



Meeting Minutes – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, August 22, 2022

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

Council Absent:

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 August 8, 2022 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1. Ms. Al Amin abstained due to her absence from the meeting.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Al Amin asked a question on page 5 of 76 regarding towing service for the stolen vehicle impounded in Philadelphia. Was that to bring the vehicle back here? Chief Laufer replied I believe it was recovered here. If someone is charged or if they already were, that will be incorporated in the restitution. Unfortunately, we don't often recover the money but we always go after it. Mr. Simpson asked so, we had the vehicle here in the City's lot and towed it to Philly. Chief Laufer stated I'm not exactly sure which way it went, but I know their vehicle was here. I'm just not sure if we recovered it, or whether it was our stolen vehicle, and we covered it and towed it back to here, I'm not sure which way it went. But I know-- Yeah. If it was towed back to Philly, it would probably be fully painted for the time, so. I don't know, you'll see. We probably towed it back to here.

Presentations

1. Heritage Properties/DEPG

Mr. Gill wished everyone a good evening. My name is Michael Gill, I'm an attorney near the law firm Buckley Brion in Westchester. And I'm here this evening representing 112 East Lincoln Highway Holdings, which is a limited liability company. The principal of the-- everybody knows Gregg Wells, and he's right next to me is Crosby Wood. Probably business 112, Eastlink and Highway Holdings has under agreement with the DEPG Coatesville, Mr. DePetris is with us in the back. Has under agreement with the DEPG Coatesville, the bag filming. We're at the corner of First Avenue and Lincoln Highway. The bank building, right by the old Coatesville Bank, which Crosby proposes to purchase, and to convert into a restaurant. About a 5400-square-foot building, you're all familiar with it. And we spent the better part of the last year or so negotiating the agreement of sale, and trying to figure out a way that the property could be sold. Given the fact that it is incorporated into the land development when for the Gateway Project. The Gateway Project, of course, being over on the north side of Lincoln Highway. But for a start with reasons associated with that land development approval, the bank building and property you all have heard about on 112 has been-- was incorporated into that plan. Your ordinance would prohibit the sale of that property prior to time in the land development planning had recorded. And the land development plan is not—recorded.

Well then. I was going to pass around here a version of the pipe plan. So as I said, I'm here representing the buyer, Crosby's business end-state, and the ultimate task here, the ultimate goal, not this evening, we're not asking for Council to take any action this evening. We're simply here to inform Council of the process that's underway, and to ask Council for direction. But ultimately, the ask of Council will be to modify the land development approval that's in place for the Gateway Project and that is the subject of a resolution that Council passed in 2019 Resolution 2019-15. The ask will be to modify that resolution to allow for the bank building property to be excised from the DEPG Coatesville Land Development Plan. What that will do is leave that land development plan in place as to the north side of Lincoln Highway. It will remove the bank building from that land development plan, thereby allowing for the sale of the bank building to proceed prior to the time that the land development plan is ultimately recorded. And then the two properties will be put us under as if the bank building property was never part of the land development plan for Gateway in the first place. Subject to the following, there will be a parking easement in place between the bank building and the Gateway properties on the north side of Lincoln Highway to allow for 11 parking spaces on the bank property to be used in association with the Gateway development on the north side of the property. That's actually a condition which is already imposed on the Gateway land development approval. When the plan was originally approved back in 2018, Council opposed that condition and said you have to have a parking easement on the bank property to facilitate parking for the north side of the development. But subject to that parking easement, the two properties and the Council action on our request would be split and the bank building property would no longer be part of the Gateway land development. That will allow for the development of the bank property to proceed, probably, actually already has a restaurant lined up and I'll let you see that in just a second. But there are other asks of Council associated with this request. So there are four. One I already mentioned, which is to excise the bank building from the underlying land development pool. The second is to allow for DEPG then up until August of 2025 to record the land development plan for the north side of Lincoln Highway, essentially the rest of the DEPG Gateway Project as you see there on the plan. Another portion of this request is to reduce the square footage of the Gateway project on the north side of Lincoln Highway. The plan that's approved right now as we stand here this evening, contemplates a two-story building, Gateway building. Each story would have 17,500 square feet for a total of 35,000 square feet. Then the Cultural Society building is programmed on the approved plan at 6,000 square feet, even though, physically, as it sits there right now, it's approximately 15,000 square feet.

So DEPG, as part of this modification request, would like to reallocate square footage for a net reduction. They'd like to go to 22,000 square feet in the Gateway Building, 17,500 on the first floor, and 4 and a half thousand square feet on the second floor, and they'd like to be able to utilize all 15,000 square feet of the Cultural Society building. So that takes you from 41,000 square feet to approximately 37,000 square feet. So, it's a minor, relatively speaking, but still reduction in overall square footage. And then the final ask as part of this modification request is to amend the condition that's in the underlying approval, which requires the DEPG had at all times on deposit with the city an escrow of \$10,000. DEPG would like to-- they're not going to leave any bills unpaid, but they'd like to only have the obligation to fund that escrow at such time as they're going to proceed with development activities on the north side. So essentially, put the escrow in status quo or in space, excuse me, until such time as development activities begin again on the north side of Lincoln Highway. From our perspective, there is no detriment to the City in allowing this modification to proceed. There's only the upside and the upside are to take what's the status quo out there right now, which is some activity in the Cultural Society Building with the bistro, but no construction activity for the Gateway and nothing happening at the bank building. That's the status quo. What we're

