

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting Minutes
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA 19320
Council Chambers, Coatesville Pa
Monday, January 13, 2020

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Mr. Donald Folks, and Mr. Simpson. Staff members present included: City Manager, Michael Trio, Police Chief, John Laufer, Finance Director Richard Troutman and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

An Executive Session was held earlier this evening January 13, 2020 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Lavender-Norris announced Ms. Al Amin and Mrs. Hunt would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the December 9, 2019 and January 6, 2020 meeting minutes; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

Approval of Accounts Payable

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

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Vice President Green made a motion to add presentation 2) Charles green; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Presentations

1. Lauren Shannon Bailey – Mentoring Summit

There was no presentation at this time.

2. Charles Green

Mr. Green announced in bring communities together, the Coatesville 2nd Century Alliance has been able to strategize a consistent effort to stabilize the socio-economic stature of the downtown corridor of the City, foster economic development, and bring resources to the downtown community. This allows us to create a vibrant corridor, inspiring investor confidence and build business friendly atmosphere and improve overall quality in downtown Coatesville, while decreasing the rate of crime and business vacancies, and increasing the value of property in the downtown corridor.

The Downtown Coatesville Revitalization Plan addresses the third leg of the stool to improve the economic health of the City of Coatesville in its entirety, with excitement and enthusiasm, the 2nd Century Alliance embarked on this initiative and continuously works to convene, collaborate partner and lead our community toward a bright future. Being said, the first Merchant of the Month of 2020 is Jose Colo and America's Finest Automotive Concepts LLC. A community based downtown business that is tangible proof to what given of your time, talent and treasure can do to uplift a community.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider reappointment to the Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Committees. Tyrone Harley to the Redevelopment Authority for the term 2020-2024; Jay Byerly to the Historical Commission for the term 2020-2022; James Bookman for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2020-2023
Mr. Simpson made a motion to appoint Tyrone Harley to the Redevelopment Authority for the term 2020-2024; Jay Byerly to the Historical Commission for the term 2020-2022; James Bookman for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the term 2020-2023; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
2. Receive and consider Resolution No. 2020-02 Designating Emergency Services
Vice President Green made a motion to approve Resolution No. 220-02 Designating Emergency services; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
3. Receive and consider advertising and bid for Capital Equipment for three (3) police cars and ninety (90) parking meters
Vice President Green made a motion to approve advertising a bid for Capital Equipment for three (3) police cars and ninety (90) parking meters; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Receive and consider approval of payment to MECO for applications 6 and 7 equally the amount of \$174,679.63 from funds received from the County.
Vice President Green made a motion to approve payment to MECO for applications 6 and 7 equally the amount of \$174,679.63 from funds received from the County; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
5. Receive and consider ratification for a 2-year contract with Constellation Energy
Vice President Green made a motion to approve ratification for a 2-year contract with Constellation Energy; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
6. Receive and consider an Ordinance vacating a portion of North 4th Avenue and Coates Street in the City of Coatesville.

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve first reading an Ordinance vacating a portion of North 4th Avenue and Coates Street in the City of Coatesville; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to close action items; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion Item

1. Code book – quarterly codification

- a. Council discussed codifying the code book quarterly. They asked for pricing on tablets which would save on printing the supplements of the code. Having access electronically would be quicker and more efficient than the actual book.

2. Re-Org Meeting time change

There was no discussion on the re-org meeting time change due to the requirement of referendum by the public.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Verwey announced he;

- Reviewed and advised the City on certain real estate matters
- Advised on issues related to a vacancy on Council
- Addressed certain land development matters on behalf of the City
- Prepared an Ordinance to vacate a portion of right-of-way within the City.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- 1st Avenue and Lincoln Highway – Asphalt plans halted until spring
- HBO finished filming yesterday
- Existing Train Station – walkthrough and strategy to piggyback initiatives with Chester County
- Proposed Train Station – start date in last quarter of 2020 – a three-year timeline presented from Chester County
- Town hall meeting conducted by Derrick Morgan team to update the community and solicit input and comments
- DEPG – Legend Gateway Project – PECO lines underway will provide connection to Aroogas in lieu of underground
- North 2nd Avenue – working through various permitting issued and ADA/sidewalk requirements at 2nd Avenue and Lumber Street
- 190 West Lincoln Highway – settlement was done December 31, 2019. RDA paid City \$190,608.89 on January 6, 2020.

