

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2017

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sharon Council-Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

Absent: Councilmember Clara Johnson, Councilmember Latoya Monroe, Mayor Rohan Hepkins

3. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Isaac Dotson, addressed Council regarding the Flag Day 5k run/walk. Mr. Dotson participated and would like to applaud the organizer and the volunteers that assisted with the event. Mr. Dotson also mentioned the wonderful Flag Day event and how special it is to Yeadon.
- Mary Jacobs-Gorrell, talked about the intersection of Myra Ave and Church Lane. She stated it is hard to turn onto Church Lane from Myra Ave and requested the parking situation on both sides of Myra be addressed. Secondly, Ms. Jacobs-Gorrell requested a second Citizens Forum be added to the end of Council Meetings for citizens to address things that come up throughout the meeting. Council President addressed this concern that for now, the Citizen's Forum had been removed in order to keep the meeting on track, however nothing is set in stone and Council would discuss. Lastly, Ms. Jacobs-Gorrell requested that Council members treat each other with more respect in order to make residents feel more comfortable about attending the meetings.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated May 18, 2017**

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

Did Not Vote: Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 4-0

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hepkins was not present; no Mayor's Report to record.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President thanked everyone who contributed and supported in the success of Flag Day. She echoed previous reports of how well the event was run and the fun time that was offered to residents.

7. BLACK HISTORY OF YEADON

- A brief report of Black History was read by youth of the Fresh Start Program, including the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Louise McCauley Parks, Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, and Malcolm X.
- Leslie McGirth presented an award to Mr. Ricardo Bostic, Mr. Clifford Brock, Mr. Joe Bland, and Mr. Ronald Waters, and Tariq McGilberry to recognize their service and commitment to the Borough of Yeadon.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, presented an update on the MS4 (stormwater permit) which will require an adoption resolution later on to join as a member of the Pollution Reduction Plan, reducing sediment from stormwater.
- Council President brought up the PennVest loan. An accurate account of all work done will be put together.
- Councilor Learin Johnson addressed the inlet on MacDade and Cedar Ave and the need to pave it. Engineer Mulvena is trying to get a schedule from the contractor in order to finish the project.
- **Motion to authorize the re-advertisement of the bid for demolition of 508 Orchard Ave.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed 5-0

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, recapped the 10 Request for Action Requests received by the Borough: 4 high grass, 3 trash, 1 vehicle, 1 SSO, and 1 noise complaint.
- The Council Caucus meetings have been suspended for the Summer. The meetings resume in September.
- Mr. Bland issued a large “Thank You” to everyone who made Flag Day a success.

10. LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RICHARD ASHBY

- Yeadon Library Director, Richard Ashby, told Council that this Flag Day was the best. He had an excellent time.
- The Library’s Read A Thon was a success, raising about \$860.
- Summer Enrichment program starts on June 26 and ends August 18.
- 80/50 Celebration is October 6th, the Library’s birthday party is December 16th, September Fest, including a yard sale with books, is September 2nd.

11. TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joe Possenti.
 - Total Tax Collected for May 2017: \$241,694

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

o Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Vice President D. McCabe
Motion passed 5-0

o Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List

Moved by: Vice President D. McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Motion passed 5-0

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

- Vice President McCabe introduced acting Police Chief Anthony Johnson.
- Acting Chief Johnson reported on criminal activity in the Borough and the monthly revenue brought in by the Police Department during the month of May.
- The 34th Annual National Night Out is August 1st and the Yeadon Borough Police Department will be participating.

- Vice President McCabe mentioned that the Fire Chief's report was read at Caucus and Mary Nixon is not present, so no Emergency Management report will be read.

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

- Councilor Jones-Waters explained the Code Report was presented at Caucus, however she mentioned a hot spot issue which was high grass and not picking up lawn clippings.
- Council President brought up a vacant home with high grass at the corner of Longacre and Fern. Borough Manager Bland was already aware of the property and Public Works will cut it, placing a lien on the property.
- Councilwoman Jones-Waters also asked if residents see graffiti, to please call and report it.

d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson was not present to give a report.
- Borough Manager Bland mentioned that the highway department is hiring seasonal workers and that the bus shelters will continue to be updated.
- Council President inquired about any updates on the Gateway project. Mr. Bland answered that there is a meeting with PennDot coming up regarding placing a sign in a right of way at Church and Chester.
- Councilwoman Learin Johnson requested money for banners that will be hung around town, in cooperation with the YEDC. Council President asked if there was a line item on the budget for this project. Mr. Possenti replied he would be able to move money around for this project. Council President advised that without a Caucus meeting, that Councilor Learin Johnson should send all of the information to be reviewed for next month to each Council member.

e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson started off her report with how much fun she had at the 68th Annual Yeadon Borough Flag Day.
- Council President and Councilwoman Johnson had a discussion on how wonderful the event was including the car show, the parade, the entertainment, and the food.
- Councilor Johnson invited anyone interested in being part of the Beautification Project of Yeadon to please contact her.

f. Education Liaison

- Councilor Austin had nothing to report.
- Councilwoman Learin Johnson recapped her attendance of the WPSD Budget meeting, mentioning a proposed tax increase.

13. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- Solicitor Gibbs reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the Council meeting to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

14. NEW BUSINESS

- Councilor Learin Johnson reported that new lights will go along the trees in the Business District as soon as the lights are purchased. This Saturday is the annual flea market in the Citizen's Bank parking lot on the 700 block of Church Lane.
- Councilwoman Jones-Waters reminded Council and residents that this September will be the 2nd Annual Community Day, details to come.

15. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business to record.

16. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.