



Minutes

City of Coatesville

Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA

Council Chambers

Monday, June 12, 2023

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

Council Absent: Councilwoman Charrisse Allen

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.

President Lavender Norris announced Councilwoman Charrisse Allen would not be in attendance.

**Approved Minutes**

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the May 22, 2023 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payables**

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

**Presentations**

1. Urban Integrated

Hello, everyone. Charles [inaudible] with Urban Integrated. I have a limited amount of time. I'm going to go fast here. A little history, we met mister Logan, I think, about almost two years ago, and we've had a consistent conversation with him about the progress of [inaudible] and your efforts to attack a multitude of different issues and become the city that you endeavor to become. And you can pop that presentation up, if you will. Urban Integrated is a firm with a parent company based in Germany. Our office is in Manhattan, New York. I live in Maryland. My partner here, Johan, lives in Westchester. And important to remember for you folks is that Urban Integrated is the premier company providing smart city solutions for Western Europe. Not only Western Europe, we're also in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Hungary, Asia, India. We're worldwide. When we started when we planted our flag here in January of 2022, we are the most unique smart city provider in that we partner with Hewlett-Packard. And because of that partnership, we are the only company that we know of that does all of the topics that involve a smart city. I'm just curious. Real quick, how many people feel confident that they know what a smart city is?

. That doesn't surprise me. Let me make it real simple for you. A smart city is nothing more than we bring technology to your city to do things better, to do things more efficiently, to have more sustainable energy, to know where to put EV charge stations, to know how to

make buildings environmentally friendly, to know how to attract businesses to your community, to know how to attract residents to come to your community that want to buy a home there and raise their families here. That's really all it is. So in the few minutes that I have here tonight, we're going to talk a little bit about this. I'm going to have to look this way because my eyes don't work that good. So I will tell you, our solutions are cutting edge. We are state-of-the-art on all these technologies. By the way, mister Logan, I forget you've made some progress I think on 1 through 4th avenue was some smart lighting. Is that-- Yep. Just real quick how fast technology changes? So a city converts all of their incandescent lights to LED. Already, it's old technology. So now you convert to all LED, and your energy bill comes way down. Now I can take your utility bill that you're paying for the LED lights. And I can knock that bill down by 97% because now we have devices that are solar and wind power that fit right on top of the pole. So the technology is changing so rapidly that to become a smart city, it's a project that, yeah, we'll get to the point where we can say, "Yeah, we're done." But we're never really done because as we get smarter and smarter, as you'll see, it's an ongoing commitment that a city has to make. So in here, my first goal is to establish with you guys our core competency. Let's move on to the next slide.

This is just a couple of projects that we've done. The purpose here is to show scalability. So you can see we've implemented command and control. I saw the chief of police sitting over there. You'll like this. Command and control of that was a city with a population of 1 million. On the far right, we implemented command and control for seven smart cities all combined with a population of 9.6 million. And then on the far left, that was for a city of 3.3 million. In the US, the average size city that we service right now is probably about 30,000. We don't care what the size is. It could be 5000. It could be 10,000. Everybody needs these solutions. So today we deal with cities your size all up to-- probably the largest one that we're dealing with right now is probably about 3 million in the US. Let's move on to the next slide.

Real-life implementations. I can't ask you guys to buy into what we do unless we're prepared to show you use cases, i.e. what have we done before? What has worked? We know what is working. We have the use cases. We have the references. Again, here's just another example. We're going to move on to the next slide. On this slide here, when we think of smart city solutions, the easiest example is, "Okay, well, let's do LED lighting." But the lighting is much more than that. We had a lot of rain today. So smart lighting means that when the rain is coming down and I'm hitting the road that our illumination levels change because our visibility can be better with the lowering of the illumination in a heavy rainstorm. That's smart lighting. There're other things that go along with that. And also, by the way, digressing for a moment. Cities are used to in this country, calling [inaudible] and say, "Oh yeah, we need smart lighting." And then the company comes out, and they [inaudible] the smart light. That's not us. We do the smart lighting.

We do the smart lighting. We send the team up the pole one time. And while they're up there, we doing the lighting, we do the cameras, the IoT devices, the command and control, the increased factors for public safety. We cover all of those things. We wanted to give you an idea as Mr. Logan will tell you, we've learned a fair amount about your city. We think of your city something like center city, walking district, restaurants, shops. We know that you have that here. You have more coming. We know you have the 200 million in the funding for the city. We know that you have the train station coming. And the question is, well, why do people want to come here, and what should they experience to stay and spend money? We

know you have that lighting project. You have the parking project, smart parking. We can tell somebody coming to your city where precisely to park [inaudible] for free on the phone.

