

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2016

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Vice-President McCabe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers: Renita Austin, Learin Johnson, Clara Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Waters, Dr. Dolores McCabe (Vice President), LaToya Monroe.
Mayor: Rohan Hepkins
Engineer: Eileen Mulvena
Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

1. ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN POSTER AWARDS

- 9th Grade Art Students from Penn Wood High School were honored for their contributions and motivational anti-litter theme art work.

2. CITIZENS FORUM (Agenda Items Only)

- Liana Roadcloud – Addressed concerns regarding the multiple Public Safety Reports, Borough Ordinances, Permits required for homes, and Community Day.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

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

Motion passed 4-1

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hepkins reminded residents the next Mayor's Community Forum is Thursday, December 1st at Borough Hall Council Chambers. More information to be released soon.

- A vigil was held on September 28th for Natasha Gibson who was slain earlier in the month. Video footage of the suspect was widely distributed to news media.
- The Block Captain Initiative is being spearheaded by resident Deanna Miller.
- Applications for 1 fulltime police offer are being accepted through October 25, in accordance with Civil Service regulations.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Presented by Vice-President McCabe in place of Council President.
- Thanked Councilor Taliah Jones-Waters for her efforts organizing Community Day.
- Recognized interesting biography of Mayor's wife's late mother. Will be posted for the Community to read.
- Recapped attendance to the PSAB Leadership Conference.

6. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **Motion to approve Resolution 2016-010, accepting the financial plan for the LED Street Light Program.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, reported on the upcoming opening of Tree grant and DEP Mini grant (\$3,000).
- Work has begun on Providence Rd, between Union Ave and Wycombe Ave. Progress is being made quickly.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- **Motion to approve donation request for \$500, Men of Action-Brothers of Faith Thanksgiving Dinner for local homeless**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

Voted No: Councilors L. Johnson, C. Johnson, L. Monroe **Tie: 3-3**

Mayor Hepkins voted No for the tie-break **Motion failed 3-4**

8. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joseph Possenti.
 - Total Tax Collected for September 2016: \$32,503.52

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

- **Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report**

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

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

Motion passed 4-2

- **Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List**

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

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

Motion passed 4-2

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

- **Motion to Approve PT Police Officer, Donald Quick**

Moved by: Vice President McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Approve Alt. Crossing Guard, Robert Black**

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

Motion passed 6-0

- **Motion to Approve Alt. Crossing Guard, Valerie Ramsey**

Moved by: Vice President McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed 6-0

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

- **Motion to Approve Handicap Permit Parking at 512 Laurel Rd**

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

Abstained: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Monroe

Motion passed 4-0

- **Motion to Approve Handicap Perming Parking at 842 Rundale Ave**
Moved by: Councilor T.Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Abstained: Councilor L. Monroe
Upon further discussion, Motion was Tabled 5-0

- **Motion to Approve Handicap Perming Parking at 509 Orchard Ave**
Moved by: Councilor T.Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson
Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson **Abstained:** Councilor L. Monroe
Motion passed 4-1

- **Motion to Approve Handicap Perming Parking at 915 Bell Ave**
Moved by: Councilor T.Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson
Abstained: Councilor L. Monroe **Not Present:** Councilor C. Johnson
Motion passed 4-0

d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson read Coommittee Report, stating several storm inlets have been damaged and are in need of repair.
- Borough Manager Joe Bland was asked to provide more information on Shade Tree Commission funding.
- Leaf collection continues until December 26th, using the same route as the street sweeper.
- The cleaning of sanitary sewer lines and sewer inlets continues.

e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Halloween Haunted Hall schedule Wed Oct 26th and Thurs Oct 27th
- On Stage Productions schedule, volunteers needed.
- Recap of Yeadon Fire House Open House
- YEAA-Soccer Mini Camp at Community Park in October and Karate Classes at Borough Hall
- Veteran's Advisory Group (VAG) has been formed; Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon on Sat Nov 12th 1-4pm will honor oldest female WWII Veteran, Staff Sgt. Millie Dunn Veasey, NC.
- Volunteers needed for Golden Years Advisory Group.

o **Motion to Approve \$2500 for Veteran's Luncheon Event**

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

Voted No: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Monroe, Vice-President D. McCabe

Tie: 3-3

Mayor Hepkins voted Yes for the tie-break **Motion passed 4-3**

f. Education Liaison

- No report to record.

10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- No report to record.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- No New Business to Record.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business to Record.

13. CITIZEN'S FORUM

- **Dr. Caroline Harris** – Discussed Engineer's Report and whether Engineer can remain at meeting to answer questions. Would like to know who Engineer reports to as well as roles of Engineer and RDA.
- **Liana Roadcloud** – Discussed her report on incident in Borough Hall on October 14th, including complaint against Majovie Bland and Ricardo Bostic.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.