



Minutes

City of Coatesville

Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA

Council Chambers

Monday, May 22, 2023

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

Council Absent:

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

President Lavender Norris announced 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 May 8, 2023 meeting minutes; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

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

Presentations

1. Natural Lands Trust/Ash Park

Ms. Hutchinson said it is nice to see you all. Sorry, I'm not there in person, but I appreciate James telling me I could save the gas money. I have to say congratulations. I think when we put together the Ash Park master plan, we told you you'd be very lucky if within three to five years you had enough funding for phase one. And you've already raised \$2.9 million, unheard of. And I know that that places a little extra responsibility and burden on James Logan and Rich Troutman, so I'd like to acknowledge all the work they're putting into this now and in the future. We're at an important stage because before the construction can begin, the city needs to hire an engineer, and that has to go through a formal RFP process. There's state and federal money involved here and the dollar amount is high. So, there's an RFP that you're solicitor has reviewed and approved, and that RFP would include construction drawings sealed by an engineer. The city will need NPDES permit that's issued by the department of environmental protection. Once the permit's submitted, they have 90 days to review it, and they take 89 or 90 of those 90 days. There would be a bid manual put together so you could go to bid on the actual construction, and then that engineering firm would help conduct the bid meeting and review the bids and, finally, they provide construction observation. So, the package is ready to go. It could be advertised and available Wednesday. Questions would be due to the city by June 6th, the city, with help from Natural Lands and I believe Colleen, would respond by June 14th and the package for engineering services would be due June 21st. So that consultant would then pull together the drawings, the construction documents over the summer, finish the permitting, and hopefully you could bid the actual park

reconstruction before year end. We still don't know the exact timing of that federal \$1 million grant you received from Representative Houlihan and the appropriations committee. We're a little concerned that that has a very short time frame, so we're trying to move ahead with this as efficiently as possible and still meet all the grant requirements. And I can attempt to answer questions, and maybe other people in the room can as well.

There were no questions at this time.

Discussion Items

1. Vision Partnership Program Zoning Ordinance

Vice President Green stated I have a question about that. So, the questions that we have or the indecisiveness that we have on certain buildings, will they be addressed before we move on that, or are we going to vote on that, excluding the ones that [inaudible]? Mr. Logan stated can we back up a little bit? In your packet, there's a side-by-side that you requested, Councilwoman, but because there was a question in reference to the heights of buildings. If you look on page, up to five is good. Five ends at the question. I'll tell you the side-by-side there, and I see Tracey just walked in, and so she can provide some additional context for this. I think it was a question about the height, which is on the left side. You have the current height and then you have a proposed as you can see are basically the same, and what we were trying to determine was if the developer chooses to go above the proposed height or prior height, would that developer need to come to council for approval? And I think that's what was kind of the question they want us to have answered. Is that correct? Vice President Green replied yeah, you heard that right. Tracey? Ms. Franey wished everyone a good evening. I'm sorry, I did not hear all of it. You're asking about just-- you just want me to go through the side-by-side, or? Okay. Was there one in particular, or you just want to start at the top? Vice President Green asked about the height of the building. If the developer were to come and were to be building additional height, would they come to council or would that be a zoning hearing? Ms. Franey explained they would come to council by way of a conditional use. The current-- excuse me, the current ordinance just said, "Come to council for permission." And some of them, we put a little bit of conditions in there, but the other one was just come to council for a conditional use formal application process. And then council would decide if-- so each one was a little bit different, but I believe all three sections that we were looking at-- excuse me, the second two we were looking at, which I believe is TND and SPD. Give me on second. I have to [inaudible]. SPD is last one, 101. The second to last on the second page, 98, is TND. In those two, which are basically downtown areas, how we set it up was that it used to be just maximum height for principal buildings would be 250 feet. Anybody could come in and just build a building that high if they had all their other permits in order. So what we did was we said that the maximum height for principal buildings in the TND, excuse me, section 224-18, we said two stories or 20-feet minimum for all principal buildings, maximum height of 50 feet, and then the maximum height for the principal buildings could be raised if allowed a conditional use permit to a maximum of 250 feet high, which would then give City Council the opportunity to provide conditions, whether it's-- a building that is all the same dimension going all the way up for 200 feet is vastly different than a building who maybe goes up 10 floors, steps back a little, goes up and steps back. It gives City Council the chance to set conditions to make sure that the buildings that are built down here are what city council wants to build and not whatever everybody wants to build. Then the SPD one is the same thing, minimum of 20 feet, maximum of 50 feet or could go up to 250 feet with council approval. And this one specifically says that anything taller than 50 feet, you had to have

consider a setback of the first floors. Again, just to-- I don't have any visual way to really explain it. I'm so sorry. A building that has 250 feet of the exact same footprint all the way up is more imposing and maybe even less pleasing to the eye than say a building who goes up a little bit steps back and has a tiered artifice, I guess is what you call it. All we did was we just wrote it to give the governing body the ability to make those final decisions on what taller buildings the city would like. A story is anywhere from 12 to 15 feet a piece, generally. It could be as few as 25 stories, but I seriously doubt it. 10's kind of a short ceiling, but 15 stories, so a pretty tall building. And we were trying to see what was the tallest building in the city, and we guesstimated it at about 50 to 60, 75 feet, maybe. And I think I'm looking at it, this one right here that's like an apartment building, seems to have 5 or 6 or 7 stories, but. So this would be significantly taller than that.

