



Meeting Minutes – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, July 11, 2022

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwomen Charrisse Allen, Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilman Edward Simpson and Councilman Donald Folks

Council Absent: Councilwoman C. Arvilla Hunt

Staff Present: James Logan, City Manager; Charles Huston, Assistant City Manager; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor; Richard Troutman, Finance Department; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

An Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.

Approved Minutes

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the June 27, 2022 meeting minutes; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Swear in part-time Officer Scott Lutte to full-time Officer.

Chief Laufer announced the Thank you, Madam President. Just by way of introduction, this vacancy occurred with the retirement of a long time 20-year police officer Ryan Wright who we had mentioned the previous council meeting retired, so upon his retirement one of the current officer filled Ryan's position as a detective, and so a position for full time officer opened up. Last council meeting we nominated Officer Lutte part-time, full-time. Council Graciously approved that nomination. And here we are tonight with Judge Hines here to swear Officer Lutte in. So just a little different information on Officer Lutte, Scott Lutte was born and raised in Chester County. Graduated from Rustin High School in West Chester in 2016.

Officer Lutte currently resides in the county with his girlfriend and their son. He graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy in July of 2020 and was hired by the Birmingham Township Police Department in April of '21. And then Officer Lutte came to the Coatesville Police Department as a trainee in December of 2021. He completed his field training in March of 2022. Officer Lutte continued to work with the Coatesville Police Department and the Birmingham Township Police Department as a sworn officer until his selection for full-time here with Coatesville Police Department. So present here tonight are his family, which includes his girlfriend's father John Regan over in the corner. And some of you may remember John was an officer here with the City of Coatesville before he left us to continue his career. Thank you, John for coming tonight. And also representing the police department are two of our police chaplains here tonight. We have the imam from the Masjid over on Merchant Street. Mohammed is here tonight, one of our police chaplains. And he offered a very well-received prayer tonight in special recognition of Officer Lutte. And the Lord be with him. We appreciate that. And also, Pastor Montez Jones of Judah Ministries is here tonight, one of our other police chaplains. We give special thanks for both of them to be here tonight. Now, if we could have Judge Hines forward, Officer Lutte and Officer Lutte's girlfriend and their son and father.

Officer Scott Lutte was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Gregory Hines while his girlfriend and son held the bible.

2. Enclave

Good evening. My name is Joseph Martino. I'm a labor resource associate at Chester County OIC, and I am speaking on behalf of the Work Enclave program. with me tonight is our lead facilitator, Ajene Livingston, Dave Day, the other labor resource associate, and representing the current cohort tonight, we have Antoine Davis, who will be accepting the certificates on behalf of the cohort. I also will be reading a speech made by another participant, Lamar Johnson, who unfortunately could not be here tonight, but he really did want to have his voice heard, so he asked if he could write a speech and have me read it on his behalf. So I'll be doing that. Hi, everyone. I want to start by apologizing that I couldn't be here in person, but I still wanted to let you know the impact the OIC Work Enclave has had on me. I really appreciated the dedication that the staff at the OIC showed throughout the entire enclave. They were very supportive of my needs and very easy to talk to. I have gained more self-confidence, as far as speaking in group settings and broadening my insight on proper work ethic, and to prepare me for stepping back into the work industry. They gave me the means and opportunity to get a proper resume done and shine light on my strengths. I also completed my customer service certification, which is definitely something that will help me find permanent employment, and I am extremely grateful. The OIC Work Enclave is definitely something that the Coatesville area definitely needs and can help build a better future for our young and community. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to express my gratitude to the OIC. Thanks so much for this award. It means a lot to me. Then I just want to further extend my thanks on behalf of the OIC for the council's support and recognition of our program.