proposing with this request is to allow for the bank building to be sold to Crosby's business entity, allow that restaurant to be up and running. [inaudible]. Otherwise, as far as I am aware, there is very little, if any possibility, that the development activity at Gateway is going to proceed in the near future, so either we can allow this modification to go forward, excise the bank building from the underlying land development plan, and allow it to be sold and developed and brought to active use, or we can wait for something else to happen. The choice seems clear. As I said, we've talked, I feel like ad nauseam about this with anybody who would listen. I can't perceive any downside to the city to allowing this to happen. I can't perceive any downside to DEPG, and obviously, I don't think there's a downside for Crosby to allowing this to move forward. Ultimately, though, what we do need is permission to modify the underlying land development approval, pull the bank building out of that underlying land development plan, and approval. So [inaudible] we talked a little bit about what that restaurant is going to look like anything else. Mr. Crosby thanked Mr. Gill. Appreciate it. I think the, I don't know if we call it rumor, but the vision of what the historic bank building can and will be is way up. Excuse me. It precedes me, so I'm not going to-- can we [crosstalk]. That does help. Thank you. But yeah, so in conjunction with Phil Farrow, we all are familiar with Phil repositioning the mysteries into Kings Tavern. We have worked together to envision a restaurant bar in the historic bank building that we'll treat it as 30 prime and it will be a first-class steak and restaurant and will be a wonderful attraction for the downtown. We've been working to try to excise the bank for some time now, and we're happy to be here to discuss this. The question is [inaudible] the restaurant. I'd rather let Phil come up and describe the great vision, because he's the marketing on restaurant four, but I'm just a real estate guy. But again, we're very excited to work with DEPG and try to find a benefit here that suits not only the city, and try to move the ball forward. So, without further ado.

Mr. Farrow stated there's just one minor-- it's not minor. One additional point that I neglected to mention, and I didn't want to leave here without mentioning it. The bank building property right now has a number of parking spaces. 11 of those parking spaces will be eased to be used for the Gateway project on the north side of Lincoln Highway. Even without that easement, a standalone restaurant at the bank building properties, and by that, I mean something that's not part of the larger land development approval, which this would not be anymore, would not have enough parking for under your ordinance. Operationally, we think it would, but under your ordinance would not have enough parking because the parking counts in the underlying commercial zoning districts are different from the parking counts in the unified development overlay. Without getting too much too far into the weeds, a standalone bank property would not meet code, vis-a-vis parking. We think it would be code in every other way. So if City Council is amenable to modifying the underlying land development approval to allow us to pull the bank out, our next step would be the zoning hearing board to obtain variance relief to allow for the 5,400 square foot restaurant with the parking that's available at the bank building. That's getting a little bit into the weeds. But I didn't want to leave here and leave the impression that we hadn't brought that to Council's attention. So, with that, I think we can take any questions that Council has. Again, there's no ask here tonight. It's just for direction and to let the City Council know what we're doing.

Mr. Turner stated with the underlying commercial park requirements and then the mixed-use parking requirements, because it's currently included in the mixed use plain development plan. It's a lower parking requirement. Assuming that was something that Council at one point in time wanted to try to implement it to facilitate some form of development. And it just differs from the underlying commercial, which is probably more of what it should be. I know there's an ongoing parking study that may shed some light onto some of that, and may be able to provide some additional insights on some of the parking discrepancies within the project.

2. Budget Review

Mr. Troutman stated this is a combined department update as well as presentation, what we're going to do here is just give you a brief overview of where we are this year and what we will be looking forward to on the financials for next year. So as we start, I'll just take any suspense out. This is nice and simple. We're going to make a budget, so you don't have to worry about finding it in a little detail. So that's the basic starting point. Now we're just going to frame that. So, for a little refresher, when we did the '22 budget, we talked about balancing the budget without needing to use reserves with no tax increase. And we talked about still having a structural deficit, but we thought we could cover it off with some one-time positive transactions. So those were going to be supplemented by some of the strategic recommendations, implementing them, and getting the results out of it from the planning process. So we ended up-- when we did the budget, if you recall, there were a number of yellow pages in the budget that were the highlight of the areas to focus on, and they're listed here on the next page at the bottom, those key areas of change, those are the ones that we talked about during the budget process. And so I'll give you a quick update on where we are by going to the next slide. And we added a little art to the project. You don't have to worry about the reading, you can tell from whether I'm happy or frowning. And the reason it is because it's bald. So anyway, so you can see on the first one with the RDA, we have one of the two sales that we projected. The other sale is likely to happen next year. The key thing is delay. It's still going to happen. The city still gets the benefit. It's just going to be probably after December 31st. The jury is still out. We're not sure. That's why it's a question mark. We had the trial with a little bit of tier. One of the things that we were expecting was a couple of big developments. Well, they're not happening this year. It looks like they're delayed for next year. Again, we're working through it. And then I'll skip down to the modest rebound and economic growth. That modest is in quotes, clearly too conservative. There's a double smiling there because of the impact that we've had in the economics that we've talked about most months, if not every month. And I'll just quantify that. Real estate collections are up 9.9%. That's a combination of higher assessment values and better collections, not arguing how. It was just as good, and it's good because it saves taxpayers by not having to pay delinquent taxes. It's just, generally speaking, a good thing. The earned income tax, which is the EIP acronym there, is up 16.8%. 16.8% year over year. That is our largest signal revenue line item. So, it makes a difference when it's up that kind of revenue. And the real estate transfer tax is up over 64%. So, I'll say that again, 64% through the year. It is the economic balance that the city has got from the economics being done, but you can't say it too often how good that is and how helpful, beneficial that is. So those kinds of numbers are basically saying, "We're going to make budget," and then the other side of them says, "How long are the economics going to stay this strong?" That's kind of what we're going to have to get a sense of and a feel for it to move forward. And then there's the straight face. The jury is still out on the new and increased fees. There's a couple of things going on here underlying this. One is there's a recognition that we have not been implementing and landlords have not been complying with the requirement to have rental inspections at least at a minimum every few years. That simply wasn't being done even near when it should have been. So, there's had to be some efforts to get that remotivated, repositioned, reinstated, whatever words you want to use. It's taken an extra push to get that started and work through. There're clear implications on the safety of the residents, and there's clear responsibility on the ownership. So, it's a three-legged stool that we all have to work through here but we're not where we thought we could theoretically be. So that's still ramping up. So that's one of the bigger ones. But generally speaking, there were a few new fees that were implemented, and they're just taking a little bit of inertia to get them up to where they should be. But the jury still I don't know. And then the last one is if you recall, council approved a million and a half dollars investment in the pensions so that we could gain the benefit over the next 10 years of paying

