



Meeting Minutes –
 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
 Council Chambers
 Monday, October 10, 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 September 26, 2022 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Al Amin questioned page 4 of 41 (PECO) for Olive Street, 8th and 10th Ave. Why is the monthly utility so high for that month? The monthly utilities for that park was higher than our public works for the entire month. Mr. Logan explained this is Abdala Park and the electricity was for Sounds of Summer. Ms. Al Amin inquired about page 21 of 41. There are return checks on there that I could not see the back up. One is vendor number 2301 for \$415, one is vendor number 2303 for \$333.97 and one is vendor number 2178 for \$1,672.83. Can you tell me what those three invoices are for? Mr. Troutman replied sure. These are for items purchased by outside entities for the Grand Prix. If you view on page 20, those are the invoices comprised of the checks. Ms. Al Amin asked if these individuals did things for the Grand Prix. Mr. Troutman replied yes, they are reimbursements.

Approval of Accounts Payables

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

Presentations

1. Cedarville Engineering – Gibbons Run Culvert

Mr. Turner handed out two documents to Council. One is a memorandum. That kind of gets us right into presentation which is why I'm here, kind of presenting what our proposal is. So, everybody knows that last year the flooding experience had several events, one on June 8th was a relatively localized event, and then there was another event on September 1st from IDA. We kind of have some working hypothesis as to what may or may not have transpired during those events. However, we don't have any data to be able to back that up. So, in theory, we're looking at the June 8th even as a relatively kind of localized event. It really kind of focused in on the Coatesville general area. It wasn't a wider like Chester County area. Whereas the IDA event was a more widespread. It covered the better part of the eastern region of Pennsylvania. By the amount of rain in this region, it really kind of overwhelmed the overall stream system as opposed to overwhelming just the city's infrastructure itself. So, to be able to kind of dig into that, we'll dig into the history a little bit of the Gibbons Run. So, Gibbons Run is a culvert that was constructed in 1919 actually that conveys Gibbons Run

from the eastern end of the city, somewhere around 8th and Merchant Street, all the way down to the steel mill just on the-- around Maple and 1st or so. This isn't a system that would be currently approved by the EPA today. It's really kind of a major concern with the EPA not from their view right now but it wouldn't be approved today because what happens with that water flow once that system becomes overwhelmed. So, kind of dig into that. There're a couple different ways we can evaluate the functionality of the system today. There's kind of the old school, what I'll say is we go out and we survey the entire system, we come up with our calculations, we put it into the computer program, and it takes a whole lot of manpower and a whole lot of time and effort to be able to put all of that together. Versus what we're proposing to do, which is really to go in and set centers up in seven key locations throughout the culvert system to be able to come in and analyze what the capacity of the system is. The benefit to that is that we don't have to worry about the functionality of every inlet. We get data in real time, so there's also some alert benefits to this system as well. We can set up key personnel to be able to receive alerts if there's a concern with flooding and things of that nature. It's really a much better system. We'll be able to start collecting data and have usable data that's a little bit raw within the course of about the first month. After that, it will take it a little bit of time to refine it.

However, overall, we'll be able to have workable data within the first month to be able to start preparing some kind of a conceptual plan, which is the second goal of this proposal. To really be able to put together some kind of a conceptual plan for the city to be able to pursue funding. Because in that memo that I just passed out, the second page of that memo notes the estimated cost for a potential rerouting option of Gibbon Run culvert. It's in the neighborhood of about \$10 million. There's a ton of engineering that's going to have to go into it. We don't know exactly what the best route is going to be. Part of this proposal is to try to figure out what that best route is, what utilities we can try to avoid. We try to keep costs down and make this as economically viable of a project as possible and kind of go from there and be able to chase grant funding. And then the final component of the proposal is to put together a video inspection of the system. I don't have any immediate concerns about the system. We've actually videoed the system in another location. For the age of it, being constructed in 1919, it looks absolutely phenomenal. I don't have any immediate concerns. However, it's always beneficial to get in there, to evaluate it, to make sure that there isn't any maintenance that the city might want to plan for in the future. Additionally, I'll note that when we did do the previous videoing, there were numerous that we observed crossing through, just kind of punched through one side and out the other. And that's [inaudible] that would reduce the capacity of that system. So that's something we would advise the city to look into further. That will all be documented as part of that video inspection. So really kind of my ask for this is that council would consider this at some point. It's a larger-value proposal. I believe we had talked about potentially using the city's parking funding for this, and we've submitted a grant to the county for Chester County ARPA funding. I believe Gibbons Rub culvert in the proposal was going to be a match to that grant request. So, at some point I want to-- take a look through everything. Let me know if you have any questions. James can provide my email contact to anybody who may not have it. I asked that council would consider it at some point in the hopefully not too distant future to get us moving along. So, with that, are there any questions? I think that was 3700 feet for the extension. so, our high-level proposal was to connect to it at 6th Avenue to try to reduce some of the water flow getting through the area of 5th and Olive and try to alleviate the system. Our thought on that is hopefully two prong. At worst, we capture a bunch of storm water on the east end of the city and take that a different