President Lavender Norris asked so the minimum, you said, is 20? Ms. Franey replied and 2 stories. And that's [inaudible]. President Lavender Norris stated well, they're down by the bank where the steakhouse is built, there is a single-story building. Ms. Franey asked is it 20 feet tall? So that's why it's kind of written like this, so it would have to be 20 feet or 2 stories. I don't know if you—Vice President Green said we need to make sure that we're covering all of the bases because we found ourself in a dilemma when we were doing these ordinances before, not changing everything that needed to be changed and we wound up in court So we need to make sure-- we, first, want to introduce something like that, that we're looking at what we actually have, making the necessary changes. Ms. Franey said and the building that you're referencing, I'm assuming that's a new build that hasn't been built yet? President Lavender Norris replied no, no, no, it's-- what used to be there? The water authority used to be there. Vice President Greens said yeah, it's in between the bank. The little-- what's the word? Ms. Franey replied so this would be any new building that is built. So, a new building that is built-- say you have an 18-foot tall building. That's considered an existing nonconformance and still makes it a legal building as far as zoning is concerned. Vice President Green stated but we couldn't build another one like that. Ms. Franey replied exactly. They'd have to build a 20-foot tall building, or seek a variance and that sort of thing. Mr. Jefferson clarified these are the overlay districts, so they're still a base zoning district. Ms. Franey said yes. They're still a base zoning district. And we weren't touching the base zoning districts. So if I told you what the base zoning said, I'd be making it up at this point because I don't-- Mr. Jefferson stated I just seek clarification. Our next step, would you like Cedarville Engineering and my office to finalize the proposed zoning ordinance amendments to get them ready for the process that begins zoning ordinance amendment? You're going to have a hearing. It'll have to be noticed and all of that fun stuff. There are still requirements that have to go out, but would you like Cedarville and myself to get that in order so that you can start that process? Vice President Green asked was there any other one-- did anybody have any question at this point? There were no questions at this time. Mr. Jefferson stated If that's the case, I'll keep the ball rolling and work with Cedarville to get this moving forward.

Mr. Logan stated so we have another item that didn't make it on the agenda. This one's fairly simple. It was a couple of questions that were asked of me at the last few events that we've had. We have a food truck ordinance that's been in place for a number of years now, but we are starting to see companies that have a truck and a grill. And some of the owners of those grills are requesting that we treat them like a food truck, and I kind of wanted to bring it to your attention to see what your feelings were on that. Certainly, I want to kind of hear what the Chief's feeling is because I think it can be a safety issue because some of these trucks,

they either detach them from-- the grills, detach from the truck or sometimes the truck stays with it. But I guess the more important question is, should we or do we want to treat grills alone? President Lavender Norris stated I think they're different. Vice President Green said and it's being transported to a site. Are you talking like the-- one that they had at First Fridays? Mr. Logan replied right. Vice President Green stated I think they're different than a-- that's different than a-- they're just being transported by like a pickup or something. That's not a food truck. Mr. Folks asked the food truck pays, does the grillers pay? Mr. Logan said they all pay. Mr. Folks asked you're trying to make them like a food truck or you want to keep them different?

Mr. Logan explained I mean, they posed a question. I have been asked by a lot individuals who own grills that are attached to their trucks, why can't they be counted like a food truck? Mr. Folks said Well, if it's attached to your truck, then it's a food truck. If it could be detached-- We have a food truck ordinance that outlines what a food truck. Vice President Green said but the food truck, they have other laws that they have to provide-- they have higher fees that they have to pay because it's a-- they're a food truck everywhere they go, so they have to pay and they have to have a different type of certification from the board of health, and they pay a fee to the state to be a food truck. I mean, it's a lot more. It's not just about us doing it for them. They have to be in compliance with the rest of the food truck, not just in the city, for the state, for the county. Mrs. Hunt asked if they are selling food from the truck and the grill? Mr. Logan replied no, it's just from the grill. Mrs. Hunt asked so, the truck is actually transporting the grill. Ms. Allen explained with a food truck, there are certain regulations. In a food truck you don't have to worry about the whole sanitary thing because in a food truck, you have to have the sinks and everything. But on just a grill on the back of a truck, where are they washing our stuff, what are they doing? Vice President Green said that's what I'm saying, it's a different type of [crosstalk].