off, basically, since in the past, by not meeting expected investment targets for having to buy out the impact of some disability claims, things like that. So, at this point in the year, we've put in a million dollars so we still have to put in a half million to hit our minimum MMO requirements, but we are sitting on about an \$800,000. We're flexible with that. So as we keep getting proceeds in, we're going to keep paying down that pension. But that's really the big factor as to how we get to the budget, what will be budget with where we're at and how we're going. Ms. Al Amin asked on the biannual inspection, the city notifies the landlord. And then the landlord says what day they can or cannot do the biannual inspection. Is that how that works? Mr. Troutman replied yes. The onus up until this year was that the city had to initiate the request. So the city has been putting out notices. There has been is it fair to say, mixed response as to how that's been complied with? And so some have willingly said, "Oh, I didn't know. Let's get back into the flow," and others have ignored it, which has required a second and a third process. Ms. Al Amin stated I know there are certain conditions like your taxes have to be paid. Your cash bill has to be paid. Are these biannual inspections one of the conditions on the landlords receiving their renters' license? So if they don't have the biannual inspection, their renters' license should not be issued. Mr. Troutman replied that is correct. Okay. All right. So then we flip the page and basically, this is just more facts about what I've been talking and speaking to. So we can flip to the next page, please, to keep the presentation on. Okay. So you can see the fine print in the budget. So, we're shuffling. But obviously, it's a big deal for the city to be proud that they're there after the history they had. Maybe you should be patting yourself on the back across the board. I have to say, yeah, let's be a little cautious. The economics of this thing are that we're going to hit budget, but how long are we going to see 64% growth in real estate transfer taxes? How long are we going to see almost 70% growth and earning of that? So yeah, we're okay this year for the rest of the year, but we still have to worry about how we go in the next year.

Mr. Simpson asked a question pertaining to the Grand Prix Budget. I know we allocate \$100,000 for the grand prix. So, whose sponsorship we're able to get that money back? Where is that money put in the budget? Mr. Troutman explained that is a separate budget for the grand prix because it's a special item. So, on the traditional circle square document that you are given, there's a separate proving at the bottom of the grand prix. So that 100,000 that Mr. Simpson referred to, that's the revenue target. And so that's expected to come from sponsors. And then there's expenses that go against it. And then the net is to go to support parks and recreation. Mr. Simpson asked so where is that in the budget? Mr. Troutman stated that's a separate budget, there's typically a separate tab for all separate funds. So glad I can highlight that when we get to that point in time and obviously work with you if you want to see how that works. and it shows the expenses, the revenue? But as a general rule, the grand prix stands on its own and doesn't have the line item—Mr. Simpson stated that is because of the sponsorships and stuff, right? Mr. Troutman replied yes. Mr. Troutman stated and so I said it before, it's basically going to come down to four variables on how we get that home. If the property sells for the RDA, we get the flow through this year, then we have enough to be able to pay the outright rest of pension and move on. If it's happens next year, we may have to pay some of the pension next year or if the economics keep supporting it, we can pay attention. So we're just going to need some flexibility the rest of the year, so there are unknowns in the budget. Okay, let's go to the next page, which is-- this is where these other funds and I put a couple of captions in here. I was just pointing out a few of the bullets, and that is under the solid waste. The bad news is we have a substantial increase-- is almost likely to happen. So we know that for the 2023 because of the contract, because of what we're looking at, we're probably going to have to increase the fee for that so that's a downer, but its responsibility-- as soon as we get basic information, it's my responsibility to give it to you, and then we can work through how to manage it. Capital reserve, there's a lot of projects. This year, it's a few big ones. Next year, there's probably a lot more projects

that we're going to have to juggle. And the question becomes how many of them are grant funded and how many of them require the city to have matching pieces, and how much is the match, and where are the priorities? So that's some of the conversation we're going to have to have as we unpack the capital budget, which priorities are the highest and which ones can report the [inaudible] and mix and match, so just a precursor of what's to come. Liquid fuels trying to-- the money is sitting there, and we're going to be doing payment. The question is how much? Which streets? I'm not part of that, but I can tell you that's the focus of where that money spent. The ARPA which is at the emergency light, that's starting to be used for some of the inlet work this year and so that will just keep going into next year, and then also a few other things, such as the ALS, that's all going to be part of that. And then the Grand Prix. Frankly, I don't have enough information at this point to know how many sponsors, which sponsors, how much. It's too early to see how that was coming through at the end of June and end of July, when this is prepared.

Let's go to the proposed-- next page, please. This is the outline of the dates you have. It's also end of year as a traditional Word document at the end of the presentation, and there's a very small account [inaudible] last year slightly earlier because of when holidays fall and election and working around those dates, so we're starting a little earlier, but it's going to be basically the same process, subject to your coming back or Mr. Logan was saying we need to tweak a date here and there. So I would encourage you to look at this, compare it to your personal schedules, and see what will work or not and-- Mr. Troutman explained that's the timeline. And again, check it, see if it works for you, come back to us if you see a conflict on the dates. But it culminates on December 12th at the meeting with the traditional ordinances that you would pass. And then, the next page are projected issues for next year, and there's six themes. So similar to last year, when we said there are seven yellow pages, expecting to, kind of, go down that same path and say, "Here's the six big ones that we have to do the best we can to get them right." And it's more inflationary pressures than normal. We have two apartment units. We have life happening, so we have to figure that out as it flows through into what contracts we negotiate and what's the impact. The economic impacts, again, how long does the real estate tax go? How long does it transfer? How long do we ride that wave? These are largely things we benefit from indirectly, by encouraging more work, job fairs, those types of things, connecting employers with residents. How much more can we get out of having the city be clean and ready to go and have development that will help? So, those are the direct things that the city does, and it impacts the economic benefit that we get out of it. The pension expense this year and next year. Next year, the results of this year. The jury's still out on how the pension funds are going to do and the impact that will have on [her?] projected costs for next year. So, that's a big open item. Staffing. We keep wanting to invest in more staff. We have to look at that. We keep looking at it to make sure it's judicious as to how it's being allocated. Then, how much more can we get out of initiatives, recommendations? And last is development. What can we count on, when? Let's keep our ear to the wind and get a sense of what we think is going to happen, so that council is comfortable with the assumptions that go into the budget. So, that's this year and a preview of next year. And with that, unless there's any questions. Vice President Green asked if we are low or high in overtime? Do we need more part time guys? Chief Laufer explained It's a continuing struggle. Currently, we have one part-time officer that's available to us and one that has started their training. We just administered a test last Friday. We had five candidates, four passed. So those four will be our pending certification by the Civil Service Board, and then they'll be brought before council for conditional office and employment. That'll help and offset some of the overtime. And we are struggling. We're not unique. Every police department is facing the same issues: recruitment, recruiting officers to apply, and get them through the process. So we're not unique. We're suffering from the same issues many departments are. Even historically, departments that pay very well in Chester County and have never

had an issue attracting good qualified applicants, they would get a couple of hundred for when they were hiring full time positions. Some of those departments are suffering the same things as we're experiencing. Now, we do have an anticipated retirement, effective September 3rd, of the Corporal Raech, his paperwork is in and his effective date will be September 3rd.