President Lavender Norris stated I have a certificate of recognition here. I will read Antoine's and then I'll read the other names, but not the entire certificate. Okay? Certificate of recognition, Antoine Davis. The City of Coatesville recognizes people who make an impact and play a role in the lives of Coatesville residents. And that is of July 13, 2022, Antoine Davis will have completed diversity awareness training, team building, mindfulness workshops, and deeply explored mental health and resiliency. This entails spending 45 hours cleaning up the 19320 from East to West End Parks, businesses, and residential areas such as Ash Park, Friendship Park, Abdala Park, Dollar Tree Lot, Oak Street, South Church Street, Lincoln Highway, 1st Avenue from 4th Avenue, and more. And spending 30 hours in the classroom learning of community resources and bonding with other 19320 residents in the surrounding areas. And Antoine Davis has expressed love and care for the city, as well as taking this unfamiliar path as one of the first Work Enclave ambassadors. And Antoine now has work readiness, emotional intelligence, and soft skills training, and may enter advanced programs such as business, culinary, manufacturing, nursing, technology, and or customer service. The Work Enclave has not only transformed the lives of its participants, but it has encouraged each one to become a registered voter, to have a greater understanding of local government, and how they can support their community. Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the City Council of the City of Coatesville recognizes and salutes Antoine Davis for his selfless, faithful dedication, proclaimed and enacted this 11th day of July, 2022. The names of the other participants are Shannon Spire, Jr., Lewis Rosario, Stanley Weinman, Tyron Watson, Phillip Watkins, Lamar Johnson, and Frank Bango. Congratulations to you all. Thank you for your willingness to participate and be a very enthusiastic part of the forward motion of our city. Thank you.

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

2. Landlord Tenant Clean Up

Mr. Logan announced we have received, a number of calls in reference to, again, trash and dumping in various areas in our communities. A lot of those have been cited on landlord property. This is an issue where tenants are moving out of rental properties and they are leaving a large amount of trash, furniture, strollers,

you name it. And in terms of the codes, we have our code enforcement representatives, they go out and they don't know who to cite, in this case. We have a landlord, or have several landlords, that don't feel like it's their responsibility. They say it is the tenant that's doing it, but it's on their property. So, the discussion tonight is, what would the city like to do? Our codes department has shared looking at other communities that landlords should educate their tenants on when they rent and when they depart, they must clean up. There's been other ideas floating that maybe the landlord should increase the deposit amount that we get from the renters. But at the end of the day, the city continues to be burdened with trash and individuals dumping when they are vacating some of the properties. I think it's a thing where the landlord should put that in as part of the lease if you have a security deposit. So, they have security deposits. And that would be the reason why they would not have to return the security. But it should be a part of their lease, the continued clean-up of the property, whether it's moving in or moving out. Because it's the homeowner's responsibility to [inaudible] on them on the property. So, the landlord's responsible for cleanup. Ms. Al Amin stated I would agree that it would fall on the landlord. There should be a section in their lease that upon the termination of the lease, no matter whose part it is, that if they don't leave the inside in a good condition or the same with the outside. There's usually a billable rate. So much per hour within the lease. And that is usually deducted from the security deposit along with proof of what they paid. The invoice or whatever. And then if there's anything left, then they return it to the tenant. If there's nothing left and it's an additional cost, then that becomes a civil issue where they have to take them over to the MDJ level to recoup the rest of their money if it exceeds what the security deposit is.

President Lavender Norris stated I saw 500 block of Lincoln Highway two weeks in a row. It had to be someone moved. But there was so much furniture, carpets, trash, what have you, sitting on the sidewalk. And two weeks in a row. Eagle got it the first time. Following week, more out there, and Eagle got it again. I'm mentioning this because the city has to pay the tipping fees. Rather than the landlord getting a dumpster and cleaning out his property, he put the stuff out there for Eagle to pick up for us as residents to pay the cost for his clean-out. And it's not fair. We have to be mindful when we see things of this nature. Report it, call the Codes office, say it's out there. Because again, it's coming out of our pockets. Even though it's not our trash or whatever you want to call it. It's not ours, but we're paying to dispose of it. When you see something of that nature, you don't have to say, "I saw John Doe, put this, that or the other." You just report the fact that there's a huge pile of trash out in front of 529 East Lincoln Highway. I said 529 because that's my house number. Just don't live on Lincoln Highway. Yeah, I'm just saying that number. But just to say you saw it there, it brings awareness to the Codes Department, and then they can take the necessary steps. We want to clean our city up. We have to help see it become cleaned up. That's all I have to say about that. Mr. Simpson said we had that incident last week on Lincoln Highway. Whatever happened with that? Did the Codes department go out there? Mr. Huston replied yes, and I sent out the Codes team. I tend to lean towards citing the landowner. We looked up the landowner on the ChescoViews, found out what the name was, the address, and we actually sent him a note saying that you're responsible for this clean up. So, me personally, being the head of the Codes area, I go to the landowner more than the tenant. So, we did notify that landowner. Mr. Simpson asked but what do we do about the trash? Mr. Huston stated it's gone, I'm not sure where they got or where or who got it, but it's no longer there. Mr. Simpson said okay. I mean, that's a landowner issue. I don't see why the city should have to pay for that. Why do we have to go to ChescoViews? Wouldn't we have information for that rental property in Codes? Mr. Huston said we looked up who the owner of the property was, the one in ChescoViews and looked up ownership record, and then we cross-checked it against the city's tenant landlord listing and communicated with the landlord. Mr. Simpson asked when was their last day--now they're all up to date on their inspections and everything like that for that property? Mr. Huston said I can't answer the question. We were specifically worried about the one instance of having the trash out in the curb. President Lavender Norris stated also, the trash receptacles that are on Lincoln Highway. Tenants from the apartments on Lincoln Highway are dumping their trash in the trash receptacles. Therefore, the pedestrians to dispose of the trash, not the tenants. So I don't know how we'll address that. How we can at

