

BOROUGH OF YEADON

DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CAUCUS WORKSHOP COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by President Sharon Council-Harris.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sharon Council-Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council members: President Sharon Council-Harris, Vice President Dr. Dolores McCabe, Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Water, LaToya Monroe

Mayor: Rohan K. Hepkins

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

SWEARING IN NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

New Council member, Renita Austin was sworn into Council.

YEADON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Yeadon Gateway Committee Chair and Vice Chair Isaac Dotson presented Gateway contract project on Longacre Blvd and Cypress Street was put on hold because of traffic and traffic flow. Engineers agreed to commission a traffic study (awaiting results). Last meeting was February 4, 2016.

Council previously allocated \$3,036 for phase one, YEDC requested to re-allocate \$2,500 of the funds from phase one to phase two. Phase two is Chester Avenue and Cobbs Creek Parkway: \$1,100 will go to the site survey; \$1,400 will go to the site planning (Borough own). \$536 will remain in an escrow for phase one, if Council chooses to move forward.

Mr. Dotson presented a letter to Council requesting to allow Public Works to take responsibility for installing the Gateway signs to save money.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Kannie Karoma from 604 Union Ave, addressed an ongoing fight/ disagreement with a neighbor about a common driveway. Chief Molineux gave his report on the issue.

Clifford Brock commented on the salt and plowing done during the last major snow storm. Chief Molineux responded with the chain of events before, during, and after the snow storm.

Councilwoman L. Johnson asked if Mr. Wright or a representative from Public Works attend the Caucus meetings to answer questions the residents may have pertaining to the Public Works Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rohan K. Hepkins gave his report reviewing the Snow Emergency Declaration and Mayor's role. He reported that he will be hosting a Citizens Forum and gave the dates, and he advertised a food and clothing drive that he will be participating in with the Do It Different INC group.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Sharon Council-Harris welcomed the new council member Renita Austin. She gave an update on the progress on the Historical Commission and the Redevelopment Authority (YMCA). Councilwoman Austin agreed to be Liaison for school board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Bland discussed establishing communications with the following organizations; YEDC, YMCA, Redevelopment Authority, and Historical Commission. Vice President Dr. McCabe made a comment stating that she is the chair for the Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Bland also reported on the Borough's website and the public access channel. Mr. Bland met with Roy Hunter, the Recreation Coordinator to begin with the planning of Flag Day. Mr. Bland also commented on the process for donations approved by Council.

FINANCE REPORT

Councilwoman LaToya Monroe read the finance report. She supplied Council with a Committee Report form to help streamline the process of the Caucus and Legislative meetings. Mr. Joseph Possenti the Finance Director read his report on the cash balances.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Vice President Dr. Dolores McCabe, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, introduced Mary Nixon, Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management Department. Mrs. Nixon read her report on the January 22, 2016 Snow Emergency Declaration. There was no available staff and no volunteers. Mrs. Nixon requested the Yeadon Borough Hall to be designated as a Regional Shelter. She also requested it be stocked with supplies and food in an event of an emergency.

Chief Molineux reminded the residents about enrolling in the Youth Police Academy.

ORDINANCES & ZONING

Councilwoman Tomeka Jones, Chair of the Ordinances and Zoning Committee read her report. Code Director, Judson Sumbler read the Code department's report.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Councilwoman Clara Johnson, Chair of Municipal Services read her report on the Public Works department. She gave an update on the snow emergency, holiday trash pick-up, and the unused vehicles in the Public Works' yard.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Councilwoman Learin Johnson, Chair of Community Relations informed the residents about the free dance programs directed by On Stage Productions. Mr. Hunter gave his report on the upcoming events, the Darby Creek Joint Authority, youth activities, and meeting dates for Flag Day. Ricardo Bostic, Events Coordinator presented Council with a calendar of events scheduled for the Borough Hall. There was discussion on lowering the price for the hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman C. Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.