3. Parks and Receptions Commission recommendations

Mr. Livingston wished Council, basically staff, and also our community a good evening. I guess before I get started, I would like to thank our council at large, but also individually, because I'm extremely grateful for the work and the service that you did. And I guess I was sort of touched when I came in because I saw that all seven of you were in attendance, and knowing each and every one of you personally and knowing how the work pulls you out on the road and the trials and tribulations of life over the past couple of years, whether it be health-related, family-related, or otherwise. It really touched me that all seven of you were in attendance because you're all my friends. So my presentation is nowhere near as long or as intense as the other two, but I feel like I'm compelled to say that it's not really necessary, and I don't have to say this to you because I feel like I'm preaching to the choir. I read this article a few days ago while our Council President was advocating for our people and saying how important it is to invest in the people, to take care of the people. And from knowing each and every one of you, I know that you've already been championing that, so I don't really need to say that to you, but it is. What we're trying to do with Parks and Recreation is just as important as the buildings and economics and everything else in terms of our Quality of Life. So that being said, James and I, we have a very good-- I would say brother, but he's more of a mentor to me because he's just tactical in mind. Well, I'm constantly pushing the envelope and saying, "James, I've been in Coatesville for 30 years trying to do this." And he was like, "Well, true, but you've been a counselor in Parks and Recreation for less than a year, and these are the way that things need to be done." But in that vein, not only trying to infuse our robust Parks and Recreation Quality of Life Initiative but just to contribute also our volunteer base and our commissions and boards. I'm here to officially make two recommendations for your review and potential acceptance or denial to our Parks and Recreation Commission. So as you know, I come up here and I take all the fame and all the congratulations, but everything that has been done since I've been in my position has been with a small team. And it's important for me to add to the commission people that are not searching for the glory and that are really about getting the work done. These two individuals are people that I would like to recommend because they have been helping me to get the work done. So one is Ms. Crystal Arnold. She's not able to be here tonight. She's working, but she's a longtime resident of Coatesville and involved with the Girl Scouts. And the list goes on and on, and we did submit their resumés just for you to look over to see who's who. And also, Ms. Tanira Turner-Green, a Coatesville native. So these two young ladies I would like to submit for your review. And I will be back on the 12th. I want to thank you. I'm more than willing to answer any questions about them, about me, about what we're doing, about what we haven't planned. But I know it's already been a long night, so I just want us to get that done. President Lavender Norris thanked Ajené for the recommendation and to Ms. Green and the other young lady for their willingness to step in. And they've been working just to become official at this point. Thank you. We appreciate you.

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

There was no discussion on minutes at this time.

2. Plastic bag elimination

Mr. Logan explained if you look in your packets, it's the second page on IMO discussions. There is a West Goshen kind of example of a new ordinance that was put in effect on April 22nd of this year. Ordinance No. 16-2021 is a plastic bag and straw bag. And it's really interesting because I was in a Walmart a few months ago, and I had more than six items and I needed to put in a plastic. And asked me if I want a bag and said, "35c." And I was like, "Are you kidding?" He said, "Yes. One bag, you pay 35c." So this was brought to my attention by one of our staff members, and they wanted to have council discuss this because plastic bags--they kind of litter on the streets. And not to say what damage they do to our environment. But it was recommended that we share this information with you all and see if we'd have a discussion on it and consider. I do know that the food program at CYWA-- when we started, we gave out a batch so that-- I think they gave each person two big grocery bags so that they don't mind because they're not plastic. They're reusable. And so we encourage them to bring the bags back week after week by giving them incentives because you really need-- everywhere is going towards using these reusable bags. You just have to get in the habit of carrying your grocery bag with you when you go to the store. And it's something because I probably have eight or nine of these bags and never take them to the store with me-- always forget them. But we just have to, first off, be mindful of that because everywhere is going to have them. Mrs. Hunt stated this is happening in other places. I think it's something for us to discuss, but I think that we need to put something out to the residents first. An education thing or whatever just discussing it and giving them the opportunity to prepare. Is there any brochure or flyers, so to speak, that we can just pass out amongst all the businesses? "I'm not saying this is what we're doing, but this is what we're considering." Like a forewarning to, "This is the direction we're going." To warm them up for understanding? Mr. Logan stated yes, I think I can just-- again, just looking at what West Goshen did. It looks like they had a maybe a year for the campaign, just kind of get the word out. The Ordinance says 2021 but did not go into effect until 2022. There has been some pros and cons to this, kind of like just because you put it out there. There's the Schwartzman issue, and-- it's like, well, who's going to go to the [Walmart?]? Who's going to go to the grocery store to make sure that they are complying. I don't know how that work, but-- how that works. But we can certainly to do the research. It does say here it will probably be enforced.

