

Council Present: Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwomen Charrisse Allen,

Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilwoman C. Arvilla Hunt,

Councilman Edward Simpson and Councilman Donald Folks

Council Absent: Council President Lavender Norris, Councilman Edward Simpson and

Councilman Donald Folks

Staff Present James Logan, City Manager; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor; Richard Troutman,

Finance Department; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Ruthann

Mowday, Recording Secretary

Vice President Green announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.

# **Public Hearing on Zoning Amendment**

Mr. Jefferson explained action item 6.1 is a motion to amend the zoning ordinance. Pursuant to the MPC, we have to have a public hearing regarding the amendment and the hearing prior to it. So this hearing, we've already done the first introduction for this proposed ordinance. We did the noticing requirements. The legal notices were published in the daily local news on November 7th, 2022 and November 14th, 2022. We noticed that it was published with proof of it on November 7th 22 and that's exhibit C-1. Exhibit C-2 is the notice of hearing that stated November 14th, 2022. Pursuant to the MPC, the proposed new ordinance amendment also had to go to the County Planning Commission. And the County Planning Commission provided a review letter dated November 23rd, 2022. And that's exhibit C-3. Exhibit C-4 is the claims copy of the proposed ordinance. Again, this proposed ordinance seeks to remove residential conversion use from the proposed county zoning coordinates. This process was already started a couple of years ago, and this ordinance just seeks to clean that up. So that's what we're doing with this event. And if anybody wishes to be heard they would have the opportunity at this time to address the council regarding the amendment.

Vice President Green made a motion to close the public hearing on Zoning Amendments; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

# **Approved Minutes**

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the November 14, 2022 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

# **Approval of Accounts Payables**

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-1. Ms. Al Amin was the dissenting vote.

Ms. Al Amin asked on page 9 of 51, inquiries number 13825. It was for a firearm purchase for Thompson. Did something happen with his previous firearm that he requires two new ones? Chief Laufer replied no. They are approved off-duty or detective-carry firearms, and he used his clothing allowance money to purchase them which is permissible. So that is using his allocated clothing allowance money to purchase the firearm. Ms. Al Amin stated okay. So what is the necessity for two

of them? Chief Laufer explained two different types of carry, two different guns. I don't want to get into specifics but size, concealability, things like that. So he chose to spend his clothing allowance money on firearms instead of what other guys might buy: flashlights, handcuffs, and gloves. He chose firearms. Ms. Al Amin said to carry two? Chief Laufer replied Not at the same time, no. Or he can. I mean it's permissible to carry two, but, yeah.

Ms. Al Amin asked Mr. Troutman and Mr. Logan. So there is, page 48 of 51, is the actual estimate invoice from Abba Service for almost \$40,000. And it says estimate. So, with an estimate that high, and the deposit required for this estimate is 30 grands, and then the balance was an \$9,950. Is this the only estimate we got for this amount of money for this job that went out for a bid? Mr. Troutman explained we actually went out for a couple of different prospects. One is this invoice that is for the heat in the public works building, there is no heat in the building. MS. Al Amin stated right, it says that. MR. Troutman stated right, and so it's considered an emergency. We had asked for three different vendors, and this was the one that was not only recommended from professionals but we had asked the [inaudible] would call it \$60,000 versus this 40,000. And so basically, it came down to it was the cheapest of the three alternatives, and we had a professional recommend this firm. And given the emergency, we needed to get heat into that building. Ms. Al Amin asked so, this isn't actually an estimate? It's an actual invoice? Mr. Troutman replied Yeah. It ended up being the invoice so that we could get the work started. Ms. Al Amin stated okay, so my question is, again, because of the amount of the money, why weren't the other two companies-- why wasn't that information shared with the council? Because this is certainly above the amount of money that the city manager can authorize without council. Mr. Logan explained because of the emergency nature and the alternative price [crosstalk]-- Ms. Al Amin said okay. So I mean, not to be disrespectful, the council members have emails. It could have been emailed to us. Mr. Logan replied Yeah. Totally. Again, we looked at three different vendors. We took the lowest bid. The guys actually haven't had heat down at the public works for a couple of years. And again, it's to the point where it hasn't been safe. We are looking to build a new public works facility for a number of years. There's been a heat furnace in there, and they've been really paying for the oil down there. Vice President Green stated there is a clause in the ordinance for emergencies, and we can read that clause off the charter here in the council. But looks like we want to place the \$60,000 but this one is the least at \$39,000. I think that having heaters or just putting heaters into public works is not a safe thing for us to do. I think that we needed to get it done professionally. And as Mr. Logan said, these can be transferred to the new one. Is that correct? Mr. Troutman replied and then also, we did share with everyone. We did share with the President and the Vice President. Ms. Al Amin replied, Well, that's it. If that's what we'll do, that's it. I'm going to say, with no disrespect. There are seven councilmen, and in order for something to pass or fail, it requires a quorum. And information is not always supposed to be shared with president or vice president, with no disrespect to you or [crosstalk]-- Mr. Logan replied no, not all. But there is an emergency clause. Ms. Al Amin stated but guess what? Mr. Logan has said there has been no heat for two years. So it should have already been fixed. And I'm just saying this amount of money, two years, it should've been addressed last year because nobody should have to work in a facility that doesn't have heat. Mr. Logan just said two years. And so-- Vice President Green stated I'm sorry, I don't recall about this. I'm not saying that it wasn't important to me, but I don't recall it. But again, there is an emergency clause. You said they did write that in here. They wrote here \$60,000. Is that what you said? So this appears to be the lowest. If you can leave and notate that in the charter, it could be emergency [inaudible] or whatever it is, where it states about an emergency. I don't think that they have gone without heat in the building for two years. They might have had a heater or a [inaudible] system in the building-- -- is what he's saying. Even if he did work in the winter with no heat, we were using an old furnace which went out, is my understanding. Is that right?

