



Minutes
City of Coatesville
1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Regular Meeting – Council Chambers
Monday September 13, 2021

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Ms. Khadijah Al Amin, Council Person Nydea Graves, Mrs. C Arvilla Hunt, Councilman Donald Folks, Councilman Edward Simpson

Council Absent:

Staff Present

James Logan, City Manager; Anthony Verwey, Solicitor; Richard Troutman, Finance Department, Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Ruthann Mowday, Administration;

President Lavender-Norris announced Council held and Executive Session earlier to discuss personal real estate legal matters.

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the August 9, 2021 meeting minutes; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve August 23, and September 13, 2021 accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or modifications at this time.

Presentations

1. David's Drive 831 Proclamation

The Proclamation will be presented at the next Council meeting.

2. Valley Road Partners, LLC

The property is 379 and 383 Valley Road. It's approximately 0.434 acres so it's not a large parcel of land but it is two contiguous properties. We are proposing a 15-unit multi-family residential development for this particular site. It is on the Northern side of Valley Road between Plum Street and West Fifth Avenue. What we're hoping for this evening, is to have just a discussion with you and if you have any questions or concerns regarding this we just wanted to give you a little overview of what we're going to be proposing. We are going to be doing a Zoning Hearing Board hearing and it's going to be on the 28th of September. We wanted to come and meet with you guys and give you a general idea of what we're doing before we go ahead with that variance request. We are proposing to build we're just trying to bring in 15 - one bedroom, 500 square foot units, five or four three stories. We want to present like a darker brick type of image on the lower level for the look and obviously for constructability. It's hard to damage different things with a lap a seven-inch lap siding above it with aluminum windows. We are trying to bring like a more modern feel to the Coatesville area. On the renderings, you will see what I want the kitchen to look. They use shaker cabinets, nice finishes, top of the end appliances, granite countertops. I don't know that I'll

definitely use the brick backsplash, but it will have some type of nice backsplash on it. I'm just trying to give you an idea and a conceptual view of what we're trying to bring to you. The conceptual of the bathroom is the same thing. I'm trying to bring the young professionals that are successful from this City back to live here, for the people that are going to Downingtown and the more modern stuff is being built trying to bring them to the City of Coatesville. This is the idea, it's a smaller unit but it's going to be an open concept. It's going to feel a lot bigger than you think. What you see is what you get what. We are working on what amenities could be added to the building. As the construction manager of the project, as I start buying a project of value engineering. I start taking that extra money and I create a menu of what amenities I can start to afford. Part of the variances of the ground disturbance, like engineer talk about but we have a lot of ground insurance. I have to build a larger cleaning wall in the back of the property. No matter what I put there whether a smaller or bigger building, I haven't disturbed the back which is a cliff. I want to bring back that ugly dead weeded area back to life. The interior of the units will help to attract the younger people yeah. We're going to get this modern feel that kids pull in. This will begin development on this end of town. The apartments will be market rate.

The property itself is two separate parcels that would be combined under this application. The back is a steep slope and cuts across the entire right side. It is a pretty steep slope. Any type of development, with multi-family residents with off street parking, you're going to be well into that property well into the slope. I haven't gone as far as to really evaluate a detailed wall but give or take and of course it's going to vary but to kind of give you the extreme in the north east corner in that area is probably where I should say back here that dark line is the wall by the way wrapping around back in there would probably be the most extreme where it's probably about a 20-foot-high wall. I haven't really gotten into the engineering but estimating 20 feet and of course. It will slow down as you go east and west overall and again give or take but it's about a 250-foot-long wall. If you were to reduce the number of units down to the nine or ten that's permitted by zoning. The parking requirements still require us to have that parking lot obviously. A few less spaces but you would still have that same basic configuration and unfortunately still stuck with that same wall. It is an expensive site to develop no doubt about it. We are looking into an efficient layout certainly. We do have that we've noted and we did submit a concept plan to the City. The Zoning Officer was kind enough to give is an admittedly preliminary review. We got to feel we're validated. What we believe are the variances that what you're seeing in front of you would be required and there's four of them. The first one again is in fact the density, the allowable density on the well you're allowed 24 units per acre. The overall track I think mentioned is give or take 0.4 acres that would equate to 9.7 and we're asking the City to consider variance to about 15. The next two are dealing with the steep slope, your code does allow a certain percentage of slope disturbance and it's broken and it's broken down into two categories. There're the 15 to 25 slopes, you would imagine a lot of greater percentage disturbance of that and then the next category is the 25 plus and again because the site has so much steep slope we are asking for variances to exceed that allow the slope. I think ultimately, you're going to have most of the stormwater management under the parking lot. We are actually under the maximum low impervious which is the allowable 65 lot coverage. Again, this is just the initial plan but we're just shy of 60 at 59.6. There is green areas you see in the rendering but, that being said you do have a small area here that's open. I really don't think you're going to have, being realistic much ability to have storm management there. It might be a small surface system for water quality but ultimately, I think it would be a system, be it