Chief Laufer explained just from a public safety standpoint, it's off the roadway in the gazebo cut on a First Fridays or something like that, it's really not police matter. We just would have an issue if the grill was left in the highway in a parking stall or something like that. A food truck is usually licensed, insured, inspected, registered-- Up to code. --and it can be on the street, whereas grill, there's no reflectors required, lighting, things like that. We would just say from a public safety standpoint, not on the street, but if it's off the street in a park or something like that, then it's really not a police matter. Vice President Green said and plus, it's enclosed if it's in a-- the grill is not exposed. In a food truck, it's enclosed. President Lavender Norris asked the firemen, about the safety matter of a grill, and the distinction with regards to safety? Mr. Sly explained the food trucks, some which have the grill that you have sort of a suppression system required in a truck, but if it's just an outdoor grill it [inaudible] suppression system built in like your [inaudible] back door. Mr. Logan stated it sounds like not to add grills to the food truck ordinance.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa wished Council a good evening. My name is Fran Scamuffa. I'm here tonight to express an interest in being appointed as the interim councilmember for Ward 1, a citizen support position in City of Coatesville. I've lived in the West End since 2008, I grew up on 6th avenue in Coatesville. I feel as though I could bring a fresh look to the table. I've been involved with several committees, such as zoning hearing board, vacant property, and currently civil service commission.

Back in 2013, I was an intricate part, I feel, in getting the trash bill problem-- and you will remember that going on [inaudible]. Years prior, there was mishandling and so forth, and it was making some hardships in some of our-- many of those things. Some of the committees that are in place are inactive at this time. It would be nice to see some of these inactive committees go back to use. They're needed here. There are pressing issues facing the city, and I want to be part of the solution. There's a limited amount of money with which to fund services, and we need to examine the expenditures very carefully. Citizens need to have confidence that their needs, including housing, safety, jobs, taxes, and education are met. I've lived and worked in the area and nearby all my life. I attended local schools. I'm a member of the graduating class of '88 here at Coatesville. I raised both of my children here. They're both Coatesville graduates. I want the city to thrive and continue to be a wonderful place, that was very important. I guess, lastly, I'm not going to lie, I don't have a formal resume. I'll just put it out there. I'm just a regular citizen, like anybody else. And lastly, I just want to thank everybody that voted. I don't know who to thank or whatever at the polls at the primary home Tuesday that actually took the time to write my name in. It was a little bit shocking, and I was very honored. So I do want to thank those anonymous voters who did that. If appointed interim councilwoman and then elected in November, I will make every effort to do my very best to serve you all well and do my best to listen and be with you. Thank you to the voter's and council's consideration for the interim seat.

Jon Kasitz

Hi, my name is John Kasitz. I do not have any prepared remarks here, and you're only giving me three minutes, so. That's good for you guys, and for me too. I also like to express my interest in filling the interim First Ward city council position. I would like to fill the interim role, and if it feels like a good fit for me-- if chosen, obviously, if it is a good fit for me and I can balance it with the rest of my life, I would then run for the full-time position in the fall, but certainly not make the decision now, not knowing really what I'm doing for myself into. I have provided some information to James. He probably shared with you guys, and I don't have a script here or anything of that nature. As means of introduction, what might be helpful-- as I've been thinking about this, it was kind of some hard questions to ask-- to answer rather. The team asked me kind of why do I want to spend a lot of volunteer time in the upcoming future to be part of this group and to be more involved in local government? I came to Coatesville about 16 years ago, very naive, very full of spit and vinegar thinking that I was going to save the world, do all this great stuff. And frankly, realized that I did not know anything about Coatesville. I was still a young man, not married, relatively early in my career. I started off with the Redevelopment Authority Board for a couple of years, and then I guess just life got really busy, but also realized that, again, I didn't really even know the community, didn't have a lot of relationships in the community. So, I kind of took a time out on public service, if you will, for about 14 or so years after resigning from the Authority. And when opportunity came back up with Mr. Simpson moving out of the city, a few people asked me about it. I felt like I had some more bandwidth in my life. And also, I having been here the past 16 years, not born and raised here like many folks here on city council or other folks in the community, but I know more about Coatesville now than I did 16 years ago. See some of the challenges, the opportunities, my wife and I have three kids and because of the school district, we're incredibly proud and happy to be there. But also, there is challenges that our community faces, that my children will face as they continue their childhoods. I see the challenges [inaudible], and I still also believe it's only us that [inaudible]. I think redevelopment's coming, finally. I think a lot of people-- there's a lot of change brewing in our world economically, socially, and I feel like now compared to 16 years ago, I may have a few more tools, a few more experiences to bring to the table and I really would like to be part of, hopefully, improving

the city for my children and my neighbors and my neighbor's children. So again, I'd like to volunteer for the interim position. It's a journey that I think we'll win.

