



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Re Organization Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, January 13, 2025

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwoman Tiniera Turner-Green, Councilwoman Villa Hunt, and Councilwoman Fran Scamuffa

Council Absent: Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilwoman Charrisse Allen

Staff Present: James Logan, City Manager; Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

Mr. Logan called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm. Mr. Logan noted that tonight we don't have Councilwoman Allen and Councilwoman Al Amin in attendance.

Election of City Council President

Ms. Green motioned to nominate Linda Lavender Norris as President of City Council; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Scamuffa motioned to nominate Carmen Green as President of City Council. Motion failed, due to lack of second.

Election of City Council Vice President

President Lavender Norris motioned to nominate Carmen Green as Vice President of City Council; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 2025-01 – City Council Meeting Dates

Vice President Green motioned to approve the Resolution No. 2025-01 – City Council Meeting Dates for the year 2025; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution No. 2025-02 – Designating Emergency Response Service

Ms. Scamuffa motioned to approve the Resolution 2025-02 – Designating Emergency Response services; Ms. Turner-Green. Motion passed 5-0.

Adopt Robert Rules of Order for the Year 2025

Vice President Green motioned to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for the year 2025; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice President Green said the meeting has to be about specific things. There's a couple of different things in there for certain scenarios where we have to adopt them individually or not. For instance, the three-minute thing [inaudible] there's a couple different scenarios that we have to adopt if we're going to use the three minutes. We had to adopt the Resolution with the time limits. President Lavender Norris stated we should be mindful of the meeting part. Ms. Scamuffa explained it was in it. Robert had sent us the for the sample to review. A sample for the three minutes. [inaudible]. Vice President Green explained the three minutes is in the Robert's rules of order but the extension of time. It's in there but it gives you-- you can, but you don't have to-- You don't have to allow or allow it. That's why I was saying you have to adopt something saying what it is. Well, I think the Robert's rules of order is asking that---. So that's the ordinance that we have assigned it [inaudible]. And that's more related to the chart

of Robert's rules of order. So, again, I have to double-check but I think tonight if you are taking action on the Robert's rules of order-- Mrs. Hunt asked what does that ordinance say? What does that say? Vice President Green said it's the three to five-minute thing? Mr. Logan explained that's something that the council hasn't signed yet, but we wanted to get drafted. [silence] Mrs. Hunt asked did we all receive a copy of this at some point? [crosstalk] Have we all received this rough copy? Mr. Logan replied yes. Mrs. Hunt said I don't have it. Can I get a copy of it. No. Yeah, I'm just saying instead of reading it. Yeah, I was trying to read it, but I don't want to hold up the meeting while reading all that time. But I would like to see. President Lavender Norris stated this number seven, it covers the broader view of the Roberts Rules of Order. And that's what we're going to do now. That ordinance will detail anything that we want separate from this. Mrs. Hunt said okay. So do you know what's actually being proposed that we do with this? Mr. Logan asked which one, the Robert's rules of order or this?

Proclamation commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Vice President Green motioned to approve the Proclamation appointing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Comments – City Council President

President Lavender Norris took this opportunity to say thank you to my colleagues for entrusting me - excuse me - with representing you this year. I'm trusting and believing God that we are moving forward in a much more positive manner that will continue to work together and ensure the good of the city is at the forefront at all times. And thank you, God, at the same time for all that he's done and brought us through in 2024. I thank our administration, our staff, and our residents for your support, your willingness to step up and do the work. And God bless you all.

Comments – City Council Vice President

Vice President Green congratulated President Lavender Norris. I'm just thankful and grateful, also. I just wanted to thank each one of you for your vote of confidence again. I just promise you that just like 2024, I just pray that this is going to be another great year. But I promise that as the vice president, I will make sure I do a better job of communicating things. There's certain meetings that we all can't be at. We can't be four of us in a meeting together. So if there are certain meetings that I am in attendance, I will make sure that I give reports to each one of you regarding the other updates for situations that need to turn. And I'm just thankful. I'm just looking forward to what's in store for the community of Coatesville. We're looking forward to all the work at the train station. We're looking forward to the project at the Flats and just all the many collaborations and things that the city manager administration is working with and working towards. So again, just thank you all for your time, and I appreciate it.

Comments – City Council Members

Ms. Turner-Green stated I don't really have any comments. Thank you as we continue to move forward.

Mrs. Hunt stated I don't have any comments now.

Ms. Scamuffa congratulated to the council president and vice president. I'm looking forward to working with everyone this year in getting things moving. I think we work pretty well as a unit, as a council unit. We're all on the same team, fighting for the same-- fighting for the same win. So looking forward to a great 2025.

Vice President Green announced just to make everyone aware, Ms. Scamuffa is our new COG representative. We need someone that's going to be committed to that.

Adjournment

Vice President Green motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0.