And also, I don't want to get ahead of myself. We know that one of the goals might be keeping traffic flowing in and out on Lincoln Highway and Route 30 bypass. We can do that with our projects. So, this is just giving you an idea. Yes, we know where you're at. By no means do we claim to know everything because we don't know everything just yet. But just to give you a little flavor, let's move on to the next one, please. Again, we look at the mass of the city. We look at where you're at. And our high-level engineers and scientists-- I'll give you an idea, too, of the core competencies. Our chief scientist, the PHD from MIT, the founder of the company is a double PHD [inaudible]. Another scientist that we have based out of Australia, he's also a PHD [inaudible]. That's the core competencies that we bring.

Again, we're taking a high-level view of where you are where you're at, what's going on in your city. I want to talk just briefly about safe spaces. This is the nature. I don't care where you're at in this country. We all know this. The chief of police probably better than anybody else. But safety is a very important thing. With our safety solutions, we're also unique in the safety company. Yeah, but we have that too, but we also use cameras that we can see everything like that I have a gun in this pocket even though you don't see it. Our sensors and our cameras can detect that gun. And when we see that gun, if it's in a spot that it shouldn't be, the police are instantly notified, not only with a screenshot of the person but a live video feed. And while the police are going to that school or to that arena to find out what this perpetrator has and why, they see him on their phone. They know precisely where he or she is at all times so that now the police can arrive in the safest possible manner knowing where that person might be. So that's just to give you an example.

There's a lot more to this. And if I had time, I would go into a deeper, but I did want to touch on this. You guys, I'm sure are talking about electric vehicles. And at some point, in time, you're going to need EV charging stations. Every city that we talking to, the question is, well, where do we put them? Well, we'll know where to put them because you see, we see every traffic pattern that comes in. We know how many trucks come in, bicycles, pedestrians. We know how many mid-sized cars, small cars. We know. Now, we have very high privacy concerns, tighter in Europe than they are here. We blur license plates, and we blur faces, but nevertheless, we'll know who's coming in and out. And that's important because if you can identify the 38% of your traffic that's coming here to spend money and enjoy themselves, then it would help you monetize the system, maybe do some advertising in that region and sister cities over there. There's a tremendous amount of value to that.

But you have to have a tremendous amount of data to do this. This is just showing that when we do EV charge stations, everything is a little more complex than might meet the eye. A truly EV charge station-- for every EV charge station that there is in the country today, there is what's called a CPO, a charge point operator. That's the software that controls these machines. That's the software behind the monitor, and they're making sure that these devices are working properly. And of course, when you change your car, what's the payment, who's going to pay? It can do all of that. Let's move on past that. Yes, please. I'll just briefly touched on this how the lighting has evolved. So now we talk about dark skies. And we've learned that a huge portion of the light that we generate for cities goes, where it goes up in the sky. We don't care about lighting the sky up. That's a waste of energy. We want to light

the lower part. We want to light the sidewalks in the roadways. Now we have technology that can greatly reduce our energy costs in that. Let's move on to the next level, please. Here's where I want to get to. To understand what a smart city is, this is what we call it the fabric might look like. And these are some of the topics smart parking, lighting, video surveillance, waste management, Wi-Fi, fleet management, smart water, traffic violation detection, environmental monitoring, traffic perception and control, etc.. And this is just a sample.

When you look at your smart city, and you can see here, and all of these topics that surround here are what will make your city a smart city. Here's a key point, please remember this. To be a smart city, we have to take the data from all of your departments and we put it in-- just picture a big pot of soup. And all that data is going to go into one pot. And that's not the way we've done things for hundreds of years. Instead, the police department has their data. The utility department has their data. The accounting department has their data, and it's all siloed, and we don't really care too much about sharing it because after all, "That's my department." No, no, no, no, no. We want to break that cycle because there's valuable information. When we look at homeless, we can track who the homeless are. We can track people that have a drug addiction problem. And we can instantly notify the police department or a charity organization or whomever it may be that these people need help. And when you do things like identifying that they're starting to collect in this region, and maybe that's a problem, so now the chief of police knows about it in time to go out and actually help things be.