least send the note to the landlords letting them know that they need to own their tenants, that those receptacles are not for the apartments. Mr. Logan stated I just wanted to make sure that we kind of closed loop on this. So are we going to explore a landlord type of Resolution. I can communicate in reference to what the landlords are responsible for. I will check with Rob on what other municipalities have already enforced.

3. Enterprise Proposal

Mr. Troutman explained the fur basic comment regarding the Enterprise proposal. We anticipate bringing the council in August a contract to help manage our basic city fleet vehicles consistent with the strategic comments, recommendations, and issues that have come up over the years. The task force was put together, including Police Officers, Chief Accountants, input from Public Works, and Codes Department and references to check. And one of the big users of this program is Chester County. They just use 36 vehicles. And so, they've been doing it for a while. Sergeant Boyle had done with references and a couple of other places in commonwealth. It's a big trend happening within Pennsylvania. It is part of the Sourcewell contract of Pennsylvania's government. So the projected benefits are we get management tools that are the smaller cities that don't necessarily have access. We get that for more of our fleet as opposed to having a dedicated person within the Police Department handling fleets. We have more broader coverage of management support. We have access to professional resources. And we have, on a routine basis, review of all repair bills. We expect that we're going to be getting better gap mileage, better repair costs, buying power - there's a lot of nuances in that - better safety with the vehicles, being able to swap out some of the older vehicles. And the obvious thing is kicking the tires with the numbers and the analysis, it's \$500,000. So \$500,000 over 10 years. It's more cost-effective to have the vehicles managed by Enterprise because for one, they're going to manage all of your repairs. Before you get a repair done, they have to be pulled into fleet service. They'll be the one-- they'll know, "Hey, we just got this done this time. Why is this messed up again?" You know what I mean? Whereas someone here locally in the office has to monitor and hear questions from City Council on why this cost so much, why. The fleet service will manage that process for us, and we'll see a change in repair automatically. I'll give context where to supplement what you say. Yes. And there's a little nuance in here that I hadn't thought about is they saved their client from three and a half million dollars in out of warranty savings. Because of the leverage, they can't say time-out.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments on regular action items only.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to approve an Ordinance for First Reading entering into a lease with Proudfoot Investments XX, LLC, for the property located at 300 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, County of Chester, UPI No. 16-5-258, for the purpose of operating a parking lot, for a one-year term, with automatic annual renewal, with an annual rental payment of one dollar, and the initial payment paid in advance at the execution of the lease agreement.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve an Ordinance for First Reading entering into a lease with Proudfoot Investments XX, LLC, for the property located at 300 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, County of Chester, UPI No. 16-5-258, for the purpose of operating a parking lot, for a one-year term, with automatic annual renewal, with an annual rental payment of one dollar, and the initial payment paid in advance at the execution of the lease agreement; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Logan explained the RDA used to own this property and the city used to lease it from the RDA and utilize it as a parking lot. The same thing is going to be happening. The property was just sold to Proudfoot Investments, I think end of May, maybe June, around that time period. So while this property is still in Proudfoot Investments' hands, up until they decide to develop the property, the improvements are still physically there for the parking lot. The City is essentially entering back into the original agreement that it had with the RDA, but this time it's just with Proudfoot Investments. The intent is that this-- I'm assuming the intent is that this operates up until potential land development.