pipe storage or something like that underneath the parking lot. If everything goes, I think it's a year to start construction.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comment on regular action items only at this time.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission Police Department Eligibility List and approve conditional offers from the Eligibility List.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission Police Department Eligibility List and approve conditional offers from the eligibility list to Nicholas Thorburn; Thomas Mack; Brian Jefferson; Scott Lutte; and Christopher Fox; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Councilperson Graves was the dissenting vote.

Chief Laufer provided a quick update on the part-time officer status. We gave our first test back in January of 2021 and list, we had four candidates, which came before council, having passed the background, psychological and physical. Of those four, only one of them still remains with us. He's now out from the incident from last week, which I'll touch on later on tonight. We are down to two part-time officers that are currently working for us, three, if you include the officer that's out on a job-related injury. So, we did have another test, which was given in the beginning of August. We had five individuals successfully complete their written and the oral and the initial background pre-employment screening packet. Those five we are recommending tonight that we go ahead and do conditional offer of employment for all five so that we can begin their background investigations and see if we can get them through the psychological, the medical and get them through their field officer training and get them on the street so they can help us. With our part-time officer position vacancies and therefore help us fill some holes in the schedule so that's why we're here tonight. We are asking for permission to go ahead and offer conditional office employment to all five. That will exhaust that list immediately but it just allows us to go ahead and start the background and try to expedite getting them into a position where they can help the City. We probably won't get all five totally through the process and the ones that we do may not stay with us for very long, as we saw we had four from the last list and we're down to one that's still employed with us. That's just a sign of the times that all Police Departments are facing, finding enough applicants to fill positions whether they're part-time or full-time. It's just the current policing environment that we're operating in. The part-time officer budget doesn't change, the hours are allocated it just gives us additional bodies from which to try to fill those hours because currently with only two part-time officers. We are not at a position where we could staff adequately and that would also help with overtime.

2. Receive and consider a motion to approve Winter Services Agreement for 2021/2022

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the winter Services Agreement for 2021/2022; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Receive and consider a motion to approve reappointment of Jose Rios to the Civil Service Commission for the term 2021-2024; Bill Shaw to the Fire, Non-Union and Police Pension Commission for the term 2021-2022; Bill Shaw to the Planning Commission for the term 2021-2024; Clarence Norris to the Planning Commission for the term of 2021-2024; Jack Burkholder to the Redevelopment Authority for the term 2021-2024; Charles Thoman to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term 2021-2023 and appoint Jay Byerly to the Planning Commission for the term 2020-2023

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President Lavender-Norris announced we have a running list of Boards and commission vacancies. I'm asking those of you that are here, if you would take the time to go over the list and see if you can fit in to help us out, because we need the vacancies filled in order to move things forward. So those of you that are here presently, and those of you that are viewing online, please consider joining the team.

Vice President Green made a motion to close action items only; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Verwey announced he has worked on a zoning appeal for on behalf of the City with regard to 338 West Lancaster Avenue; worked on certain real estate and leasing matters; worked on the Emergency Declaration and Emergency Ordinance and advised the City administration on the Governor's Declaration of Emergency with regard to the flooding related to Hurricane Ida; and working as or serving as part of a work group that is amending the Zoning Ordinances for the City through a grant provided by the county.