Dominic Brown

Mr. Brown stated he sent a letter. I hope every one of you got it. I'm just going to just recap on it. I would like to enter my name, Dominic Brown, for the open position as a member of city council. My name is Dominic Brown. I'm a Coatesville native, 41 years old, been here all my life, born and raised and Coatesville educated. I'm now raising my family here with my wife of 16 years. Plan to be here until I die. This is my home. It's been my home and will always be my home. For years, I volunteered in many youth programs, foundations, campaigns, I coach middle school basketball and football and track, and high school football as well here. I helped start a Christian Youth Program here called The Radicals. I strongly believe in supporting our youth because they will be responsible for this community someday. Since high school, when I attended my first city council meeting - not in this building, but the old one - I wanted to be on the board that makes the decisions that mold the city. I believe the appropriate time is right now to apply for this open position. I currently work as a marketing manager for a large staffing company. I've worked my way up from the bottom in the corporate world, and I've learned many things about working with many different kinds of people along the way. Working in the corporate atmosphere has taught me to listen, teamwork, patience, and negotiation. These are the skills I've learned. I believe I would be a good person to appoint to council because I believe that I have the undivided determination for this community that is needed to work hard to make it the best place it can be for everyone that lives here. I am honest and a fair person. I like how important it is to keep an open mind and always look at the big picture when faced with decisions, situations. I will make a hard decision, but do so with integrity. As I watch all the amazing things that you guys are doing, what's happening here, I want to [inaudible] changes that are occurring and I will do everything I can to help make the City strong. President Lavender Norris asked Mr. Brown are you willing or would you be willing to run for this November? Mr. Brown replied yes, that's my plan. If I don't get elected tonight, that's my plan. President Lavender Norris said thank you.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion for second reading and adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to purchase UPI No. 16-6-274 located in the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania from the City of Coatesville Redevelopment Authority for purposes of constructing rain gardens thereon, for a sale price of one dollar (\$1.00)

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to purchase UPI No. 16-6-274 located in the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania from the City of Coatesville Redevelopment Authority for purposes of constructing rain gardens thereon, for a sale price of one dollar (\$1.00); Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider a motion for 1st Ward Council Appointment

Mr. Jefferson explained the motion actually has to be either a subsidiary motion or some other motion for an actual appointment for one of the three individuals who applied. And so there needs to be some clarification on what the actual motion is and whether it's tailored to a

specific individual or potentially table or whatever the City Council will choose, but there does need to be a clarification on what you're actually what you actually voting for or who you are voting for. But based on the—President Lavender Norris stated this is a tough one here. So, receive and consider a motion for-- say the first name—Mr. Jefferson stated you are requesting a motion for a specific person for the appointment of the First Ward City Council, unless you do a motion to table, which would be a subsidiary motion, and then there would be a vote on the subsidiary motion. If that subsidiary motion fails, you're back up to the main motion. It would be the appointment of one of the three individuals or another individual for that First Ward council appointment. Vice President Green asked so we make the motion. If it doesn't get a second, we go to the next person, or the third one? It gets the second, but it doesn't-- well, no. Mr. Jefferson said so, there's a first, and then there's a second, and then there would be discussion. After the discussion, there would be a formal vote. Formal vote would either pass or fail, and then once [inaudible] you move on to the next one. We get nowhere and we see that that's the case for, [we're good on?] all three, then it's done and we move on to the next item. President Lavender Norris explained the motion will be receive and consider a motion for First Ward council appointment. Vice President Green asked can we just make our own motion or can we-- you know what I mean? Like can somebody make the-- Mr. Jefferson explained the first person to make the motion with the name will then ask for a second. There is no second, the motion would die on the floor, give you another first motion. If there's a second to the person X, whoever X is, then there will be a discussion, and then there would be a formal vote on person X.

Vice President Green made a motion to appoint Dominic Brown as 1st Ward Councilmember; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

President Lavender Norris congratulated Mr. Brown. Thank you for your interest and your willingness to serve. And to Mr. Kasitz and Ms. Scamuffa, Thank you, also, for your interest and willingness to serve. As you said earlier, there are still vacancies that need to be filled, and you both said you were considering running in November. I would suggest jump into one of the positions. Get your feet wet so you'll know in November if you want to run for council or not at that time, but thank you. And please seriously consider boards and commission. thank you very much. Can Mr. Brown take seat now? Mr. Jefferson stated I don't think so because I think she still has to take the oath of office and be sworn in. So that process still has to be undertaken, but I think we can get that done the next meeting. President Lavender Norris explained on June 12th. In our next meeting, Mr. Brown, you will be sworn in, taking your oath of office and taking your seat as representative of Coatesville.

