

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
October 10, 2016

Call to Order

President Lavender-Norris called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council members present were President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Marie Lawson Mssrs, Joseph Hamrick, Edward Simpson, Mrs. Carmen Green, and Mrs. Ingrid W. Jones. Staff members present included City Manager Michael Trio, City Solicitor John Carnes, Fire Chief Garry Alderman, Police Chief John Laufer and recording secretary Ruthann Mowday.

President Lavender-Norris announced An Executive Session was held earlier this evening October 10, 2016 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

President Lavender-Norris announced Mrs. Hunt would not be in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Hamrick made a motion to approve the September 26, 2016 meeting minutes; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice president Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Mr. Simpson made a motion to remove action item 3 and replace with advertisement of a special meeting for budget workshop; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Coatesville High School Soccer and Cross Country Booster Clubs

The clubs would like to hold a 5k as done in the past before the start of the Christmas parade. The money raised will be used to purchase equipment. Warm up suits, specialized training etc. There will be between 3-400 runners in the race. The students have offered to assist with the parade after the race. The initial application was denied by the police department due to timing of the road closure and scheduling of personnel for the road closures. Council asked for staff to make the appropriate changes to make the event happen.

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

Lilita

The soccer league was told they were going to be shut down and to go on front of Council. Ms. Lilita voiced her concerns on an outside entity taking advantage of the league. Council informed Ms. Lilita that they are to pay no one other than City Hall for any permits. All issues are to be forwarded to City Hall.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans commended the City, RDA and Second Century Alliance on the KOZ. The Housing Association would like to send a letter of recommendation to the governor.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance authorizing exemptions, deductions, abatements and credits for real property, earned income tax, net profits, mercantile and business privilege taxes within a specific geographic location within the City of Coatesville designated as a proposed Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ), in order to foster economic opportunities, stimulate industrial, commercial, and residential improvements and prevent physical and infrastructure deterioration within areas of the City of Coatesville, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, upon certain terms and conditions.

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2. Receive and consider first reading an Ordinance amending Chapter 224 of the City Code (“Zoning”) to add Article XXIV – establishing that sidewalk cafés are permitted ibn the C-1,C-2 and PS districts from 1st Avenue to 8th Avenue (one block North and South of Lincoln Highway); defining a restaurant café; placing responsibilities for permitting a café on the zoning officer; setting forth requirements for a café permit and the procedures `for a café permit application and conditions of use; providing for indemnification of the City; containing provisions to establish: additional rules and regulations governing café permits, penalties for violations, procedures for an appeal (of a decision denying or revoking a café permit) and containing a repealer clause and effective date clause

Mr. Hamrick questioned the positioning of the rails and make sure people do not fall off the curbs. Mrs. Green stated the Ordinance needs to be universally enforced.

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~~(3 removed)Receive and consider first reading an Ordinance ratifying previous approval of the City of Coatesville Fire Fighters’ Pension Plan (the “Plan”), as adopted effective as of May 12, 2008, restated effective as of January 1, 2009, and as amended from time to time, adopting service-related disability and survivor provisions under the plan and clarifying administrative and operational procedures of the plan.~~

3. Receive and consider advertisement for special meeting on October 17, 2016

Mr. Simpson made a motion to advertise special meeting on October 17, 2016 for a budget workshop beginning at 6pm; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Receive and consider first reading an Ordinance authorizing the condemnation by eminent domain to acquire a portion of certain property identified as UPI#16-5-140 in fee simple to enable widening of the Right-Of-Way for certain road improvements along the East Lincoln Highway, all within the City of Coatesville

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the first reading an Ordinance authorizing the condemnation by eminent domain to acquire a portion of certain property identified as UPI#16-5-140 in fee simple to enable widening of the Right-Of-Way for certain road improvements along the East Lincoln Highway, all within the City of Coatesville; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider Resolution adopting revised Civil Service Regulations governing Firefighters

Council unanimously agreed to table the Resolution adopting revised Civil Service Regulations governing firefighters.

