

**CITY OF COATESVILLE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COATESVILLE CITY HALL**

Call to Order

Mr. Carnes called the meeting to at 5:05 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were Mr. Joseph Hamrick, Mr. Edward Simpson, Mrs. Marie Lawson, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones and Mrs. Linda Lavender-Norris. Staff members present included Interim City Manager Michael O'Rourke, City Solicitor John Carnes, Public Works Director Donald Wilkinson, Director of Planning and Codes Enforcement Damalier Molina, Police Chief John Laufer, Finance Director John Marcarelli, Fire Administrator Nick Saites, and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

Election of City Council President

Mrs. Lawson made a motion to nominate Linda Lavender-Norris as Council President; Joseph Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

Election of City Council Vice President

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to nominate Marie Lawson as Council Vice President, Mrs. Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Mrs. Jones was the dissenting vote.

President Lavender-Norris asked if there were any additions/deletions to modifications to the agenda.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilman David Collins; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to nominate himself as the City representative for WCCCOG; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to nominate Mr. Simpson as the alternate City representative for WCCCOG; President Lavender-Norris seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the goals and objective for the Interim City Manager with modifications when required; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-01 – City Council Meeting Dates

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-01 City Council Meeting Dates; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution No. 2015-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-02 Designate Emergency Response Services; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Adopt Robert Rules of Order for the Year 2014

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for the year 2015; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Consider Bank Depositories

Mr. Hamrick made a motion approve the bank depositories; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to table accounts payable until the next meeting; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion to Table passed 6-0.

Comments – City Council President

Mrs. Lavender-Norris thanked God, then her fellow Council members for appointing her to this position. She is a woman of faith, therefore, believes we can do better and will do better. She will serve to the best of her ability. As President she will prosper to learn more. May not get it right but will do the best she can. She looks forward to working with the staff and the residents to make the City prosper in 2015. She thanked the residents for their support.

Comments – City Council Vice President

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She appreciates her colleagues who believe in her for a City she loves so dearly. We as a City are destined for good things in 2015. The people up front are not afraid to do any work, we work well together. She thanked all the residents for their support. She is looking to continue events in the City.

Comments – City Council Members

Mr. Hamrick congratulated President Lavender-Norris and Vice President Lawson. This is a needed change, it's a positive movement. He is looking forward to a different look and different leadership. The same people should not lead Council every year. We have a tough job. We have to pass the fiscal year 2015 budget.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending and wished them a Happy New Year. She is looking forward to the New Year. She is looking forward to the New Year.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Hopefully, the year starts better than it last years ended. He will be out for a couple of weeks, but is looking forward to the New Year.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a good year and good night.

Mr. Carnes explained due to David Collins resignation, the City Council has 30 days from the time the office becomes vacant, to make an interim appointment of a qualified person. Mr. Simpson asked for the request for the Council position to be posted on Channel 66 and the City's website. He asked for the applicants' information be sent to Council members as received, not the next meeting.

President Lavender-Norris introduced Michael O'Rourke the interim City Manager.

City Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes

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Mr. O'Rourke announced he came to the City rather quickly. The City of Coatesville is dealing with issues that other Cities are dealing with. His experience from other places will help find new ways to work for the City of Coatesville. He met with the department heads to discuss the issues in their Departments. He stated that he will be working diligently on the budget.

Adjournment

Mr. Simpson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Michael O'Rourke
Interim City Manager