3. Fences, walls, and hedges

In your packet, there is a sample of chapter 21 through to chapter 27. So it talks about fences, walls, and hedges. Occasionally we'll get a call and people are asking what are the rules and regulations and policies on fences, walls, and hedges? So, this is-- in the actual Codes it tells you what it is. Oftentimes I think-- because we live in a different environment, there are materials that are being used for better fencing. There was a situation that we had about a year ago, a rotted fence. And the owner asked if it could be replaced and it was recommended not to use the same glue. It was clear in that there were materials out here that would last longer, more that-- were environmentally safe. So these things have to be considered as we move forward, but there is design-- excuse me. There's a particular code that we do have for fences, walls, and hedges. Folks who are listening, it appears about what they are in terms of the hedges. It says here, section one, item D, hedges to be no taller than three feet in the front yard in any zone. Sometimes we get questions about how tall the hedges can be. So, it's all broken down right here. And if anyone has any questions about that, they can call our Codes Department. Mrs. Green stated that the fence thing does need to be addressed, because we want people to be able to use the right product. The should not have to apply for a variance because if they are putting up the same type of fence but using a different material. Ms. Al Amin asked So, if a person is putting a fence on a property line, they have to have a survey done? Mr. Logan asked if she was looking at one particular line item here. Mr. Jefferson explained this is a Valley Township Code. Ms. Al Amin said, but I am asking from here. Mr. Logan stated he is not

sure if that applies to the City's code. Mrs. Hunt asked why don't we have the City's? Ms. Al Amin asked yeah, why don't we have our own. We have an Ordinance that governs these things, right? Mr. Logan stated they are not in one particular chapter. MS Al Amin asked for the City's to be sent to Council. Vice President Green stated they are in ECodes and Council's codes books. Mr. Simpson asked why this was placed on the agenda as a discussion item. Mr. Logan replied that we get these questions from the general public on the City's requirements. If not followed they will be cited. We have the person go to Ecodes or we will send someone out to look at the property. Mr. Logan explained all of the sections in the Code need modifications. Vice President Green explained we had a resident who wanted to put out the same-sized fence, but using a different material. And that material was not compliant to the Code. Council really needs to look at and review the modifications. Mrs. Hunt stated it is a little confusing, I know it's just a sample but why isn't it our sample of the Code as opposed to Valley Townships because that only brings questions as we look at this. President Lavender Norris explained it is a sample because ours is not under one section. Mr. Logan explained they are in two different sections in the City's Code. Mr. Jefferson explained he'll send this one for free. It's very simple. Fences, hedges, and walls is Section 224-52 in the Zoning Ordinance. There's also fences, walls, and hedges within the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. So it's in two different places, at least. And I think what Mr. Logan was saying was that you're just looking to potentially update your fences, walls, and hedges provisions and may be including some of these provisions into what you have. This looks a little bit longer than what you currently have. Mrs. Hunt stated I'm not making a big fuss of it. I'm just saying that some things cause more questions, more confusion than what's needed. We could have had the discussion even without putting this sample in there because nothing on here pertains to the city. It's all the codes that's represented downtown. That's all I was-- so, if we could get all this stuff for free. Thank you. Mr. Jefferson stated he would send the information tomorrow and will not charge.

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; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion authorizing the City Council President and City manager to enter into a contract with Westwood EMS to provide Advanced Life Support Services in the amount of \$20,000 from September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve authorizing the City Council President and City manager to enter into a contract with Westwood EMS to provide Advanced Life Support Services in the amount of \$20,000 from September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Sly thanked Council for the proposed motion. I guess everyone here understands the situation we're facing. I learned from Scott Thornton here that they've made some progress, so it could be possible that we are only a temporary solution for you. And at that point, we would go back to just being a good neighbor and we'll support the city when we can. However, if it does need to extend, we certainly will be willing to do that as long as it's financially viable for us. I spoke with Mr. Logan about the potential for maybe extending the contract when you have time to budget properly for that since I know that this is something that has not come on without any surprise to you or us. So, this number that you propose tonight would represent a third of the year, which is the four months

preceding the next four in accordance with our formula based on our quarter bill. So, the 20,000 would be very substantial towards that cost since we're probably only going to be temporary here. So it's going to help us get a unit in service within the next 10 days. And hopefully, we will have a vehicle here either located in the city, we're very, very close by with those funds, and then since I was last year, [inaudible] out as well, right after about the year they funded us in full and [inaudible]. It's my understanding that we've taken action this week. And that's it. Everybody else has pretty much come on board. We have two councilors in the western part of the county that have not yet made a decision, and we've done our best to get that message out to them, but they have not taken the urgency that the city has or the other municipalities have. So I recognize that you have acknowledged the urgency of this, and I appreciate it very much.

2. Receive and consider a Resolution designating the emergency responder service providers for the City of Coatesville

Vice President Green made a motion to approve a Resolution designating the emergency responses service providers for the City of Coatesville adding Westwood EMS to provide Advanced Life Support Services; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Receive and consider 2nd Annual Community Block Party on September 3, 2022. Request is to block off Glendale Avenue & Coates Street – 10th Avenue on Coates Street at the end of the park

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the 2nd Annual Community Block Party on September 3, 2022 and blocking off Glendale Avenue and Coates Street at the end of the park; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

President Lavender Norris asked just for clarification. The request is the block off Glendale Avenue and Coates Street, so that will close Glendale Hall. So from Glendale down to 10th Avenue, that's the area that they're proposing so they could go up and around and come back in. Mrs. Hunt stated Exactly, yeah. I just texted him because he did send me a text last week and I called Mr. Logan about it. The date is wrong. The date is wrong. They're requesting the 10th not the 3rd, so I just sent him a message, and he didn't respond. Mr. Logan explained the reason why is at one-point Council was not approving road closures. I recall last year council said that it would be flexible in the considerations for up to 4 hours. President Lavender Norris stated they would be on the east side. They wouldn't close Glendale off. They would close off-- so from the right side of Glendale down to the left side of 10th, which would allow vehicles to go up Glendale across Poplar, down 10th and keep going. It's not blocking traffic. It's not blocking emergency vehicles from getting in and out. Ms. Al Amin stated and you said Mr. Logan, it came before Council because it was not approved. Who didn't approve it. Mr. Logan replied that all department denied the application except the City Manager. Mr. Jefferson provided a little background, we have a special event action team. It's comprised of the fire chief, police chief, public works, and there's a specific section in the code, 10B2-7 special event approval process. One of those provisions essentially says that if you're going to request a closure of the streets of more than two hours, it comes before city council for consideration, that's after the special event team has reviewed it, and then they're making recommendations to you. So the final approval/denial through the special event proposed along with the cost and conditions attached, will be made by the city manager upon advice from the SEAT, special event action team, except if any of the following requests are approved by the City Manager for a special event to council for its consideration and approval or denial. And one of those conditions is a request for the closing of the street or more than two hours. From my understanding, that is a request that is being made. So a consultation with Mr. Logan last week, this is at least one way we worked at approval. There's also another. If it's anticipated that the special event will see 200 participants. Currently, I'm not aware