2. City Manager

Mr. Huston provide the City Manager report. I would like to introduce Mr. Miles who is our intern for the next couple of months working in our offices here in the City. He got to hit the ground running right in the middle of the flood. It made it fun for him all right. A few quick updates. The Fire Department from Steve Dobson from the flood we had two weeks ago. 24 people were rescued by Fire Department crews; 22 incidents responded to in a 24-hour period of time; 60 houses have been reported damaged the assessments are underway but so far we have one condemned due to a collapsed basement wall; 59 uninhabitable due to utilities being shut off due to flooding; 23 houses have utilities being restored or authorized to be restored coming up soon. In addition, that if you've noticed the news the last couple of days FEMA and PEMA, President Biden has approved the FEMA applications for Coatesville residents and Coatesville residents. We'd like to remind residents the individual assistance form needs to be filled out and turned in. The forms can be found downstairs to the table in the lobby. If you know any friends or relatives who've been hit by the flood please pick up the assistance form and then as far as FEMA directly on the door or soon will be on our website. I know

these are the actual phone numbers to call FEMA and for information on applications. These are being posted on our website for local residents to access now that we've been approved. Please document everything possible, photographs if you have your insurance policies handy make sure that you have insurance available. FEMA is here to help you but it is a rigorous process. The President did sign the emergency order so we are good to move forward on FEMA. Mr. Logan wanted me to thank and I want to thank because you know what we were doing here. Pastor Marshall's, all the volunteers through Jen and through the BVAA and that group. It was quite an ordeal to get everybody together and kind of mash this up in a couple of days. We want to thank all the government officials and state officials. We have done walkthroughs with them over the last couple of days. They are back again tomorrow or Wednesday for another walk through. The officials have been very open to the conversations we've had with them regarding what needs to be done in that area of the City particularly but there is damage everybody's heard about Fifth and Pennsylvania and Fifth and Olive. There are other flooding areas within the City. The Red Umbrella Fund was set up by Brandywine Health Foundation during the storm to take donations to directly help our resident. Everything will be matched by the Brandywine Foundation. We thank Vanessa and her gang. I want to thank Mr. Folks and Ms. Al Amin as I was on the phone with them constantly over the last two weeks. They were on the ground at Fifth and Olive on a regular basis helping coordinate. I think we ended up with 15 or 16, 30-yard dumpsters. We still have a few sitting out there. Mr. Folks is threatening to set up his semi police officers over there. I want to thank Charles Blosenski for getting cans down there as fast as they could and Eagle Disposal for getting things in and out as they did as well. Every community in Eastern Pennsylvania was asking for 30-yard dumpsters and we were able to acquire what we could as fast as we could.

The Route 30 and 82 realignment it is back on track. As you can see today they are putting down the rough course of paving around the concrete turn lane. We are still anticipating that to be done by the beginning of October. Hopefully, that'll only be about down to two to three weeks. The Coatesville Train Station bid packet was released back in August. We are anticipating openings here very soon to see what the bids are and that will be for a new train station about 300 feet east of the current train station. It will have 1500 parking spaces, improved lighting, crossing tracks, ADA compliant so many things going on with that train station and the old train station. The bids will be open for that as well for work to begin and get that going as well. We will hopefully have a space in the old train station very soon as well.

On special events, we had a job creation with a company out of Exton called United Safety. Everything went well. This is probably the 7th or 8th job fair the City has sponsored. Hopefully, we're helping Coatesville residents find that next level position. Friday night, we kicked off the Sounds of Summer Jazz series. It was a beautiful night. Hopefully, you get a chance to get out and enjoy it. Thursday, you can still buy tickets to the Grand Prixview party. Friday is the drive-in where cars are driving down main street. You can see classic cars being presented. Saturday is the race, beginning at 8 a.m. Be careful if you're driving on Lincoln Highway. Lincoln Highway will be closed beginning at 4:30 am on Saturday. The Brandywine Health Foundation and the City of Coatesville are sponsoring the Black Media Renaissance showcase that will be Sunday, September 26, 2021 at Gateway Park. The Black Media Renaissance initiative is to allow local artisans, food, music to be able to present stories of an impact for the local community especially in a minority community. That will be two weekends from today. Christmas is back in Coatesville in 2021. At Gateway, Park

Elite Therapy will be sponsoring along with Parks and Rec Commission, BVAA and Second Century Alliance Christmas Festivities.

3. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Huston announced the Information from the Chester County Health Department weekly summary. We are currently listed as “Substantial” for transmissions level which is level 3 on a scale of 4. This is a reduction however as the County was High the past two weeks crossing the 100-incident rate. Since our last meeting on August 9th the county has seen incident rates rise from 431 per week to 586 and now back to 492 cases this past week. The Percent of Positivity is currently at 6.53% - 564 positives out of 8,600 tests given. 4 weeks ago, that positivity was 468 or 5.2% of the test given. Vaccination rates are currently 58% are fully vaccinated up from 55% of all ages including the under 10 which are not approved for vaccines yet. 67% now have at least one shot. The highest vaccination rates are in the over 60 age group which isn't surprising as they were the early focus on vaccines. They are at 90% at least partially vaccinated. Here in the City there is no specific data there is however for the school districts. CASD peaked last week but still remains in the High category at 105/100,000. That places us as a community 3rd highest rate after Avon Grove and Twin Valley and just behind Downingtown and Oxford. City Hall has returned to normal office hours 8:30 to 5:00pm. We are asking that any visitor come masked when dealing with office staff. The service windows for the Codes and Finance departments will remain open until 4pm. Internally, all staff are to wear a mask when interacting in common areas but may remove the mask in their particular work space.

In the Public Works Department, it's been a tough couple of weeks bouncing back and forth between routine work and post flood cleanup work but they stayed on top of it pretty well. In the Codes Department, lots of work going on around the city, large and small, keeping the team hopping.

The Special Events Calendar is available at <https://www.coatesville.org/calendar/>

There are a couple of things of note coming up for City residents: One more Pop Up and Shop Saturday, September 25 at 3rd and Lincoln and the next Sounds of Summer concert in Abdala Park – Friday, September 24th – 5:30pm to 9:30pm

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced we had 1862 calls for service through the Chester County 911 Center, 2nd highest so far this year. June was the 1st with 1866 calls. There was an additional 2713 calls that are handled with a log number at the front desk taking walk-ins and phone calls here at the City. In August we had four Narcan saves, two car seat installations. We did take delivery, we were out of car seats for a short time. We did take delivery of 100 car seats on last Friday. We are back in business as far as being able to provide that service to residents of the City should they need either an infant car seat or a booster seat along with professional installation and instruction on how to use that seat.

We had part-time officer Civil Service tests which I mentioned in August which we approved tonight five conditional offers of employment. We will get their background started. We also had National Night out on August 3rd where the officers were fortunate enough to catch some kids doing something positive here in the City. Through the support of David's Drive, we're able to present a good number of children with brand new bicycles as rewards for being caught doing something right, if you will for just being good citizens here in the City. It was

exciting for us to be able to interact with them in a positive way and provide something through David's Drive which is a great activity that allows us to present bicycles to our kids here in the City. We are in the process of doing a Proclamation to recognize David's Drive. I know it was on the agenda for tonight but we just weren't able to get the scheduling done having canceled it from August so we will hopefully have Dave and his lovely wife here for the second council meeting in September to recognize their efforts here in the City. Just also to touch on what our Assistant City Manager was saying about the Police Officers in support of the Fire Company, you know we were on duty obviously the night of the flood and the days that followed, trying to make a difference in the lives of those in the City that were so horribly affected by the floods so we continue to support those activities.

Last week, I know all council is aware but we did have a disturbing attack on one of our Police Officers where he was stabbed multiple times while he was making an arrest for employee theft at one of our local convenience stores. Officer Bill Cahill, who you remember was before council several months ago when we were recognizing the part-time officers that took the test back in January. Bill was one of those officers that was before council. He retired from Westtown East Goshen Police Department after 30 plus years of service there and wanted to come here to the City of Coatesville to work with us part time. We were fortunate to get Bill he's an outstanding Police Officer. It was just unfortunate to see the severity of his injuries; his surgery was successful his surgeons are confident that he'll make a full recovery unless there is some infection to complicate things. But, right now it looks pretty good. We are excited to bring that news before council tonight and we hope to have Bill back to work at some point in the near future. I know our Chaplain Rob Marshall is here tonight, just a shout out to him for the services that he provided as a City of Coatesville Police Department Chaplain. He went right up to the hospital Officer Cahill was transported in the back of the patrol car right to Brandywine and then they flew him from Brandywine to Reading Hospital where he underwent surgery. Rob responded up to the Reading Hospital and represented the Police Department as our chaplain. By all accounts from the family from Bill's family just did an outstanding job and they couldn't say enough good things and we're very appreciative of the spiritual support that he provided both Bill and the family. Thank you Rob and we are thankful to have Rob as a member of our Chaplain.

