

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2015

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Council Vice President Marie Lawson, Mssr, Joseph Hamrick, Edward Simpson, Mrs. Carmen Green, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. Staff members present included Interim City Manager Michael O'Rourke, Finance Director John Marcarelli, City Solicitor John Carnes, and Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening June 22, 2015, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the May 26, 2015 meeting minutes with edits; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mr. Simpson made a motion to add Presentation 1) Reverend Curry; Action Item 6) RFP for parking study; 7) RFP for labor counsel; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Green made a motion to add action item 8) waive fee for Coatesville Summer League; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Green made a motion to add presentation 2) presentation Dr. Gooden; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentation

1. Pastor Heard – Request for Carnival

Reverend Heard announced the First Baptist Church of Passtown would like to host a carnival at Gateway Park from August 25th to the 29th. Council asked Pastor to fill out a special event form to be approved by the appropriate departments. The City will contact him once the event has been approved/disapproved.

2. Quincy Teel – Coatesville Summer Basketball League

Mr. Teel asked to waive the monetary fees for the Summer Basketball League. The league will provide in kind services to the City for the use of the courts. The League has provided in kind services over the years for the use of the courts Council unanimously added action item 8) waiving Summer Basket Ball league permit fees.

3. Dr. Ayo Marin Gooden – Dance for Health

Dr. Gooden announced the Lincoln University, Resource Initiative Giving Hope Through Training (RIGHT) Foundation would like to hold a Block Party called Dance for Health on June

11th from 12 noon to 12 midnight. She asked for the City to approve closing Kersey Street for an event at Lincoln University. President Lavender-Norris explained Council has agreed not to close streets for events other than City sponsored events. Vice President Lawson explained there is a curfew in the City. Council asks for events requesting street closures to be moved to the City parks. If the event is held on Lincoln University property, a special event permit is not required. The event holder must follow the City Ordinances. The event date is the same as the City celebration. Dr. Gooden suggested changing her event to the 18th.

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

Jen Givler

Ms. Givler voiced her concerns regarding parking for the senior center which will be located at 3rd Avenue and Harmony Street. Sixty percent of the people ride the rover. She asked for Council support on the parking requirement. Council asked Mr. O'Rourke, Mr. Carnes, Ms. Givler and their attorney to meet and work together to resolve the parking issues.

John Pawlowski

Mr. Pawlowski asked for action item 4 to be tabled for another meeting. He announced weather permitting the first gazebo will be up June 22, 2015.

Mrs. Lawson made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion Item

There were no discussion items at this time.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to close discussion items; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider and second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a "Bank Qualified" lease agreement with the First Niagara Leasing Inc. for purposes of acquiring two police vehicles for the use of City pursuant to a COSTAR contract exempt from public bidding and with no pledge of full faith and credit taxing power of the City as security for repayment, a non-appropriate clause which terminates the lease if payments are not appropriated by the City and containing payment terms which are less in duration than the useful life of the vehicles being leased, said agreement to require interest payments at rates set forth in the attachment for a 3 year term for a maximum lease amount of \$76,786.08

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2. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Section 218 of the City of Coatesville's Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" by amending the sections governing

penalties and violations in Sections 218-8, 218-10, 218-15, 218-18, 218-21, 218-26 and 218.60.1 (to provide for new fines applicable to periods up to ten days after issuance of a ticket, up to twenty days and thereafter providing for the issuance of citations) and by also amending Section 218-50 and 218-23 to provide for on-street parking meter rates at \$.25 for 10 minutes for different periods of times depending on the parking zone.

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3. Receive and consider parking for the Senior Center in the lower City Hall Harmony Street parking lot.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to table considering parking for the Senior Center by using the lower lot at City Hall, harmony Street; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion tabled 7-0.

4. Receive and consider a Resolution endorsing the Brandywine Creek Greenway and its 2015 Strategic Action Plan

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the Resolution endorsing the Brandywine Creek Greenway 2015 Strategic Action Plan; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Receive and consider letter to help prevent chemical incidents.

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to table approving the letter to help prevent chemical incidents; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion tabled 7-0.

6. Receive and consider RFP for the engineering services on the parking study.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the RFP for the engineering services on the parking study; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Receive and consider RFP for Labor Counsel

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve an RFP for Labor Counsel; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Receive and consider waiving fee for the summer league

Vice President Lawson made a motion to waive the summer league permit monetary fees for in kind services to the City; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes explained he has reviewed revisions to the Financial Responsibility Agreement to accompany a Subdivision bond as security for public improvements. An Ordinance was advertised for second reading and adoption for parking violations and an Ordinance approving the borrowing for a lease purchase agreement with First Niagara to acquire two new police vehicles. Both Ordinances were passed this evening. A draft Ordinance has been prepared to address the use of Administrative search warrants in circumstances where there have been code violations within the City and a search without permission is authorized by a warrant. He has been working with the City Manager on projects going on in the City.

City Manager's Report

Mr. O'Rourke announced he provided City Council with the logs for Codes, Police and Fire. The Police department is currently working on Public Works reports. Mr. O'Rourke announced he is working on reviewing the City Manager resumes, he will provide a breakdown of the applicants with his thoughts of the candidates. Johnson Controls is working with him to set up a time to have site visits. The Early Intervention Program Grant is in the works.

Mr. Hamrick announced an Executive session will be held on Monday June 15, 2015.

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

John Robinson

Mr. Robinson announced the concerns citizens of the Coatesville area organized a police forum at 5 pm on June 18th at the New Life in Christ Fellowship church. The purpose of the forum is to “work together for peace and justice by creating an atmosphere of mutual respect. Mr. Robinson stated the event was almost cancelled due to an incident with his family and Police. After talking with Chief Laufer and discussing the issues, he felt comfortable to continue with the forum.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

1. Receive and consider a Special Event application for the Festival and Fireworks on July 11, 2015 from 2:00 pm to after the fireworks. It has been requested to close Lincoln Highway 1st Avenue East to 2nd Avenue; Lincoln Highway South to Maple Avenue; Harmony Street and Maple Avenue; at 8:00 pm 1st Avenue to Fleetwood Street.

Vice President Lawson made a motion to approve the special event application for the Festival and Fireworks on July 11, 2015 from 2:00 pm to after the fireworks. It has been requested to Harmony Street and Maple Avenue; at 8:00 pm 1st Avenue to Fleetwood Street; Mr. Hamrick seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Council Comments

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and persevering. You are so encouraging. She stated “I have something for you Bill Shaw. Please be advised that empty Vessels make the most noise.” The tip of the day “Age wrinkles the body, quitting wrinkles the soul.”

Mr. Simpson wished everyone a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting. You will be hearing more about the upcoming events for the Unity Celebration.

Mrs. Green thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She is looking forward to the Unity Day. The family loves the fireworks every year. She thanked Chief Laufer for turning a citizen around from being upset with the Police Department and being able to work out through the situation.

Mr. Hamrick thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Chief Laufer for speaking to Mr. Robinson. Mr. Hamrick said it is a sad day when a Marine Sergeant, who sacrificed his life for his country, is denied the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Vice President Lawson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The cleanup that was scheduled on Oak Street for June 6th and 23th has been rescheduled until the fall. She announced July 11th will be an awesome day. The Unity Celebration is on July 11, 2015 will a fun filled day of festivities.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She received a call for the State Representative Office inviting City Council to Harrisburg to receive a Proclamation for the 100th Birthday of the City of Coatesville. Please let her know who is interested in attending. She thanked staff. I do truly appreciate you and your efforts.

Adjournment

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.