

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
Council Chambers, Coatesville City Hall
October 28, 2019

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Ms. Khadijah Al Amin, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Mr. Donald Folks and Mr. Edward Simpson. Staff members present included: City Manager, Michael Trio, Assistant City Manager, James Logan, Police Chief, John Laufer, Finance Director, Richard Troutman, and City Solicitor, Anthony Verwey.

President Lavender-Norris announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Lavender-Norris announced Mrs. Bookman is not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the October 14, 2019 Council Meeting, October 21, 2019 Budget Workshop and the October 24, 2019 Budget Workshop minutes; Mr. Folk seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Ms. Al Amin was the dissenting vote.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or modifications at this time.

Presentations

1. Website

Mr. Logan presented the new website to City Council. The website will be live to the public on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

- Friendlier website
- Landing page includes search bar
- 5 videos available
- Calendar is open for community events
- Navigation easier
- Residents- events and directories
- Showed various pages of the site

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

Osman Kallie

Mr. Kallie stated he is from the Liberian Association of Chester County. The organization promotes sports activities, learning opportunities and social programs for members of the community. He is interested in establishing “Liberian Community Resource Center.”

1 Minutes

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Resolution No. 2019-17, Endorsement of Landscapes3, the County's Comprehensive Plan
Vice President Green made a motion to approve Resolution no. 2019-17, Endorsement of Landscape3, the County's Comprehensive Plan; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Receive and consider Amendment #3 for the 2014 CRP – Lincoln Highway and 1st Avenue Intersection Improvements
Vice President Green made a motion to approve the extension until December 30, 2020 on Amendment #3 for the 2014 CRP – Lincoln Highway and 1st Avenue Intersection Improvements; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Receive and consider Capital Purchase to replace City computers and software
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the Capital Purchase to replace the City computers and software; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Receive and consider Random Productions, LLC Road Closure plan for November 11, 2019 to November 15, 2019
Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve Random Productions, LLC Road Closure plan for November 11, 2019 to November 15, 2019; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to close action items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Item

1. Meeting Minutes
2. City Colors
Mrs. Hunt stated the colors of the City are red and black not blue and gold. Mr. Verwey explained per City code the colors are blue and gold. Council asked Mr. Verwey to draft an Ordinance to change the City colors to red and black.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Verwey announced he:

- Worked with City administration on various agreements
- Provided legal advice and guidance on legal issues

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

1 Minutes

- PennDOT looking to repair barrier on Route 82 for right now and looking to replace in future
- 1st and Lincoln challenges in replacing lines – mid November and weather conditions concerning - no amendments to roads until spring
- Train Station – Random Productions LLC doing some renovations/upgrades
- Resurfacing of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard scheduled in two weeks for curb to curb overlay
- New Development
 - Brandywine View – mixed use housing
 - Record building – on hold awaiting liquor license
 - 190 West Lincoln Highway – sidewalk plan submitted to replace on Church and Lincoln around the building
- Planning Commission
 - Merchant Street Mosque
- Codes
 - Working with LTL to better streamline
 - Mr. Lovett working with all complaints
- Security windows will be installed at Codes Department and Finance Department
- Reviewing costs for a Dias in Council Chambers

Assistant City Manager Report

Mr. Logan announced:

- New website launched
 - Thank eNet Web Services
 - Thank Valley Production
 - Thank the residents, Mr. Newsuan, Historical Commission for photos for the site
- Opportunity Zone
 - City of Coatesville has 4 tracts
 - Opportunity for investors
 - There are opportunity fund managers
- Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Patton Park installing new basketball court (community and volunteers)
- Ash Park
 - Received DCNR and Natural Land Trist funding for feasibility study on what to do with the park and how do we make it more community friendly

Finance Director Report

Mr. Troutman announced:

- Budget workshop
 - Incorporating input to revisions and will get info put in the budget
- 9-month financials
 - Cash position on 1st page
 - Tracking revenues
 - Better on expenses

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

1 Minutes

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans stated the slide show was a nice piece of PR. He voiced his concerns on how we make the green tape quick approval come true. He recently had an issue with the Codes Department inspection/requirements. The current 3rd party Codes outfit is in an island of their own. They do not communicate in proper English.

