

**BOROUGH OF YEADON**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 15, 2016**

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:33 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: Lacy Wheeler

**3. FRESH START PRESENTATION**

- Mrs. Leslie McGirth and two of the students of the Program honored the ten year anniversary of Joseph Possenti Jr.'s involvement and support of the Fresh Start Program.

**4. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

- On behalf of Council and the Public Safety Committee, Public Safety Chair Vice President Dr. McCabe awarded Yeadon Fire Chief Craig Jeffries with a plaque for his time and dedication in his years of service.
- On behalf of Council and the Public Safety Committee, Public Safety Chair Vice President Dr. McCabe awarded Yeadon Emergency Management's Mary Nixon and Yeadon Police Chief Donald Molineux with certificates for their time and dedication to the Borough.

**5. CITIZENS FORUM** (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Terry McGirth – Thanked Mayor Hepkins and President Harris for helping in regards to his medical condition and giving their support.
- Tony Smiley – Expressed concerns regarding the street lighting in the Borough; feels it is too dark.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated November 17, 2016**

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

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

**Motion passed 5-2**

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Hepkins recapped the last Mayor's Community Forum of 2016 (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016).
- The Civil Service Commission conducted the physical agility test last month, hoping to fill the full time officer position.
- Notified residents that Miles Fields have moved away from the Borough and is seeking a replacement to maintain the Next Door Yeadon website.

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Council President thanked residents who attended the last Caucus meeting, which featured a different format. Real-time discussion with department heads lead to concerns and comments being addressed during the meeting. Councilors sat in the audience in order to really connect with the residents. This format will continue into the New Year.
- All residents are urged to attend.
- Council President credited the Possenti Firm with the extraordinary financial management of the Borough, including four years of no tax increase while adding services to the Borough, replacing sanitary sewers, purchasing vehicles, and adding to the surplus.

## 9. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-011 to select projects for the CDBG Application: Priority Project to abate blighted housing and Secondary Project: Infrastructure Improvements to Redwood Ave**

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

**Motion passed 7-0**

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, reported on the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant.
- Regarding the street lighting throughout the Borough, Ms. Mulvena informed Council about the LED Street Lighting Program coming to the Borough.

## 10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, highlighted his last 11 months as Borough manager of Yeadon. Included in these accomplishments are fundraising over \$20,000 for Flag Day, selling the broken vehicles from the Public Works Yard and bringing in \$10,000 in revenue, updating signs in the Borough with help from the YEDC, purchasing of new vehicles, and preserving historical documents, and increasing security.
- Encourages resident and council members to contact him with ideas and suggestions.

## 11. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joseph Possenti.
  - Total Tax Collected for November 2016: \$36,218.72

**Councilor Latoya Monroe left Council Meeting at 8:35 PM.**

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. Finance

- **Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Vice President McCabe

**Motion passed 6-0**

- **Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Vice President McCabe

**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Motion passed 5-1**

- **Motion to Adopt the 2017 Budget for the Borough of Yeadon**

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

- **Permission to Adopt Ordinance #1374 for the 2017 Tax Levy**

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

**Motion passed 6-0**

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

- Written Public Safety and Fire Report had been read at Caucus Meeting.
  - Chief Molineux gave tips on how to prevent crime during the holiday season, as well as issued a warning regarding automobile thefts.
  - Two new part-time officers have completed all of the requirements for state certification. Officers Donald Quick and Leah Cesanek will begin patrol shifts this month.
  - Free Parking at the meters will continue until January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Vice President McCabe commended web developer Garry Core and Borough manager, Joe Bland on their work on the Borough website.

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

- Written Code Report was read at Caucus Meeting.
  - A list of 2016 Handicap parking space locations was included.

**d. Municipal Services - Councilor Clara Johnson, Chair**

- Councilor Johnson read Committee Report from Public Works.
  - The department is cleaning up leaves from the streets until December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - The snow removal plows and other machinery have been checked and prepped for the season.
  - Removal of dead trees around the Borough continues.
  - Public Works will purchase a generator and install security cameras at the Public Works Building.

**e. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair**

- Councilor Johnson reported that YEDC has a new location for their meetings at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital.
- In cooperation with YEDC, Councilor Johnson will be creating banners for main roadways to highlight Yeadon's history.
- The Stars of Royal Excellence drill team have appeared at the Apollo in 2016 and have just become the 2016 Championship Winners.

**f. Education Liaison**

- No Report to record.

**g. Library Liaison**

- Councilor Jones-Waters introduced Library Director Mr. Richard Ashby
  - Mr. Ashby mentioned a dance, singing, and poetry event for children and teens at the Library, as well as Run DMC making an appearance at the Library and reading two books to the children.
  - Senior exercise classes begin in 2017.
  - Library will be looking into purchasing flags to line the streets, as well as a plaque to commemorate the new addition to the Library.

**13. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Lacy Wheeler**

- No Report to record.

**Councilor Clara Johnson left at 9:10 PM.**

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Motion to establish 6:30 PM scheduled start time for Caucus Meeting**  
**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters  
**Voted No:** Vice President Dr. McCabe

**Motion passed 4-1**

- **Permission to advertise the 2017 Public Meeting Schedule**  
**Moved by:** Vice President McCabe **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

**Motion passed 5-0**

- **Motion to Appoint Robert Wright St. to the Darby Creek Joint Authority as Yeadon Borough's Representative**

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

**Motion passed 5-0**

#### **15. OLD BUSINESS**

- No Old Business to Record.

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.