

BOROUGH OF YEADON DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2022

Meeting began at 7:15p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Council-Harris reminded everyone that the Council is operating via Robert's Rules of Order as outlined in the Rules of Council resolution that was adopted. Councilors must be recognized to have the floor and be in order. If you are speaking out of turn you will be considered out of order. There will be a warning and if you continue to speak out of turn you will be escorted out by an officer, so that we will be able to maintain order in this meeting. It is necessary that we maintain order in this meeting out of respect for ourselves, for the office, and for the constituents.

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 Cerroni, Solicitor	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Absent

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Motion to have Council sign an official resolution for a Local Share Grant of up to \$1,000,000 for a Recreation Center.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Second By: Vice President Johnson

Motion Passed: 4-3, Councilors Roadcloud, Monroe, and Beaty opposed

Motion to table consideration for the Local Share Grant

Moved By: Councilor Beaty

Second By: Councilor Roadcloud

Motion Failed: 3 – 4, President Council-Harris, Vice President Johnson, and Councilors Jones-

Waters and Brooks opposed.

Brief Discussion: Councilor Beaty asked where the money would be coming from. Councilor Roadcloud stated that she did not have any information regarding this grant, and it would be financially irresponsible to vote on this without knowing all the facts. Councilor Monroe questioned the nature of the grant asking if it was a matching grant.

2. Motion to appoint Owen Wooten to the Civil Service Board

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Second By: Vice President Johnson

Motion Passed: 4-3, Councilors Roadcloud, Monroe, and Beaty opposed.

Brief Discussion: Councilor Roadcloud asked if other applicants were considered and asked for the resumes of the applicants that were sent to the Borough. After a comment made (person unknown) that Mr. Wooten was the Council President's cousin, Councilor Beaty asked if Mr. Wooten was related to President Council-Harris. President Council-Harris responded that he was not.

3. Motion for Yeadon Borough Council to ban elected officials from using personal electronic devices, social media/ meeting platforms during publicly held meetings in Council Chambers

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Vice President Johnson

Motion Passed: 4 - 3, Councilors Roadcloud, Monroe and Beaty opposed.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Motion for the hiring of Crystal Sapp as full-time Borough Manager Assistant.

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Vice President Johnson

Motion Passed: 4-3, Councilors Roadcloud, Monroe and Beaty opposed.

Brief Discussion: Councilors Beaty, Roadcloud and Monroe all expressed the same sentiments that they do not have any information regarding candidate to make an informed decision.

V. TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Tax Collector was not present but asked that her report be read for the record.

Brief Discussion: Councilor Roadcloud asked if tax bills have been mailed because some residents have yet to receive their bill's. Councilor Monroe inquired when the online payment option would be fixed and noted that it should be available by March 7th.

VI. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Report accepted as presented at Workshop

VII. **FINANCE**

1. Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List

Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters Seconded By: Vice President Johnson

Motion Passed: 4 – 1, Councilor Beaty opposed. Councilors Roadcloud and Monroe did not vote.

Brief Discussion: Councilor Roadcloud asked about payments for Joel Avery and the Solicitor with mention of a meeting with the District Attorney.

*Secretary's note: The recording was indecipherable. Meeting placed in recess to regain order.

Meeting called back to order.

VIII. CITIZEN'S FORUM (comments limited to 3 minutes)

- 1. Mrs. Burrell asked why meeting is being held in Chambers and not in the hall. She also asked what actions have been taken by the interim Chief regarding the threats directed at Councilor Roadcloud. Demands the resignation of the 4.
- 2. Angela Lee would like Zoom hybrid meetings stating that she's a senior with a disability.
- 3. Michael Trent asked about Zoom at meetings or meetings being recorded. He also asked about meeting minutes being posted to the website. Mr. Trent also inquired about the committee meetings schedule moving forward.
 - President Council-Harris advised him that videographer that records the meetings is only contracted to record Workshop and Legislative meetings for the Borough.
- 4. Lauren Footman stated that the people overwhelmingly wanted to keep Chief Paparo and believes that he was illegally let go. She also believes Council is being fiscally irresponsible.
- 5. Clara Johnson asked President Council-Harris "why does the community bare the burden of your legal fees."

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. Motion to adjourn.

Moved By: President Council-Harris Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Management.