route. And then we can also connect into a trunk line that's coming from the north underneath 4th Avenue under pads with Amtrak and coming down between 4th and 5th. So, there's two opportunities there to be able to capture water in the vertical way from that meeting. As long as there's some form of a storm event, there's weather stations that will be set up that will be able to pull data from and correlate it to the sensor data. The one thing that I forgot that I handed out was that those are actually pictures of the events which we would be putting in at all those points. I would have to follow up on that, but I don't believe that we would need-- ideally, you have more rain. Ideally, we have more rain, but again, it's something that can get refined. So, we should have usable data within the first month. It may not be the best data to use and go forward with. It may take a couple of months to refine that data, but I wouldn't hesitate to recommend proceeding with it now, get everything installed. It's going to take us, I'm going to venture and guess at least 30 to 45 days to get everything in place. There's a lot of moving parts that have to kind of be implemented and installed and set up to make functional. I still think there's definitely some usable information there. And even if we don't get rainfall data, we should still be able to analyze the flow that's going through the system to figure out what the capacity of the system is. So, the capacity of the system wouldn't necessarily be based on the rainfall, it would be based on the volume. And if we can track how much that water level rises and falls. But even if it snows and it melts, we should be able to use that kind of data to correlate and figure out what the capacity of that fall is. I have not walked it because it is a confined space. So, the area that we looked, at was kind of general 5th and Olive area. From what we saw, like I said, it was in remarkably fantastic shape. From even the crew that came out and is certified, we looked at those pipes and create the logs, the [inaudible] logs. Even they were commenting on how fantastic the shape data is. So, it really is in good shape. The more critical thing, to me, would be looking at the lines that are crossing through it that we were seeing because I think we did probably four or five hundred linear feet and I think we came across at least five or six different utilities that had punched in one side and out the other. Some of them you could see pieces of clothing or cloth or something like that that were hanging off the side of it from where there had been a larger rain event that [inaudible] everything up and something got swept down in there and just was hanging there. Those would be of more concern to me than what I have seen so far of that [inaudible].

Mr. Folks asked why does Martin Luther King and 1st Avenue flood all the time? Mr. Turner explained because my favorite contractor has yet to go out and flush the lines. So that's not tied into-- that's not tied into the [crosstalk]-- Yeah, that's a separate system. So that system goes across and down to where Meco's construction trailer used to sit, and then it goes out into the park, and it goes under the railroad tracks. It needs to be flushed. They did flush it but it was not done correctly. We are working on getting them back out there.

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

There was no discussion on the minutes.