how many expected participants there are, but I am aware that there's a request made for a street closure. So, at least that's why it's being brought before council. Chief Laufer explained I know we've sort of gone back and forth on this issue there for a while. It was Council's position there with the no street closed unless it was a city-sponsored event. So that was one of the reasons why I not concur, not knowing really for sure what our current position is or what council's current position is on that. And then the other thing is there really isn't a good detour around that because I know we're talking about Glendale and Coates Street. That's one way. So that's only eastbound traffic. There is no detour around that for westbound traffic. Basically, have to turn around, go back down to Merchant. So it is a little bit of a disruption for a lot of citizens in the city to shut Coates Street down for six hours or whatever. That's why we just not concur and basically to have this discussion, see what we're willing to do. Mrs. Hunt stated I know, I think it was last year, when we agreed to block the street on 5th Avenue. We did it for a four-hour period of time. When they put in originally for six or seven, but then we had to allow for clean up. We did allow for that street to be blocked for church to have their function. So, I think that it's been so long that we've not had street closures that I think that for the community, especially coming up out of the pandemic and more people being out, being able to do things that we have to loosen up just a little on that. There was really good reasoning for why we weren't doing it before. However, I think that that's something that we have to change. I know that his church is having an event in the parking spot of the church, but they're really looking at closing, blocking part of the street for safety for the kids crossing back and forth during that event. The event is not going to be held in the street, but they were looking to have the street closed for a period of time-- Chief Laufer explained I think it's going to require a little coordination with public works to drop off barricades and do some different things, but it can be done. I think we were just looking to make sure the council was on the same page, given our past history with closing streets and just wanting to be mindful of inconveniencing residents, that if everybody's on the same page, we're okay with it. It can be done safely. President Lavender Norris stated what I will do is recirculate with the corrected information and get signature from their neighbors to submit that there's no inconvenience and they're okay if we close it off. They'll be okay. The original permit and Mr. Jackson has the original permit. It did say 1 to 9. And it did say 9/3 with a rain date of 9/10. That's what's on the permit. So yeah, we'll just clear that up and if council's in agreement, we'll make it happen. Mrs. Hunt said he said the 3rd was a mistake. The 10th is when the event is and it is from 1 to 7, not 1 to 9. President Lavender Norris asked for the applicant to get approval from the residents in the neighborhood where the street will be blocked.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close action items; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announce his office worked on certain right-to-know matters, represented the City in a civil action hearing in District Court 15-1-01; reviewed and provided an opinion on a contractual matter; had the notice regarding the adopted ordinance run in the Daily Local News as required by the City Charter; provided legal authority for and an opinion regarding tow zones; reviewed and analyzed correspondence received from the Commonwealth Court regarding the Hoffy Unlimited v. ZHB City of Coatesville; provided and continue to provide legal advice to the City regarding land development matters; and communicated with outside legal counsel regarding certain litigation matters.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan, just wanted us to, once again, announce the nine million dollar grant as part of the National Sport and Event Center (NSEC) This will support the infrastructure of a facility on the property better known as flats. Once again, we're very excited that this particular project is coming and moving forward. So again, if you haven't read it's available today in any local-- that particular project, which is not here, but part of that project, does bring the City an additional 64, 65,000 dollars as a fiscal agent for that particular brand. So that's something that went in our column here. As you know, the City of Coatesville is taking steps for building a public works and a fire station for the City of Coatesville Fire Department. On Sunday, August 21. Our submission for the hard cap grant was confirmed. I'll have to thank Econ Partners, Cedarville Engineering, The City of Coatesville Captain and Fire Chief Dobson for assisting in the completion of that grant. We submitted the grant in the amount of 5 million dollar for the future plans for the Fire Department and Public works. Two event items, the Sounds of Summer returns next Friday. For those of you who attended last Friday, and again, I'm sorry, you probably had some folks who were tethering back and forth, but it was a wonderful night. Of course, Friday night always brings fish fries. And we did have a fish fry on Friday night. It was incredible. The music was great. And we do encourage folks to come out to the next one. That's scheduled for September 2nd. And then the last one will be September 16. That will close out and the Sounds of Summer and take us right into the Sixth Annual Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix. We're very excited about that. Things are kind of moving forward. We are securing the vintage car lovers and enthusiasts and drivers. On September 22, MCDC, in a partnership with CDMR, will host a Black Entrepreneur Business Expo at Midway Arches, located at Sixth and Chestnut. The event is part of grant funded by the Alliance of Equity. This is also part of the grand opening last week. Council President Lavender Norris and Councilman Simpson attended the ribbon cutting of the Resource Center with a partnership with the Economic Development Council, West Chester University and Kutztown University. They are providing resources to minority and black owned businesses here in Coatesville. For those of you who may not know, the City of Coatesville has more than 80 owned and operated by African-Americans. And it is our efforts to increase that number. There is a program to promote 1555 or 1550? And what this is going to do is increase the minority business in this community, urban center. I'm very excited this event is going to happen here.