6. Receive and consider closing road in front of Community Center permanently

Council authorized the solicitor to out together an Ordinance to close Chestnut between 9th and 10th Avenue in front of the Community Center;

Discussion Item

1. Natural Lands Trust - Coatesville Healthy Parks, Healthy People Action Items

Vice President Lawson explained the Natural Lands Trust assembled a list of action items that can bring positive change and respect fiscal limitations. The action items are as follows:

- a. Work with Natural Land Trust to appoint a AD Hoc Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Committee that meets the requirements of the DCNR Peer grant. – No City funding required
- b. Seed Peer professional grant from PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Within the 2017 budget process, determine means for \$1,000 match
- c. Dedicate 4 to 6 hours per week, from Public works staff, to support park and recreation initiatives. – No additional funding beyond the current budget for the public works position.
- d. Approve the City membership in the PA Recreation and Parks Society (PRPS) and the PA Urban Parks and recreation Alliance. Within the 2017 budget process determine a means for funding \$300 fee.
- e. Establish a Friends of Patton Park, with volunteer training provide by Natural Lands Trust
- f. Authorize Natural Lands Trust to investigate funding opportunities, for a master plan and subsequent rehabilitation of Palmer Park

Solicitors Report

Mr. Carnes announced he:

- Assisted the City Engineer with subdivision of ad on 5 acre lot – 123 Mount Airy Road
- Sent proposed sidewalk café ordinance to the County Planning Commission for review ans also the City Planning Commission for review
- Advertised for second reading the KOZ Ordinance
- Received a Conditional Use Application from ACR Machine Company seeking to extend business operations into the newly re-zoned I-1 Light Industry district at 21 N. 10th Avenue.
- Worked with Counsel for the Pension Plan

- Assisted with various miscellaneous matters relating to the Pension Ordinance, Insurance and various matters involving litigation and enforcement and has assisted the City in its interpretation of codes, rules and regulations.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Trio announced:

- The 2017 proposed budget will be issued/transmitted for council review on Thursday October 14, 2016 and the updated schedule.
- Conducted pension committee meetings. Firefighter committee has addressed and approved needed language to address the outstanding Firefighters Pension Ordinance provision.
- PECO energy credit will be calculated and a rebate issued for the city energy bill.
- RDA/Development EPG has no change
- Route 82 and Lincoln Highway PennDOT HOP filed May 13, 2016. Estimated date of issuance is Nov/Dec 2016
- Awaiting results for the CDBG Infrastructure and business district improvement projects
- Grand Prix was a tremendous success. About 5,000 people in attendance.
- Schedule budget workshop on October 17, 2016 at 6 pm.

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

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans referenced an article in the Daily Local news regarding the Wells Fargo Grant. He believes all wards should be included. Do not understand why one ward is left out. He hopes the ward will be involved next time. He explained about divas, knaves and knights.

Mrs. Green made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Vice President Lawson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

1. Coatesville High School Soccer and Cross Country Booster Clubs submitted a special event application for a 5K run prior to the Coatesville Christmas Parade on December 3, 2016.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Kaboom was unbelievable, to see 200 people work together, very well organized. The park was built in one day.

Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for coming out and sharing. In sight of the rash of homicides in our fair city. We all need to be more supportive of our law enforcement officers who are dedicated and trained professionals, help them and let them do their job. Just when things are beginning to look good in Coatesville with progress and success, here comes the criminal element. Again to make Coatesville look bad. Hopefully, we all can do our fair share eradicating some of these problems and get back to the business of sharing and caring for the citizens as well as the municipality. She quoted "Justice is a desert best served cold."

Mrs. Green announced the Park was very nicely done in the West End. Kaboom is wonderful and hope to get them to spread out throughout the City. The City has a touch of inclusion. Pain to see Hispanic people being taken advantage of.

Mr. Hamrick personally thanked Vice President Lawson, Mr. Trio and Kaboom for the park. The first budget meeting will be coming up and take a while to go over.

Vice President Lawson elaborated on the Kaboom Project. She thanked everyone for their involvement. The park was done by 2 pm. 40 volunteers per ward are need for “Make a difference day, cleaning from bridge to bridge. Vice President Lawson publicly acknowledged the professionalism done by the Police Department regarding a chase that happened on the evening of October 9, 2016.

President Lavender-Norris extended her appreciation to everyone who came out for the meeting. We are a community of inclusion. In the Wells Fargo grant, one ward was not included, but no other wards were included in Kaboom. There has been a lot of crime on the last two weeks, it is a result of poverty. Where do we go from here? How do we solve it? We all need help. We should want to help one another. Departmentally, Public Works especially needs help. We should reach out to organizations, to assist the ex-offender program. A lot of crimes are desperation crimes. Let’s give them an opportunity to work to be gainfully employed and help out the City. Not a reward, it is reaching out to help. “We are what we are waiting for!” You deserve better, we’ll do better together, God Bless and good night.

Adjournment

Vice President Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm; Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.