There's a ton of things we can do. But what we have to [inaudible] is we have to have that data in one place. This is an example of what we call [inaudible]. [inaudible] we snap our fingers and [inaudible] is, all of a sudden, a smart city, you would have a topic. This is just an example. In this cockpit, we can look at weather, air control, trash bins, everything, whatever the topics are. If you're the city manager, if you are whoever you are, you can click on any one of the tiles, and it'll drill down even deeper. Also, we offer the citizens of your community a cockpit. But you'll control what you want them to see, not us. Let's move on to the next one. I got the two-minute warning here. So here in conclusion, is what it takes to become a smart city. I'm going to go real quick here. On the left side, we need a workshop with your city. It's impossible to become a smart city without a workshop. That's where we come in and our chief scientist, the PhD from MIT and others like that very highly qualified people will come in and we will sit with the chief of police and break it down. And we will sit with the chief of the fire department. And we will sit with each and every person that's involved in how the city operates.

And our job is to spend two to five days to learn everything we can about your city. Once we gain that information-- and in the process, we'll also become friends. I promise you that. And you'll become friends with people that are in your city, better friends. At the end of the workshop, our guys go to work. 30 days later, you will be presented with a report that [inaudible] 78 to 100 pages long, and it's a rough blueprint of where you're at and what it will take to move to the next step. I sent the mayor the city manager a proposal, I think, a few months ago. We are all offering to do the workshop for 75% off of our normal fee. We know [inaudible] is doing everything they can to really become the city that you want. And we want to do our part, so between Urban Integrated and HPE, we've made you guys a tremendous offer to do this workshop. It will never be more affordable than that.

We do the workshop. You get the report, and then the question is, do we take the next step. The next step is we need about a three-month engineering phase. Once again, our roots are on the ground. Our guys are soil samples, lighting, all the things that we need in order to finally prepare your city to do it the first 12 months. And that's what it looks like. When we come back after the engineering phase, we'll say there are five things that need to be done. There are 10 things. You guys will sit here and say, "Yeah, let's do all 10," you'll sit there and say, "Well, maybe we don't want to do all 10." Let's do one and three right now. So again, you guys, we work for you. You're the boss. We simply present our findings and recommendations to you.

So that's how it works. I got one more slide here, and then I'm done. Funding. We look at this package. We bundle it up. An Urban Integrated will provide the financing for the city. You will not put that on your balance sheet. Instead, you'll pay us back as a service. Typically, the city will save enough money between your reduced maintenance costs freeing up that money on your maintenance budget items and the savings that it's a revenue-neutral project. You'll typically pay us back-- I mean, I can't say for sure, but we'll say four or five years is a good number to look at. And so, the city is realizing the benefits for all of its citizens and all the things we talked about more without putting any capital expenditures out, no debt on the balance sheet. We had we have a team that will actually write the grants for your city. We do it all from the grant writing to helping you get your own funding if that's not the path that you choose to go down. And that's about as far as I can go. I can go away further, but that's good enough for now.

Mr. Logan stated he can send the package out to everyone tomorrow. We still are in the early stages. I mentioned to Charles that the city is in a revitalization stage. We're looking at everything, but we are moving towards the future. And I think in order to kind of take the next steps, get there, we have to look at projects like this. So I thank you guys for coming out to see me.

### **Discussion Items**

President Lavender Norris stated while we are on our session items. Does the Council have anything for discussion. I am going to read a letter from Mr. Dominic Brown who was voted for First ward City Council representatives at our last meeting. Dated today, your fellow Council members. It is with a very heavy heart that I can no longer accept being voted into the first ward city council position since there have been a few changes with my employer that will require me to take on additional responsibilities along with additional travel. Although this is an advancement for my career, it does not allow for me to have the time to commit to this position as I previously expected. As much as I want to do this right now, I would not be able to be at my best as the City of Coatesville deserves. [inaudible] to figure out my new position and all it entails me to run for council in November. Thank you all so much for your votes. And the opportunity to serve alongside you. I do not take this lightly. I hope to be back in November. And that's sincerely, Mr. Dominic Brown.