3. Assistant City Manager
There was no Assistant City Manager report at this time.
4. Finance Department
There was no Finance report at this time.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Barbara Griffin

Ms. Griffin announced she has observed that our skunks are running around. I was told last week by a couple other residents in Coatesville that they have seen skunks around. So that was like, questionable. I observed one in front of my house. I forgot my phone. - but my question is, City Council I don't know how y'all are going to address this, I don't hustle anymore. And I've been here probably when it was first reformed. But they're here in the City-- I can't run. I like it here, I'm going to be scared. I'm going trying to get in my house as fast as I can. Like I said, I can't hustle. So, I didn't even know what the city council could do or tell us what to do, educate us on the facts of what we could do to try to elevate these skunks. I just noticed we cannot kill them. What I mean kill them, I mean putting out rat poison. Because I was always told by the exterminator, they have to be removed from an exterminator, that they have to put out traps. But we cannot kill them, putting out rat poison or trying to eliminate the that way. It just needs to be addressed

Pastor Wade Duncan

Pastor Duncan stated it's a pleasure to be here tonight. As you know, we are at our church sponsoring a Unity Community Event on September the 3rd. This has been as promising and have drawn organizations around Chester County, possibly 16 organizations to get on Health and Wellness literacy, etc., We have six vendors, merchants that will be present on that day, as well as eight performers from New Jersey, Delaware, and Philadelphia. Major organizations are involved with this day. Unfortunately, when I mentioned this event to you-- I'm just putting this up as a brief presentation, just something brief. When I mentioned this a few months ago, I wasn't aware that it may be necessary to block the street. One of the members, Carmen Campbell is a part of our event process, and she mentioned that the street should be blocked. Unfortunately, she put an application. I believe it may not have met that 45-day process. I was told it should be in 45 days prior to the event. I myself went around to all the residents of that block on 6th Avenue, and I found out that they would like to have the block, that street blocked off. I did not get signatures. But I spoke to 95% of the residents. It's in our phase two. On the west side of the stage, we've place something in the parking lot on the east side of our church. The state is sponsoring the stage. On the west side, we'll have children activities. So, there is a possibility child will be running back and forth on this block. So, we want to prevent any accidents from happening. I have not turned in the application. It was turned in, again, by Carmen. She said it was denied. So I'm asking if you would reconsider. This day is going to be a major event. Information is going to be passed out. It's going to be beneficial to our community. And it's drawing some special attention to our community as well. Right in the heart of Coatesville, we just want to make a good show. We don't want any possible accidents to take place. Hope you will consider this. The time is from 1 to 7, but we will accept four hours or whatever you approve. Mrs. Hunt asked what areas are you asking to block off? Pastor Duncan replied between Chestnut Street, 6th and 7th. Mrs. Hunt stated we're getting it for Chestnut 6th and 7th. Then you have the alley on Lumber. Is it going to be closed so the kids can't run out in the alley or so does that need some attention as well. Pastor Duncan stated Well, we need to go have people monitoring that area because parking won't be on that side. Mr. Logan explained one of the reasons why it was denied is the information, I think, was [inaudible] on the application. So it was pretty straightforward that [inaudible] event. It had a location. And I think one of the reasons why, again, as we talked about this evening, was the road closure. I personally feel that if the information you share it with us tonight is on the application, I think it might not have been denied by all of the other department heads. But I don't think it would have been denied. So, I guess, my question would be, do we recirculate it knowing the full explanation of what's going to happen at this event and have our department heads reconsider? Chief Laufer explained the road closure evolvment was described involving East Chestnut which is actually an easier road closure than Coates. So, there will be no reason why we couldn't-- knowing council's wishes on the other ones, why we couldn't then concur this one. President Lavender Norris stated we wouldn't have to come back to Council on this. Mr. Logan stated the department heads would just need to revisit it. Not to get in the weeds with anything, but maybe Miss Campbell should have not submitted the application if it was for your event. It appears that she didn't have the full information. So, I would recommend you come in and just recirculate it with the information provided this evening.

Tiniera Green

Ms. Green stated I have a quick question. Well, I did want to second the skunk issue that they are serious and that's a problem, so let's get on that one. But the question I really had was about the codes. I know we had kind of briefly went over a little, maybe, my question is about landlords in the city having kind of a mandate of having to have their homes inspected biyearly. My question kind of-- it's a two-part question. The first one really being what's the accountability? Kind of how are we holding them accountable to this mandate of making sure that these homes are inspected every other year? And then also my question is if we have a renter who is in the home that they don't feel like is up to code, what are their resources? What can we do to

really get something done? Is there a process in place for renters who feel like the home that they're renting is not kind of up to code?

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

Special Events

Special events were announced during reports.

Council Comments

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for thanked everyone for attending and thank you to those who attended virtually. Ajené, thank you for all that you do. Sue, sorry I was not at your event, unfortunately I had COVID. I'm all better now. Congratulations and thank you for all that you do and helping to partner with the community to help rebuild, revitalize and come alive and all of that. Thank you staff and Chief for all that you do. Chief, please relay to your officers that when I hear things I pray and send extra prayers for their safety.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for attending. Have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt Mrs. Hunt stated I'm going to read you a paragraph. On this side, I also want to thank you guys for coming from out tonight. Every question is important to help us. Hopefully you get some beneficial information. Ms. Green, I know what you're talking about with the skunks. My daughter was stuck in the car. She called me and said Mom, there's a skunk. I said I'm not coming out there, to everyone, thank you for all that you do for the City. Sue, of course, thank you. Thank all of staff. Chief, thank you so much, He is the best. I call him for everything. My. Kids say "Mom, you need to buy him a present." You always respond to my calls and I thank you for that. And of course, the City Manager and Assistant City Manager, thank you for all that you do. My colleagues, thank you. Have a good night.

Mr. Folks stated it was amazing to see three of our Parks has something going on from the West end to Mr. Scott. So, right here in Ash Park. My main man. The burden has been set in stone our City here is moving so fast that we could almost say [inaudible] know the signs, putting one up for the new Pizza Hut at 11th Avenue. Our city is moving forward, but remember once again, please get on the board. Give yourself a store front, because this City's ready to explode. We're already had a ribbon cutting at 190. I heard Sue, and she was talking to some people and I overheard her and she said only use people that live here, construction people. That she uses only Coatesville people. If she can't get them, then she goes outside of Coatesville. But she said, I only want to use Coatesville contractors. That just made me feel really good inside that you could say that to another contractor or to another business person, how you bring in everything. So hats off. And to the ones out there, the ones here, thank you. You make Coatesville proud of you, have a good night.

Mr. Simpson stated just one thing. Preview party, September 15th. Tickets are still available. Then we have the Grand Prix on September 17th, and we're looking forward to everybody coming out for that. Thank you all for coming out tonight and everybody virtually and in person. Thank everybody. Have a wonderful event next week and then council people thanks for coming out, continue to do what you do as long as you keep it short, Carmen. I got to go. Thank you.

