

MINUTES
CITY OF COATESVILLE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 – 5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Mr. Trio called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Mssrs, Edward Simpson, Joseph Hamrick, Mrs. Linda Lavender-Norris, Mrs. Marie Lawson, 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, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Swearing in of Elected Officials

Mrs. Hunt was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Grover Koon as her husband and son held the bible.

Mrs. Lavender-Norris was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Grover Koon as the Honorable Judge Gregory Hines held the bible.

Mr. Simpson was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Grover Koon as the Honorable Judge Gregory Hines held the bible.

Election of City Council President

Mrs. Jones nominated Mrs. Hunt for Council President. Mrs. Hunt respectfully declined.

Mrs. Lawson nominated Mrs. Lavender-Norris as Council President; Mrs. Green seconded the nomination. Nomination passed 7-0.

Election of City Council Vice President

Mr. Hamrick nominated Mrs. Lawson as Council Vice President; Mrs. Green seconded the nomination. Nomination passed 5-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

Resolution No. 2016-01 – City Council Meeting Dates

Mrs. Green made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-01; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution No. 2016-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve Resolution No, 2016-02; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Adopt Robert Rules of Order for the Year 2016

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for the Year 2016; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Consider Bank Depositories

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mrs. Green made a motion to table the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr Day; consider bank depositories; and approval of accounts payable to the meeting on January 11, 2016; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion to table passed 7-0.

Comments – City Council President

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for their confidence in the position of Council President. She looks forward to working with each individual in the 2016 year.

Comments – City Council Vice President

Vice President Lawson thanked her colleagues who voted for her to be vice president. She is excited and proud to represent the City as Vice President for her second year. She thanked Mr. Trio for his work. She is confident with staff moving into the New Year.

Comments – City Council Members

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked staff for their hard work. She explained that due to her work obligations she was unable to fulfill the position as Council president and that is why she declined the nomination. But she is thankful for the nomination. She trusts everyone had a blessed holiday. I look forward to working with everyone.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He is starting his thirteenth year on Council. He can truly say this has been one of the most productive and best Council he has worked with. He thanks each and everyone one of you, and looks forward to another four years. He thanked staff for doing something with nothing with the budget. It is a difficult time.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending. Hopes everyone had a Happy New Year. She is praying and staying hopeful things will be better this year, smoother at least.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting and hopes everyone had a happy new year. She has been on Council on and off for years, but I am excited about the direction the City is going. She wants to make sure that she does her part and listen to the voice of the residents who voted her in to the office. She thanked staff for their devotion and hard work and is glad to have Mr. Trio. Excited to see the direction we are going.

Mr. Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. We are in a better place. The administration is reorganizing. He can't wait until the City has an Assistant City Manager to work along with Mr. Trio and get development into the City. The Police Department has improved tremendously within the past few years.

Adjournment

President Lavender-Norris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.