3. Receive and consider a motion to accept Westwood ALS Invoice
Mr. Folks made a motion to accept the Westwood ALS invoice; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Receive and consider a motion for a Resolution designating Emergency Service providers for the City of Coatesville
Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve a Resolution designating Emergency Services providers for the City of Coatesville; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Sly thanked everyone for their support in this endeavor, and it'll take a little bit of time, but I think everybody's partnership, it'll work out well. The goal is to make sure that every resident has the service they need. Thank you very much, and appreciate your understanding that it unfortunately costs a lot of money to do this. I know it's a challenge for you to have to shift this money around, but I use the same comment I used one of our neighboring Townships that there really is no price for someone's life. So, whether it's a certain amount this year or next year or whatever, hopefully, we can make a difference. And that's really what matters. Thank you very much. Mr. Norcini thanked the council board members and everything for Westwood relationship with the [inaudible] deputy chief. John Sly we have known on each other many years. --we will work together and the residents of the city will always get the best service ever available. God bless you guys.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close action items; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson stated he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council since council's last meeting; communicated with outside counsel regarding certain litigation matters; provided opinions regarding the RFP for Ash Park; reviewed and provided an opinion regarding an agreement for the Grand Prix; continue to work on the development projects, specifically bringing my view; drafted and mailed letters to the HOA and Chetty Builders regarding certain properties; communicated with and received communications from cities, presented hearing for a solicitor regarding the application of Saint Cecilia's Holdings LLC, and will be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board on May 21st, 2023. Unless there are any specific questions, that is my report.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced during our executive meeting, I provided real estate and personnel updates to the members of our city council. Moving on to activity throughout the community. As you heard a little bit earlier from Ann Hutchinson, partnership with Natural Lands, the Ash Park RFP will be posted on our website on Wednesday. All prospective bidders that are listening or in the audience, we welcome you to submit your applications for this particular project. Ash Park, as I mentioned, we've been fortunate to be ahead of the schedule in terms of the capital. It is slated to be a 5-year project, but I think I'm encouraged that continue at the pace we are, maybe make that four years. But right now, we're on base, we're on track, and thanks to Natural Lands and the team that includes Colleen Terry along with any others that have been supportive of this from our elected officials to our state partners, we're very excited about this project moving forward. Our Assistant City Manager, myself, we had an opportunity to meet with new investors over the last two weeks to review a few available parcels in the city. We continue to attract investor interest, at least that they are interested in Coatesville in the [broad?] community. We hope we can work together with our economic partners, the county, and other stakeholders to bring smart economic opportunities to our community.

Our administration had the pleasure of meeting with the Southwest regional director from Governor Shapiro's office, DCED Southeast Regional Director, and the Deputy District Director [inaudible] more about Coatesville and the community's restoration initiatives and

revitalization efforts. The governor's office is very interested in Coatesville and our progress, and it will work with our administration in the coming months to really see that what we have been doing over the last five years will come to fruition. We're very excited about that relationship. I like to thank Ajené Livingston and the Coatesville Park and Rec members. Ajené is our chairperson, as many of you know. In addition to thanking Ajené, we want to thank Mr. Alex Parham and Greg Thompson of Voices Underground, and I say thanks to these gentlemen because the city of Coatesville will receive grant support for multiple Juneteenth activities starting the first of June. Our thanks again, goes to Ajené and Voices Underground for their ongoing support.

Coatesville will be one of many community organizations hosting Juneteenth events throughout the year-- excuse me, throughout the month. And speaking of events, Juneteenth activities will take place at the beginning of the month in Coatesville. After the Juneteenth celebration, we get into a lot of our other summer events. July 8th, we will kick off Coatesville annual Unity Day. That is a Saturday at Gateway Park, followed by the Sounds of Summer Music Series. I think that's going to be June 28, and that will be every other Friday in Abdala Park. In addition to that, we have an economic development-- excuse me, an economic forum. This is the first of its kind for the city of Coatesville. That forum is designed to share with our community and stakeholders what's happening to the economic landscape of the city of Coatesville and the greater region. We look to have a packed house for that. That's on a Thursday, August 3rd. That event's going to be held at the South Coatesville safety and training campus, there will be breakout sessions for individuals. Plan to have investors attend that, stakeholders in the community, city planners of the municipalities, residents if they want to come out and just kind of hear what's going on in the city. And Roberta and Vince, they are working with me along with the Western Chester County Chamber, the economic development council as well. We're putting together a very, I would say robust, program [inaudible]. After that, we end the summer with our annual big premiere event, which is the 7th annual Invitational Vintage Grand Prix. A lot's going on in City of Coatesville.