5. Finance Director

Mr. Troutman announced Keystone Collections Group, our current year real estate and solid waste collectors, have added an additional way for property owners to pay. A new drop box has been installed outside the IU building on Boot Rd. The City is publicizing this through its normal avenues. The budget schedule will be distributed shortly. It follows last year's schedule. This year we intend to utilize much of the work done through the strategic planning process. In the September 27 Council Meeting we will be discussing the strategic plan highlights and specifically the capital plan portions as a start. City is putting together the bid package to be released shortly for solid waste services. The timeline culminates with knowledge of costs prior to finishing our budget process, allowing for appropriate communication to property owners. There is an intentional approach to address lessons learned from the current contract and more ways the successful bidder will be held accountable. The standard will be lowest responsible bidder based on assessing the responses for more than just the cost component. SmartGov update. Staff had an internal meeting last week to review processes and start flushing out details in preparation of the rollout. On Thursday we are having a meeting with SmartGov to lay out a training schedule. Strategic Plan by RKL is getting closer. Administration has been working with them on the report.

We expect they will be ready to present to Council October 11. I don't want to steal any thunder, but there are some really good outcomes expected. Regarding the financials, I refer back to the July presentation where I was unsure of certain critical factors. You don't have the August close in this package, which I will be distributing, but we are able to report on this. Coupled with the July results we have closed the potential budget gap by about \$200,000 from June 30. One of my concerns was the timing on economic recovery for earned income. This was solid for August, one of the four critical months. Also, recall we budgeted the Flats sale this year, which it looks like it will be next year for about \$600,000. Additionally, September is starting out strong. We will have costs, mostly overtime for the water emergency, but also some equipment costs such as raingear for the police and some items for the fire department. Today we received, for August activity, substantial receipts for both delinquent real estate taxes and for property transfers.

President Lavender-Norris asked if the smart gov system will allow Finance and the Codes to communicate through the system or will it still be two separate systems. Mr. Troutman replied it will technically be two separate systems but they will communicate. One of the advantages is we don't have to do double entry right and by that somebody comes to the window, we record it in the cash system and then we send them over to codes and then codes reports it in. Now it could be one point of entry. Ms. Al Amin asked if My Gov will be eliminated. Mr. Troutman replied yes. Vice President Green asked if they will be able to see if someone paid and taxes are delinquent. Mr. Troutman replied yes, if they are delinquent it will be flagged.

President Lavender-Norris asked regarding the Solid waste, it was in our contract that if they missed a pickup they would be penalized. Has that been in effect and it includes the recycling and the trash? They are two separate receptacles. The trash man has come the past three weeks, the recycling truck I have not seen. I don't know if they have the dual truck or what have you but if they're not picking up then either they have to pay the penalty or we pay them less. Mr. Troutman replied yes, you are correct in that contract, and there is a mechanism in place. What I personally know is what was done for August or for the last three weeks, two weeks. I know it's for the docket to be sorted out. I just don't know how many blocks coming around is potentially a problem. It will be a chargeback or we will pay less if problem/issue is not resolved within a 24-hour period. Ms. Al Amin stated it is \$100 per address. Mr. Troutman explained there is a whole list of chargebacks. Ms. Al Amin explained they are no longer separating trash and recycle. If you want and their contract says that they will do such if you want to recycle now, you have to personally take your recycling. They will give you a couple different facilities that you can drop at all. They're putting it all in the same truck and the truck is not so great they said that they're understaffed. Vice President Green stated they denied that when she called that they told me that that's not happening that they did miss recycling but they are still doing the two separate things. They are just not telling the truth. Ms. Al Amin told Mr. Huston because she got some complaint from some residents. Now imagine, this the number one, 90% of recyclable items is newspapers, they were telling our residents and the woman has it on video and I have a copy of it. They are no longer recycling newspapers. They pushed that off on City hall and said it was our fault. Mr. Folks asked because of the way we stand now, if we stay the way we are, will there be an increase in taxes? If we just stay what we're bringing in now at state at course will we be able not to raise taxes? Mr. Troutman replied that is question that I don't want to hedge around because there are sufficient improvements in the plan that can include having to raise taxes immediately but inevitably there is an increase in the 10-year plan. Right now,

if we stay deported and we continue getting these incremental trunks that are helping us and we have the one-time sale for the property then we have some space to work but there will also be some other decisions that will come in that will help us.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Rob Marshall

