

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2016

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Council President Sharon Harris.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember's: Renita Austin, Sharon Council-Harris (President), Clara Johnson, Learin Johnson, Tomeka Jones-Waters, Dr. Dolores McCabe (Vice-President), LaToya Monroe.

Mayor: Rohan K. Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM: (Agenda Items Only)

Christopher Anderson and another representative from the Philadelphia Water Department discussed the Woodland Dam Removal Project.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Reorganization minutes (with corrections) dated January 4, 2016 as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor L. Monroe. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion to approve the Special Meeting for Council Vacancy minutes dated January 14, 2016 as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor R. Austin. The

motion passed 6-1. Voting yes: R. Austin, S. Harris, C. Johnson, L. Johnson, T. Jones-Waters, D. McCabe.

Voting no: L. Monroe.

Motion to approve the Caucus Workshop minutes dated January 14, 2016 as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor D. McCabe and seconded by Councilor C. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion to approve the Legislative Council minutes dated January 21, 2016 as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor T. Jones-Waters. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hepkins discussed the schedule for his "Mayor's Forum" event(s). The Mayor also discussed partnering with an organization called "Do-it-Different", to host its 2nd annual Food & Clothing Drive. Mr. Paul Williams, a representative from "Do-it-Different" discussed the goals of the organization and event. The Food & Clothing Drive will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2016. Mayor Hepkins talked about improving communications with residents regarding the Snow Emergency. He also made mention of the "Youth Police Academy".

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Harris discussed the purpose and procedures of the Caucus Meetings, and advised residents to attend those meetings. President Harris also mentioned that members of the following organizations were contacted to confirm appointments and/or interest in serving: Historical Commission, Planning Commission, and Redevelopment Authority.

Motion to Authorize Resolution No. 2016-003, consenting to and supporting the Cobbs Creek Fish Passage Project (with conditions to provide documentation of the Philadelphia 566 grant program), was moved by Councilor Clara Johnson and seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

7. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Eileen Mulvena discussed the MS4 program and the training completed by members of our Code & Municipal Services Departments. She also confirmed that the Advertisement for the carpet replacement at the Yeadon Public Library went out for bid. Ms. Mulvena discussed the street light replacement project

and its cost savings benefit. Vice President Dr. McCabe and Mayor Hepkins asked Ms. Mulvena about the safety & quality of our drinking water.

Motion to approve the contract for the Investment Grade Audit to be completed by Johnson Controls (not to exceed \$10,000) was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor L. Monroe. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Ms. Mulvena read her monthly storm water tip. **(SEE REPORT)**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Borough Manager Majovie Bland (Joe) discussed updating and making adjustments to the Borough's Website. He also discussed the unfinished electrical work in the hall.

Motion to approve Mecca Electric Inc. to complete the following electrical work in the hall & fire house, at a cost of \$5,250:

- Install (2) 20amp 120V lines from the emergency circuit breaker panel located in the fire house to the new emergency management office on the second floor.
- Rewire (4) existing wall duplex receptacles & (1) duplex receptacle on the block wall to the new emergency circuitry.
- Install (1) new duplex receptacle on the emergency power.
- Rewire the lighting circuit to be emergency power.
- Install (1) customer supplied light fixture to the left of the restroom in the auditorium.
- Install (1) customer supplied light fixture in the auditorium.

was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor R. Austin. The motion passed 6-1.

Voting yes: R. Austin, S. Harris, C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, T. Jones-Waters. Voting no: L.

Monroe (object to the manner in which the funds are being requested).

9. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Councilor L. Monroe read the report: **(SEE REPORT)**

Total Deposits - \$103,211.22

Report Reflects - \$101,169.97

Difference - \$2,041.25 (Explanation: Duplicate Payment & Interest)

Motion to accept the Tax Collectors Report was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety – Councilor Dr. McCabe, Chair

- Recognized Mary Nixon (emergency management coordinator)
- Discussed the snow emergency.
- Automobile Break-ins.
- Firefighter recognition request (Foxcroft Apartment Fire)

Ordinance/Zoning – Councilor T. Jones-Waters, Chair

- Discussed Handicap Parking permit request and applications.

Motion to approve the Parking Permit Application for 834 Myra Ave was moved by Councilor Learin Johnson and seconded by Councilor R. Austin. The motion failed 6-1.

Voting yes: R. Austin. Voting no: S. Harris, C. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, T. Jones-Waters, L. Monroe.

Municipal Service/Public Works – Councilor C. Johnson, Chair

- Recap of Report (SEE REPORT)
- Discussed snow storm clean-up.
- Mentioned that the dept will continue to clean and maintain the sanitary & storm sewer lines.
- Discussed the 9 Borough vehicles that are unfixable & deplorable.

Motion to put 9 Borough vehicles up for Bid through Municibid was moved by Councilor Clara Johnson and seconded by Councilor D. McCabe. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Community Relations – Councilor L. Johnson, Chair

- Discussed the need for window treatments for the hall windows, and curtains to block the sun.
- Gave update on hall renovations
- Mentioned the need for block captains.
- Discussed the Yeadon More Beautiful Project.
- Elegant Ladies Tea event on May 7, 2016.
- Planting of Perennials & Community Clean-up event on May 14, 2016.

Finance – Councilor L. Monroe, Chair

- Discussed identifying best practices for requesting funds, to improve accuracy and insure transparency & accountability.

Motion to approve the “Universal Committee Report Template” was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

- Finance Director Joseph Possenti, read General Fund Cash Balances **(Please See Report)**

Motion to approve the Cash Balances Report as presented to Council, was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List, was moved by Councilor L. Monroe and seconded by Councilor D. McCabe. The motion passed 6-1. Voting yes: R. Austin, S. Harris, L. Johnson, D. McCabe, T. Jones-Waters, L. Monroe. Voting no: C. Johnson.

11. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-004 (Removing Lawrence Healy as Borough Manager), was moved by Councilor D. McCabe and seconded by Councilor Clara Johnson. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business to record

13. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to record

14. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Remarks from:

- Dr. Vivian Ford
- Mrs. Donna Samuel

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was seconded by Councilor Learin Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.