2. FEMA LOI

Mr. Logan explained this is kind of a piggyback on Mr. Turners presentation. As long as we did have storm events. The storms basically revealed was a breakdown for inefficiencies in our stormwater management system. So, we have reached out to FEMA and FEMA members of our Council if they were out they today, and if they arrive, most of their time is spent on

more residential than commercial. I did have an opportunity to speak with them recently on the phone. A few months back-- just to kind of back up a little bit, a few months back, we had submitted a letter of interest or a letter of intent to get it into an application or grant for an opportunity. There was some miscommunication and we learned that our letter remained [inaudible] but we did not successfully remain with them. So since then, we were able to reconnect with FEMA and we will be submitting a letter of interest for the second round so that we can apply to them to see if there's any funding available. That funding, if approved or accepted, will go toward the \$10 million proposal for an entire Stormwater Management System. In addition to that, again as Kyle mentioned, we already have a pending program in the works. Many of you saw that first round of ARPA has been allocated to several projects or many projects here in Chester County. The City has notified that our particular application is going to be reviewed in round two and we hope that we will be able to get some grant dollars that will go toward many future funding to address our Stormwater Management. Mr. Simpson stated I saw there was an award for Chester County to purchase DNA equipment for the County Detectives. They also [inaudible] hire two new police for the county. And there's also money in the Chester County Intermediate Unit for a reentry program. That doesn't have anything to do with it, though. Mr. Turner explained his understanding of the county ARPA is that they program two rounds of funding. So the first round of funding was specific to organizations, non-profits, things of that nature. The second round, they were focusing primarily on the infrastructure aspect. This was the first round was awarded to non-profit. Mr. Simpson stated I understand that, but some of the non-profits like the county-- so now the county is using funds from the ARPA money-- to subsidize their expenses so they don't have to raise taxes. And I know it's better for the county because we don't need to raise taxes to cover these additional expenses. We're just going to take the money from the ARPA, which is money that was earmarked for infrastructure. And I don't understand how CCIU and some of these other entities get money in the first round, where is the money for infrastructure. They got \$850,000. Mr. Simpson asked who makes the decisions for the funding. Vice President Green responded that they are private residents. Mr. Simpson stated that should be disclosed. Mr. Logan stated I think some of them are private residents but a number of them are county employees. Mr. Simpson stated but again, the main reason was infrastructure. And our county decided to fund some of their county programs, one, a DNA sheet for the County Detective Office. President Lavender-Norris stated some just got a one-time allotment of money. Like, okay, you're going to take the money and hire two people. You got that part but what about retaining them, keeping them? This money is not going to come every year. Vice President Green stated it was earmarked for non-profit and the second round is for infrastructure. They were [crosstalk] county offices that [crosstalk]. It was an earmark for every [crosstalk]. Mr. Simpson stated because of Hurricane IDA, am I correct? That was one of the big things that was behind this. And so for them to fund tax-bearing entities, giving them money-- like the IU, they get money from school districts. But why are they involved in a re-entry program that ARPA money is used to pay for? Mr. Logan stated I'll be more than happy to kind of give you all the county's data. When the money was allocated, there were-- in terms of the county, they had decided to-- what areas to fund, as mentioned, someone to the non-profit, a lot of that was considered part of ARPA. ARPA was also part of COVID, COVID-related. Again, I don't know what-- The DNA testing and COVID testing are two different things, I don't understand, I just-- I don't know what all went into how they decided to [crosstalk].