Mr. Marshall thanked the volunteers that have come out in the last 10 days. His hope is that when that walkthrough that next one happens that they don't pull up in one spot and stand there and take a couple pictures and go about the way. To know the real impact, talk to the people. It's beyond the physical, there's the mental aspect, there's the spirituality, these people are really hurting so what we need to try to do is not just rebuild the house, we have to try to build the household. He thanked Mr. Logan for helping. He thanked the Chief and Lieutenant and all the Police Officers who kept us safe we were down there each and every day we had instances where people were threatened. The Police force was there to assist. Thank you.

Reginald Washington

Mr. Washington stated we have to take care of our infrastructure. The Police Officers are doing a wonderful job here, but when we start accepting bids and different things, can this City handle it? We are down with Police Officers they can't get them in, they come, they go, so how can the town be protected if we're going to start putting up high rises in the Elmwood area and places down on valley road. We are having a problem with being protected with the amount of people that are here now. Then to add 265 units in that area and 15 units here. We have to take a look at the infrastructure first before we can start accepting bids. Do we want to revitalize the City? Yes! But it's how revitalize the City more housing rather than high rises maybe more townhouses rather than high rises. 30 needs to be revitalized. What's here that is going to bring these new people in. There's no entertainment there's no places to go eat or just sit out.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items only; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone involved in the cleanup efforts, fellow council people that have been there all the time, I want to say thank you. It's heartwarming to see the community come together. It's good to see that people actually want to come in and do new projects. Other than that, you know I think during rough times, you see that people do really come together and it's exciting to see this Community unified. Thank you

Mr. Folks announced we are 95% down the trash now. Maybe one more dumpster, but we cleaned that place up. It was a joint effort, believe me, it was a ruckus. On September 26th, right there on the field down there, Mr. Baxter said we could use his field on September 26th at 2:00 pm to hold a prayer vigil. Josh Crans will be bringing in all the pastors and speakers that day. I wanted to bring it not to a park in our City, but right to the homes impacted by it and pray. So, that's what we're going to do. You know, it's hard. I might go ahead and say it, I'm not, I don't know if, I would be here. I think I'm going to step down, like this hurt, hurt me real bad. I thought I wasn't going to cry today,

but I've been crying since the storm. So, on November 4, 2021, this will be my last day on council, but I'm not going to stop. Thank you

Mrs. Hunt thanked all of her colleagues and our staff for the way everyone has come together to meet the needs of our city and special thanks goes out to those that have really been down in the work zone, cleaning and providing for the needs of the people. Mr. Folks ward got hit real hard. Ms. Green's ward got hit hard and you guys have been there just working and Ms. Al Amin, you're all over the place, you're here, you're there, making sure things are being taken care of, that needs are met and that just shows what we're made of. We are Coatesville, we are strong and we are survivors. I'm just grateful to be among people like you that want to work hard regardless of what it looks like. We work hard to make sure that things come together for those that we represent. Those that come to speak to us, we want you to know, that we hear everything that you're saying and we are citizens just like you. We live in the city just like you, your needs are our needs and we just want to make sure that we take the right steps to make sure things are in place and things are in order. I get excited when I hear about new projects and new things but then I'll also be a little reluctant to push it until I see something happening because, so many times as Mr. Folks interrupted the gentleman to ask him do you have the money to do this because so many times we're presented with projects, presented with ideas and they never come to pass. I do believe we are on the brink of turning. That's right and things are happening, we see it from this end but can't bring it all out yet, but things are happening for us and in and around our city. I want to welcome Mr. Vincent Miles. Pastor Robbie, we thank you for what you did for our Officer, you know, just showing up and praying means so much when families are going through it. It means so much just to know that someone cares. On another note, what are we going to do with these dirt bikes and motorcycles. This morning, I was coming in I had to take my husband to the clinic six o'clock this morning, right there at 82 and First Avenue was a three-wheeler in and out of the cars and then got right there at the intersection did a wheelie and was spinning. All the cars were just like not knowing what to do. I don't know what we can do but there's something that we need to do about these dirt bikes not only for that, but somebody's going to get hurt, somebody's really going to get hurt on one of those bikes. If you can see what we can do about that. In regards to the Officer that was injured and Chief, thank you for your attention to that. I want to thank you all for coming and hanging out with us tonight. Be blessed and come back again.