Ms. Allen made a motion to close action items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council. Since council's last meeting, I provided and continued to provide legal advice to the city regarding land development matters. I communicated with outside council regarding certain litigation matters. My office has worked on certain right to no matters. I drafted an ordinance regarding a lease. I attended an ordinance update meeting, and most recently, I attended both the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Innovation Center and the Unity Day at Gateway Park.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced the old bank building on the corner of 1st Avenue and Lincoln Highway, it's moving in the sales process and it is now under contract. We're very excited about that. And with that contract comes in a 90-day due diligence. The investor is looking to close by Q4 with a targeted opening spring of 2023, but we're, again, very excited about that. Next item I have was last Wednesday, the City of Coatesville and Kutztown University completed a summer business skills training. We had approximately 10 in this session. We anticipate a larger group in the fall. The workshops were \$25 for 6 weeks, and we provided training ranging from marketing, branding, traditional and non-traditional financing, and it was a wonderful session this year. One of the things that we continue to notice with this program is that there's so much talent in Coatesville. We have a number of entrepreneurs that are thirsty to start their business working with Kutztown University in Score, along with the Economic Development Council. This year, they put together a wonderful program. We talked to some of our participants about COVID. It was a well-rounded workshop. And I think as we continue to work with the University, we are going to see more of these emerging entrepreneurs here in the City of Coatesville. That was great.

The next item I have is the Unity Day event that just took place on Saturday. I just want to congratulate the City of Coatesville for its Unity Day celebration, that was Saturday, July 9th. Special thanks to the Planning Committee for all of the work that they did. And the volunteerism, I won't say all the names, but some of the individuals are in the room. I want to give a shout out to the Parks and Rec and it's new fearless leader and chairperson, Ajene Livingston. Ajene, thanks for putting together a lot of great things there. We have some artwork out there. We have some games for the kids. We're all running around having a good time. This was the first year that we invited our residents to bring out their barbecue grills. There were only, I think, maybe one that was out there. And Ricky was barbecuing and passing out some of his chicken, I think. Big thanks to MCDC and America's finest, Mr. Jose Colon. He came through this year. He had a car display, and the entry for the car display was a toy. And so that was kind of a Christmas in July, that type of program there. We got a number of folks that came in with their vehicles, donated a toy, which he is going to distribute around the holiday season. And our hats go off to both MCBC and America's Finest for that. All of the volunteers, like I said, thank you very much. I didn't get a chance to thank everyone on Saturday. Sometimes when I'm on the microphone, I look out there and forget about some people. But we just really want to thank everyone that

participated and helped bring this together. Also, we want to thank all of our sponsors. We had a tremendous response this year of sponsors that helped make the Unity Day numbers, so to speak. And then we had our vendors that came out. And we have some wonderful food again, local vendors supporting their local businesses. We have Simply Shrimp. We had young lady who brought taco type of foods out, Luna some name of it. And then we just had a mixture of other wonderful vendors. I want to give a special shout out to our public works guys. They did incredible jobs. They were on the scene early, Saturday morning. For some of you who were kind of debating whether to come out on Saturday, we did have some rain, but that rain went away right before we got started. So, we were left with the window between 2:00 and about 8:00, 8:30, a clear day to have this wonderful event. We also had our volunteer firefighters out on Saturday. That was incredible. Along with them, we had our Coatesville Fire Department, and of course, we had our Police Department out there. So cheaper food, but I don't know if you guys got it. And last but not least, if we had an MVP award, it would go to the one and only Mr. Donald Folks. Mr. Donald Folks, Councilman Folks, I'd like to thank you for your outstanding display of bravery and your water polo style symbolization that you put up there. And we love your Harlem Globetrotter trunks. You pulled out all the stops for this event. We really appreciate it. You're representing your ward in flying colors. Thank you. The last thing I have is regarding the event. So following Unity Day, we go right into our Sound summer, which will begin August 5th, August 19, September 2nd, and September 16th. These events will be held in a Abdala Park starting at 6:30, and we hope you all will come out. Last year we had great turnout. We had Fish on a Friday, which is very appropriate. And we just had a lot of people come out with this nice Jazz and RnB. So again, this year, we hope to see folks come out again.

