

BOROUGH OF YEADON
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2017

The Borough of Yeadon Legislative Council Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sharon Council-Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor: Rohan Hepkins

Engineer: Eileen Mulvena

Solicitor: Charles Gibbs

Finance Director: Joe Possenti

2. CITIZENS FORUM (Comments limited to 3 minutes)

- Brother Clifford Brock addressed Council regarding the possibility of the Borough accepting a loan for street and sewer restoration. He mentioned that Yeadon adopted an Affirmative Action program years ago and wanted to make sure it's in place. He also talked about the Zoning Board

appointments and inquired about whether they would be handled tonight.

- Liana Roadcloud inquired whether the contract for the demolition of 508 Orchard Ave would be public. Engineer Mulvena confirmed it would. Ms. Roadcloud listed invoices and reimbursements from the AP List over the previous year that she feels were unnecessary. Ms. Roadcloud addressed the sewer fee increases.
- Clifford Brock spoke again regarding the repair of the access road to Mount Moriah Cemetery. There are still 2 phases of the repair waiting to be done.
- An anonymous resident addressed council regarding an unpleasant experience with a Borough employee. She requested that Council not consider hiring them for full time employment.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Hepkins thanked Chief Smythe of Darby for his assistance in the process of hiring the new Police Chief. He also recognized the great work of Acting Lieutenant Anthony Johnson.
- Final Mayors Quarterly Forum will be December 27th at 7pm.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Motion to Suspend Normal Order of Business.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed: 7-0

- President Harris introduced and welcomed new Councilors Rafi Cave and Ron Francis. She also thanked two Councilors who will be leaving at the end of the year- Renita Austin and Learin Johnson.
- The accomplishments of Council were quickly recapped: no tax raises, new doors, preserving the surplus, YEDC and new Gateway Project, Yeadon More Beautiful Project and installation of gardens, new electronic signs, and much more.
- Council President addressed the Library expansion and the commitment it took of all Council Members and residents to accomplish each of the projects within the Borough.
- During the current administration respect was brought back into Council chambers, the redevelopment association was created to assist residents, and hopes that the new Council will maintain the high expectations.
- Council President mentioned the new community and recreation center discussion and hopes that there will be a collaborative effort in the next year to get the project completed.
- A copy of the full report is to be included in the permanent record.

5. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **Motion to Extend Current Ordinary Street & Sewer Maintenance Contracts with A to U Services A. Garguile & Sons and AF Damon Co. thru January 31, 2018.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed: 7-0

- **Motion to Award a Contract to International Waste Services, LLC for a Contract amount not to exceed \$89,000 for the CDBG Demolition project at 508 Orchard.**

Moved by: Councilor Dr. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor L. Johnson

Motion passed: 7-0

- **Motion to Authorize the Solicitor to Prepare & Advertise the Ordinance to Adopt the Pollutant Reduction Plan Agreement.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor C. Johnson

Motion passed: 7-0

- **Motion to Authorize the Preparation of a Letter of Support to the DCMR Grant Application being prepared by the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: L. Johnson

No Vote to Record: T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed: 6-0

- **Motion to send an email to PennVEST indicating Council's desire to move forward towards loan settlement.**

Moved by: Vice President Dr. D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor L. Johnson

No Vote to Record: T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed: 6-0

- **Motion to Authorize the Engineer to prepare the grant application for the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Monroe

Seconded: L. Johnson

Motion passed: 7-0

- **Motion to Authorize the Engineer to advertise & receive bids for the work to be performed using the PennVEST loan proceeds.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed: 7-0

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- **Motion to offer Georgious Sigalas Part time Employment as janitor for the Borough of Yeadon.**

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

Voted No: Councilor's C. Johnson, L. Monroe, Dr. D. McCabe and L. Johnson

Motion failed: 3-4

- **Motion to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between SEIU Local 32BJ & Borough of Yeadon.**

Moved by: Councilor C. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor L. Monroe

Motion passed: 7-0

7. LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RICHARD ASHBY

- Mr. Ashby mentioned the 80/50 celebration which was the week prior, in which the time capsule was opened.
- New furniture arrives and beginning January 1st, 2018 the Library begins new hours.

8. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

- Taxes collected for November 2017 totaled \$38,500.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Finance Director, Joseph Possenti

○ Motion to Approve Cash Balances Report

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

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

Motion passed: 5-2

○ Motion to Approve Accounts Payable List

Moved by: Vice President Dr. D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

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

Motion passed: 5-2

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

- **Motion to hire Anthony Paparo as Chief of Police for the Borough of Yeadon.**

Moved by: Vice President Dr. D. McCabe

Seconded: R. Austin

Motion passed: 7-0

- Chief Paparo spoke and thanked the Borough for the opportunity. He looks forward to working with everyone.

- **Motion to pay Anthony Johnson for unused vacation time.**

Moved by: Vice President, Dr. D. McCabe

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

No Vote – (Tabled)

- **Motion to Table Anthony Johnson pay for Vacation, to be decided at Special Meeting on the 28th.**

Voted no: Councilor R. Austin

Abstained: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Motion passed: 5-0

c. Community Relations - Councilor Learin Johnson, Chair

- Ms. Leslie McGirth was unable to attend the meeting and requested that Councilor Johnson present her Centurions:
 - Ms. Mable Parker – Born September 13, 1916
 - Mr. Lewis Tucker – Born December 12, 1912

- Certificates were presented to the following people for their excellent service to the Borough of Yeadon: Homer Marion, Karen Mitchell, Dr. Glen Clark, Leon Howard, Earl Boyd, and Isaac Dotson.
 - Mr. Howard thanked Council and the Mayor for the support of the Yeadon youth league.

10.SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Mr. Charles Gibbs

- **Motion to Advertise Reorganization Meeting for January 2, 2018 at 7pm.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Monroe

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

Motion passed: 7-0

11.NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to appoint Isaac Dotson as Business Planning Specialist for the Borough of Yeadon.**

Moved by: Councilor L. Johnson

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

Voted No: Councilor C. Johnson

Abstained Councilor L. Monroe; Stated it is conflicting with his position on the YEDC and is irresponsible.

Motion passed: 5-1

- Discussion surrounded the motion in regards to Council members and residents requesting to know whether the position had been

advertised and resumes were submitted. Council President stated that the position was created from a request of the County.

- **Motion to Approve James Marshall as Director for the Public Works Dept. for the Borough of Yeadon.**

Moved by: Councilor T. Jones-Waters

Seconded: Councilor R. Austin

Voted No: Councilor's C. Johnson, L. Monroe, Vice President

Dr. McCabe and L. Johnson

Motion failed: 3-4

12.OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

13.ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM