



Meeting Minutes – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, September 12, 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; 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

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the August 22, 2022 meeting minutes; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Vice President Green made a motion to approve accounts payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Promotional swearing in of Corporal Sylvester Earle

Chief Laufer presented before Council for the promotion of Officer Sylvester Earle for the rank from Officer to Corporal, Officer Earle has served faithfully in the department since July 5th, 2005 when he was hired by the Coatesville Police Department and he has served admirably in the years since. He was served in many different faculties in the Department. He has probably been the longest serving officer in charge and acting corporal. We are certainly pleased tonight for his official promotion after successfully competing in the competitive civil service exam process for promotion. So tonight, we have Officer Earle, and we have Judge Hines with us tonight to make the official swearing in from Officer to Corporal. The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Corporal Earle as his godfather held the bible. Chief Laufer introduced Carlos (McKinnie) Kelly, former officer with the department. And he left our department and moved on to greater things. So, he'd like to just say a few things about Corporal Earle. And he and I served together for a number of years. So, he'd like to say a few words. So first and foremost, everybody, I have a plaque that I'd like to give to Sylvester. This is a custom-made plaque. And Police officers now in a lot of Police departments are doing something called challenge coins. So, this is a challenge coin that I designed myself. It's from the desk from the Chief of Police and it says right over here. And also, from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. So, it says congratulations on your promotion. And it's presented by Chief Carlos Kelly, it has today's day and it's through Corporal Sylvester Earle. I just want to say that I came to Coatesville in 2008 and I left in 2013. And one of the people that I gravitated to was Sylvester. He was a wealth of knowledge. He gave me a lot of insight about the City. And we remain friends. My father, who was a great inspiration also as I was inspired to take my father's last name and the sickness that my father had and the ups and downs, I always knew if I picked up the phone and called Sylvester that he would be encouraging. Every event that I've had that I've invited him to is always [inaudible]. And no matter what the new trial tribulation I've ever had while my career, he has always been there to support. And climbing the ladder of success and becoming a sergeant, becoming a lieutenant, lieutenant commander, and ultimately the Chief of Police has always been

encouraging to me throughout that journey. So, I never had an opportunity say it publicly. But I'm going to say it publicly. Thank you, Sylvester.

2. Trina Solar

I don't think that I can beat the previous presentation with my presentation, so I appreciate the opportunity tonight. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the City Council. Thank you for the opportunity to present to you all this evening. My name is Jessica Berger, and I am the director of product development. And this is Jennifer [inaudible], who is the project manager for Trinity Solar on behalf of the Coatesville solar project. We have a brief presentation for you that will consist of an update to our development efforts. We currently have a solar lease in place with the City of Coatesville. And tonight, we're requesting the City Council to approve the feasibility extension period in Coatesville amendment to the solar lease. So previously, the agreement allowed for 180 days to complete our due diligence efforts. Tonight, we respectfully request to extend the feasibility study period to March 2023 so that we can make more headway on our diligence efforts. As a refresher, Coatesville landfill is being redeveloped as a solar facility that would be up to about 10 megawatts AC. PECO is the interconnecting utility company, and Coatesville City Hall was one of the off-takers, meaning the City Hall will benefit from the landfill by offsetting their utility consumption. As of today, Coatesville Solar has completed the following. We've conducted site visit, site analyses, critical issue analysis, review and survey, memorandums, cultural resource analysis, and a phase one environmental assessment. Regarding our interconnection, we're currently monitoring and coordinating with PECO regarding our interconnection requirements, monitoring ongoing community solar efforts. And currently to date, there is no legislation implemented for community solar in the State of Pennsylvania. However, there are some bills in legislation, one of which is House Bill 1555 and Senate Bill 472 that is currently being reviewed by the legislators. PJM is also going through reform and not accepting interconnection applications until next summer. We received historical land records in March of 2022 and have engaged the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding permitting efforts. The PA DEP disclosed the pre-application requirements to us that must be met to move forward. We would like to receive approval to extend the feasibility study period so that we can perform additional diligence regarding land development to satisfy requirements from the state DEP and interconnection-related requirements from PECO. We're expecting this to be completed between present-day September of 2022 and March of 2023, which, if approved, will be the expiration of the feasibility study period. We're currently managing all approvals with the assistance of third-party consultants that we have hired and that we are currently engaged with. In closing, this is a great project with multiple potential located within the best utility [inaudible] in Pennsylvania. We have focused on-site investigation, due diligence, interconnection analysis, and currently, we're actively engaged with future Pennsylvania Community Solar Program monitoring, PECO, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and other key stakeholders such as yourselves. With your approval of the feasibility extension period, the City of Coatesville will help the state of Pennsylvania reach its renewable energy goals and we appreciate your time and consideration at this time. Thank you very much.

