. It is a pleasure and honor to work with everyone. Have a blessed evening.

Adjournment

Mrs. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.