In addition to that, there are a number of organizations that have been and continue to work with our young people in the community. I'm not on Facebook, but I received a number of text messages talking about a number of prayer groups that were happening throughout the city over the weekend. Josh [Graham's?] had one, [David Pointe?] had another. Just some positive things going on with our young people. I've also had conversations with some of our leaders. There's still a great need to implement programs and activities for young people. A gentleman by the name of CJ has a business up in Midway Arts. They're working with young people right now, helping them to become video producers, web designers, coding. These are programs that are much needed for our young people and I hope that we can support them. And if you are tech savvy or STEM savvy, give CJ a call. I'm sure he can plug you in to work with some of our kids.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino announced she'd like to read my report in English and Spanish, for the benefit of our Spanish-speaking residents. *Esta noche me gustaría hacer mi informe en inglés y español, para el beneficio de nuestros residentes hispanohablantes.* Our Public works department has been hard at work cutting grass on City owned property, maintaining the City parks, collecting yard waste and removing signs that were posted on telephone poles.

Nuestro Departamento de Obras Públicas ha estado trabajando arduamente cortando el césped en propiedades de la Ciudad, manteniendo los parques de la Ciudad, y quitando los letreros que estaban colocados en postes telefónicos. The baseball field at Abdala park will be back in use this summer and public works will be helping to get the field ready for play. El campo de béisbol en el parque Abdala volverá a estar en uso este verano y los empelados de obras públicas ayudarán a preparar el campo para jugar. Public works is also dealing with illegal dumping. If you or a neighbor feel you don't have any options for where to put your trash, or your trash and recycling is not being collected, please call the City. El departamento de Obras Públicas también se enfrenta a los vertidos ilegales. Si usted o un vecino siente que no tiene ninguna opción sobre dónde colocar su basura, o si su basura y reciclaje no se recolectan, llame a la Ciudad.

And finally, Last week the 2023 Road Repair project bid was advertised which means that this years' road repairs are one step closer to being completed. The public will be notified prior to work beginning. *La semana pasada se anunció la oferta del proyecto de reparación de carreteras de 2023, lo que significa que las reparaciones de carreteras de este año están un paso más cerca de completarse. El público será notificado antes del comienzo del trabajo.* With the celebration of Unity Day coming up in the City, I'd like to remind everyone that the City is here to work for and with every member of our community. *Con la celebración del Día de la Unidad en la Ciudad, me gustaría recordarles a todos que la Ciudad está aquí para trabajar para y con cada miembro de nuestra comunidad.*

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer explained the complete statistical report is in the back of the packet for your review. Just a couple of key highlights. For month of April, 911 calls were 2,326, up from 1,829 for the month of March. And our total calls, which includes those come through our front desk month of April was 3,123, up from 2,825 month of March. It's normal for this time of year as the call volume does tend to go up. Other key highlights, the month of April, we issued 2,000 warnings or courtesy notices issued for street sweeping routes. As council's aware, enforcement began on April the 18th. Street sweep is now running its regular schedule Tuesday to Friday. We just remind our residents to be mindful if you live on a street sweeper route. We're looking for compliance, not to necessarily write a ticket. We would much rather just have compliance so that our street sweeper operators can make a clean sweep of the streets, and it just benefits everybody. We did 25 car seat installations by our certified technicians for the month of April. We also hosted a officer-facilitated community car seat education, seat check and installation program. It was advertised and run here at the Police Department. We had Coffee with the Chief for the month of April at the Salvation Army; well attended. That's on the first Wednesday of the month. The Coffee with the Chief for the past month, which was held at the Millview Community Center, also very well attended. And our next one for the month of June will be at the Coatesville Public Library, and that's the first Wednesday of June. We're going to take July and August off for our summer months. It's tough with vacation schedules and everybody in the summer, so June at the library will be our last Coffee with the Chief until September]. We'll see you there at the library. The time is 8:30 to 10:00. We also participated in the Mental Health Wellness event. It's held at Scott 6th Grade Center on April 21st, and participated that program in support of our district. In support of the VA's task force for race injustice, we supported their DMC police youth forum on April 27th for justice. We had three people on the panel. And one additional item, the Coatesville Kids to College is celebrating their 10th anniversary of serving the children of

our community and all the different programs that they offer. Our Lieutenant Rodger Ollis has been integral in supporting that program and they're going to recognize Lieutenant Ollis with a Community Partner Award as they celebrate 10 years of serving the youth [inaudible]. Congratulations Lieutenant Ollis.