So if we can locate the emergency clause. It's either in this charter or [there in the?] city code. We can argue the point back and forth, but if they're cold, and we can't have them working with no heat at all. Mrs. Hunt asked for information on the emergency clause. So, in order to make sure that [crosstalk]--

Ms. Al Amin asked so we only have a quorum here with a three-to-one vote. That's not passed. Correct? Mr. Jefferson replied three is the majority. It passes. It's the majority of the quorum. Ms. Al Amin replied okay. I thought it had to be four. Vice President Green stated No, it has to be a quorum [crosstalk]--

### **Presentations**

1. Washies ALS presentation

Mr. Thornton explained basically here, the same situation as we were in September when you guys were looking for the [crosstalk] at the time to fulfill the needs. At this time, we are fully set up as far as staffing. We're not like February right now. Some of the other stuff that we're working with, we're trying to get finalization, a word I like to use, commitments and everything so we can complete the county regulations with resolutions, add updates with [inaudible] under policy. So I'm basically here, after going back a couple of different times with Mr. Logan and Mr. Troutman, to answer any questions you guys have as we're preparing to go into January 1st. Mr. Logan stated I think everyone is familiar with the proposal, everybody, to all that. Again, we've been using the service of Westwood which will end on December 31st. We thought it would be in our best interest to contract with the Washington Hose Company. Now that they're certified, now that they're just a block away, their response time will be a lot quicker, and our neighbor. And all of the services that Washington already provides in the city, this will be a continuation of our partnership. Mr. Thornton explained we are asking for \$50,000 in support. That is considerably less than, I believe, other proposals happening with the city situation. We've been on board to try to help as much as we can as an organization. We've been around for, what, 151 years from this year. We just want to continue to support the best we can, and we're looking to do an increase, as costs and everything goes up, over the five years. But we've worked with Mr. Logan and Mr. Troutman over that step-up over the next five. Mr. Thornton explained that the annual \$50,000 is in the Statement of Work. It's underneath the requirements that we put in there that we would do a step-up in there under the same bill [inaudible]. Pretty much we'll work with everything, but at least every year, we're looking at probably about 20%. Right now we're almost 33% of what we're going to do.

#### **Discussion Items**

1. Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

## **Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)**

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

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Regular Action Items**

- Receive and consider for Second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Chapter 224, zoning by deleting and removing all references to residential conversion and §224-61.A (Conversion of Uses) from Article IV, Residential Districts; Article V, Institutional Districts; Article VI, Commercial Districts; Article XII, Supplemental Use Regulations; Article XIII, Off-Street Parking and Loading; and Article XXIII, Mixed Use Development Overlay District; of the Coatesville Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended.
  - Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve Second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Chapter 224, zoning by deleting and removing all references to residential conversion and §224-61.A (Conversion of Uses) from Article IV, Residential Districts; Article V, Institutional Districts; Article VI, Commercial Districts; Article XII, Supplemental Use Regulations; Article XIII, Off-Street Parking and Loading; and Article XXIII, Mixed Use Development Overlay District; of the Coatesville Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
- 2. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Chapter 84, Contractor Licensing and Insurance Registration Certificate, by repealing and replacing, §84-3, License Fee; Expiration, of the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania

  Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Chapter 84, Contractor Licensing and Insurance Registration Certificate, by repealing and replacing, §84-3, License Fee; Expiration, of the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Hunt

seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Chapter 82, Building Construction, by repealing and replacing; §82-21. A, Vacant Premises Registration; Registration; Registration Fee Schedule; §82-21.C Vacant Premises Registration; Registration fee schedule; and §82-22, Time Restrictions for Vacant Buildings, of the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, as amended. Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Chapter 82, Building Construction, by repealing and replacing; §82-21. A, Vacant Premises Registration; Registration Fee Schedule; §82-21.C Vacant Premises Registration; Registration fee schedule; and §82-22, Time Restrictions for Vacant Buildings, of the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, as amended; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Jefferson explained this is the second reading for the premise's ordinance since the last council meeting. This was advertised in compliance with the charter. Essentially, this seeks to do three separate things and this was in coordination with Mr. Troutman's initiative to address vacant and essentially blighted properties. What you're primarily doing here is shortening the time that a vacant property can be vacant and boarded up. There's also a provision in here that essentially shifts the responsibility of registering a vacant property to the owner of the property so that the codes department is not the primary-- or primarily responsible for it. And it also shortens the time that the property may be boarded up and it's down to one year unless an extension of up to six months is approved by the [various departments?]. So you're shifting responsibility to the vacant property owner to register the

vacant property and then you're shortening how long the vacant property can actually be vacant. And if there's anything else that Mr. Troutman thinks I've missed, then I'll refer to him for that. But those are the primary things that this ordinance addresses. Ms. Al Amin inquired about the fee to register a vacant property. That is not addressed by this ordinance. Mr. Troutman yes. The fee schedule as what we presented to the council as of 2021, it hasn't been changed.

4. Receive and consider first reading and advertisement an Ordinance amending Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 203, Taxation, Article X, MU Mixed Used Development Overlay LERTA District, §§203-86.A and D, exemption schedule of the general laws of the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve first reading and advertisement an Ordinance amending Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 203, Taxation, Article X, MU Mixed Used Development Overlay LERTA District, §§203-86.A and D, exemption schedule of the general laws of the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Jefferson explained the city has a mixed-use overlay district. It's essentially a district that's co-extensive with the MU overlay district. LERTA is the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act. Currently, the schedule as listed is a 10-year schedule, and it depreciates 10% from 100% every single year. So, at year nine, it's 90%. Year eight, it's 80%, and so on. In coordination with Mr. Troutman, this proposed amendment will not change the physical boundaries of the LERTA district. It'll still remain the same, however, the schedule will change. And the schedule will change from a 10-year to a 5-year. And the portion that will be exempted essentially decreases 20% from 100%. So, every single year until the fifth year. And then at the fifth year, it'll-- what's the technical? It'll terminate. So that is the only sort of change that's being made. Again, it's just changing the number of years from 10 to 5, and it changes the amount that'll be exempt under the LERTA ordinance to essentially decrease at 20% increments every year. And again, this is the first introduction, so there will be a second for adoption. LERTA requires a hearing, so we'll do the same exact thing as we essentially did for the zoning ordinance. So we'll have another opportunity like this. This is not the end.

5. Receive and consider a motion to Grant Final Plan Approval of the Minor Subdivision Plan prepared by Blue Marsh Associates dated May 27, 2022, last revised November 18, 2022, for consolidation of four parcels into three parcels, subject to the condition that the items set forth in the Cedarville Engineering Group, LLC, letter, dated November 22, 2022, be resolved to the satisfaction of the City and City Engineer; and Grant waivers from Sections 197-10.A; 190-37.B(13); 197-37.B.(14); and 197-50 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