I do have one more item. This is the DVRPC tip information. Many of you know that every four years, the Transportation Improvement Program, which is a regionally agreed upon program, Multi Modal, federally funded. I'll read it here. Priority transportation projects over a four-year period as required by the federal law. This draft here is for fiscal 2023. This is the Transportation Improvement Draft for Pennsylvania. Again, fiscal year 2023, 2026. You can go online and take a look at it. It covers Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware, Montgomery County in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. The program reflects costs and schedules for more than 391 highways and transport projects and represents over \$7.5 billion in transportation infrastructure in five counties in the DVRPC region or settings with Coatesville. DVRPC requires a major update to the Pennsylvania Tip every other year to coincide with the update of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. constraints statewide 12 year program and releases a draft program for a review and comment period prior to recommending option, this has not been adopted yet. A couple of weeks ago, as a matter of fact, it was June 28. They closed public comment. We did provide a public comment. It was important that we provide public comments along with the number of organizations in this community, just kind of the Economic Development Councils, Second Century Alliance, and a host of others. A lot of our political leaders wrote in. We wanted to ensure and make sure that DVRPC supports the efforts to get SEPTA to the City of Coatesville. I personally spoke to one of the representatives. There will be a follow-up call. Again, this is a draft. We don't know what the outcome is going to be, but we hope that the folks that have submitted their comments. We hope that individuals that support the efforts of bringing back SEPTA are going to be heard and will be eagerly awaiting the outcome of what the decision is going to be. But I encourage you all to go to the DVRPC website, look up the fiscal year 2023 tip. It gives you a general overview. It also speaks to some of the funding. It doesn't say anything about postal specific, but it will show you an illustration of the steps to funding and it breaks it down to the various counties. Let's keep our fingers crossed. Let's hope that they will look at the City of Coatesville favorably so that we do see separate in our community in the coming years.

3. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Huston announced just a couple of things in tonight's report. It seems like always report on COVID, most recent Chester County numbers that we have jumped back up to moderate. So please be aware of your

situation. Please be aware of where you are. I had a chance to be away this past weekend and the town I was in, it was next movie theater almost no masks at the mall before. So when you're 5 feet apart people had no masks on, 30 feet apart and they had their masks on. We've just found stuff again here in the County. We want to be aware of where we are in the county itself. I want to make a little clarification on last meetings announcement on the trash cans/pick up so there's no confusion on how this is handled. The first phone call that a resident should make is to Eagle disposal. If you are missed, first phone call to Eagle and the second call to City Hall. The reason behind that is I'm working to try and keep people accountable for your trash pick-up. If you're only calling Eagle, they may or may not tell me. So, Barbara records those misses and I work with her on it. So please make two phone calls, one Eagle and one here at City Hall. On that one, so I just want to clear that up a little bit. There was some confusion and questions on that.

A couple of things going on. I believe this Friday night, the 16th MLK Boulevard will be closed for the Midsummer Nights block party this weekend, and that's sponsored by Second-Century Alliance Downtown Coatesville. They'll be honoring the Merchant of the Year. And I heard earlier you talked about America's fines. America's Finest is actually being awarded Friday night for the business of the year. If you get a chance to come out, from 03:00 PM to 08:00 PM, it will be on MLK Boulevard. There's going to be some things going on in the park. Come out and have a good time on that one. I've been watching social media, Splitting Edge is talking about an early opening sometime in beginning of August. So, looking forward to Splitting Edge getting the ax-throwing going there. Sorry. I'm using my social community account to kind of track my announcements tonight. Coatesville Community Center for Health, which is out a little further by 11th by the tennis court. They've announced two events for summer camps, a teen chef and a tot chef and me summer. The opportunity for tots and their parents and teens if you're home for the summer break, how to prepare healthy meals and snacks so the opportunity is that you would be able to go out there. It's three days, July 14th, 21st, 28th and August 4th. Each day's a different day, how to can foods, how to handle and prepared meat. So it's an opportunity for you to work alongside a parent or learn yourself how to feed, take care of your own self during the day.

And then one sad news in a way, what I can tell, I've been thinking about this. I think it's the second oldest business in Coatesville will be closing and leaving us. Larry Chertok has announced the closing of Chertok's Furniture. They are now having a sale and they're closing down. I got to know his dad. I got to know, Larry. They've been around 160 years. They opened in 1862. So I think-- I'm sorry, 120 years. They opened up in 1902. So that's still 120 years they've been in business in this city and I think it'll be a loss for the city. When I first came here after college, I bought furniture from Chertok's. I'm sure many people have. So if you get a chance, if you're not buying something from Chertok's, at least send them a note of thank you for their years of services to community of Coatesville.