Councilperson Graves thanked everyone for attending and everyone who is watching on YouTube. I just want to, once again, thank this community for the way that the community has come together to, really help the folks who were impacted by the flood. I've seen mutual aid groups pop up, and you know, all of my colleagues who worked really hard to make sure that they responded to a crisis. Thank everyone so much for that. I do want to thank all the nonprofits and the red cross and everyone who just came together to make all of it come together. I do want to make everyone aware that if you were displaced by flood, if you either think your housing is not viable, if your housing becomes condemned, if you just want to relocate, there is emergency rental assistance program money that can be allocated for relocation. If you are displaced by this flood, please dial 211, and let them know. The processing time is taking long because there's been a lot of people displaced by the flood. Housing organizations have worked around the clock to get people into located housing and into rehousing. So please dial the 211 line and the ask for IRAP funding to be used for relocation and let them know you've been impacted by the flood. Thank you.

Councilwoman Al Amin thanked everyone for coming out. We've had a lot of sadness in the last couple of weeks. So, on a good note, Mr. Miles, we are very glad to have you. I'd like to give a few personal thank you. Thanks for Marshall, thank you so much for all you've done. You two have been down there every day, morning to night along with everyone else. Chief, thank you so much for

the services that your department has rendered. We had a few pretty scary incidents down there and the department came very quickly and handled the matter. Thank you and all your staff members for that.

Mrs. Hunt thank you for helping. Bill Pierce, who is not here I'd like to give a great big thank you to because on the very first night of the flood. He called me and he opened up the Coatesville Senior Center, I have to learn to call it BVAA, and he did not have to do that but he did. The CYWA also opened up as an emergency shelter for the flood victims. Without all of the volunteers where we have gotten so far would not have been possible. People have been so kind and giving their time, donations, clean up, none of it would have been possible without the volunteers. We have an extremely long way to go yet, but with what has been demonstrated in this City. I know that we will get there. Rob, you hit on something that I think is very important so we've been down there and we've watched people have to clean out their houses. It's about their well-being, their mental status, just watching people cry. I mean it is really hard and that's why Mr. Folks is so emotional. I'm gonna call it the way i see it. Council and I are going to work and address that some of those landlords are horrible. To this date, some people have not received any call back. Some landlords have said I'm not fixing anything, some landlords have said do it yourself. Mr. Verwey, I'd like to give a personal thank you to you to our City Solicitor came out of his suit. Yes, he did and put on jeans and sneakers and by the time i saw him he was dirt from head to toe. Thank you to you, because you certainly did not have to do that. Again, thank you to everybody because none of this would have been possible and Carmen, thank you to you because on the night of the flood, I called you and between the CYWA and the emergency shelter. I think we stayed together until 3:30 or 4 a.m. in the morning, so a personal thank you to you. There is still a very long road ahead. The trash issue is being addressed because that's a big issue too with the trash and recycle. Please know that council's working very hard to address these issues and make sure that things are rectified and that our residents get the type of services that they deserve. Thank you everyone and have a good night.

Vice President Green thanked the rescue personnel, the fire department. I just want to give them kudos because they were out to after 2:30 in the morning. One lady, she could not walk. She could not do anything. They got her to the Shelter. I want to thank the Board of Directors of the CYWA for opening up the place for them to bring people and sending supplies to the Senior Center. Thank Steve for going to West Chester to pick up the beds that were needed. The Police that were needed that night. It was a sad night. One lady, that they brought into the Senior Center. I've known this lady for most of my life. She has always been a very independent person taking care of her family, never been one to need any type of spiritual services or anything like that. She just recently had gotten a knee replacement and she had no one in common getting her and her daughter and the emergency personnel went and carried her out and brought her daughter to the senior center. She came and she just felt, she didn't know how to feel because she'd never had to use social services, she felt so bad like she did something wrong. God is good, because we've lost no one. Praise the lord in the midst of all of this we lost no one. Its been a very bad struggle but i just think people we're going to come out on top. I tell you when I went to the 911 services the other day and I was sharing with Linda, I was reading the articles and at the time George Bush made the statement that you know they may have bombed our fields or they may have drove planes into our buildings and knocked their buildings down but they can't knock down the American people. The same thing here, like this storm, came in this flood, came in hard but the residents and the people of Coatesville rallied together like never before, like we always do. The amount of volunteers that have been out on Fifth and now on Sixth. It's been wonderful. My house, I didn't get flood into the main portion of my house but my basement got it pretty good. I I thank Donald Folks for just coming by to bring me, some things to assist, you know, I felt as though they got enough going on like that, but they came and bought me