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Mr. Jefferson explained this is a lot consolidation. There are currently three parcels that are being merged into two. The ultimate plan overall encompasses four parcels, so that's why it's listed as four to three, but it's technically consolidating three to two. The fourth parcel is not being touched. And then just for clarification, the [Cedarville?] letters dated November 23rd that was my typo so I apologize. But again, this is the car wash that's located on the [southern?] highway. They're consolidating the blocks. This is going through the County Planning Commission. This is going through the City Planning Commission. Cedarville has issued its review letter dated November 23rd, 2022 regarding the requested waivers. There were four requested waivers. Essentially, Kyle Turner, the city's engineer agreed with all of them. And as a condition of number four, waiver number four, it'll be a condition that the applicant work with the city engineer to provide additional screening between the parking lots where UPI numbers 16-6, 316-6-301 that's all been discussed with the engineers; that's been discussed with the attorneys. Everybody understands and agrees. And then I'll issue the formal letter very shortly just memorializing this, but the intent is to sign the plans because they're doing their closing very shortly from my understanding. Mr. Gill explained on behalf of Coatesville Land Incorporated, yes, as Mr. Jefferson noted, this is a simple lot line adjustment for transactional purposes. Closing is imminent. So, we're asking city council to approve the subdivision to allow for the realignment of the lot lines and the conveyance of a portion of the property. Mr. Jefferson asked if I could add this request kindly that council members stick around after the meeting. We're going to attempt to have you sign the plans so that the plans can be filed with the Recorder of Deeds Office. The actual is included in your packet there. So if you want to turn to item 6.5 at exactly the last ordinance that was approved. It will be on your left-hand page. Mr. Gill explained the proposed lot. I can say that the proposed lot line is in a position that makes more sense. It's going to be located along a row of hedges that already kind of exist between the two properties. I have a bigger plan that's a little bit more readable. But the proposed lot lines going to be located along a road hedge between the building and the car wash. The same uses are going to remain. Nothing's changing in terms of the proposed uses. The only thing is that the lots are being consolidated from three down to two. The fourth lot that's been referenced is not being touched, so that's why it's four to three, but the only technical lots that are being touched are three to two. For transactional purposes. The change is necessary to allow for that lot line which-- do we have a larger version of the plan? Thanks very much. So right now, there are four parcels there, all rectangularly shaped. And so we got the car wash here and then these three lots. And right now, that existing lot line is down right here. That's being moved over to here. So now, the lot line between the car wash and the [inaudible] will remain the same. These parcels which are now three lots in total are being consolidated into two. And the new lot line between the uses will be coextensive with the landscape island.

6. Receive and consider an Ordinance authorizing a second amendment to the agreement of sale for the property located at 99 North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, UPI No. 16-6-307, that will extend closing to January 7, 2023 with the Coatesville Youth Initiative.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve an Ordinance authorizing a second amendment to the agreement of sale for the property located at 99 North 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, UPI No. 16-6-307, that will extend closing to January 7, 2023 with the Coatesville Youth Initiative; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Jefferson explained this is the property that's under the agreement of sale with the Coatesville Youth initiative. Originally, the plan was to tear down the entire existing structure that's located on the property and they'll build a new facility. Due to financial and other issues that have come up, supply chain issues, the cost of that proposal was actually double the original cost of the project. From what I'm being told. So, they're exploring other options, and we're already past the due diligence period, but long story short, they're going to request to council to seek to amend the agreement. As I kind of explained, the agreement originally contemplated tearing down the whole building. They're exploring options of not tearing down the whole building. So, they're going to present that. They just were not able to come to this council meeting. I expect that they will come to the next council meeting with a presentation about what they plan to do with that building so that council is informed because I can't feel comfortable saying that. So long story short, this extends the closing date from a date in December to a date in January of the new year.

7. Receive and consider a motion to set time by which a quorum must be present for the conduct of the Reorganizational Meeting scheduled January 3, 2023 to 6:00 pm.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve setting time by which a quorum must be present for the conduct of the Reorganizational Meeting scheduled January 3, 2023 to 6:00 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Ms. Allen made a motion to close action items; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

# Reports

#### 1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detail the attorney-client privilege report to the council. Since the council's last meeting, I've communicated and continued to communicate with outside council regarding certain litigation matters; drafted an ordinance regarding the proposed community center; had my office post notices to be advertised in compliance with the MPC and the city charter; continue to provide advice regarding land development matters, and I continue to work on the Commonwealth Court appeal matter.