Mr. Simpson asked when did you sign this contract with us? Ms. Berger replied September 13. Mr. Simpson said September 13, 2021. Ms. Berger replied yes. Mr. Simpson stated okay, so you have 180 days from that day. It's been a year. Why are you just coming to us now? Ms. Berger replied So, we understand that there appears to be lack of development and lack of anything really on the project. We understand that's how it appears, and we sincerely appreciate the City's patience during the process. Solar development can take anywhere from two to four years, typically. It really depends on the site. It's site-specific, which means each project's different. They each have a process with

challenges. With that being said, we have to pivot and reallocate resources due to staff changes, which is obviously not your issue, it was ours because we've had staff changes. I am one of those staff changes. COVID has also delayed things on that front, and now it looks like we're getting over that hump. We also have had delayed responses from key stakeholders, so we're at the mercy of regulatory agencies such as the state. Sometimes the utility takes a while, and that put the project at a disadvantage. So we are asking that y'all reconsider an extended feasibility-study period so we can get a little bit further down the road to ensure that we have a successful project.

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Vice President Green asked a question, because the paperwork that Rob has-- The paperwork that Rob has, that I guess we're going to be [inaudible], does it have the exact reasons on there or the exact things that have to be done to get the feasibility study done? Because like Mr. Simpson said, if you sign the agreement in September, your 180 days would have been January. And this is now September. Ms. Berger explained the agreement was signed in March and the lease was signed on September 21, 2021. I know it's a little confusing with the days. So what we're essentially asking is to make it a full year from the March effective date, essentially, is what we're asking. And to answer your question, it isn't specifically laid out, the next steps. We do have some things in the presentation that we have, what we've completed, and kind of what we've done, and what the next steps are. But

essentially, what we are requesting to make it very, very clear is to extend this date until March of 2023. Mr. Simpson stated it wasn't put out the bid for you to do a due diligence of feasibility study to figure out whether or not you wanted to do this. You agreed to build a solar project there, the bottom line. You can't back out. You agreed to build a solar project. It wasn't an agreement to do a feasibility study, all right? Or to do your due diligence. No, you signed an agreement to build a solar farm. And so far, you're remiss in getting back to us about-- You're asking for a feasibility study, time to do a feasibility study or due diligence. That time is past. You already agreed to do it. You had time before you responded to that RFP to do that. Ms. Berger replied I understand where you're coming from. The-- Mr. Simpson said ok, as long as I'm making myself clear. Because you're asking for time to do a feasibility study. Typically, when you do a feasibility study you can come back and say, "Oh, we don't want to do it now."

Ms. Berger said just to clarify the way that solar development works-- Mr. Simpson said no, we have an agreement. Not about how solar development works. We have an agreement. You said you're going to build a solar farm. Ms. Berger said We have to go through the feasibility [crosstalk]-- Mr. Simpson said I understand [crosstalk] you should have thought about that before you signed a deal. You signed a deal to build a solar farm. I'm sorry. It's been a year. Ms. Berger said I understand. Mr. Simpson said and there's been nothing. And now you're asking for more time to decide whether or not you want to do it. It's like, no. There are other people out there that will do this. You signed an agreement. Ms. Berger stated If I may, thank you. Regardless of whether you decide to move forward with Trina Solar or any other developer for that matter, developers, they will have to go through the same exact process. Y'all will probably have to redo the RFP. Y'all will have to [crosstalk]-- Y'all will have to renegotiate the lease. And they will have to go through these exact same steps regardless of whether it's Trina Solar or whether it's someone else. They will have-- Vice President Green asked what's the reason it took so long? I mean March to September. Ms. Berger stated that's a good question. I joined Trina in May, so I am new. I'm the director of project development. So, we are here tonight. I do not know why they have [crosstalk]—Vice President Green said May to September is four months. Ms. Berger replied and we were going to come before you in August, but there were some conflicts in scheduling. So that is one of the reasons why we were unable to come to you a month ago, or minimum a month ago. We have been trying to coordinate-- And it's no fault of the City of Coatesville. It is 100%, it falls on Trina. And we're accepting accountability for that. What we are requesting though, regardless of whether there is an RFP or not, we can't guarantee that we can build a solar farm. There is no [crosstalk]-- Ms. Berger explained it does say you're-- there is another partial, but another lease agreement on another property. Mr. Simpson said yep, they were both brought out at the same time. Then Trina had the opportunity to bid for both of them, they went with this portion, said, "Here we go." So, the other company, they're moving forward. They're moving forward with the permeating process. They're moving forward with the PJMN interconnections. They're moving forward. They're not coming to us saying, "Hey, we're rethinking our position. And you just said, after this feasibility, we would renegotiate." Well, there's no renegotiation. Yeah, we'd inform them, "We wait for you to do the due diligence." It's a lease assignment [inaudible]-- Ms. Berger stated no, we are not renegotiating. No, I said if you have to start over with someone else in [crosstalk]-- Mr. Simpson asked how many solar forms, solar projects, not solar panels that have been sold by Trina, but how many solar projects has Trina done? In the past? Ms. Berger replied 12, and 6 are fully operational. President Lavender Norris stated in the interest of time and the length of our agenda action items, what we'll do is take your information into consideration. Council will discuss and determine, and we'll look for you at our next meeting to make our decision.

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

Vice President Green discussed our minutes. I think that when we are-- this is where, I mean, we have to slow it down sometimes, and I'm going to say I'm guilty. Everybody just take their time, and if someone else is having the floor, let that one person finish up their statements before you start to speak. And that way it'll make it much easier for Ruthann to get the minutes.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens hearings on regular action items only.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items;

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Pension
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Troutman stated they all would have the same explanation except for the specific pension plan they pertain to. These are mandatory by Pennsylvania. There's an annual process that we go through. There's a format and a structure that we work with the actuary on, and so I haven't done the calculations. I've done review this is our pension expense for next year for budget purposes as required to be approved in September.

