

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2015

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Marie Lawson, Msrs, Edward Simpson, Joseph Hamrick, Mrs. Carmen Green, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones, and Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced an Executive Session was held on November 23, 2015 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve the November 23, 2015 and December 7, 2015 meeting minutes; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mrs. Green made add Action Item 8) Breathe Center Agreement; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentation

1. Acknowledge Police Department -Ethan Healey, Good Fellowship

Mr. Healey explained Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute is committed to saving lives. The opiate epidemic is on the rise across our nation and here in Chester County. Since 1990, the incidences of drug overdoses have nearly tripled. Everyday 100 people die of drug overdoses in the United States. Many of these lives could have been saved with a miracle drug called Naloxone (commonly known as Narcan). The Good Fellowship Board of Directors has graciously approved funding for a project we created called "Project Narcan". Project Narcan provides police departments in Chester County Naloxone for each of their units as well training on how to administer the drug at NO COST. When the officer has used the drug, Good Fellowship will replace the Naloxone at no cost to the department. Currently, Good Fellowship Ambulance & EMS Training Institute has over thirty-five police departments participating in the program with more and more departments joining the fight each day. Our program is one of two programs in the entire state to be approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

He presented a plaque to Chief Laufer commending the City of Coatesville Police Department for their participation in Project Narcan. Naloxone (also known as Narcan) is a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug (heroin or prescription pain medications). When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and quickly restores breathing. The Coatesville Police Officers have saved the highest amount of lives for any municipality within Chester County. In Chester County alone 35 lives have been saved from overdoses, nine being in Coatesville. Chief Laufer thanked Mr. Healey.

2. City TMDL Plan - Beth Uhler, Cedarville Engineering

Ms. Uhler provide a background on Total Maximum Daily Local (of Pollutants) (TMDL). A plan to address the pollutants is a requirement of EPA and a mandated NPDES MS4 Program. The NPDES Permit is required to recognize and increase awareness as a point source pollutant and manage storm water as any other point-source pollutant. The 1st permit was effective in 2003. There are 6 minimum control measures to implement best management practices. 1) Public education and outreach; 2)Public involvement and participation; 3)Illicit discharge detection and elimination; 4)Construction site storm water runoff control; 5) Post construction storm water management for development and redevelopment; and 6) Pollution prevention/good housekeeping. The 2nd permit was effective in 2013 and is a continuation of the minimum control measures. The new permit will be effective in 2018 (due September 2017). It will be a continuation of the minimum control measures and TMDL requirements and ad pollutant control measures and pollutant reduction plans (discharges to waters impaired by nutrients and/or sediment.

3. Coatesville Trout Rodeo-David Terry

Mr. Terry asked Council for their approval for a Coatesville Trout Rodeo called FISH (Fathers involved shedding help) in April 2016. He would needs permission and access to Brandywine Creek. The rodeo will provide fishing opportunities and fishing experiences in a safe controlled, environment. The day will help encourage fathers and children to enjoy fishing as an outdoor family event. Fishing rodeos are a great way to introduce a child to fishing - even if you have never been fishing yourself. Give a child a fish and he will eat for the night, teach a child to fish and he will feed his family for life.

Council thanked Mr. Terry for his dedication to the City of Coatesville and teaching the children. We need this type of out of the box thinking.

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

Khadijah AlAmin

Ms. AlAmin voiced her concerns on raising the City taxes. The City already has a high tax millage. The money should be withdrawn from the Trust Fund. She presented Council President with a letter from Ventnor Wright.

Mae Barton

Ms. Barton voiced her concerns on raising City Taxes. The seniors will not be able to afford to live here.

Charlene Johnson

Ms. Johnson voiced her concerns on raising taxes and asked Council to take the money from the Trust Fund.

Darryl Tucker

Mr. Tucker stated there have been increases in the last three years. People can not afford to pay higher taxes.

Crystal Thomas

Ms. Thomas explained she has properties in all wards. She voiced her concerns on raising taxes and asked Council to take the money from the Trust Fund. Mr. Marcarelli explained the four options presented to Council for the budget.

Darlene Jennings

Ms. Jennings expressed her concerns on raising taxes. A Tax increase hurts Coatesville residents and businesses.

Ventnor Wright

President Lavender-Norris read a letter sent by Mr. Wright asking not to increase taxes.

