

**Borough of South Coatesville
Council Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2019**

Present: Councilors Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council President Renee Carey, Council VP Barbara Newsuan, Councilors William Turner, Craig Morris and Mayor John D. Long (arrived at 7:14).
Absent Councilor Kenneth Bond.

Prayer: Prayer was led by Councilor Montez Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcement: Council President Renee Carey announced that an executive session was held at 6:30 pm prior to the start of tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Citizens Comments on Agenda Items: None

Citizens to Address Council: Rev. Garnell Brunson, Pastor of the Bernardtown Baptist Church on Youngsburg Rd, South Coatesville. Rev. Brunson expressed concern about the speeding on Youngsburg Road and flooding that occurs during heavy rains because the storm drains are not functioning properly. Rev. Brunson was invited to attend a meeting with PennDot that has been scheduled for later in the week.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was received from Councilor Sylvia Washington to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor William Turner. Ayes All

Kozacheson Property Deed of Dedication: A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to approve Resolution 2019-06 accepting the Deed of Dedication for parcels 9-2-5, 9-2-6, 9-2-7, 9-2-22 as well as to pursue divestiture of all liens against the Subject Property pursuant to the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act (Donation of Property Subject to Claim for Taxes). The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

Bid for Paving Burton Alley and WWTP: A motion was received from Council VP Barbara Newsuan to solicit bids for paving a portion of Burton Alley and the WWTP separate from the 2017 road restoration bids. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes: Councilors Sylvia Washington, Montez Jones, Council President Renee Carey, Council VP Barbara Newsuan, Councilors William Turner. Abstained: Councilor Craig Morris.

Door for Chlorine Room at WWTP: A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to purchase a new door for the Chlorine Room at the WWTP not to exceed \$925.00. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sylvia Washington. Ayes All.

Comfort Care Center: There was discussion about utilizing the Borough Hall as a comfort care center during times of extreme heat or other emergency. There was additional discussion about alternative locations within the Borough but no final decision was made about location.

Chromebooks or other electronic devices: There was discussion about the Borough purchasing Chromebooks or other electronic device for the elected officials to use as a means of sharing

information electronically as an alternative to distributing paper packets. The general consensus was that the majority of Council wanted to use the electronic devices; however, no formal vote was taken.

Police Administrative Assistant: A motion was received from Councilor Craig Morris to hire Lois Imperial contingent upon satisfactory results of a background check. The motion was seconded by Councilor William Turner. Ayes All.

Citizens Comments:

Rev. Milton Baxter – Montclair Ave.: Rev. Baxter inquired if PAWC was still accepting waste from on lot waste water systems from other municipalities and businesses. He expressed concern about the odors coming from the PAWC treatment plant.

Nakea Morris – Baxter Street: Mrs. Morris inquired if the Chromebooks will be used solely for Borough business and additionally she inquired if safeguards will be put in place?

Moses Bryant – Gibbons Ave: Mr. Bryant expressed that the Council is doing a good job, but there is too much arguing. He stated he will contact Action News about the odors coming from the PAWC WWTP and he will get action. It's time for a change.

Council Comments

Mayor John D. Long: Mayor Long stated he will not be attending the Mayor's Conference this year. He might want to attend the leadership conference or another conference as an alternative.

Councilor Sylvia Washington: Councilor Washington stated her choice for placement of the proposed Borough Hall when it is constructed. She also stated she met with State Rep. Dan Williams to discuss the issue of air quality as it relates to the odors coming from the PAWC WWTP.

Councilor Montez Jones: No Comments

Council VP Barbara Newsuan: Councilor Newsuan inquired of Ms. Reiner if budget have been received from the department heads yet?

Councilor William Turner: Councilor Turner advised everyone that Chester County will be having an all-day hiring event to staff the 911 call center staff. Anyone interested should go to the jobs section on the County website; however they will be taking applications at the event.

Councilor Craig Morris: No Comments

Council President Renee Carey: No Comments

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Duncan
Secretary to Council