2. Receive and consider a motion 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Firemen's Pension Fund
Vice President Green made a motion to approve the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Firemen's Pension Fund; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Receive and consider a motion 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund
Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Receive and consider a motion to appoint Crystal Arnold for the term 2021–2024 and Tinera Turner-Green for the term 2021-2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Members
Ms. Allen made a motion to appoint Crystal Arnold for the term 2021–2024 and Tinera Turner-Green for the term 2021-2024 Parks and Recreation Commission Members; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0
5. Receive and consider a motion to promote Officer Sylvester Earle to Corporal
Moved to presentations as no action was required.
6. Receive and consider a motion to offer full-time employment to part-time Officer Jennifer Schreiber
Vice President Green made a motion to offer full time employment to part-time Officer Jennifer Schreiber; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

Chief Laufer explained the recommendation to backfill a position created by the retirement of Corporal Michael Raech, who retired on September the 3rd after a little over 20 years of service. And that is the vacancy that created the promotion opportunity for Corporal Earle to get promoted to corporal to fill a corporal supervisory position vacated by Corporal Raech, which then in turn creates an officer position to then backfill Officer Earle's position within the department. So, we are nominating part-time officer

Jennifer Schreiber. She's been with the department since January 7th of 2021, and we are submitting her before council as our recommendation to backfill that current vacancy. And filling that vacancy will keep us at our current complement of 27 sworn officers plus the Lieutenant and myself. So therefore, we are presenting her promotion from part-time to full-time tonight for consideration right now. And just as a note for council, her husband is a full-time firefighter in the City, so it will truly be a family affair serving the citizens here in Coatesville. Well, we'll bring her in in the next meeting with Judge Hines to give her a little full-time promotion ceremony and swear her in as a full-time officer. President Lavender Norris stated I just want to say thank you to her and let her know that we appreciate the service.

7. Receive and consider a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission List for Part-Time Officers
Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission list for part-time officers; Ms. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0

Chief Laufer explained the Civil Service Commission has signed off and approved our list for part-time officer after advertising and receiving five candidates that appeared for testing, four of which passed the written and oral tests, one of which did not. We have four candidates on that list from certified Civil Service Commission, and we're asking council to basically adopt that, and then we would then move onto 6.8 and receive and consider them for conditional employment. And with the promotion of Officer Schreiber from part-time to full-time, she was our last part-time officer. We have one additional that's currently in training. They're in their coach period, field training officer period from a prior civil service list. And so that leaves us-- if he successfully completes this training, he'll be the only part-time officer.

8. Receive and consider a motion to appoint conditional part-time patrol officers from the Civil Service Commission Eligibility List

President Lavender Norris said turning now to the appointment of part-time patrol officers, the Civil Service Commission has provided us with the certified list of applicants who have successfully completed the oral and written exams for appointment. The City has adopted and incorporated the civil service provisions of the Third-Class City Code for purposes of appointing Police officers. These civil service provisions require that the Chief of Police nominate a candidate from among the three highest ranked applicants on the eligibility list. These appointments are for the position of part-time Patrol Officer within the Coatesville Police Department. Any candidate who is eligible for veterans' preference under the City's civil service provisions, appearing on the list of three candidates must be selected. Candidates appointed tonight by council will be conditionally appointed subject to successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological evaluation. There are currently four vacancies for the position of part-time Patrol Officer within the City of Coatesville Police Department. The list of the four highest scoring candidates eligible for appointment to those four positions, ranked in order by score, for Council's consideration, are as follows: Joel K. Williams, Kyle V. Cassidy, Robert G. Keown, and Malik J. Williams. From this list, Chief Laufer has nominated Joel K. Williams, Kyle V. Cassidy, Robert G. Keown, and Malik J. Williams, for conditional appointment as a part-time Patrol Officers in the City Police Department.