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced the complete statistical package is in your report tonight. Just a few highlights. Our total incidents from the 911 Center were down for the month of June from May, down from 2,145 for May to 2,029 for June. The total incidents responded to which includes those that are reported through our front desk were just up slightly to 3,021 for June, up from 2,963 for May. Just some additional highlights that we usually speak to each report. We had three Narcan saves for the month of June. We did 11 car seat checks and installations by our certified technicians where the car seats are provided at no cost or expense to our citizens. We also had our Coffee with the Chief. It was held at the Salvation Army on June 1st. It was very well attended, appreciate those that came out. And we just had the one for July, which was held at the CYI, Coatesville Youth Initiative, Benner Building, very well attended also. And then our next one is on August the 3rd, which is at the Marriott. The Marriott put a request in and asked us if we would be willing to come up there, and they would say they would love to host, have Coffee with the Chief, so we'll be there. I think a lot of people sort of forget and don't realize that the Marriott still is in the city even though it's pretty far

north from what people tend to think of as the city limits, but it is still in the city, so we're more than happy to go up and support the Marriott now that it's reopened. We will be up there on August 3rd for those who would like to attend. We also were at the Palmer Park Grand Reopening and dedication for phase two and three. That was on June the 16th. We had our water ice truck up there. Special shout out, thanks to the Pearsons for supporting us through Rita's. And we are also, unfortunately, have to report that we did experience a homicide in the month of June. On June the 10th, in front of the Benner Building on Lincoln Highway, city resident Shannon Torres, unfortunately, succumbed to gunshot wounds after he was transported to Paoli Hospital. They were not able to save Mr. Torres and I know he's well-known to many on the council, and has been a part of the city for a long time, so it was unfortunate. We are working diligently to try to solve that homicide with assistance from the Chester County detectives and the district attorney's office, and we will continue to work that case and, hopefully, be able to make an arrest here in the future.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Lauren Davis

Ms. Davis thanked everyone for their time. I'm here because I felt like there was no other option to do. I've contacted the city. I put in maintenance requests. Ash Park Apartments complex is falling apart. We have leaks that they refused to fix. I had spoken to Mr. Houston five times, two months ago and requested an inspection and finally found out that my unit has never been inspected, which was supposed to be inspected biyearly. The maintenance they let fall apart. It feels like as though people who are not on HUD or Section 8 that have to get inspections are not treated the same as the ones who pay out of pocket. I have three small children. I'm a disabled vet. I was honorably discharged, there is no other way to get the property management or either the owners to come out and fix it. I do believe my apartment now contains mold. It was a walkthrough. One of the code enforcers they came through and he planned out-- looks like mold. However, if I cannot afford to pay for it and can't see that it's mold, then they won't do anything about it. Right now, my kitchen is uncookable, my apartment is uninhabitable. And it's not sanitary for me or my children to stay there. And when I placed complaints above-- to the city of codes, I was retaliated against. And one of your employees that works in the codes department actually called property management and gave them my name while I was still not complaining a few months ago. I've lived there for 10 years and they just told me they would not renew my lease. As of August 31st, me and my children might have to find somewhere else to live.

Dennis Dantzler

Ms. Dudley announced on behalf of Second Century Alliance – Amber, the event is actually Saturday the 16th. Mr. Huston had said it was on Friday. We just wanted to make sure communication was corrected. And so, we want her to get as much support as possible. Mr. Dantzler commented on the trash thing. We have an early report that tenants are throwing or-- trashing through the city containers. It's an ongoing problem. I have the same issue and have it in the front and the back. So people just-- tenants put their trash into our containers. So, you have the same problem that I have. We have to actually hide our containers inside the building so that they're not misused by- other people, adjacent neighbors who have tenants who are dumping their-- using our receptacles and not ordering them for their own properties. And we haven't addressed that with them accordingly. But just so you know, there's almost a-- we actually pull ours in now into the building.

Ajené Livingston

Mr. Livingston wished everyone a good evening, city administration. And good evening residents. I just want to take a moment as a longtime Coatesville resident to acknowledge our council on-- our council and our Police Department and of course, our city manager, Mr. Logan, for our mulching event. The call was answered and not only did our community come out, but our leadership came out. I believe all but our-- all council members but one might have showed up. And I think just because she was ill, she wasn't there. So, it was an opportunity for our community to work side by side without leadership and move a ton or few at the most. And that was very inspiring. And just like this weekend, to see Mr. Folks out there, but also our council president dancing-- --barefoot out there, Sue shaking her tail feather, and to really celebrate with our community and to take the stigma off of our leadership-- it's a hard