#### 2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced this is just a brief report, I've provided to my lead executive updates on real estate and personnel updates to council members. In addition to that, I just wanted to share a few bullets with the city. On Saturday, we witnessed the opening of native Coatesville shops featuring five newly-emerging small business owners here in the city. This was a part of 2nd Century Alliance making a Coatesville initiative working with our small businesses here. That location, just so everyone knows, it's going to be opening for the holidays. It's 228 East Lincoln Highway by way of the former Coatesville Army Navy Store. The second item, we are also preparing for the Pavilion of Trees and tree lighting this Friday, December 2nd. And the following Friday, December 2nd, then we will be celebrating the Coatesville parade. That's going to be on December 3rd. I think starts at 10:00 AM. All council members, if you plan to march in the parade, they will be assembling everyone at 9:00 AM. Also, if you didn't know, that's the Record Kitchen + Bar opened last week to a good reception here in Coatesville. Lots of people and locals from the city as well as the surrounding area. The food, if you haven't had a chance to try the cuisine there, it's pizza, sandwiches, antipasto, and [inaudible]. In addition to the Record Kitchen + Bar opening,

adjacent to them is the Coatesville Splitting Edge. That's the axe-throwing organizational company. They will be opening on December 9th, just in time for the holidays. And then the last item is just an update on the audio and video equipment. We talked about it in this room. Also, with the executive room, we need a command center. And so, they are looking at quotes for that. And I will keep you abreast on that as we move forward. That's it for my report.

# 3. Finance Department

Mr. Troutman announced the finance report refers to the standards of circle, square report. The highlight is through October. There was slight change in the general fund, so we're still trying to be on budget for year-end with two months remaining. And also a reminder that December 5th will be a public hearing regarding the 2023 budget. That will start at 6:30.

# **Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)**

### Ron Suber

Mr. Suber stated there's a lot to say. I only got three minutes. And my biggest thing when I come in here to all these meetings, and I keep coming and keep coming. I still don't like how you all did Dereck Morgan. To me, the community doesn't even know. They think that he's still a part of them. The [inaudible] still something up there. But I don't want to make my time go so fast. But I will say to the council, you all let Crosby get away with too much. He own this city now. We're under gentrification. If you can't afford to live here, they're pushing us out of here. Everything Crosby, you all give it to him. What you all should give to him, you all should give the feds to him. Let him be investigated because he is corrupted. We had a private investigator look into some things and we see corruption here. And you all give him everything. This is Crosby city and this is Crosby city council because you all allow him. When I say, "You all", I'm not speaking of all of you all. Some of you all. You all allow him to do whatever he wants and y'all give him yes to everything. He waives fees. He do everything. You all do everything for him. How many black people gets to open up businesses and clothes stores? How many? It doesn't happen. This is what I'm saying. You all don't have to answer right now, but you all giving Crosby everything. Everything he wants. He need to be investigated by the feds, and plus the whole city council, and the whole city need to be investigated. There's a lot of corruption going on in here. Especially when we're talking about a lot of buildings and stuff like that. We don't even got a Codes department. We have one but we don't got no one who do big contract jobs and say, "You can do this. This is what you're paid." Everything is giving way to these contractors and stuff. It's sad. The way you all are supposed to represent our city, you all are supposed to represent our community, and you all are failing on that. There's something that needs to be done. And I think you all should vote on having an investigation, getting people come in here and investigate. The District Attorney need to come, and the FBI need to come and investigate Crosby for whatever he's doing. And he's doing a lot. He owns the whole [inaudible]. And you don't even give no questions about it. No, you say, "Crosby, here you can do this. Okay, you can do this." And I don't like what you did to Derrick Morgan. To you city manager, is there any record for why you all kicked Derrick out of the City? You all have anything on record? I'm talking to you, sir. Mr. Logan stated I understand that. And I'd love to talk to you after this meeting or [crosstalk]-- Mr. Suber stated I need to have it on record. Do you all have anything on record why Derrick is not a part of that project, that Crosby snatched from him, and you all gave it to him? Mr. Logan said once again, I would love to talk to you after this meeting. Mr. Logan stated I understand that. And I'd love to talk to you after this meeting or [crosstalk]-- Mr. Suber stated I need to have it on record. Do you all have anything on record why Derrick is not a part of that project, that Crosby snatched from him, and you

