

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320  
December 27, 2016

**Call to Order**

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:10 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, and Fire Chief/Codes Director Garry Alderman.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to table approval of minutes until the next meeting; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Hunt was not present for the vote.

**Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda**

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to add citizens' hearings on action items only; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Hunt was not present for the vote.

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

There were no citizens' comments at this time.

**Regular Action Items**

1. Approve 2017 Budget

Mr. Trio announced the previous budget was opened, reviewed and changed as requested. Ms. Gattuso reviewed the various revenues and expenses. Council discuss changes required with the non-union personnel (sick buy back, vacation payback, longevity and increases) Part-time Fire Fighter rate; City Manager 457 plan versus contract; Capital Plan back up information; Trash Contract rates and renewal period.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget with amendments; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-3. Mr. Simpson, Mr. Hamrick and Mrs. Jones were the dissenting votes.

2. 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

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve 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; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Simpson was the dissenting vote.

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

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve an Ordinance to maintaining Chapter 203 (taxation) rate of 13.759 for general purposes for the year 2017; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Mrs. Jones and Mr. Simpson were the dissenting votes.

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

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve an Ordinance providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville with amendments; Motion passed 5-2. Mr. Hamrick and Mr. Simpson were the dissenting votes.

5. Receive and consider Keystone Collections as Tax Collector for the City of Coatesville

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve Keystone Collections as the Real Estate Tax collector for the City of Coatesville; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Council Comments**

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Simpson made a motion to table council comments and adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.