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

Discussion Item

There were no discussion items at this time.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider second reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 104-1 (L)(3) "Solid Waste Fees" providing for an annual registration fee of \$25.00 for Private Hauler dumpster service in the City of Coatesville to identify that such fee is charged per Tax Parcel serviced by Private Trash Hauling service and not "per dumpster"

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 104-1 (L)(3) "Solid Waste Fees" providing for an annual registration fee of \$25.00 for Private Hauler dumpster service in the City of Coatesville to identify that such fee is charged per Tax Parcel serviced by Private Trash Hauling service and not "per dumpster"; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

2. Receive and consider second reading and Ordinance amending Chapter 108-1.I. (1) fees for collection of solid waste per week for per parcel to add a new subsection I.I (a) allowing for a \$5.00 reduction in the yearly cost of same when the entire bill for solid waste is paid at the time for the first installment payment

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 108-1.I. (1) fees for collection of solid waste per week for per parcel to add a new subsection I.I (a) allowing for a \$5.00 reduction in the yearly cost of same when the entire bill for solid waste is paid at the time for the first installment payment; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

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 2016

Mr. Marcarelli provided Council with the amounts appropriated from revenues available for the year for the departments, bureaus and specific purposes.

The next meeting will be a budget workshop with a public meeting after to adopt the 2016 budget. The meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2015 at 6pm (budget) and 8pm (public meeting).

Mrs. Green made a motion to table the Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government as herein set forth, for the year 2016 until the next meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

4. Receive and consider Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (Taxation) establishing the tax rate for General purposes for the year 2016

Mrs. Green made a motion to table an Ordinance amending Chapter 203 (taxation) establishing the tax rate for general purposes for the year 2016 until the next meeting; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Receive and consider an Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to table and Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville until the next meeting; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Council agreed to schedule a budget workshop on December 17, 2015 at 6 pm and have a special meeting after the workshop for the 2016 Budget adoption.

6. Receive and consider proposal for 2016 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN)

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the proposal for 2016 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN); Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Receive and consider Resolution awarding the 2016 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN)

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve a Resolution awarding the 2016 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN); Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Receive and consider Breathe Center Agreement

Mr. Carnes provided a brief overview of the Breathe Center request for the usage of the Coatesville Memorial Community Center.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the Breath Center Agreement for the use of the Coatesville Memorial Community Center; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced the City has filed a brief in Filed a reply brief with in support of the City's position that Huston Properties, Inc.'s Class A Office Building –the Old Lukens' Headquarters in Coatesville. Huston Properties, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of the Stewart Huston Charitable Trust is not tax exempt.

Working with DEPG and Jim DePetris to establish an Escrow Agreement for DEPG to cover legal and engineering and related costs.

Worked with Finance Director John Marcarelli and bond counsel to obtain TRAN of 1.2 million dollars with Coatesville Savings Bank.

The City Solicitor has worked on various matters involving litigation and assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced the Gateway Redeveloping project with Mr. DePetris and Legend Properties is moving forward.

A DCED grant has been approved to assist with a 100 space parking garage.

Train Station meetings have been via conference due to budgetary problems. The line schedule for the Train Station has shifted about 6 months.

Public Works Department has been working at full staff. The sweeper and leaf pick up have been on the streets intermittently. The Codes Enforcement has been working with the Housing Association and getting good solutions.

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

Sylvia Washington

Ms. Washington discussed problems with her neighbors and tenants. They have been charged four times for the same complaint. President Lavender-Norris asked Ms. Washington to set up a meeting with the City Manager.

David DeSimone

Mr. DeSimone announced he has been working on his properties on the West End. He expressed his concerns on the abundance of trash by property owners. People are not taking care of their properties.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearing on non-agenda items; 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 announced a meeting was held by the WCCCOG on December 2nd to discuss moving forward in 2016. They will focus on one topic at a time. The first is certifying on disasters. He commended the Police Chief and the Police Department on their award. It is refreshing to have Mr. Trio on board. Mr. Trio has a lot of good input.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting and voice their opinion on the budget. She thanked the Chief for an awesome job on their award. The Sergeant Ollis and the Police Department did a great job with Shop with a Cop. She expressed her appreciation for staff and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She thanked Mr. DeSimone for being a responsible landlord.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It is always good to have your encouragement. She thanked the Chief for outdoing himself again. She quoted "As you can see the money is funny, and the change is strange."

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Kudos to the Police Department on their award. He congratulated Sergeant Ollis on Shop with a Cop. Although he was unable to attend this year, he stated "It is a very humbling experience to see the joy on kids' faces." A majority are not shopping for themselves. It is touching to see. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Hunt echoed the sentiments of her fellow Council. Thank you for spending the evening with us. She thanked Sergeant Ollis for all the work he does. The Chief and Police Department have outdone themselves once again. Thankful for the administration and all the work they have done. I am looking forward to the New Year. Wish you all a blessed holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The City has held a few events since the last meeting. She thanked Mrs. Green, Sergeant Ollis, and Howie for their help with the tree lighting. A clean up was held at 4:45 am prior to the 5K. The Police Department and Public Works Department had vehicles in the parade. Shop with a Cop was held for the 13th year in a row. Every year it is a privilege to be with the kids. The last event will be on Caroling on Saturday. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New. Year.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. It has been an interesting evening. God Bless you all. Have a wonderful evening and Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

Mrs. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.