

**DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 20, 2017**

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Sharon Council-Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

Absent: Mayor Rohan Hepkins

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

- Dr. Caroline Harris addressed Council regarding the collection of delinquent taxes. She inquired whether any Public Hearings were held in regards to this, and if it changes the way taxes are collected. Dr. Harris also addressed the construction of a Recreation Center and said it should involve a Public Hearing. The RDA has been having meetings and at the last meeting it was decided to form a Community Advisory Council. She believes that RDA is an instrument for the Borough and asks that the community engages in the Community Advisory Board.
- Liana Roadcloud requested to view all of the recordings of the Council meetings from the past 7 months, as recorded by Garry Core. She was instructed to submit a Right to Know request.
- Zelda Gibson of 627 Baily Road, mother of Natasha Gibson, came to remind Council that the Borough has safety issues. She stated it is very dark in the Borough and she doesn't want anyone else to be a victim. Council President stated

that the Borough has invested in LED streetlight upgrades. Ms. Gibson also stated that on Friday, September 22, 2017 she will have a vigil for her daughter.

- Sandra Caple of 1311 Longacre Blvd, spoke regarding the speeding traffic on Longacre and requested more police presence in that area.
- George Rolling, 820 West Cobbs Creek Parkway, spoke to Council regarding a handicap parking application he submitted.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to Approve Legislative Minutes dated June 15, 2017**

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

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

**Reason for abstention:** Was not present at June 15, 2017 meeting

**Motion passed 5-1**

#### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Acting Chief Anthony Johnson gave an overview of the Mayor's report.
- The Summer Bike Patrol began Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Longtime Mayoral Assistant Leonard Tanzymore passed away on Saturday, June 10. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am at the Chapel of the Good Shepard.

#### 6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Council President had no report to record.

#### 7. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Engineer, Eileen Mulvena, presented an update on the bids for the demolition of 508 Orchard Ave. Two bids had been opened that morning but supporting documents for the most expensive bid are missing. Ms. Mulvena does not feel they should be considered a responsible bid. The second and lowest bid, has no proven experience demolishing buildings that do not stand alone. Their bid was \$74,500. The grant for this project is \$40,350 creating a shortfall of approximately \$35,000. The Borough would need to request permission to request additional grant funds from the County, put the project out for re-bid, or cover the difference.
- **Motion to authorize the re-advertisement of the bid for demolition of 508 Orchard Ave.**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Vice President D. McCabe

**Motion passed 7-0**

- The MS-4 Permit is due in August, with our notice of consent for new stormwater permit. Models are being made for solutions to remove sediment and debris in the stormwater.
- A. Gargiule will be starting replacement at 900 block of Duncan on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Borough Manager, Mr. Bland, recapped the 1 Request for Action Request that was received by the Borough in June.
- Roof repair on the building has begun, as well as LED streetlight upgrades throughout the Borough.
- Tennis Program at the Nile Swim Club has 12 kids enrolled. The program runs Monday-Thursday from 9am to 12 noon until August.
- New basketball backboards were purchased by the Recreation Department.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> event at Grace Court was a wonderful event. The residents supplied lunch and cases of water to the emergency services.

- **Motion to Approve New Hires for Public Works, Paul Shaw and Curtis Robinson**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

**Motion passed 7-0**

- **Motion to Approve New Hires for Sumer Youth Employment**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Motion passed 7-0**

- **Motion to Approve Block Party Application For 1000 Block of Bell & Duncan, On August 5th**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Vice President D. McCabe

**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Motion passed 6-1**

- **Motion to Approve Block Party Application for 400 Block of Laurel Rd, on August 12th**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Motion passed 6-1**

## 9. LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RICHARD ASHBY

- Yeadon Library Director, Richard Ashby, was not present. Ms. Donna Samuels took his place.
- Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> is a book sale and flea market at the Library.
- 80/50 Celebration is Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Oaks Ballroom from 7-11pm. Tickets are \$50.
- Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> is Black Saturday Shopping Event, and Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> is the 80/50 Birthday Party, a free community event.
- Starting this month, each visit to the Library will earn the resident a raffle ticket for a drawing held at the end of the month.