Vice President Green made a motion to appoint Joel K. Williams, Kyle V. Cassidy, Robert G. Keown, and Malik J. Williams, as a part-time Patrol Officers in the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and psychological examination. Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson stated he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to Council. Since Council's last meeting, I and my office have worked on certain rights to know matters; communicated with outside council regarding certain litigation matters; reviewed a new Zoning Hearing Board application for 92 East Lincoln Highway and provided an opinion; communicated with the City's insurance carrier on certain insurance-related matters; attended a discussion on August 31 regarding a potential settlement; requested a continuance with the s Court in a matter that is currently on appeal in the Commonwealth Court; communicated with the Coatesville RDA Solicitor on a variety of matters; communicated with the City's engineer on a variety of matters, and provided and continue to provide legal advice to the City regarding development matters.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan thanked Council for allowing him to provide them with the report. Just a brief report on Business and Economic Development for in the City. We continue to move forward with a number of projects just as [inaudible] new development and just a lot of involvement in the community. Many of you have seen the increase of activity on weekends here in the City. Our parks are being filled with [inaudible] events [inaudible] chairperson for [inaudible]. But Ajené recently came off a very successful evening, Shakespeare in the Park and he is moving that particular initiative to other parts throughout the region. So please support the Parks and Recreation Department. Please support what Mr. Livingston is doing. Get out. Enjoy the parks. We have two great events that are coming up this weekend, and I'll announce those in a second. But again, this is just a wonderful kind of testament to the City moving forward with people getting behind a lot of the initiatives and activities that came in the City of Coatesville. In the future, you will see the Coatesville Administration planning to partner with a number of community organizations and regional organizations to implement a trades program, workforce development initiatives, and we are going to enhance our business development initiatives throughout the City. In the coming months, we will all like for you to watch for more Minority Business Expos. As a matter of fact, on September 22nd, over at some Midway Arches, there will be a Black Expo that's going to be produced by MCBC and CBNR. There will be hosing some of our local merchants. In addition, having a panel discussion of professionals from the banking industry, City of Coatesville, the CEO, the CEO and president of the African American Chamber of Commerce from Philadelphia, and surprise guests. In addition to that, we will continue our pop-up and shops. Hopefully, we'll be able to take them indoors this year. Working with Crosby Wood, who is the owner of the Army Navy Store and also working with Second Century Alliance, which recently launched an incubator program for some of our small and emergent businesses. Other training programs include, as I said earlier, on the trades. Ricky Campbell, this past weekend, had a very successful event with over 60 young men that came out and really assembled professionals in the plumbing industry, the building industry, electrician, fishing, outdoorsmen, and auto to expose these young men and women to the trade industry. It was a well-attended event. These are the type of events that we should get behind because it brings our youth closer to the possibilities of fulfilling their training. College is not for everyone, and there are programs out there, trades out there that a lot of men and women can make just as much money, if not more than those who have received a four-year education. These are some of the things that we are going to be partnering with to move the City forward and to stay tuned.

As I mentioned, I'm going to allow Mr. Simpson to say a few words, take a few minutes of my time to talk about the sixth annual Coatesville Vintage Invitational Grand Prix that will kick off this week. And then we're very excited to host for the second year, the cruise in night, Friday. And Mr. Simpson will take it away. Mr. Simpson announced this is our sixth year. It has grown expo-- whatever the word is.

This is hopefully the biggest investment year that we will have as far as activities and stuff and cars and sponsors. And it's a great day for the community to come out and embrace something that we don't normally see every day. In fact, you don't normally see it every day in any community. There's only one community in the whole US that has something similar to this, and that's the City of Pittsburgh. And they closed down one of their parks, Schenley Park, and they have an actual race. But there's no residential areas that they go through, so. But other than that, the activities that we put on, you can't go anywhere else in the US and find these. And we're finding out more and more people are telling us all the time. They tried it. One guy was here. He loved it. He lived in Colorado. They tried to do it in Colorado and just couldn't pull it together, but they tried to do it one other place. Yeah, we're excited about this year. We're hoping people want to come out and see us at the grand preview party. You'll get to see some of the cars up close, talk to some of the drivers. And that's great for good weather and a safe event. In addition to some of the activities that will occur that day, on Saturday the 17th, I'd like to thank our at-large Council member, Ms. Charrisse Allen, she is working with a number of our organizations to put on our first soap box derby. Thank you, Ms. Allen, putting that together. That derby will kick off at either 11:45 or 12:00 noon. They will start at the top of the hill, right at third and Martin Luther King, and the kids will be pushed first to pick up some speed at the soapbox Derby days. The steering wheel is a rope on them. Six cars were entered. There are lot of activities, beer garden, VIP areas, music and beautiful cars an motorcycles to watch the 2.2 mile course. DBS Sound will be providing the Sound System. Mr. Logan announced Friday night is cruise in night. And again, we mentioned Friday night is [inaudible]. In addition on Friday night, Friday also will close out our Sounds of Summer series that will be held at Abdala Park starting at 6:30. So if you're a fan of jazz or R&B music—Please come out to Abdala Park, Friday night at 6:30 pm. There will be dance, and a fish fry, so definitely come on out with an appetite as well. We want to thank out general sponsors. We have Pennsylvania American Water, Trulieve, Golberg Goldberg Maloney, Gawthrop Greenwood, Chester County OIC, ServPro, The Alliance of Health Equity, Barsz, Gowie Amon and Fultz, Carroll Engineering, the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum, DiMateo Financial Group, LTL Consultants, Pennoni and a host of others. Two other items.

Soon the RDA will unveil the long awaited Parking Study. The study will identify our parking assets and problems and potential opportunities to improve the City's parking efficiencies. As you all know, the City is growing. Parking is a premium in this community, and we needed to have a parking studies to identify our assets and the ways to address the community needs for parking.

And finally, as we kind of kick off our meeting this evening, we were informed that last night, Mr. Charles Huston passed away. And for those of you who didn't know Chip. Chip was a leader in the community. He worked for a number of years in Habitat for Humanity. He was a well-loved and wonderful man, mentor, and caring individual. He was proud of his family, his two daughters, the City of Coatesville, and his work here at City Hall and throughout the community. And we all know here and our staff, we will definitely miss him and we really appreciate you all sharing a moment of silence in remembrance of Chip Huston. Thank you.

3. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced the complete statistical package is in the packet tonight. Just a couple of key highlights. Our total number of 911 generated incident calls for service was 3,073 for the month of August, up just a little bit from July, where we saw 3,011. Also, I'm sorry, that was calls for service. Our 9-1-1 generated calls for service were 1,946 for August, up slightly from 1,833 for July. Some other areas of interest within the City for the Police department, we had four in Narcan saves for the month of August. We had twelve car seat checks, installations provided by our certified technicians. We had National Night Out where we had our water ice truck out throughout the City. We partnered with South

Coatesville and with Chief Pierce. They provided the water ice. No charge to the City for National Night Out. We started out in South Coatesville and made a bunch of stops down there for Chief Pierce and then we ended the night at Regency where we serviced quite a large crowd of children. So that was on August 2nd. We had Coffee with the Chief, which was out at the Marriott on August the third. Then we just had our latest Coffee with the Chief, which was hosted by Second Century Alliance, well attended. And then the next Coffee with the Chief is on October 5th and that is being hosted by the CYWA. So, we're excited that we've been able to begin our Coffee with the Chief program again now that we are resumed after COVID. So, we are going to continue right through the summer months and here we are planning the next one for October, which is hard to believe. We're talking about October right around the corner. So hopefully we'll see everybody at CYWA and have a good turnout there. And also, just a couple of other things that we've been involved with in the community for the month of August. We participated in the back-to-school book bag event at Scott 6th Grade Center on August 6th. We had the author involvement at Tech Nancy State Police's campuses on August the 14th. There were a number of children that were part of that program this year. We also had Officer involvement Salvation Army Summer Barbecue on August 20th, and we facilitated an officer in the hot seat at the Youth Center on August the 25th. That's just a couple of the key highlights. We were involved in a lot of other programs here in the City for the month of August. These were just a couple of key highlights there. I also would note that today is National Women Female Law Enforcement Day, recognizing our female officers. On our Facebook page, we've had highlighted, Jen Schreiber, who we just promoted tonight from part-time to full-time, and Felicia Delligatti Facebook page to just kind of recognize that appreciation for our women in law enforcement.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Viola Lechner

Thank you very much for giving me this, the opportunity to speak to you tonight. I am Viola Lechner, a retired social worker. I'm interested in learning about family caregivers, persons who care for older people in the home. Such roles are very, very important in our society and also can be very, very challenging. I know because I cared for my husband for 18 years and there were days when I thought, "Wow, can I really keep this up." So I'm interested in learning from caregivers in Coatesville and in other communities, what are your experiences like, particularly, what might be some unmet needs. Also, what might be resources, which I'm learning about, that they don't even know are available to them. So I would like to start running some focus groups in Coatesville, but I would need some help in reaching out to some organizations that you might know, religious organizations, other social service agencies, so that I can locate and bring together some family [inaudible] so that I would have a chance to learn more about their experiences, and most importantly, advocate it on/up the ladder on local state, federal level under each town. I've written up a one-page description that gives you a little bit more detail. It's about the particulars. With your permission, I'd like to give you each one, please.

Schenay Miles

Good evening. My name is Schenay Miles. I'm here regarding a complaint this evening regarding control to grills and who's at fault for the fires on East Lincoln Highway. Mr. Dubrow plays loud music all day and into the night, burns trash in his barbecue grill and uses a leaf blower to fan the flames. He harasses everyone in the neighborhood as well as the guests on a daily basis. The Police have been called numerous times and there's no consequences that are assigned to his behavior. As a result, he has an above-the-law mindset. He went as far as to put a sign on the tree in front of his home that says above the law and just this morning, I saw him harassing two minors that lives in the neighborhood. And he thinks he is above the law continues to harass. So I'm going to redirect my time to those whose children he was harassing.

Jennifer ?

I'm at 1249 East Lincoln Highway. I just wanted to reiterate some of the things that Shenay said. He burns firewood in the grill, and if you come outside, he'll blow smoke to your way and you get the ashes and everything. I have minor children that live with me. And my younger two are girls and he does this weird, creepy, laugh when they go outside. When they're walking from the bus he laughs at them. And they're 12 and 15. Just before we came here my son was out on the porch with one of my other neighbors and my grandson who's three and he comes outside and says, "Call the f-ing Police." No reason he just started. Saturday, the mailman was trying to deliver the mail, he cussed at the mailman who was just trying to deliver the mail. He hit my son's car He has parked on the street, so he tries to pin you in when you're out there and he hit my son's car, and he plays music from sun up to sun down, even if he's not there and its blaring music. He'll call my one son he calls his name. He's older but he calls him names like he's trying to antagonize him to get him to react to him. We can't even sit outside on our decks. None of us because he got smoke coming this way, he got music coming that way and it's just belligerent for no reason. Mrs. Hunt stated she has received a call-- I did receive a call from Miss Miles and she looked into-- it's clear to see that we have to get some kind of resolve to this because clearly, the residents are in danger as well as their children not able to come outside. I mean, we need to find a way to get this resolved.