Mr. Logan asked the Chief, I noticed that in your report, we have-- this page 101. We have business check, 418. Can you tell us what a business check is? Chief Laufer replied sure. Business checks are where the officers stop in to one of our many businesses here in the city and just make contact with the provider or the owner. And just check in, see if there's any outstanding issues they might be having, anything they want to discuss, and just let them know that we're out there for them. So, for the month of April, we had 418 business checks [inaudible] patrol officers. I think that goes a long way towards just making them feel comfortable in our community, and that also goes towards their customers as well. Mr. Logan stated the other item is respiratory difficulty. There's ALS next to that, and I see ALS kind of going through a few other pages. So what is your [inaudible] goal for people in this case, it's going to be Westwood. You guys are on the scene before Westwood arrives, or just a partnership that you guys-- Chief Laufer explained we generally get dispatched to all ambulance calls in the city. Sometimes we are first responders and beat the medic unit or even the BLS unit, Washington Hose Company. It all just depends, so sometimes officers are there first and they begin. It could be giving CPR or something as simple as controlling bleeding until more advanced care arrives. Mr. Norcini explained the overdoses, the serious calls, and a lot of times Police Department administered Narcan and they've-- I can say hundreds of times where while we're responding, we've actually given the Narcan, which gives us the opportunity to start doing what we need to do to get it to the next level and save their lives. The Police have been unbelievable with us. Chief explained the Police Department had five Narcan saves last month. Vice President Green asked if Narcan expires? Chief Laufer replied yes. I mean, it probably would work. Certainly, most all medicines have an expiration date. Would they work after that date, probably, but it's just a way to ensure that you're getting the freshest. Ms. Al Amin explained yeah, the Food and Drug Administration requires that. But if you Google online, just like anything else - soda, canned goods, cookies - there is an extended life after the expiration date. But anything that goes into a store for sale - was in retail for 40 years - law requires that there be an expiration date on it. But you are right, Chief. I think most things are past that date.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes) – Residents/Tax Payer/Property Owner
Fran Scamuffa

Ms. Scamuffa stated If I may, I really would like to address my question to whoever is in charge of codes. Could it be the council person that's in charge or oversees or one of the managers? Vice President Green stated Council doesn't oversee the Codes Department. So you would need to address it through Administration. Ms. Scamuffa replied okay. So when are we going to eventually start a change within the office employees who are supposed to be out on the road handling the codes violations? I can't be the only one who sees it. I mean, you're all councilmembers here, or councilpersons. You have to see that somebody's not getting fined or something. I'd asked at the last council meeting that I was here about, "Maybe it might be a good idea to have somebody from the Codes Department start doing a report saying how many violations they've issued, how many fines they've issued." I speak, it always goes on deaf ears, and that fine, but it's a hindrance. It's true. I've seen same couches out there for years now. They're not in your wards. They're in somebody else's ward, and they're still there. Are they getting fined? Now they finally moved one, and they're on the

side of the house. You're not allowed to have inside furniture outside. That's just one. And it's all over the city. Do they leave the office? Do they go out and issue warnings? And then what is the process? Because I don't see a change, and drive past them every day. I wonder, "How do they get away with this?" Certain individuals, they don't pay attention to what they're doing either. We let them skirt through. One in particular, I won't mention their name, they work with the county. They scream like a [inaudible] they don't like it, but they work for the county, they get away with it. We really need to start making some changes here, really. I mean, [inaudible] and start paying attention to what's going on in their wards. [inaudible] I mean, is it a possibility to have Codes start coming to council meetings to start presenting a report? The chief does it, the Administration does it, Finance does it, Solicitor does it. Mr. Molina used to do it when he was in Codes. I'm just saying, it's really slow to take the people should know [inaudible]. Vice President Green asked Ms. Scamuffa to contact Ms. Cosentino.

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

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Allen said yes, I laughed. I would like to say that there is a new restaurant open on First Avenue. It's Taste and Tell. It's in the old-- well, it in the Allen's On First building, but they opened up I believe on Friday. I'm not sure of their hours yet, but it's pretty good, and since they made me say it. And I just want to thank everyone for coming out. Get home safe. Have a good night.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. I'd like to thank all three individuals that applied for the appointment for Council. All three of you guys, I want you to understand it's an appointment. There will still be a special election in November. And in that election, then the residents of the First Ward will get to vote and decide. And Mr. Brown, I look forward to working with you. Welcome to council. And I'd like to just thank all our staff for the great jobs that you're doing. Roberta, I'm bilingual. Well, I'm trilingual actually. And so, I think that that's a wonderful addition. Thank you so much for that. Because we do have a lot of residents that speak the Spanish language and some do not speak English, so I think that's a wonderful addition. Thank you again. And I just hope everybody has a good night. Safe travels home. Oh, who is that I see in the back right there with the white hat on? Congratulations, my friend. You're welcome.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. I want to thank everyone for coming and once again spending the evening with us. I, too, want to congratulate Mr. Brown on his appointment. We look forward to working with you, as well as the other two candidates, we thank you for putting letters of interest in. And don't ever be discouraged. Continue to work hard. As our president stated, there's lots of room here in the city to work, and there is an election coming up in November. So just know that we look forward to seeing you even more at our council meetings as well as on our Boards and Commissions. I want to thank our staff as always for the wonderful job that you do. And Roberta, you have done an outstanding job with the Codes Department in things that you have done and [you both are seen?], so I don't want you to be discouraged. I want you to continue do the things that you're doing to help with the improvement of our city. Thank you for all that you do. Of course, our Manager, Chief, staff we are looking forward to our Juneteenth celebrations and you'll be hearing more about it coming up, but it's on your calendar for Monday, June 19th, which is Juneteenth. I'm