## 10. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Tax Report read by Finance Director, Mr. Joe Possenti.
  - Total Tax Collected for June 2017: \$113,096.42

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. Finance

#### o Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report

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

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

**Motion passed 5-2**

#### o Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List

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

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

**Motion passed 5-2**

#### o Motion to Approve the Sale of Delinquent Borough Tax to Municipal Revenue

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

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

**Motion passed 5-2**

#### o Motion to Give Authorization to Get Appraisal Quotes for Nile Swim Club (Rec Center Project)

**Moved by:** Vice President D. McCabe      **Seconded:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters

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

**Motion passed 5-2**

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

- Vice President McCabe introduced acting Police Chief Anthony Johnson.
- Acting Chief Johnson reported on the criminal activity in the Borough and the monthly revenue brought in by the Police Department during the month of June.
- A new bulletin board was installed in the Police Department lobby which will be updated with resources and information.
- Traffic congestions was addressed in the area of Church Lane and Myra Ave.
- Tomorrow will be the first Coffee with a Cop program at Lukoil Gas Station from 7:30-8:30am.
- Bulletproof Vest Grant Application was submitted.
- Foot patrol pilot program has begun, targeting the business districts of the 400, 500, and 700 block of Church Lane as well as the two shopping centers in town.
- The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out is August 1<sup>st</sup> and the Yeadon Borough Police Department will be participating.
- Vice President McCabe summarized the fire company report and stated that the Emergency Management report was unavailable this month.

○ **Motion to Approve Replacement of Borough Hall Door Sensors**

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

**Voted No:** Councilor L. Monroe

**Motion passed 6-1**

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

- Director of Code, Judson Sumbler presented highlights of his report.
- **Motion to Approve Handicap Parking Permit for 820 W. Cobbs Creek Parkway**  
**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson     **Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin  
**Voted No:** Councilors C. Johnson, L. Monroe

**Motion passed 5-2**

○ **Motion to Approve Handicap Parking Permit for 446 Orchard Ave**

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

**Voted No:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Abstained:** Councilor L. Monroe

**Reason for Abstention:** Feels motion is biased based on wording “Motion to Approve”

**Motion passed 5-1**

- **Motion to Approve Handicap Parking Permit for 814 Whitby Ave**

**Moved by:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Vice President D. McCabe

**Voted No:** Councilor L. Monroe

**Abstained:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Reason for Abstention:** Not enough information.

**Motion passed 5-2**

- **Motion to Approve Handicap Parking Permit for 504 Holly Road**

**Moved by:** Councilor L. Johnson

**Seconded:** Councilor R. Austin

**Abstained:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Reason for Abstention:** Feels motion is biased based on wording “Motion to Approve”

**Motion passed 5-2**

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

- Councilor Johnson presented that Grace Courts awarded 57 cases of water to the first responders. Special thanks was given to the Public Works Dept which transported 228 cases of water for disbursement to the Police Dept, Fire Dept, and Emergency Services. Also Mary Nixon was recognized for speaking at the event.
- Twice a week trash pick up has begun.
- July 15, 2017 was an E Waste recycling Event. The next event will be Saturday, November 4, 2017.
- Completion of 3 Borough owned bus shelters will begin in September.

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

- Councilor Learin Johnson began her report stating that 700 Business district will be getting new lights for their trees.
- Councilor Johnson mentioned that the flea market had been rained out and Charles Pavia was requesting another date. Councilor Johnson was told to relay to Mr. Pavia that he just needs to submit another request to the Borough.

- All residents were requested to look into the Homestead Act in preparation for tax raises.
- Council President requested that Councilor Johnson begin to assemble a welcome packet for the many new residents of the Borough.
- Councilor Clara Johnson asked for a report on Flag Day. Council President stated that the Borough Manager will prepare the report in writing.
- Councilor Johnson asked Acting Police Chief Johnson if, in addition to his new morning program “Coffee with a Cop”, there will be anything similar held in the afternoon or evening. His answer was that eventually, yes eventually an afternoon event will be held.
- Council President mentioned that Community Day is coming up as the last hoorah for the Summer.
- Council President addressed State Rep Margo Davidson from the audience, stating that she has an event coming up in the beginning of September – “Back to School Bookbag Give Away”.

**f. Education Liaison**

- Councilor Austin reported that she received a letter from the William Penn School District organizing a meeting between leaders of the community and Board. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6pm in the Library of Penn Wood HS – Cypress Street. The meeting is invitation only.

**12. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs**

- Solicitor Gibbs reported that an Executive Session was held prior to the Council meeting to discuss personnel and contractual matters.
- **Motion to Approve the Advertisement of Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Code**  
**Moved by:** Councilor T. Jones-Waters **Seconded:** Councilor L. Johnson  
**Motion passed 7-0**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

- No New Business to record.

**14. OLD BUSINESS**

- No Old Business to record.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.