- Code Enforcement – Mr. Lovett has been out – expected to return next week. Specific problem properties being handled by LTL.

Assistant City Manager Report

Mr. Trio presented the Assistant City Manager report due to Mr. Logan absence.

- Vision Partnership Planning is leading the economic and retail study that includes two neighboring communities Valley and South Coatesville.
- Natural Lands Trust/DCB+NR: Ash Park Advisory Group explored visioning for new park and amenities.
- Longwood Garden Fellows Dinner- invited to attend dinner to develop partnership with LG and the City of Coatesville
- Community Center building appraised for investor response. Two OZ prospects interested
- Meeting with Minnie McNeil, Urias Cole, Council president and community representatives to discuss MLK day of service community clean upon January 20, 2020.

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

Bill Pierce

Mr. Pierce presented Council with the Coatesville Area Senior Center Executive Directors report. He announced breakfast is open to the public, a year ago we were serving 50 people a day, it is now up to 90 per day. Nostalgia Kitchen by CASC, the umbrella for all nutrition programs and services was officially unveiled in January

Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa stated she appreciates all the Coatesville Police Department does. It warms her heart so much to see how they go above and beyond.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizen's hearing on non-agenda items; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to reopen regular action items to add advertising for Ordinance in action item 6; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Vice President Green made a motion to close regular action items; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Go Tigers!

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Keep praying for the City. There is a lot going on in the City. A lot is staggering right now due to the weather. Coatesville is rising, and is going to continue to rise. Fran, you were talking about the Police Department, I would also like to thank the Chief for his leadership in the Department. Sergeant Ollis, thank you for your commitment and work in Coatesville. Just have a good time and pray for the City. Thank you and Good night.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I am glad to see so many people in the audience this evening. I know a lot of people are sick, I'm sick and I'm not trying to give anyone my germs. Sergeant Ollis, this is the first time I've seen you since the new year. I did call and leave a message for you. I just want to thank the Chief and acknowledge him and Lieutenant Audette on Christmas Eve. You guys are awesome. They came and delivered gifts to the women at CYWA. I appreciate all the effort you have in our community. Everybody, you just spread yourself. I just really want to acknowledge the Chief for his leadership of the department and just the love for the City. We have some really good officers here. I have not had the opportunity, I don't like leaving voicemails, I like to talk to people in person and I'm not going to leave a voicemail saying all this. I just want to say it to you in person. We really appreciate that. I wasn't there, but as soon as you came, they got on the phone and called me. I tried to hurry up and call you guys but you guys had already left or you weren't even working that day. That's what it was because when I called to the switchboard, they said he's not working today. I'm like yes, he is. I just appreciate it and I know the ladies, the staff there appreciated it also. Thank everyone for coming out, 2020 is another year, a new year. We just have to continue on with the business of the City and continue to move forward. We heard some really good news in the City Manager report tonight on the Train Station, that we are on the 2020 schedule. That is something we have been sitting in meetings for 15 years ready to hear, so it's real good news. So, I just wanted to mention that. Thank you all for coming, I appreciate it.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I want to speak on Mr. Logan's item, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of service. That will be spearheaded by MS. Minnie McNeil. We will be cleaning from 7th Avenue up to Palmer Park, including Palmer Park and from Diamond Street to Merchant Street. If you know anyone, residents that live in the area, that have furniture in their yard or up on their porches that need to be discarded, this will be the time that can do it. Regale Disposal has agreed to give us two roll off dumpsters. We will be able to dispose of all of those unwanted items. If you want to register to help, reach out to Minnie McNeil. She will give you all the information. I'm so excited about the clean-up. I too understand and respect the open windows mentality and I truly believe, once we have the opportunity to get out there and clean it up, the appreciation should carry it out further. I also note that the MLK breakfast, that the gentlemen do at Shady Maple every year. Some of the gentlemen are planning to come down and allow that to be a service project. We do expect to have a lot of help. Just the community engagement is a highlight for me and cleaning up is Yes, we hit the jackpot. Anybody who is interested in participating, you are more than welcome. I want to say Happy New Year to some of you, I've said it to some other however, Happy New Year, it's a new one. We got a lot of new things coming about. It's an exciting time for the City of Coatesville and it's all about doing it together. Everyone has their

expertise and if we stay in our lane, we can't be stopped. So, lets respect one another and appreciate one another and get the job done. This is our City and it's only going to be as good as we make it. Thanks for coming out, God Bless you all and have a Blessed evening.

Adjournment

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.