some assistance, you know, to help with the cleanup, but I'd have been there, but you know what I mean? I just thank you and appreciate you because you were having your food bag drive anyway, and then this happened and we've expanded that drive and given out things that they need, you know, counseling participant, some of us putting it out there personally to be at the event that you had, the things, you know, any assistance from us for the things that you needed. We had so many donations, because people have such an outpouring everyone's been donating. I mean, there's so many donations to the point that there wasn't a point you had to stop the government, but now cleaning stuff that they need, there's so much cleaning supplies, things that people need to be able to, because some of them they're 24 that are going to be ready to get back into their home. I'm just grateful, there's a lot of stuff and a lot of things go on, but to build pride, it makes them maybe get to help one another. We began to lend that hand and make sure that the neighbor has what the neighbor needs. Right. And I just want to say, thank you. And you know, all the prayers that have gone up, you know, for everyone, they're so grateful. So thank you everyone for coming out tonight, you know, um, I've got a long way to go, but it's about building up, you know, I'm excited to have you attend them. You know, I've been trying to get you in here, but we got a long way to go, but we got the noble red and black.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I echo my colleagues gratitude, Mr. Washington. There's not a lot on Lincoln highway. I totally agree with you, but there are some businesses out there. And I read somewhere where it said, if we're faithful over the little things, that's where we have to be right now, faithful over the little things, support what we have or it'll be gone too. And then there will be absolutely nothing. We're trying to come together. We as council and our staff, we're working diligently to bring businesses into the city. We know about the tax base and the safety. And you know that the businesses, the economic, everything we're aware and we're working on it, believe it or not. You may not see it today, but we definitely crossed the threshold Coatesville is happening. That's why I put out the call with regard to the boards and commissions because Coatesville is happening and it could happen so much work quickly and smoothly if we're all working together. I respect and appreciate your comments. Thank you for coming to the podium and expressing them. But please consider the boards and commissions, become a part of it's different from one side of the table to the other. On this side, we see the backstory. You don't see it. Our encouragement comes from the backstory because we know what's coming. We can't put it out there out front. It's not our place yet. And we don't want to jeopardize any of it. But trust and believe Coatesville is happening. I think about our city. I was at the 911 ceremony and I could not get beyond the three words, love, life and resiliency that speaks to who we are. That speaks to what we do that tells the world Coatesville is happening. We're not going anywhere. We're going to be right here growing together. I also want to acknowledge the school district. I came down on the Friday after the flood. I was down at down Fifth and Maple, Fifth and Olive for some time. But then I left and went over to the Benner building. My God, the donations were over whelming to the extent again that they had to stop taking donations. People were coming and just dropping stuff off and leaving, supporting the community. I know that the school district did an awesome job. And CYI, they worked together collaboratively. It was amazing to see how the outpouring of love was shared amongst the community. Again, in tough times, love, life and resiliency is who we are. And on a lighter note, I would like to acknowledge Lincoln University. They utilizing the Coatesville Area School District football field for their home games. They play on Saturdays at one o'clock. There's no game this weekend, but there will be one on the 25th, come out and support. It's there for us. There are things not grand. And I'm sure like I, myself, I go outside of the city for entertainment or dinner, or what have you, but not all the time. Because the majority of the time I want to support the businesses that are here. I want to encourage them. I want them to know they're not forgotten. And I want them to know. I appreciate them sticking and staying. Cause a lot of them have moved

out, moved on. But for those that stayed, I'm forever grateful. And again, we're here. We're not going anywhere. So, with that, I want to say thank you to you all. God bless you all. And please have a blessed evening.

Adjournment

Vice President Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 pm; Councilperson Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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