

# **BOROUGH OF YEADON** DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2022

# Meeting began

### I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### II. ROLL CALL

Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor	Present
Sharon Council-Harris, President	Present
Learin Johnson, Vice President	Present
Nicole Beaty	Present
Carlette Brooks	Present
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
LaToya Monroe	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Isaac Dotson, Manager	Present
Mark P. Much, Solicitor	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Absent

### III. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Before beginning with the first item on the agenda Councilor Roadcloud requested an Executive Session to discuss the personnel item on agenda, but the request was denied.
- 2. Brief discussion regarding the Citizen's Forum being at the end of the meeting as it relates to the Sunshine Act.
- 3. Leslie Lewis-McGirth sworn in as the Vacancy Board Chair
- 4. Councilor Roadcloud made a Motion to Reorganize and Remove Sharon Council-Harris from President of Council

Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monroe

Motion was not recognized

The Solicitor read the terms of Resolution #2020-03 No motion shall be considered unless stated by the President Councilor Roadcloud asked to have that in writing

#### IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1. Hired an auditing to firm to look at the 2022 Budget and the result was the Budget needed minimal changes.
- 2. Budget of nearly 8 million to run the affairs of the Borough.
- 3. Made room to expand services to seniors, and support programs for homeowners.
- 4. We would like to have the 17 lots that the Borough owns developed.
- 5. We would like to be a community that welcomes business.
- 6. A community where you can walk the streets at night because it is safe.

President Council-Harris read the Solicitor's drafted statement regarding Chief Paparo's violation of the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement

Meeting called to recess for an Executive Session

Meeting called back to order.

President Council-Harris announced that at the advisement of the Solicitor, Chief Paparo will be given notice and a chance for due process.

The Solicitor stated that although the Chief is not a Civil Service position the Chief should be provided with due process.

## V. Citizens Forum (comments limited to 3 minutes)

- 1. Dr. Dolores McCabe suggested that there are other ways to solve problem and it doesn't have to be termination. She advised to look for other ways to resolve this matter.
- 2. Ms. Burrell expressed her disappointment with Borough Council and spoke in support of Chief Paparo.
- 3. Caroline Edwards spoke in support of the Chief and the programs he created.
- 4. Antoinette Truehart questioned the character and ability of Council President and Vice President to do their job.
- 5. Cheryl Hill spoke in support of the Chief and asked if meeting could be moved to the hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- 6. Dr. Karen Hudson a 30-year resident of Yeadon, spoke about public safety and quality of life. She also supports the Chief.

- 7. Dr. Claudia Curry a 45-year resident of Yeadon, stated she treasures living in Yeadon. She asked if any performance evaluations have been performed to address this issue and asked about alternative solutions.
- 8. Patricia Shannon a 32-year resident of Yeadon, has concerns about residents' safety if the Chief is removed.
- 9. Lauren Footman a 30-year resident of Yeadon, spoke in support of Chief Paparo.
- 10. James Stringer here to support Chief Paparo.
- 11. Michael Trent of Allen Drive asked if the removal of Chief Paparo was planned. He also asked for a response to emails he sent to Council members.
- 12. Angela Lee supports the Chief and request meetings be held at later time and not early afternoon to exclude people that may be at work.
- 13. Carmen Martin asked that Council consider a hybrid module for meetings.

### VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: President Council-Harris Seconded By: Vice President Johnson

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Management.