job that we're doing. And it's such a sacrifice. And to be able to take that sacrifice and turn it into inspiration like what Mr. Folks did by just going in that dunk tank and using the skills of oration that he has to call people out and encourage them to not only get involved but to contribute their dollars, their well-earned dollars-- so he led our community to contribute \$200 just off of a whim of an idea to ask them to contribute to the hat. And that's the spirit of leadership that I am grateful for and that I commend you. And just want to say thank you, thank you.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items only; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Folks thanked the resident. When I first got on council, I dove right in and I [inaudible] that I didn't do because I just don't [inaudible]. Then we had the flooding and that threw me for a loop and I had to step back [inaudible]. But during that time, the four years, it hasn't stopped at all. I mean, every day [inaudible]. And when I stepped back, [inaudible] because I know the council was lacking. I put the signal in the back and it was good. I thought I was doing the right thing for the right reason. But when I stepped back and I started listening to and watched, what was good, what was bad, and I asked the Lord to get me back into council. And the last week before Unity Day [inaudible], and tell the story of the City about the merchants [inaudible]. That's what made me think [inaudible]. I asked the Lord, how can I get back into that. [inaudible]. I will try to do my best but I'm not going through it by myself.

Ms. Allen stated Unity Day was great, it was my first time as City Council, and I really enjoyed myself, I enjoyed seeing everyone. Well, [inaudible].

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for coming out. Also, I want to say congratulations to Larry Chertok. I actually worked for Larry's father and grandfather when I was in high school. So, it's an institution. It's been there a long time. And I didn't hear-- I couldn't hear Mr. Houston when he was addressing the young lady that had issues with her apartment building and everything. What was the outcome? What? President Lavender Norris stated it's an ongoing matter and Mr. Houston is going to contact her so they can discuss it further. Mr. Simpson stated Oh, okay. Yeah. Because he had his mask on and unless you're right up on those microphones, it's very difficult to hear, but okay. I couldn't hear what the outcome was but thank everybody for coming out and I'll try and get to the next one. It's been tough being on the road and working ungodly hours, so. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for coming out and have a good night.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. I just so appreciate the administration and everyone in the community-based team. Ajené, I so appreciate, again, your level of commitment to our Parks and Rec. And the thing is, I don't know if people understand that you're a volunteer and not an employee and the commitment that you have for what you do is just phenomenal. I got such a kick out of Donald but, again, knowing who he is, Donald, is just a blessing and is always willing to do whatever it takes here in the city. You know we've had a lot of issues, and the young lady who came, I don't know if we could get LTL involved in that. I heard you say something about us not being able to really determine or do a lot about [inaudible], but it's been a lot. It's a lot on our departments, and it's going to take a lot to get it fixed and didn't get broken with you, it was already broken, so it's going to take some-- I don't know how we're going to get it all done, but I know that I have full confidence in our Codes Department and our city manager that you guys want to make it happen. Today in my Facebook Memories, it popped up the first job fair that we had, and that was a year ago, and I'm just so grateful for Mr. Logan bringing his workforce development talents to the city and having-- how many job fairs have you had so far? Seven? And I know Rich gave us a report

on our last meeting about our median income being increased, about our earned income being increased. And I say that to say that it's those things that have been done and those foundations that have been laid that are helping us. The cliché around town is Coatesville is rising. So as we rise, Mr. Logan is making sure our income rises, too. You hear so much about so many people that are for the development and so many people that are not for the development. "Well, how come this one gets that, and I don't get this," and, "We're driving people away," or, "We're doing--" I tell you, I'm so grateful for you because in my eyes in the seat that I sit, I see us bringing people along. You know change is hard. Things that don't change remain the same, and we can't afford as a city in Chester County to remain the same. It's time for change. And so, in order for us to change, it's going to take the entire community. We look at the amount of-- we have a lot of renters in the city, and we need our renters, and we need people to take a little bit more time, take a little bit more pride, and stop dumping out on the sidewalk, stop throwing McDonald's bags out your cars, because I think sometimes people forget that it's us that are doing the littering. It's us that is not cutting the grass. It's us that are not cleaning up our trash. It's not the Codes Officers doing it. They can try to find people and keep up with people, but we got to do better as a community. If we're going to have better, we got to do better. So, everybody has to take responsibility. Even though they blocked off 4th Avenue, we're getting ready to rehabilitate that area and put our new train station there. They didn't block it off for a dumping ground. They didn't block it off for you to dump trash bags back there or mattresses back there, but these are the kinds of things that we have going on. And I just want our residents to know that we need to do better because we want to have better. And I just thank everyone and I just hope that change is coming, and I just hope that we're just prepared. Thank you very much.