So with that being said, this will restart our appointment process for city council for the first ward. It will be open for-- it says 30 days. We have to have it the person appointed within those 30 days. Well, yeah, it will have to appoint by July 12th. But in order for us to get whoever's interested information and have conversations, I guess it'll be open for a week, two, three weeks, and we'll take the remainder of the time to-- [inaudible] will have to have it. Our council meeting would be—July 10<sup>th</sup>. --the 10th. We'll have someone we'll appoint. They'll be appointed-- By the 10th. But we'll hold

it open for three weeks. We'll use that last week to speak with, understand, allow whomever is interested to express their interests, and then council will take it into consideration. So that's how we'll handle this. Mr. Folks I don't know if you want to speak to this letter or if I should. Mr. Folks said you should.

President Lavender Norris read letter. City council, I am writing-- This is from Donald Folks, second ward representative. I am writing to formally submit my resignation from the position of city councilman, Coatesville city council. Effective immediately June 12th, 2023, I will no longer hold the position of city council. After careful consideration, I have made the decision to resign in order to pursue another career opportunity that contributes to my personal and professional growth. Working for Coatesville city council has been an incredible experience, providing me with numerous valuable opportunities for learning and development. I am sincerely grateful for the chance to have been a part of this esteemed organization I assure you that I will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience caused to anyone at Coatesville city council due to my resignation. I will actively contribute to ensure the smooth transition. I extend my best wishes to you and the Coatesville city council for continued growth and success in the future. Sincerely, Donald Folks.

Vice President Green said Mr. Folks, since we can't add to the agenda, we won't be able to accept it. However, I think the same thing should apply that we have to find a replacement by July 12th. [crosstalk]. Mr. Jefferson stated the same timeline as well. Correct. And it's just an additional thing. Whatever we do, I just recommended to be fair. We tell one political group. We should tell two political groups-- --if there are four political groups, tell four. I recommend posting city hall. I recommend putting it on the website. Whatever you do, just to make sure it's kind of fair and equal. Vice President Green stated the building is apolitical. I don't think we should include it in the building. We can post it on our website. The building is apolitical. Mr. Jefferson explained you have a vacancy, and it's been announced tonight. So, we can put it on the website and [inaudible] put it on their site, yeah, and our Facebook. Mrs. Hunt asked if we have to accept. Vice President Green stated we can't add to the agenda, so we'll probably vote on its next time. Mr. Jefferson explained you don't actually have to accept it. It's more formality. But with Mr. Simpson, it was because he resigned not at a meeting. Mr. Folks resigned at a meeting. It's more of a formality. The vacancy will become effective today along with Mr. Brown's resignation. Mrs. Hunt said for the record, I don't accept.

President Lavender Norris asked Council, do you have any comments? President Lavender Norris said I first want to say thank you---for service. It's been an awesome ride. I appreciate everything you've done. You've highlighted the City well. And it did not go unnoticed. Yeah, you put us in a ugly situation. It's cool. We still love you and along with Mrs. Hunt resignation, not accepted, so you stay right there. But seriously, thank you. Thank you so much. You've been out in the very front the entire time. And I guess the best part about it is you just won't be on council, but you'll still be here. So, we'll see you riding around in September in the boat. Vice President Green stated but I'll tell you what, now you've got to obey the traffic code. Ms. Al Amin said and the parking. Vice President Green stated I appreciate all that you've done for the City. And it'll be a little rough, but I do thank you for your service. I appreciate you so much. Ms. Al Amin stated I want to say thank you for your service as well. And we did some things together down at the flood. And thank you for always promoting all the businesses. And I wish you well in your next endeavor. Mrs. Hunt thanked Mr. Folks for all his hard work, dedication, your commitments. You have a big giant spot, so many things, so many activities. I hope you're not going to resign from being chauffeur. If you ever need a chauffeur, I recommend Mr. Folks. Make sure he takes me there, and he takes care of me while we're there. And for that, I am extremely grateful for all of that. Good people are hard to come across

sometimes, a jewel. It's really something that we should treasure. I want you to know that your time and your efforts [inaudible] will always be treasured and treated as a jewel in this council.