proud to say that Women Destined for Change, which is a women's Ministry that I'm over, will be having a breakfast [inaudible] as we celebrate and culminate our Juneteenth events. We're in the stages of putting it together, but it will be held at the Lutheran church on 17th Avenue in their fellowship. So, there will be fliers and things coming out this week. It is a free event. There's no charge, but you will be asked to RSVP so that we can get a count to somehow make sure we prepare enough for everyone. And I just thank everyone in our Fire Department in here as well as our EMTs. Thank you for the services that can render in making our community and the lives of our residents safer and better. Thank you so much. And as always to my colleagues, it's always a pleasure to spend these evenings with you. I look forward to doing it. And to those in my ward that voted for me to return, thank you for helping me win the primary. Miss Donna, congratulations on your win as well. And again, I have a runoff in November. So I look forward to hopefully coming back and continuing to serve with these great people on council. Thank you.

Mr. Folks said hi and goodbye. No. [laughter] To the three that you mentioned this appointment here, run in November. Just go ahead and, if you're really serious about this, it's a good thing. Have a good night.

Vice President Green stated Madam President, during my comments, I would like to acknowledge the Washington Hose is having a community event. I would like to let him explain it, if you don't mind. David? Good evening, everybody. My name's Dave [Moss?]. I'm one of the EMS supervisors at the Washington Hose Company. We're trying to get out in the community a lot more, showing our faces, opening our doors. June 24th, we're having a community CPR from noon to 5:00 PM. We're going to be going over techniques for CPR, when to do CPR. We're also going to be going over Narcan administration and stop the bleed, that's pretty much for like gunshot wounds, stab wounds and stuff like that, so what to do and what not to do in one of these situations. So, thank you for your time. Vice President Green thanked Dave. Dominic, congratulations. Thank you, and we welcome you on to council until November. You're going to have to run in that race. You're going to have to win. I appreciate the other candidates who came out. And again, you have to run in that race and you have-- moving forward. There's a lot going on, and I'm just excited about them. And I appreciate every staff member that we have. In the midst of everything that's going on, there's always going to be some bad stuff. You can't be everything to everybody. There's always going to be issues. I guarantee if you contact city hall, for instance, if you contact the codes office and talk to her, she's going to answer your question. She does do a monthly report. But if you're not coming out to the meetings, of course, you wouldn't know. So if you contact her, she will give you the information. The codes office has made strides. You're not going to get everything done in a small amount of time. It took a lot of time for it to get the way it was. But I appreciate you, Miss Roberta and the job that you're doing. Just thankful for everyone that came out and wish everyone a very safe and happy Memorial Day weekend. This is a holiday that we remember our veterans, our fallen police officers, and people of service and our family member. It's just a special time. So, I just want everyone to be safe. Enjoy it. Thank you all for coming in.

President Lavender Norris stated I feel my colleagues have had a lot to say except congratulations, again, to you, Mr. Brown. Also, to Mr. Kasitz and Ms. Scamuffa, thank you again. Just know that every delay is not a denial. You do have opportunity. Bring that space. Get your feet wet. Thank you to Washington Hose, to Westwood-- excuse me, you keep our community safe. And Chief, I noticed the police vehicles in the parking lot over on the corner of 1st and Lincoln like coming into the city. It stood out, and also, I had two people mentioned that to me. And when they mentioned it, they said it was a sense of security. So, thank you for that, for keeping our community safe as well. We're

growing, we're learning, we're changing, and by the grace of God we'll continue to do all three. Thank you all for coming out. God bless you. Enjoy your evening, and keep us all in prayer.

Mrs. Hunt said you talked about 1st Avenue, it brought something to my mind. Earlier in the week last week, I was going up 30 right there between 1st Avenue and Church. That big wall that's right there, the highest one by the flats, there were children up there-- And the one, he was going to tumble off. I stopped and I got out of the car and I talked to them and I asked them, "How did you get up there?" I said, "Please, please, however you got up here. Take that same route and go back." And I stayed there until they went back and they jumped down on the lower part, and then they jumped towards the back in the weeds. I don't know if we can put something out there for our protection to say no trespassing, no climbing the wall or something so that it's visible because if somebody gets hurt, the first thing they're going to say, "Well, nobody said 'don't go up there'" other than common sense. But there were four little guys, oldest one may have been 10 or 11. They were small guys.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.