President Lavender Norris thanked everyone for coming out. I echoed my colleagues, especially with regards to our Unity Day. It was an awesome time out there. It was just good to put work aside and just have fun. Yeah, I went home and had to soak and all that good stuff, but I enjoyed myself while it lasted and it was just good to see the smiles and hear the laughs. It's just something about when you hear a child's laughter from down in their gut. It will make you laugh and not even know why except the fact that you heard how they were tickled. And that's what I was hearing at Unity Day. It was so awesome. And I don't know, I think it was you and Ajené, Mr. Livingston that mentioned the leadership, all our leadership was out there just mixing in with the community and it was just a wonderful time. The only negative thing was I didn't get any of Ricky's chicken. He had the most beautiful wings on his grill, and I walked around the park. And when I got back, they were all gone. I said to a young lady, "I'm on my way over here to get the wing from Ricky." She said, "No, I got the last one." Who does that? But it was a wonderful time out there. And no, we didn't have fireworks. They were not canceled. We didn't plan on having them. We had fireworks in June after the carnival. We'll have fireworks here in July. It's not the city putting them on, but there's going to be another carnival at Abdala and they're planning on doing fireworks. The city will do them either on, what is it, Labor Day? Memorial? One of those days. Labor Day or New Year's Eve. We will have our fireworks. We just won't be doing them right now. Always heard the city's fireworks were the best. I dare you all to come out and see our fireworks when we do have the display. Mr. Folks, you already know. I just want you to know. If my throwing arm was in order, man, you never got out that water. But it was a wonderful time. Mr. Logan, he came out in his sweats and t-shirt, all about the business at hand. He was running. He couldn't stay still. Did you eat at all? It was just a blessed time for the city, for the community at large. The rain kind of scared everybody. But in spite of the rain, the water features were there. So you're going to get wet anyway. So don't let the rain scare you away. Sue Springsteen and I danced. We had a ball. We had a ball. And all in all, we had wonderful vendors out there. Sponsors were awesome. Our political leadership, our representation from our state senator, our state representative was there. It was just a wonderful time. The sun wasn't beating down on us, so it allowed us to enjoy it even a little more. 50/50 entertainment, Mr. Mondre Austin, comes through every year. Our sound man. He comes through for us every time. He did a wonderful job. And I just want to shout him out, say thank you to him because he did hold us down again this year. I think I said to Sue, "Coatesville's rising." She said, "No. Coatesville has risen." I'm like, "Okay, let's move forward then. We're going to roll with it. We've risen and now we're moving. Y'all move with us." Thank you so much for coming out. Don't count it robbery because we're doing some things here and we want you to be a part of it. We definitely need you to be a part of it. So please don't stop coming. Come back. We

have vacancies on our boards and commissions. Get involved. If there's something you think we should be doing, get involved. We've been talking about trash and cleanups. We can organize block cleanups. All you got to do is reach out and say you want to work with us and I'm willing. Call me, text me, email me. We can get together, organize that clean up and get it done block by block if you like. We're here for one another. We're who we're waiting for. We can't wait for anybody else to come and help us at this point. We got to step up and get our hands dirty. We got to do it. We got to do it. We say what we want. Let's go for it. I'll help any way I can. I'm not super, but I'm here. So, thank you to our admin, Mr. Jefferson, you hung in there with us. He was chillin in his Men in Black shades. Y'all see him? I was like, "That's our solicitor." Chief, thank you so much. The kids enjoyed you. I've seen several pictures of you. Several. Mr. Logan, you already know you've been awesome. We're saying thank you, love. Thank you for always just bringing it all together for us. To our committee. Our committee has been awesome. The Parks and Rec committee, awesome. So thank you. The paintings, I don't know where they are, but in the booth, they had the most amazing paintings of city views. It was awesome. That was the first time I've seen them. They were amazing. They were wonderful. And the youth did them, right? It was wonderful. Those displays should be displayed here. So those that didn't get to see them, if you can, Mr. Logan, if you two can put something together, I would be so elated to see that because they were some awesome pictures. And the fact that the residents did them makes it even better. We got work to do, y'all. And we can get it done together. Yes, sir. Theresa Marie, the photo fairy. She was awesome also. She was all over the place. She partied with us. We had a ball. We had a good time, y'all. If you weren't there, you missed. You really missed out. And your next opportunity will be August 5th at Abdala Park where the music series starts. It won't be water slides and dunk tanks, but it'll be food, it'll be fun, and it'll be awesome entertainment. So, come hang out, bring your lawn chair and just enjoy yourself. That's what we're trying to do, reach our community and make you comfortable. So thank you so much to everyone. Mr. Houston, God bless you. Good to see you, my brother. And together, we'll get it done. God bless you all. Thank you for coming out.

Adjournment

Ms. Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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