all gave it to him? Mr. Logan said once again, I would love to talk to you after this meeting. Vice President Green stated you're asking questions that there's no answers for what you're saying because what you're saying is not true. Mr. Suber stated but you should have it on record. Mr. Suber stated It is true. Why is not Derrick is not part of the project anymore? [crosstalk]-- Well, I'm asking you as a council. We ain't going to argue here. You know what the sad thing is all [crosstalk]-- being prejudice. Come here and do anything they want to do in Coatesville. Vice President Green stated but you do know us very well. You never ever come to me and ask me not one thing. You come to this podium with things that's not true. Mr. Suber stated That's my job. To come here and to have it on record. Vice President Green stated They're not true though. Mr. Suber stated Yeah. What y'all did to Derrick was wrong and y'all need an investigation. [crosstalk] I'm not done but I'll be back. [crosstalk] If I've got three minutes, I'll take it to the streets. Crosby need to be investigated. Thank you.

# Bridget Dudley & Dennis Dantzler

Ms. Dudley stated first, I'll be quick, we can speak at your public hearing I guess you called it. This one question that--- The initial question that we had is, "Will our LERTA document and application be honored?" Because we submitted it when you guys were first starting your LERTA program, and it was under the 10-year, 10 years at 10% decrease. But now you're going to be changing and going to a 5-year, 20%. So we want to know, "Will you honor what--" You don't have to necessarily right now if you guys need to talk about that and figure that out, but that's really what our question was about that. And if you do have a date for when your next hearing will be, so if [crosstalk]? MR. Jefferson stated the hearing is at the next council meeting. Our application is submitted. We submitted it awhile ago. Mr. Dantzler wanted to thank you guys for explaining some of the things that are part of the action to us sitting out here. Thank you for taking the time to say it to us. Mr. Logan thanked Ms. Dudley and Mr. Dantzler for being a Black-owned business opening in the City of Coatesville.

Ms. Allen made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

### **Council Comments**

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. Good to see everybody. I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and looking forward to Christmas Eve. And you have a good night and God bless you. And we'll see you next time.

Ms. Allen thanked everybody for coming out. I hope you enjoyed your holiday with your family and friends. Stay safe and healthy.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. And then, Mr. Jefferson, if you please email all of us on what the charter says on emergencies and if there's a gap on the dollar amount. And if you could also indicate for all the council but I especially want to know where in the charter does it specify that issues involving the city only need to be discussed with the president and vice president? One would think that all of the council should be informed when things-- if it's nothing more than transparency and keeping us all on the same page. Because, I mean, there's seven of us on the

council. I don't know how two are informed and not all seven. And so I'd like to see where that's written in the charter. And I hope everybody that celebrates, celebrated it and enjoyed Thanksgiving. And for those that like parades, I hope you'll come out to the parade on Saturday. It's usually a very, very, very nice parade. And make sure you-- Axe to Grind is open. The Record restaurant. And I have not been myself but some people have been and they said that the food is really, really wonderful. I have a new grandbaby, so that's all I can see, the grandbaby. And, oh, that's right, you've become family. There's a new family member. Safe travels.

Vice President Green said I'm so sorry because-- Ms. Al Amin, I don't really recall being discussed about-- I don't think that I was-- the computer system was discussed really, but I do know that there is an emergency situation. [inaudible]. I'm just excited I had the opportunity to go to the Record Kitchen and it's very nice. That whole corner from the nail salon, the Record Kitchen, the Axe to Grind made me think I was somewhere else. Just really, really nice. And I say that to say Coatesville is rising. Changes have so far been taking place. I'm so anxious for you guys and I can't wait for your place to open. And then we missed the boat to have a [inaudible] right there on Main Street. So I know you guys are diligently working. And we're just excited and can't wait for that. A lot of interest there tonight and I just want our residents to know that as council members-- there's a lot that goes on. And I tell you that we don't just make decisions willy-nilly. I just wish that if there were questions or things you didn't understand that you'd come and find out, you can't just pop up at one council meeting and say, "Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah." Because it's just not that easy. It's just not that simple. So I'm just excited and grateful for everything that is going on in the city. I applaud my colleagues for making hard decisions and good decisions, decisions that are about moving the city of Coatesville forward. We should have what every other community has. And when I hear such negative things like that, it upsets me because we're entitled to have and to do and to build our community like everyone else. So I'm just grateful and thankful. And I appreciate everyone who came out tonight. And see that you have a safe trip home. Thank you so much.

## Adjournment

Ms. Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-