Amanda Winkey

Ms. Winkey stated she wrote this, came hopping up here. I'm going to read this. Complaint. Subject Mr. Joel Dubrow. Complaint noise, smoke, and harassment. Dear City Council, I'm writing this letter with great anticipation that after hearing our cry for peace and that this meeting will bring forth a solution to our problem. It has been over three years and our neighbor, Mr. Joel Dubrow, whom I fed for over two years because he was living alone. I was just trying to be a good neighbor. Something Mr. Dubrow has yet to reciprocate. It pains me to have to stand here before you and talk negatively about my neighbor. But I fear it has come to that. My life at home has become a living nightmare, not just for me, but for my neighbors, because they are in direct line of fire. This man is torturing my elderly neighbor next door, Ms. Miles, and her son, the family up the street from his home. He burns wood in his grill and will put it right near Ms. Miles's windows and will burn it all day. Moreover, the smoke will permeate the air and it is hard to breathe. It smells like a house on fire, and we're all in it. We cannot even open our windows. He will deliberately play loud country music, which is not okay all day long from five in the morning to after six in the evening, especially on holidays, so that if we plan on cooking out and having guests, we will have to deal with his music. Moreover, when the music is blasting, he is not at home or even sitting on his front porch. He is up all night. And will park his truck on Lincoln Highway in front of his home with the lights on and playing loud music to disturb Ms. Miles, who lives right next door to him. He has disrespected these people with cursing and harassment daily. Moreover, he has started taunting my two grandchildren and their black playmates. My youngest grandchild has two white friends, a boy and a girl. Joel will be nice to them and dare my grandson and his black friends to come near his yard and will tell them that they better not let their ball touch his fence. And this is ongoing for three years, and it's getting worse. Something going to happen that's why I am up here. But he's going to do something, and these people cannot-- this son and his father cannot keep letting him curse their mother out, curse their wives out, mess with their children, and he does it all day, all night. You come home from work, the music is on. You don't any peace. You can't open your windows. Thank you.

Ajené Livingston

Mr. Livingston stated as we know, our City's Parks and Recreation Commission and Department stands right on the direct management of the Assistant City Manager. So I'd like to officially say when we have a few of our Parks and Recreation Commission to offer our deepest condolences to Linda and the girls, to Scott and the Houston family. That's what I signed up for. But I do want to comment on our neighbor. As Ms. Winkey

says, they're asking for help because he needs help. He suffers from some mental issues. He had a brain and head injury when he was younger, and he does live by himself-- so he doesn't really have anyone to really help keep them in balance. So, a lot of the things that he does to the neighbors within the neighborhood is because he is empowered with this ability to advocate the neighbors. So, I don't know what we can do about it, Chief, but I am a little - I can't think of the word - scared, I would say, to him because after he's interacted with, we still have to live with whatever his reactions are down the line. So I really feel like it needs to be handled with—some care. They know his condition, --so he doesn't really have anyone to really help keep them in balance. So a lot of the things that he does to the neighbors within the neighborhood is because he is empowered with this ability to advocate the neighbors. So I don't know what we can do about it, Chief, but I am a little - I can't think of the word - scared, I would say, to [inaudible] him because after he's interacted with, we still have to live with whatever his reactions are down the line. So I really feel like it needs to be handled with—

Michael Miller

Mr. Miller wished everyone a Good evening. I've been out the service for about five years. I've lived in this house. I live in 256 East Lincoln Highway. I've been living in this house for about four years. And from the moment I moved to this house, I've been harassed by this man. I didn't even know his name. He just came up to me, yelling at me about grass. "Cut your grass, cut your grass." And I didn't know how to take it. I was just kind of off the way. But there's things I just can't tolerate. When my son was crossing the street, he sped up, and that was he was going to hit my son. He sped up. My son asks me. He was like, "Why did he speed up? He's going to hit me." And I don't even know what to say to him. I don't know what's wrong with this I'm scared that he might do something, and then I'm going to have to do something to protect my family. My son or my wife-- he arrested my wife. Sometimes he'll play the music in the morning. It'll be like 2:00 o'clock in the morning, blasting his music. I don't know how he still does it-- 2:00 in the morning. People have to go to work. My kids got to go to school. I'm a few houses down, so I can't imagine. And then my wife, she went through a situation where her house burnt down. So anytime she smells any smoke and it comes through the air conditioner, it triggers her. I'm like, it's just the crazy man down the street burning trash or whatever he's burning. I don't know. I pray for him. I don't want nothing to happen to him. But it's going to come a time when he's going to mess with the wrong person. This world is crazy. So if you call the cops and the cops don't do anything, and if something actually happens to him-- I don't want to have to do something to him but I will to protect my family. I'm not going to let him. He sticks his middle finger up at me. When I'm getting out the car, he drives past. He beeps the horn. Every single time he sees me, he beeps the horn. And I don't want to give that excuse that he went through some type of accident, he got some type of mental disorder. I was in the service and I have things that I go through. But that doesn't give me the right to disrespect, threaten, make people feel uncomfortable because you got something that you're going through, Get some help, someone has to help you, but it doesn't give you the right to do that to people. It doesn't. He's harassed my mom, he harassed my boyfriend, he harassed my wife's cousin for no reason. So what do we want to do about this? There has to be something-- something needs to be done because I'm scared that I might have to do something if he threatens my family again. So I'ma leave it like that.

John Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez. I don't want to take too much of your time. I actually just signed up to back up Mr. Miller. The lady will come on up and talk. But I just want to say the man has no respect for authority so he keep harassing children. I don't know what we can do but the bottom line is something needs to be done because unfortunately, something terrible can happen. And he has nothing to but harass people. So I mean, enough is enough. All hours at night doesn't matter. So, thank you once again for letting me come and talk.

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I think you remember me. I came before. I don't know the neighbors, why they didn't come with me. They didn't know, but nothing had been happened. You transferred me to this gentleman, the Chief Police. The Police came but they have a limit to what they can do to the guy. I don't complain about them. I'm complaining about the City, about they allowed people to put recorders or radio outside their walls. I don't mind if he has it in his room, he has it outside and he keep it all. Now at night he lower it maybe. I don't know who did something, told him something. And even the [inaudible] of Pennsylvania. I'm going to go to court. They send me note to leave [inaudible] against him on the 29th. But the Police I'm not complaining about you guys. You have a limit. The Police come, turn off the radio when they leave you put it back. Something has to be done by the City hall not to allow people to leave their radio outside all the day and night. Why he has it outside? He has a home. I have a home. I have my radio inside. Maybe I couldn't [inaudible] five minutes I was like-- I [inaudible] to hear. It's not for everybody to hear it. And he has a bad language and I'm not going to take it no more to call me names. I'm the one close to him on this side and thank you.

Chief Laufer explained the Police are obviously aware of all the complaints. We're aware of the ongoing issues in the community there. We are very familiar with him. We're very familiar with his family. He does have TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury), which apparently causes these behaviors and he has been cited. He has been before Judge Hines and we work within the system that we have to try to deal with these behaviors. We can declare the property a nuisance property based upon the volume of complaints and then that would go back to the owner of the property. Mrs. Hunt stated his father need to take accountability of what he's doing, where he's doing it. And I don't know what we can do, what steps we can take to deem it where he's not capable of living on his own. So, I think we need some immediate intervention has to be done in order for our residents to have some peace. Ms. Miles has called me, I think twice, and I know the last time I didn't get back to you and I do apologize for that. But she's miserable. She's miserable just trying to live in her home, work, take care of her children. And thank you all for coming out and voicing your concerns. And just know that they're not falling on deaf ears. We'll do what we can. Like you said earlier, within our guidelines, within their guidelines, we'll do what we can. We won't settle for the harassment and stuff of that nature.

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

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson said first thing, I would like to offer my condolences to the Houston family. Chip was our Assistant City Manager. Prior to that, he was very involved in the community with Habitat for Humanity and also the school work, Habitat's school work down there. You could always go down there and he'd be in his office off to the side there, and stop in and say hello. And just a kind guy and gentle guy. And again, he's going to be missed in this community because him and his family have been part of this community for a very long time. I would like to thank everybody for coming out tonight. Thank you.

Mr. Folks stated once again to the entrepreneurs just keep them in your mind and your heart that storefronts are starting to fill up. I don't want you to miss out on Coatesville. Coatesville is moving, going in the right direction. I like that. To the residents down on 12, my prayers are with you. We will do something. Thank you for believing in our town. I remember Chip when he was at Habitat. I visited him a couple of time there. I am going to miss him. He was a good guy to his family and friends. Have a good night, thank you.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for coming out and for bringing your concerns. I just want you to know that we have a management team here at City hall that is not going to allow these things to continue. I am the Council representative for that area. As a Council, we have certain areas that we represent but we work together and we support each other, so we're going to continue. We have a Chief that takes these matters seriously and bringing it to him-- yes, he does. [crosstalk in audience]. I'm not going to go back and forth with you, so please be respectful. And as a whole, he does have the best interest of the safety of the City and he's going to do what he can along with City management to make sure we get this situation settled. There's been [inaudible] or the things that he can do. [inaudible] within his family to make sure he [inaudible] taken care of. [inaudible] from me personally, maybe that's your councilperson. I apologize to the residents, we will work together to do whatever we can to make it better. I wanted to also state our condolences and to the family of Chip Houston, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Logan, when you picked him as your assistant, you picked a winner and he complemented you well, and vice versa with him. And I felt your heart, when I was talking with you today, on what this loss means to you. But he was a man of great courage. He was a man of great stature, and he did so much to help build the City codes and to make things better. And even along with that, yesterday, we did a funeral for Mrs. Doris Spann, 100 years old. Proud to say, "She was my rock," and I wouldn't think a City manager along with federal councilpersons that came out to share in her home with celebrations of life. To me, this is a double whammy. We lost two great people in our community within a matter of five days, so pray for us as a City. Pray for us as a Council as we go through these times, but even then, know that we are here to serve and service you in the area that you may need. Fellow councilpersons, as always, it's good to be in your presence and, again, to our wonderful staff, I thank you for all that you do.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming out. Have a great night and get home safely.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out and I too, along with my colleagues, would like to extend my condolences to the Houston family, to his wife and his two daughters, and his extended family. I will continue to pray for them, that God will help his family through this difficult time because it's a great loss to us, so you know it's a greater loss to his wife and children. And to my neighbors up the street, for those of you that don't know me, I'm looking at some of you and I know you. I'm halfway from where you guys live. I'm very familiar with your name. Like you, there are times that I can have conversation with him, but then there are times that I cannot. I'm very confident within the realm of what they can do. What the Chief can do, he will do. And maybe it is a matter of what you said, Chief, having it declared as a nuisance. And maybe all of the neighbors that are directly there with him, maybe that can be done. I know you have a-- what would you call it, Chief? A private civil complaint? What is that called? When you go to the MJB and do it yourself, is that private? Chief stated Yeah. There would be no need to do that if-- long as everybody is willing to provide testimony in a criminal proceeding about whatever it is they're reporting. So, there'd be no need for that. MS. Al Amin said Okay, and so hopefully, all of that can get worked out. that can be a handful. And I just want to thank all of you guys for coming out and thank you for coming collectively together to show how many different neighbors that it does affect because I think that makes a difference than if it's just one person that comes. And I hope that everybody has a good night. And oh, Miss Amanda—you go girl. Everybody have a good night.

