

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2016

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:39 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

1. CITIZENS FORUM (Agenda Items Only)

- Miles Fields – Confirmed resignation from the Darby Creek Joint Authority.
- Justin – Presented short introduction on Fresh Start Program and requested a donation consideration.
- Dr. Caroline Harris – Requests a meeting with the Engineer, on behalf of the RDA. Requested Council not approve the Engineer’s Report until the meeting occurs.
- Ricardo Bostic – Brought an article from newspaper and commended Council on the great things they are doing for the Borough.
- Charles Wilkins – Discussed the Veteran’s Appreciation Luncheon and the budget that was spent on it.
- Hakima Jabbar – Inquired about the Meeting Minutes and when they would be posted publically.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated October 20, 2016**

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

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

Motion passed 6-0

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hepkins reminded residents the next Mayor's Forum is Thursday, December 1st at 7PM in Borough Hall Council Chambers.
- A vigil was held on September 28th for Natasha Gibson who was slain earlier in the month. A person of interest has been arrested in Philadelphia.
- The Civil Service Commission conducted their physical agility test on Saturday, November 5, 2016. The candidates for full time police officer positions should be selected in December.
- Mayor Hepkins shared some positive news - Overall crime continues to decrease in Yeadon Borough.
- The last election was discussed and the Mayor presented a few suggestions for the next Election Day after visiting all of the 9 precincts.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President notified residents that next month's Caucus meeting will take place on 2nd floor. The format will be different as well in effort to make the department heads and Council more accessible to residents.
- Would like to establish annual, early approval of budget for recurring events.

5. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **Motion to amend PennVest Application to include interest and fees**

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

Motion passed 7-0

- **Motion to authorize permission to advertise the public hearing for the CDBG Grant at 7:15PM on Thursday December 15, 2016**

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

Motion passed 7-0

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, reported on the upcoming application process for CDBG Grant, as well as the submitted application for PA Small Water & Sewer Grant.
- Work has begun on Providence Rd, between Union Ave and Wycombe Ave. Project is going well.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, reminded residents that they need to file Local Earned Income Tax returns each year. Keystone Collections Group is our tax officer and they can be reached at 1-866-539-1100.

7. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joseph Possenti.
 - Total Tax Collected for October 2016: \$20,836.58

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance

○ Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report

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

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

Motion passed 5-2

○ Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List

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

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

Motion passed 5-2

○ Motion to Adopt the 2017 Preliminary Budget for the Borough of Yeadon

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

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

Motion passed 5-2

- **Permission to Advertise 2017 Preliminary Budget**
Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Jones-Waters
Voted No: Councilors C. Johnson, Councilor L. Monroe
Motion passed 5-2

- **Permission to Advertise Ordinance #1374 for the 2017 Tax Levy**
Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
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 PT Female Police Officer, Leah Cesanek**
Moved by: Vice President McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson
Motion passed 7-0

- **Motion to Approve Free holiday parking at meter locations from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day**
Moved by: Vice President McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson
Motion passed 7-0

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

- **Motion to Approve Handicap Permit Parking at 842 Rundale Ave**
Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin
Voted No: Councilors C. Johnson, L. Monroe, T. Jones-Waters
Motion passed 4-3

d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair

- Councilor Johnson read Committee Report from Public Works meeting.
- Several damaged trees have been cut down and removed from Rose and Cypress Streets.
- Leaf collection continues until December 26th, using the same route as the street sweeper.

- Borough Tree Lighting ceremony will take place Friday, December 2, 2016.
- The next Public Works Meeting will be Monday, December 5 at 6:30 PM.

e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Addressed meter charge increase.
- Will have total amount spent on Veteran's Day Luncheon for next month's meeting, but was under budget. She stated that the event was a success.
- Would like to find a lower cost for hall rental for repass.

f. Education Liaison

- Councilor Austin reported that schools will be closed December 22 and 23rd, as well as for the holiday.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- **Motion to authorize Solicitor to investigate internal employee incident**

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

Motion passed 7-0

10. NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to Approve Men of Action, Brothers of Faith Donation Request of \$500**

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

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

Motion passed 5-2

- **Motion to Approve Fresh Start Program Donation Request of \$300**

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

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed 6-1

11. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business to Record.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Majovie Bland

Yeadon Borough Manager