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

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

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider a motion for first reading of an Ordinance amending TND, SMD, SPD, and MU overlays; and Article 2 (Terminology); Article 14 (signs); Attachment Exhibit B; §224-97 (nonconforming signs); and Article 15 (administration and Enforcement)

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve first reading an Ordinance amending TND, SMD, SPD, and MU overlays; and Article 2 (Terminology); Article 14 (signs); Attachment Exhibit B; §224-97 (nonconforming signs); and Article 15 (administration and Enforcement); Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Jefferson explained this is the culmination of a VVP grant process done by Cedarville Engineering along with the city. Zoning Ordinances are in several amendments to primarily the overlays, terminology, and certain specific provisions of the zoning ordinance. Tracey started this maybe last year, or the prior one, meeting to discuss the post amendments. This is just getting into the ordinance [inaudible] and ultimately starting that broader process that you've got to go through not only the Zoning Ordinance amendment process, but also comply with VPP requirements. So, this is the first step of many to add those sections that are noted.

2. Receive and consider a motion to award road repair project

Vice President Green made a motion to award Construction Master Services, Inc. at the total base price of \$510,663.90 for the City of Coatesville Road Program; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Cosentino explained in front of you is a recommendation of our engineer, who has a tabulated all of the bids that came in for our road repair project. We received three bids, and after vetting each of the projects, he's recommending Construction Master Services Incorporated. Do you see the bid cost, the road repairs throughout the city have about 10 roads on the list currently? And the bid is encompassing all of those roads. We do have alternate roads if there's funding available. I'm not sure if you have any specific questions about the project, but-- Vice President Green asked if the motion should say that we are voting and deciding which-- we are picking the bid? I'm not understanding. It's Cedarville is making the selection for us. This shouldn't it be that they give us the recommendation, and we vote. Do we have the name being contracted? Mr. Jefferson said yes, you do have to name the contractor. It would be fleshed out, but we didn't know who was going to be appointed by a city council. Cedarville's recommendation is Construction Master Services Incorporated for \$510,000. But there's two other options. If the city chose to go with those other two, you can draft the motion that-- Vice President Green stated but we would know unless we had ESP? Mr. Jefferson stated we wouldn't know what you guys are going to do. We had to leave it kind of vague, but it will be a more thoroughly motion [inaudible] accepting the recommendation. Vice President Green stated Council would need to

incorporate the company we're selecting. Mr. Jefferson stated correct, if you're going to go with Construction Master Services, there'd be a motion to accept the Construction Master services in the amount of \$510,000. But that can change.

Mr. Folks asked who picks the roads to be repaired. Ms. Cosentino explained who picks the roads. That was a process that included the engineers, our public works department, and myself where we went out and went throughout the city, made a list of roads, and rated each of the roads. There's a road rating document that's used to rate the roads on a scale of 1 to 7. I believe it is. And so we went through that process with our engineers and public works and came up with the roads that need the most attention. And then there's other factors that come into play as well, including where in the city, how heavily the roads there are used by residents and anyone, really. So it was quite the process, but that helps to narrow down the list. And the plan is to continue with that list because roads generally need attention about every 7 years of their lifespan once they've been fixed. So the plan is to kind of put into place a 5 to 10-year plan for road repairs throughout the city. Mr. Folks asked when we accept the bid when do they start? Ms. Cosentino explained once we accept the bid, the road repairs should start-- well, the contractor, of course, has to tell us when they're able to start, but we're hoping that date is late summer, early fall. Vice President Green asked Mr. Jefferson if we should we revise the name of the company? Mr. Jefferson replied yes. You can just make the motion to award the road repair project to Construction Master Services in the amount of 510,000. So yeah, it's just being more specific.

3. Review and consider authorizing administration to enter into contracts with Seagrave Fire Apparatus Company to place orders for two pieces of equipment; an engine and ladder truck for a combined price of \$2,859,505. The total authorization shall not exceed 2,939,505.00, which includes an allowance of \$80,000 for potential modifications during the approximate two plus year, build out process. Authorization is subject to the Solicitor's review of the contracts. Terms include no installment payments with full payment due at delivery.