Reggie Holmes

Mr. Holmes introduced himself from the Eastern Star Lill of the Valley #59. He offered assistance whenever needed, just give them a call. They are currently trying to establish a drill team at Palmer Park. Coatesville is looking good.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I see some people who haven't been out for quite some time. I forget your name though. It's good to see you. The City is moving forward. One of the items I wanted to bring up is what Mr. Evans was referring to on the Codes issue. He reached out to me and showed me what they (LTL) wanted him to do and when I looked at the response it was ridiculous. These guys literally asked him to dismantle the roof and put some insulation in do this and do that so he can run a space heater in a house that was built in 1920. I think we really need to look into this, if we are going to be green tape or fast track developers. I don't think we have the right company overseeing that. I'm putting everyone on notice that I'm not happy. I'm not happy with their response, not happy with what they did and I think we need to look into the problem. Have a good night. It's Monday night football!

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for coming out. The City is moving. My God, from when I started to where I'm at now, the City's doing a great job. I would like to thank the football guys that came out, you can get involved in our City. I hope you get involved, want you to get involved in our City. Thanks for coming out. Thank you to the Eastern Stars for coming out and making yourselves known in the City. Citizens strap on, the train is coming and you better get on board. Have a good night. Thank you.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for spending the evening with us. I echo Mr. Folks. We have been doing things that have not been done for along timing our City and because of our great leadership because of our great leadership, awesome staff and awesome Council. Everything isn't going to be perfect but we have to work through growing pains and when you see development everyone gets frustrated, like when you see the light at 1st and Lincoln, where you have to wait a minute before you turn, but we are growing. Whatever we can do to make things better. Mr. Evans, I apologize for you having to go through all that but we will take care of what we can on our side as we move forward, but we also need to keep in mind safety issues. We just need to make sure things are done right. I want to acknowledge Lily of the Valley Lodge #59 Eastern Star. Thank you or coming out and wanting to get involved again. Yo guys do a great

job with what you do. Please keep my fellow colleague, Mr. Folks in prayer as he is going in the hospital next week to get surgery. We just want to pray things go well and he can hurry back to us. Thank you all for coming. Mr. Logan, great job with the website. Mr. Trio thank you for all you are doing and Chief as well. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for coming out. I especially want to thank you for coming out and will willing to be a part of Coatesville and whatever it is you can do to help us move forward. Mr. Evans, if you would be willing to share the response you received from the City, I would like to look at it if you wouldn't mind. Ed, I agree with you that we may have to revisit some things. The Codes ordinances, whatever. I do agree with Villa, that we need to make sure things are safe. We don't want to put a heater in some place and then there be an electrical fire. I also agree that as a homeowner and investor that I don't want to have to take a roof off to put a baseboard heater in a room either. So maybe we are going to have to visit with Codes and look at the Ordinances, but I would like to see the response they gave you. I would appreciate that so I can actually know what I am looking for and I can look in the ecodes. Hope you have safe travels home and thank you for coming.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The gentlemen from Liberia, we appreciate you and your willingness to come and to work with us. Gentlemen from the Eastern Star, I know you and love you all. Good to see you all. Just excited about Coatesville and everything that is going on. It's great when you see the community come out and everyone wants to participate. Thank you, Mr. Troutman, you know I don't mean to be difficult but I always have questions. I am grateful to you for the job you have done since you've been here. I know things aren't always set up properly. I just want them to be right, so please don't take them personally. I do appreciate the work you do. Same thig with Chief, Mr. Logan, Mr. trio and Mr. Verwey. We have one of the better solicitors we've had in along time.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for coming out and just wanting to be a part of the City. We only here to represent you and speak for you and as long as you impart what you want, your need and what your desires are, we can communicate that and work it out. This is where it happens. We need you to come out. We need you to say this is wrong, this is right, this is an idea. We need that, when you give us that, it gives us work to do and when we do our homework and then we can make it happen for everyone. We want our City to continue to grow and move forward and with you we can do that. Thanks for coming out. God Bless, be safe and hopefully we'll see you at our next meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Folks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.