Mr. Simpson said I think maybe the City Council should draft a letter to the County Commissioners asking them for an explanation for why these funds were given to these organizations but that wasn't the purpose or-- I don't know, just me. Mr. Logan stated when you look at these documents, I don't think they really gave any municipality anything for any type of improvement [inaudible] nothing like that. All the organizations-- I mean, it was money from ARPA's. When you look at these documents, I don't think they really gave any municipality anything for any type of improvement nothing like that. All the organizations-- I mean, it was money from ARPA's. Vice President Green stated I agree with you. A lot of the county offices got funded. Mr. Simpson stated they got funded. I think we should be able to be satisfied and have a letter drafted up and [crosstalk]. Ask for an explanation why-- [crosstalk]. Mr. Simpson said ask them what was the original intent of the ARPA funding or ARPA money and why did county agencies get it and no other municipality got that kind of funding. I'm sure our police department could have used some new tech equipment and everything like that. I don't get it. And how do they put a citizen committee in charge of this? [crosstalk]. It should be from us to the Commissioners. Mr. Simpson asked the solicitor; can we legally do that? Mr. Jefferson replied yeah. There's nothing wrong with you submitting a letter to the county. They'll answer it accordingly or maybe not all. Mr. Simpson stated yeah. But at least it gets our feelings out there that we're wondering-- we're questioning the expenditures to some of the agencies understand. And that should have been in the budget and taxes should have been paid with taxpayers' money from the county. Just saying. Anybody else agree? [crosstalk]. Mr. Simpson made a motion that we send the county a letter asking them why these agencies were funded. AS per Roberts Rules of Order we can make a motion to at any time? Well, I made a motion. Is there any second? Mr. Folks seconded the motion. President Lavender Norris asked What's the motion, Mr. Simpson? Mr. Simpson replied that City Council send a letter to the Chester County Commissioners asking for an explanation on why other funds were used for county agencies and other agencies that had nothing to do with infrastructure such as CCIU. And maybe prior to sending that letter, we look at the funding-- The list. And pick out the ones that don't have anything to do with infrastructure. Mr. Jefferson asked if I'm understanding correctly, and this was just a discussion, I understand City Council doesn't like to amend the agenda too often. But maybe you're giving a general consensus to Mr. Logan to start drafting a letter based on the information that Ms. Lavender-Norris has in their possession in regards to kind of the ARPA funding spent by the county. If the letter comes back to you guys for a review. And then at that point, maybe to authorize the official action and review the letter, is that okay? Mr. Simpson stated I made a motion. At the beginning of the year we approved following the Roberts Rules of Order, so I need to know what takes precedence. Mr. Jefferson explained I think it would be out of order just because it's not technically on the agenda and just as it would not allowed by the Sunshine Act, there's certain times when we can amend the agenda. I'm not sure that this would qualify for that sort of emergency type event that is allowable in the Sunshine Act. President Lavender Norris explained in these events, it would not be necessary that we go through the motions and all that. We as Council just instruct Mr. Logan to submit a letter? Mr. Jefferson stated I think so. But do you want to see it before if it's sent or do you want to just trust Mr. Logan's judgment and authorize the letter. Vice President Green asked if Council needed to see the letter [crosstalk]. Mr. Simpson stated no, I trust his judgement. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Folks rescinded their motion. Council agreed to send a letter.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

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

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider, for first reading and advertisement an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the agreement of sale for the property located at 99 North 9th Avenue, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, UPI No. 16-6-307, that will extend the due diligence period to November 7, 2022 with the Coatesville Youth Initiative.

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve first reading and advertisement an Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the agreement of sale for the property located at 99 North 9th Avenue, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, UPI No. 16-6-307, that will extend the due diligence period to November 7, 2022 with the Coatesville Youth Initiative; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Jefferson explained this matter was before Council at the last meeting. It actually listed a different date that have been changed since the last meetings first reading. The due diligence period was originally extended to October 7th, 2022. It's now been extended to November 7th, 2022. They still have to close the bidding in six months of the signing of the agreement sale. The agreement sale was signed June 9th, 2022. So, they still have to get closing, signed, sealed, delivered, kind of hand over the keys by December. So, this whole extensive due diligence period-- like I said at the last council meeting, they are running into some supply chain slash-- essentially the cost of the project has increased significantly. I anticipate they will come before council to explain what they want to do. But essentially, the cost of the project has doubled, so they're doing what they can based on that. So, at last council meeting, Mrs. Simpson you asked a question, and it was, "Is that enough time?" It was October 7th. It has been asked to extend to November 7th.

2. Receive and consider a motion authorizing Natural Lands to prepare and submit a DCNR grant application, for Phase 1 Ash Park, requesting \$1.2 million in DCNR Funds on behalf of the City of Coatesville. Natural Lands will not be charging the City for their time preparing the application.

Vice President Green made a motion to authorize Natural Lands to prepare and submit a DCNR grant application, for Phase 1 Ash Park, requesting \$1.2 million in DCNR Funds on behalf of the City of Coatesville. Natural Lands will not be charging the City for their time preparing the application; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

If you turn to page one or the next few pages after the CYI commitment, you'll see that there's a resolution page in there. That's the resolution that will go to DCNR from the City of Coatesville for the Ash Park phase one project. This is a requirement based on a grant submission. So, it's a standard form that we sign. In addition to that, we also submit a letter with the application to DCNR that states the city's commitment to this application and the funding match, which in this case we had two items that we will use as a match. One is the Keystone Communities Grant in the amount of \$200,000. And also, a \$100,000 cash match held by the City of Coatesville and reserved for use in Phase 1 of the Ash Park Revitalization that would be confirmed prior to the submission of the application. So, these are the City's requirements as part of the grant application.

3. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing Application to the 2022 PECO Green Region Open Space Program Grant for the Abdala Park Project in the amount up to \$10,000.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing Application to the 2022 PECO Green Region Open Space Program Grant for the Abdala Park Project in the amount up to \$10,000; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan explained this is part of the PECO Green Region Open Space Program application process. For a number of years, the city council has submitted applications to the PECO Green Region in conjunction or I should say in part with the National Alliance, Cedarville, and other organizations to support the restoration and new developments that involve parks. This particular application which provides awards up to \$10,000, we designated to Abdala Park for Handicap Compliant areas. Cedarville has submitted a proposal for what that particular construction is going to cost. We will include that construction proposal in this grant application, again, knowing that the maximum of the award is 10,000. But we hope that we'll be able to leverage any grants that we receive for improving Abdala park to make it handicap compliant So that's what this grant submission's going to be. It is due on Wednesday and we look forward to submitting it by the grant application. Mr. Folks asked if it will include lighting also. Mr. Logan replied no, it does not.

4. Receive and consider a Resolution appointing Tax Collection Committee Delegates
Vice President Green made a motion to approve a Resolution appointing Tax Collection Committee Delegates; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

This is the annual request to authorize who is going to represent the city. Every municipality is part of this commission.

5. Receive and consider a motion authorizing advertisement of special meetings and work sessions for budget

Ms. Al Amin made a motion approve to approve advertisement of special meetings and work sessions for 2023 budget; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Troutman announced the first workshop is October 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close action items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Al Amin was not present for the vote.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he prepared a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council. Since council's last meeting, I drafted a potential zoning ordinance amendment. I revised an ordinance and an amendment to an agreement of sale. I communicated with insurance counsel regarding certain litigation matters and provided and continued to provide advice regarding certain land development matters. I communicated with opposing counsel regarding an appeal to the commonwealth court. I communicated with outside counsel regarding certain personnel matters. And finally, I attended the October Zoning amendment meeting.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced we're coming off a great summer. We had a lot of events. I just want to thank all of the residents for their participation, their support. We had a very successful Grand Prix this year. We had great Sounds of Summer events. This past weekend we had another car show that was sponsored by Jose Colon. So again, we hope that everyone enjoyed the summer. Also, we had an increase of activity in our parks thanks to our Parks and Recreation Commission, and so they plan on having even more next year for our residents here. In addition to the Green Region Grant and the DCNR grant, we will be submitting applications for the Train Station grant again. We're also working with the RDA on the [inaudible] again for three months now in relation to the submission. In addition to that, the RDA has also approved the parking study and we will be looking at the recommendations that came out of the study and the City and City Council will be doing that to see where our next steps are going to be. The last thing I have is just a question that some folks have asked. I think it started in our web site as, "When will the City have trick or treat." I think that's going to be October 31st, if I'm not mistaken from 5:00 to 8:00, or is that from 6:00 to 8:00? After [crosstalk] within Council, the time was set from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mr. Logan asked for the times to be posted on the City website and social media.

3. Public Affairs Representative

Mr. Miles announced he is the Public Affairs Representative here. Of course, most of the work that I do here is everything from media communications. Media communications to help kind of city leadership public policy. I also work closely with our City Manager and Administration to help coordinate and manage resident needs throughout the city. Pretty much serve as the liaison between City Hall and Council and the greater community. So updates. I have a briefing apparently to highlight the projects of the year. So, the first project that I'm about to mention is the National Fitness Campaign. Since COVID, has started to settle down a bit. We've been able to make some steady progress with this endeavor. We're still looking for a few sponsors to go forward with this project so that we can begin construction. If anyone has any recommendations, please feel free to reach out to us here at City Hall also have our engineer, Mr. Turner, setting up a drone survey for Abdala Park, which will essentially map up and determine the correct location for the Outdoor Fitness Center. Sometime this month, we should have the survey complete, hopefully. Once that's done, it will bring us one step closer to our goal of completing the first phase of redeveloping Abdala Park.