Vice President Green made a motion to authorize administration to enter into contracts with Seagrave Fire Apparatus Company to place orders for two pieces of equipment; an engine and ladder truck for a combined price of \$2,859,505. The total authorization shall not exceed 2,939,505.00, which includes an allowance of \$80,000 for potential modifications during the approximate two plus year, build out process. Authorization is subject to the Solicitor's review of the contracts. Terms include no installment payments with full payment due at delivery; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Troutman explained the due diligence that has put into researching the Fire Truck. And so Josh Schreiber is here, the full-time firefighter, whom is chair of the selection committee, and I'll let him introduce part of the team that made the selections that are here to support the recommendation. And Josh Tracy in his capacity in Fire Relief was not able to be here, but he has and will have a role in this as explained. So go ahead. Mr. Schreiber stated yeah. So, I just want to thank council for letting us pop in tonight. I appreciate the consideration. So even here in the back is firefighter John Morris. He's one of our part-time firefighters and sat on the committee with me. He's full-time in Baltimore city fire department so a lot of insight from different areas for the consideration[inaudible]. We also had firefighter [inaudible] in Baltimore, who works for us part-time, firefighter Mike Lamb, who is one of the full-time firefighters, Josh Tracy sat on both committees and [inaudible]. So we have really good all-encompassing experience coming into this and a lot of good [inaudible]. So we also have

Dave Wallace day-to-day EMS operations and Jim Lentz, Battalion Chief. He's here for moral support.

Mr. Troutman said and so with that, let's start jumping into the slides. It's really important to emphasize the amount of time and effort that the professionals put into this. This was not driven by finance. This was driven by operational needs and requirements and assessment. And Josh will get into that in another slide or two. But I will say they took the fiduciary responsibility very seriously. I was very impressed in the laid out my process, and then they talked about what the rules were going to be and some of the preliminary framework. They had their act together to do this professionally. And so I just wanted to tie it back to the strategic plan that was put forward. It was conceptually put in perspective. These gentlemen made it tangible and made it make sense. So with that, let's start out with three basic objectives. And you can see them there. Keeping it simple, the basic rule, but you'll see why reliable and appropriate means something in this context, because of the city. There're a couple things here that are being pointed out. We have four pieces of equipment. Two pumpers are engines and two ladders. We got rid of the 1992 and swapped it out for-- the first line we swapped it out for the bottom line. The first observation is look at the red column of years. We have well-used equipment. And then when you see the yellow highlights, you see that there are significant dollars being expended for repairs. That's critical to being able to reduce that amount by getting the new equipment. But what also is implied is you don't have a truck out of service for a day and spend 27 grand or 35 grand. These trucks have been out of commission more than they quote-unquote should be. Josh will speak to that in more detail with some tangible examples, but we can go to the next slide. And smaller print, but look at the first bullet. The trucks as a general rule are not reliable. When you find out, and it was flushed out through this process, we go months at a time with one of the pieces of equipment down, but we have gone with both of the same piece of equipment down and in the shop and we've had to borrow, that's not a way to run the railroad. And so this is really critical to the residents, the owners, and taxpayers, the people that depend on the fire service. We need to give the professionals the tools they need to succeed. So give an example or two of how bad it is—

Mr. Schreiber stated to speak on something that Rich put in here about the primary and the reserve trucks were out of service at the same time, it hasn't happened often, but it did happen where all four trucks that the city owns broken down at the same time. That's not something that's unique to Coatesville. It happens everywhere. It's a reality. We ended up borrowing-- one of the trucks got fixed pretty quick, within a couple of days, and it was one of the ladder trucks. We had it back. We ended up having to borrow an engine from Phoenixville fire department to have a pumping apparatus in the city available. We ended up running out after a couple of weeks, and what it came down to was the primary. The primary engine was at the shop for the motor manufacturer. It was a recall. So it didn't costs the city anything. It was getting a recall done on the catalyst system equipment. If that goes bad, it can't run because it'll go into what's limp mode. The secondary engine, the alternator went down on it. It's a 1996 Spartan, we've got our use out of that engine over the years. [inaudible] that was the first-- that had [inaudible]. It's served the city well. They stopped making parts for it about 2005. So luckily our maintenance shop found an alternator for it in California in a secondhand shop. And when our shop explained to them, "Hey, this is for a fire truck. Is there any way you can get it to us quick?" The guy said, "Yep, I'm going to overnight it." He did it no charge? So that guy, he had to call [inaudible] overnight an alternator to PA. So our

