



BOROUGH OF YEADON  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 28, 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	Absent
Carlette Brooks	Present
Tomeka (Taliah) Jones-Waters	Present
LaToya Monroe	Present
Liana Roadcloud	Present
Isaac Dotson, Manager	Present
Mark Much, Solicitor	Present
Nafis Nichols, Finance Director	Absent

III. CITIZEN'S FORUM

1. Andre Simms wanted to discuss the issue of taxpayer dollars going toward police and building a new juvenile detention facility when young people don't have the resources they need to thrive. He invited Council to a town hall he's hosting on January 12<sup>th</sup> where they'd hear young people who've been directly impacted by such facilities.
2. Colleen Kennedy wanted to note that much of the day has been spent trying to figure out if this meeting was actually going to happen. She believes there is a lot of mistrust between the Council and residents. She stated that every item on the agenda excluding the FOP contract should be tabled and that residents should be allowed to see the efficiency study before a vote to accept it is taken.
3. Ms. Anna is concerned with the expenses and would like Council to take another look at the budget and potentially modify several areas. She would like to know how residents were chosen to be on the police chief search committee and will the public be able to find out who was involved and if not why was it so secretive. She also asked for clarity on items on the agenda.

4. Mr. Green stated we need cameras and signs that light up to help with speeding cars. At Cypress and Longacre there's a 25mph speed sign which does not reflect the light and that needs to be taken care of.
5. Diamond Gibbs asked to discuss further with anyone the possibility of policing alternatives and asked how the budget will play out with the new police chief coming in.
6. Elizabeth A. stated that agenda item 4 c. lacked the necessary information to comply with the Sunshine Act and that the results of the vote will be illegal.
7. Clara Johnson stated she agrees with everything she's heard thus far. She asked why residents are only allowed to speak for 3 minutes on agenda items.
8. Angela Lee asked about item 4 c. on the agenda consideration for a new police chief. It seems to be a unilateral decision and it did not include input from residents as well as 3 of the Councilors.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve the police contract between the Delaware County Lodge 27 of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Borough of Yeadon.  
Moved By: Vice President Johnson  
Seconded By: Councilor Jones-Waters  
Motion Passed: 4 – 2, Councilors Roadcloud and Monroe opposed.
2. Motion to accept the Efficiency Study as performed by the Valori Group.  
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters  
Seconded By: Councilor Brooks  
Motion Passed: 4 – 2, Councilors Monroe and Roadcloud opposed.  
  
Motion to table the acceptance of the Efficiency Study  
Moved By: Councilor Roadcloud  
Seconded By: Councilor Monroe  
Motion Failed: 2 – 4, President Council-Harris, Vice President Johnson, Councilors Brooks, and Jones-Waters opposed.
3. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Valori Group for the hiring of a Police Chief for the Yeadon Police Department.  
Moved By: Councilor Jones-Waters  
Seconded By: Councilor Brooks  
Motion Passed: 4 – 0, no vote recorded for Councilors Monroe and Roadcloud.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

1. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by the Borough Secretary.