Okay. So while Seth and I have been making a few adjustments to the city's website, the best I can, we've been getting a bunch of community feedback concerning the design. Some are saying it's hard to navigate through and find the correct resources. So, I decided to reach out to our current web host, eNet Web Services, to get a website makeover, but I believe we can receive the best results through outsourcing and finding a professional web developer to create a more visually appealing and easy-to-use website for our community. To be able to look out for that, we could use the online tool called Upwork. That's what I mentioned earlier today. Upwork is basically a program where we could look for freelancers and different people who does web development and design. And to date, I received up to 30 proposals for that. So, there's a lot of people that's interested in it, but we want to make sure we get a great fit for that. The possibilities for that are looking pretty promising. Another item to discuss is a proposal for Cambria Housing Authority. They are seeking dedication from the City of

Coatesville since their current contract with Diamond Community Services is being canceled at the end of the next month. So, this is just a heads-up because I'm certain the HOA president will circle around with this issue again in the near future. Mr. Folks stated it's not finished up there. They can't dedicate that. There's so much work that's got to be done up there. And the roads ain't done. The-- I mean, curbs ain't done. Mr. Turner explained there is no request at the moment. More than likely, the request will come to Council at some point in the next year, at which point, we'll go out to the development and we'll do an inspection of the property to get a punch list for them to address. And they'll have to address that before Cedarville recommends this council accept that for dedication.

Mr. Miles sated last but not least, me and Mr. Logan had been planning roundtable discussions with nonprofit organizations across the city. As you all know, the City is certainly emerging as a more desirable place to live, work, and invest, but in spite of our efforts to revitalize the community, we are still faced with gaps in building relationships with the local nonprofit organizations. So, our objective in this area is to discuss and identify the economic impact that our nonprofits have on the city and to eliminate the reinvention of the wheel. Many of our NPOs have very similar revitalization initiatives, so it's our intention with that-- our intentions with that is to fill those gaps and collaborate as much as possible. I'll be keeping you all informed as we progress towards making this all a reality in our city. Vice President Green asked how much do you think the cost would to makeover the website. Mr. Miles explained people charge you could pretty much go from \$10 a hour all the way up to 100. But for the proposals that I have within the 30, the range was around roughly \$30 an hour. So you do the math depending on how [crosstalk]--

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced a complete packet with all of our statistics is included in the Council packet. I'm just touching on a few highlights, as I usually do. We responded to, for the month of September, 2,859 calls for service through Chester County 911 center, down from 3,073 for the month of August, and that's pretty consistent. Typically, we see that drop in total number of calls from 911. Kids are back in school, end of the summer. Everybody is involved in sports programs so on, so it's very typical for us to see that drop from August to September, which is a good thing for us and for the city. Total calls were-- I'm sorry. The numbers I gave you are total calls, including those calls received by our front desk. That's 2,859 to 3,073. The actual 911 center calls were 1,946 for August and dropped to 1,798 for September. So once again, stays consistent between the 911 calls and also the calls that we receive here on station.

A couple other statistics. Good to see we only had one Narcan save for the month of September. We were running a quite a few higher than that consistently for the first eight months of the year, so it's nice to see that drop. Hopefully, that trend will continue. We did do eight car seat checks and installations by our certified technicians to provide new car seats. This was off the national child safety week car seat check that was on September 22nd. So, we participated in that national car seat child safety week in which we did give away eight seats and also professional installation by our technicians. The Coffee with the Chief held on September 7th at Second Century Alliance was very well attended. The Coffee with the Chief was held at the CYWA on October 5, this past week, which was very well received, and had great conversation that was generated by a lot of the people who are in the CYWA program. So, we were happy to be there and to host that. Or to be hosted there. Just looking forward to

November, we will be at a 190 West Lincoln Highway, Sue Springsteen has graciously agreed to host us out there. At the 190 for Coffee with the Chief. That's the first Wednesday of November 7th. it's 8:30 to 10:00. And that will be in 213 building at 190 West Lincoln Highway.