Vice President Green So glad that you did you all did come out this evening. This is very serious. And I pray that you all would be a little patient around them. The law enforcement can handle it. And I would hate to see a young man get yourself in any kind of trouble. And I know how hard it is, and that's why it's so imperative that a solution is found right away. I'll try to rectify the situation because it's scary. We wouldn't want to have you get yourself messed up because he's coming after your wife or after one of your children. So that's a normal reaction. So I'm so glad that you all collectively came out tonight to demonstrate and show how serious the severity of all of this. And I think they achieved this. Because I think that they'll come up

with a solution, who we need to contact. Because it appears at least some mental health is really involved. And you need to get some mental health people involved. But I do thank you, and I appreciate that. For the nice lady that came, I have some information I wanted to give you-- --that'll help you maybe in trying to gather the fact-finding and gather the information that you may need to start your books. So I will come and see you when we're done here. I just wanted to say we have the opportunity to honor such a wonderful woman in our community that lived to be 103 years old. Ms. Doris Ann lived to be 103, and she had done some really great things. She was an advocate for voting. She worked for St. Lawrence [inaudible] many years ago. But the biggest thing was in her community she saw a need. And she saw a need that people were food-deprived, and they needed soup kitchens. And she didn't have the wherewithal. She didn't have grants. She started this of her own volition, and that was 40 years ago. And in doing that, I think that that was the birth of all the food banks that we have, all the churches that are feeding. Because none of that was going on, but because this woman took the initiative from her home to start something like this, it came on that a need to see. And I've been so-- I felt good being there yesterday. I was so glad that we had the opportunity to rename part of Chestnut Street and North 10th Avenue after her, Doris Ann Boulevard. This is a legacy. You know we hear people saying legacy, legacy, legacy, that she truly left. I was honored to be there and to share. The other thing, we have a wonderful community event and I just wanted to give a shout-out to Ricky Campbell for all these efforts. He has each child partaking in all kinds of activities, things that could help them to possibly think of a career move that they may be interested in, a trade that they may be interested in, opening up their broadening their horizons to archery. It's not always about basketball and football. Our kids need to be introduced to new things. And I just want to commend him and every other entrepreneur, every other volunteer, every other person that was out there assisting our children. And last but not least, I was hard for me when I received this news received the news this morning. I remember I was excited, when I heard he was going to be part of our community. I have known Chip for many, many, many years. But when he came to our City, he was such a kind gentleman. He respected everyone. And because he respected and shown the respect, but he fought to the end. He showed his children, he showed his wife, he showed his men, he showed all of us his determination and his commitment, not just the cities, but to life. I just want everyone to know that, to me, this was a sad day to City hall. We want to make sure that we pray for his family, pray for his children, losing your father is hard. They meant everything to him. I just want to thank staff and just want to thank you all for coming out tonight and just continue to lift the City up. Thank you so much.

President Lavender Norris said I first will say thank you to you all for coming down and voicing your concerns. I feel and share your frustration. I am by no means telling you to do anything to this thing. But what I am telling you is I don't know that I could handle the right way, what's considered to be the right way. I don't know that I could do it. I will tell you that I'll be in prayer for you and him too. Because like I mentioned earlier, it's not. just you in danger, he's putting himself in danger and the consequences could be really bad either way. The best I can do for you is stay out of the Chief's way while they handle it and I'll keep you in prayer. I trust God. I'll ask God to cover your families. Outside of that, there's nothing I can do. But what I do know is prayer makes things happen. So, I'm going to by all means, cover you in prayer. With regard to Mr. Houston, I've known Mr. Houston for quite a while and in all honesty and transparency, we didn't get along for a long time. But once we got to know one another outside of perceptions, we became the best of friends. I could talk to Chip when I couldn't talk to anyone else because him and I were going through the same situation and he could understand where I was when everybody around me that cared and loved me couldn't understand. But he could, because he was going through the same thing. So, I'm saying all that to say I lost my friend, but I thank God for the time he had. And to his family, his wife and his daughters, his parents, Godspeed. God be with you. And I pray that you hear God's voice so he can lead you through. God bless you to our community. Thank you to our staff. God bless you. It's a heavy feeling, but I know who to

run to that can bear the burden. So y'all please be encouraged, even in your situation, know it doesn't have the last always. Joy comes in the morning. Trust God with it.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

This meeting will be conducted live and zoom.