Vice President Green Vice President Green stated it's wonderful when people come out and want to volunteer to work on our Board and Commissions. Ajené. I appreciate what you do So I just really appreciate the service and volunteering in the city makes a difference. That's what we all do, we just kind of

put our talents together to ensure that our community is a wonderful place to live and have our families grow up in. I was hoping that Pastor Dan can give us some insight or some hints of the gaming commission to figure out a way of addressing the animals. Squirrels wild animals to me. they are dangerous. But I just wanted to point out that last week, Vista Today acknowledged our city manager as a leader in our community, a megastar. I think that's what they called and I just wanted to congratulate him because I tell you, I think that we made the best hire, we could possibly make. When I sit here and I look at all the many, many things and many attributes of Mr. Logan. I'm sorry it's going to be a little long, Mr. Simpson. But, Mr. Logan has brought a lot to the table. He really has and Rich stood up here, our financial officer, he stood up here and he talked about our EIN being increased 16% and that's a huge jump. And I believe that that's due to Mr. Logan bringing his job fairs and and manufacturers and companies here to the city, putting on job fairs here in city hall to get our residents not only jobs but higher paying jobs. How many job fairs did you have last year, Mr. Logan? Mr. Logan replied six. Vice President Green stated and all six of these job fairs the pay was \$15 and above. We weren't looking to hire people for \$9 or \$8. We're looking for-- to give people jobs that they can be proud of, jobs that they can sustain themselves and their families with. That's why our EIN number is up. The fact that we have 41 projects-- we've all lived in the city all of our lives. We have 41 ongoing projects going on in the City of Coatesville right now, the biggest one being our train station. We have a brand-new train station being built on Fourth Avenue, a train station that's going to have set the service. We have new restaurants. You heard the gentleman who was before us today wanting to bring a fine dining steakhouse to the City of Coatesville. We have a grocery store in midtown that is under construction right now. You can't see it because it's covered up, but they're working to get that grocery store completed and open soon. Right downtown near 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Highway. On Lincoln Highway. So we have a couple of other restaurants that'll be opening up really, really soon, the record and the axe-throwing restaurant, the record restaurant, and the axe-throwing restaurant. And these are all things that-- we've had our share of troubles with our managers. But I tell you one thing, that in the two years that Mr. Logan has been here, he's been on top of it. He's been all on top of it, making our developers who come in-- making it important to make Coatesville a great place for them to want to be, holding meetings where we were-- recorded the opportunity zone, holding structured meetings for these developers to come and to be talked to and to be courted about what they wanted to bring to our city. There's a ton of things going on-- making sure that Susan felt included in our community and that she felt valued in our community. You wouldn't even think that she wasn't from Coatesville. But these are attributes to things that have been done by our manager. And it pains me when I'm here and I see-- this guy, he doesn't live in the City of Coatesville, and we make a big deal about where he lives. He doesn't live far. He lives 16 minutes away, but I guarantee you he is here more than anybody I know. He attends every event that goes on in the City of Coatesville. He knows more residents. More residents know him than know some of the Council people. I'm just impressed. And when I see in the Megastar and the article-- that blew me away. Because I'm looking at-- he's a municipal manager. And I'm looking at some of the other people, bank manager, bank VP, this, that the third. But Mr. Logan has bought something different. He's ignited the city. He has been working on trying to change our brand, rebrand Coatesville, not change Coatesville just rebrand it. Over the years, some things have been damaged. And he's been doing a lot of work. And I just want to acknowledge him. And I just want every single council person up here to know the gem that we have a balanced budget two years in a row, they want us to balance budget. Council didn't balance that budget. Our finance department and their team and Mr. Logan balanced that budget. We sit here, we debate or we sit here, we say, "Oh, why would you spend this on that? Or why are we buying that?" That has nothing to do with our budget. And then balancing our budget. If they put in a lot of hard work and time, that's because of his commitment and dedication to our city. And I just want them to know how happy, how thrilled, how proud I was last week when I read that article and seen it. This is amazing. So again, I mean, not to make it all about you, Mr. Logan, but-- I just wanted him to know and understand because people are so quick to point out the negative, "This person ain't that, ain't that," but not even take a look at what we're doing and what he's doing and what he's bringing to the table. I think it's

ridiculous. But I thank you, and I thank you, all of our employees. I mean, the Chief, like Ms. Santiago, I mean, every time I call, you always got an answer or wait out for me and help me along. Everyone here in the city. And it's because of the teamwork that we have here, building that team. And Mr. Logan, I appreciate you because the team is no better. The leader makes a difference, and you're that leader. And I'm just grateful and thankful. So everyone, I appreciate everyone online, and everyone that came out tonight, all your concerns, everything, we just take them all so seriously and we just want our city to be regular. So thank you very much and have a good night.

President Lavender Norris stated if you look at the glasses half full or the glass is half empty, at the end of the day, it's refillable. And that's what Mr. Logan has brought to the city, the refill. So I appreciate you. And Chief, I need you to know how much I appreciate our Police Department and the work you do. Our fire department, we are sitting in such a wonderful space right now as a city, with our department heads, our staff and leadership. The city is poised for greatness. We're poised to be the destination. And I'm just grateful to be a part of the council that's spearheading, that's paving the way for them to do what's necessary for our city. The developers, Sue being the number one, but they're coming in and the door-- the red carpet is being laid out for them. That's not council doing that; it's our leadership, our manager, our Police. Everybody is working together to ensure we move forward, we progress. And it's not about us or them. It's about y'all; our residents, it's all about y'all. Everything we do is about y'all. So please understand, we need y'all. We need y'all to look at those boards and commissions, get involved. We don't know everything you want. We can't make every decision for you, but you can certainly take a seat and say, "Yay, nay. This way or that way." You're welcome. We need you. Let's do this thing. Let's just keep it moving because we are certainly moving forward, and the pace is picking up more and more each month. So, come on in. Come on in. Ajené, you do that for us, you're the best. My Pastor at church Sunday, he said, "If I could tell you anything special about someone," he said, "I would just say he's the one. You're the one." Thank you. I appreciate. Everybody, y'all have a blessed night. So y'all have a blessed night.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

This meeting was conducted live and zoom.