And also, just a note, the 45 years of empowerment annual report for the Domestic Violence Center has just been recently been published, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. You might notice the purple ribbons. In town, there's some different events that we participate in. And in their annual report for 2021, we are featured prominently for the Lethality Assessment Program with several politicians. So, it's nice to see we take that billing with the-- with Lethality Assessment Program and our participation. And some nice pictures here, putting the city in a favorable light in the annual report, 2021. Along the same lines with October being the Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Amanda Winkey, be the Director of the program for Chester County was gracious enough to provide us with a cake from Bakers of Buffington, which those who might be familiar with that cake. Good for your waistline. it was delicious, and we certainly appreciated it. It was on our Facebook page. She just wanted to recognize the Police Department for their continued support of her program. We try to support her whenever we can. And then, you've equated any training for other police departments. We've had analysis, one of their main instructors for getting other police departments involved in the LAP program, the Legality Assessment Program, which seeks to identify those at risk for domestic violence particularly the risk factors are very high to make sure that they get into the program and receive the counseling and the other services they're offered to domestic violence. So it's nice to be recognized for that and certainly appreciated.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens hearings on non-agenda items only at this time.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearings in non-agenda items; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for coming out. Have good night.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Get home safe and have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for coming and spending the evening with us. I do just want to make one comment about how the [inaudible] this time of the year [inaudible] because of the danger that our children face when they go out. And for parents or grandparents, please be careful of the candy that your children is receiving. There's a new kind of candy which is nothing but a block of fentanyl. I'm not sure if you've seen it in the news but I have a picture of it if anybody wants to see it. So just be very, very careful of what your children or your grandchildren are receiving. And if by chance you don't want your children out on the street, I'm happy to say that our church 1st Baptist of Passtown is hosting a Halloween event immediately after school and children could come. Their parents can bring them straight to the school, there is a homework club from 4:00 to 5:00. And 5:00 to 6:00, there'll be dinner. From 6:00 to 7:30, it will be a Halloween costume parade, games, all

types of things for the children to do. And then each auxiliary of the church will have a table set up with treats. So, they would actually go trick or treating if it's not raining trick or treating will be out on the parking lot and if it's raining it will be in the basement of the church [inaudible]. I just wanted to encourage you to make sure that our kids are safe. Make sure they're safe and they're not being given this. Even then again, just don't take anything from people that you don't know. So I just wanted to share that. And again, I want to thank our staff for the great job that you do and just the few of my colleagues, thanks again. Have a good evening.

Mr. Folks piggybacked on how we did this summer. It was really great. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you for trusting us. Thank you. I mean that. Have a good night.

Mr. Simpson echoed the sentiments of everybody else. Thank you everybody for coming out. It seems weird not seeing a screen up there with all the faces {laughter} but thanks for coming out. Appreciate everything. And also, the third week of September next year 2023, Grand Prix Invitational Grand Prix.

Vice President Green stated I just wanted to say the same thing. Thank you everyone for coming out. There was a real nice event with Jose Colon going on in the city yesterday. They had car show and it was wonderful. There were over 80 cars. All kinds of vehicles. Very nice vehicles and organized very well. Very well attended. Just kudos to them for what they do in the city. And it's appreciated. Peter, I thank you for your invitation to your event. Looking forward to doing some things at the library. You guys have a brand-new board. Trying to rebuild the city. So we appreciate that and the event is on the 26th, is that correct? Thank you all and appreciate everyone and thank you all for coming out.

President Lavender Norris thanked everyone for coming out. Please consider our Boards and Commissions. There are still vacancies. And we need your assistance. So please consider it. I'm just grateful for my colleagues and staff here at the City. The progress of the City is certainly moving and our future's so bright. It's so bright. Thank you to all of you. Tell me your name again. Tinera, thank you for all the work you do with Parks and Rec. It's definitely noticeable and our community has been missing the activities that Parks and Rec now offer. So, thank you so much for stepping in and helping tow the line. Very much appreciate it. Thank you to all our staff, Mr. Jefferson. God bless you all.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.