

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2017

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers: Renita Austin, Sharon Council-Harris (President), Learin Johnson, Clara Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Waters, Dr. Dolores McCabe (Vice President), LaToya Monroe.

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

3. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Kennedy Williams, 822 Whitby, addressed Council regarding parking issues. Mr. Williams has sent a letter and called the Borough regarding a handicap parking sign that is very far from a driveway, as well as a car that consistently parks in a handicap parking space with no handicap tag.
- Kevin Perry, 815 Bullock Ave, was concerned about his vehicle which was towed by the Code Dept from behind his home.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated December 15, 2016**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

No Vote Recorded: Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 6-0

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hepkins reported that crime continues to drop. The 2016 Crime Statistics will be available in February 2017.

- The Civil Service Commission is in the process of administering the final stages of the patrolman's hiring process, the oral exam. Written and agility portions have already been completed.
- Lieutenant Dolly notified the Borough that he will be retiring at the end of February.
- Mayor Hepkins suggested a comprehensive reporting system where all complaints, commendations, and suggestions are logged in order to track them. This system will allow each Department and Council to see how many items are logged, responded to, and pending.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President thanked all of the members of Council who attended the dinner at Grace Court in December and assisted in serving the residents. Over 60 dinners were served, all food was donated by the Borough Manager and Council.
- A recap of 2016 administration included the turn-around of the Borough's finances since 2014, including four consecutive years of no tax increases and a balanced budget. Council President reviewed each of the monetary saving actions Council took: hiring the Possenti firm, the trash disposal company, and changing banks. Quality is maintained, growth and progress continue.

7. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, recommended that Council extend the trash collection contract with B&L Disposal for one more year. The contract is due to expire in May 2017, however extending it until 2018 would place it up for bid at the same time as the Borough's recycling contract.
- Ms. Mulvena submitted the CDBG application to address the replacement of the sanitary sewer, sidewalk and curb replacement, and milling and resurfacing of the street on Redwood Ave.
- The Notice of Intent to Renew the MS4 Permit and the Pollution Reduction Plan have begun.
- The Borough has provided additional information to DVRPC regarding the LED Streetlights. Construction is expected to begin in 2017.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, highlighted a few items that he has already jump-started for 2017 which includes meeting with local residents and business owners

to share ideas and create growth in the community, as well as designing the Yeadon-focused calendar to be delivered to residents in the next week or so.

- The Historical Commission submitted their annual report.
- Mr. Mark Possenti, Borough Manager and Code Enforcer of Darby Borough, educated Council and residents on a new Code Enforcement regulation, House Bill 133, regarding the sale of property.

9. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joseph Possenti.
 - Total Tax Collected for December 2016: \$117,208.10

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

○ Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Voted No: Councilor L. Monroe **Abstained:** Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 5-1

○ Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 5-2

b. Public Safety - Councilor Dr. D McCabe, Vice President, Chair

○ Motion to Approve 1 Part-Time Officer, Sidikie Kamara

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Motion passed 7-0

○ Motion to have police officer present after Council Meetings

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

After discussion, motion was withdrawn.

c. Ordinance / Zoning - Councilor Tomeka Jones-Waters, Chair

- Motion to Approve Handicap Parking Permit at 752 Cypress Ave

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed 5-2

• **Motion to Approve Handicap Parking Permit at 811 Bullock Ave**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 7-0

d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Report had been read at the Caucus meeting, however Councilor Johnson addressed the bus shelter safety issue mentioned at the Caucus meeting.
- Mayor Hepkins mentioned the bus shelters looked like downtown Beirut and bombed out. He feels a visitor would not move here. Borough Manager Bland relayed information from Public Works Director, Dan Wright, that Clear Channel rents the bus shelters however the maintenance falls on the Borough. Mr. Wright is researching the cost of plexi-glass.
- Mayor Hepkins would like to see a better system and contacted Septa with the complaint. He was able to address the issue also with Dan Wright, who confirmed the Borough owns the bus shelters.

e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson reported that the Senior Community Services and Aging at Home are presenting a murder-mystery dinner fundraiser at Lazzaretto Ballroom on Saturday April 1, 2017.
- Councilor commended Council President on the new Caucus format, allowing Council members to sit in the audience with residents.

f. Education Liaison

- No Report to record.

g. Library Liaison

- Councilor Jones-Waters introduced Ms. Donna Samuels who recapped the calendar of events at the Library.

Council President called for an Executive Session recess to discuss items with the Solicitor.

11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- **Motion to Advertise Parking Meter Ordinance in February 2017, which Council will amend the parking rate when the ordinance is passed.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Not available to vote: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

- **Permission to draft Ordinance(s) to make the Borough compliant with Act 133 of 2016, related to the Certificate of Occupancy**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Not available to vote: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion for Authority to come to a settlement agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police regarding a legal matter discussed with Council during Executive Session.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Not available to vote: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion for Authority to make changes to the Resolution of the LED Street Light Program, mainly the name of the financing agency, as discussed in executive session with Council.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

Not available to vote: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 6-0

12. NEW BUSINESS

- No New Business to Record.

13. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business to Record.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.