shop got it back - what was it? - two days. So it was down for two days, after it came in because they identified another issue, but it's getting more and more difficult to get parts. It's getting really difficult. Currently, the 2003 La France, the rear mount yellow one, the yellow ladder truck, we haven't seen in a month. Vice President Green stated all of our vehicles are very, very old. I mean, we're talking 30 years and plus [inaudible], but we need it. Mr. Troutman said so, [inaudible] how does that segue into repair costs are skyrocketing and availability of parts more difficult, and one of the things that struck me is we haven't had a series of events that, thankfully, end up a whole block being on fire since the event. So we've kind of gotten used to our comfort level. But part of this is being prepared for more development, more activity, more precaution, so that's part of this. So you can read the rest of this. So obviously, as residents, you expect that, and I want to mention just to put in the context, the professionals find a way to make sure there's coverage. But it requires extra efforts, extra steps. So of course, we could go down the path of use, but we would be pursuing the same issues trying to find parts. And so with that-- and the thing about why we're here is we're looking at it two and a half to three-year window to get these trucks. We're going to have a bumpy ride for the next two, two and a half years. So unfortunately, we don't want that happen, but we know darn well, there's going to be more sizable breakdowns. Oh, the other thing I want to mention in this very last slide the escalating [inaudible]. Listen to some of the comments from Josh. Mr. Schreiber explained in 2018 when looking for a truck, the cost of the pumper truck was about \$1.7 million. You guys see the prices in front of you. Just the ladder truck, it's unfortunately one point-- so it's going up almost a quarter of \$1 million or less. So getting this price locked in now is-- yeah.

Mr. Troutman said right. Because we know that that's continuing to happen. President Lavender Norris stated we understand [inaudible]. We need to have to get ready now so we'll be ready. Mr. Troutman said and we have to weather the storm until we get there. So I wouldn't delay the foundation and spend more time there. The solution, get one new each. We're going to get 20, 30 years. You get to see reduced costs, especially in the near term. And we're going to put together our financing package as we move forward, pursuing some grants, the fire relief has a role in what they can provide as Josh is part of the committee but also part of the solution. Next slide, please. A little bit on the first one, it's somewhat self-serving. But the team put in has over 150 years of experience. They're basically three manufacturers that are in this space. And the teams have worked on those. So they're intimately familiar with all the equipment and all of the options. Is there anything you want to add? Here's a little summation of the two pieces of equipment. You've heard the pricing. You can see the estimated delivery dates. It's not typos. It's 2025. Here's part of what the guys have worked through, the warranties. As Josh said to me, there's a ton of warranties out there that are being provided. Here's a summation of some of the bigger ones. These should help reduce costs over time. I think that's the walk away here. Mr. Schreiber replied yes, yeah, the warranties are divided by manufacturer. So two year bumper to bumper, we can project the first two years we're literally going to pay for quite a bit of maintenance, which is a little change for a few years. So on a truck like that, we're talking now \$700 for an oil change, 15 gallons more than I think.

Mr. Troutman said so the point is, we're already at 78 grand with repair bills this year. So, there's going to be an offset in there. So next slide. This is in here for one purpose: to show the level of detail that the gentleman worked their way through on difference specification for different components on both of the vehicles. It's a visual to show how much detail they had

to work through. Next. And of course, it always comes down to the numbers, and what it basically comes out to be is we're projecting three-quarters of a million dollars in grants or relief funding. We're thinking we can resell the pieces of equipment, keep the best of each as a backup, sell the other two. And then Pennsylvania has a loan program for 2% and a large percentage of the bill. So we ended up financing for argument's sake approximately 1.2 million. And it works out to be [inaudible] \$61,000 more a year plus or minus. I mean, it's all projected out. But the idea is it's manageable number to address the problem or the complexities. And as far as financing goes, Mr. Logan and I met with a number of different banks. And there are three of them that are extremely interested and have committed to financing trucks if and when we get to that point, so nobody's making any hard commitment because we're not going to lock in to an interest rate or to find them out at this point as a city. And they would have to hedge their best. So they've committed to working with the city to finance that. The question will be what are the final terms. And so we have three banks that are willing to do that. Any other comments at this point?

Vice President Green stated I just remember how happy we were when we bought that ladder truck in 2003. It's so pretty. Mr. Schreiber and said that's actually the last ladder truck or the last piece of fire apparatus of the city purchased because the 2011 engine the fire station bought it and the city purchased it from the fire station. Yeah, so 2003 was the last time we bought it as a city. Mr. Troutman said so again, I mean, the next slide is to say thank you and questions. The professionals are going to answer the questions. I'm here to help you [inaudible]. But the reality is I can't stress enough the professionalism that went into the selection and the seriousness and the fiduciary responsibility that people took. They cared about the city and wanted to do right.

4. Receive and consider a motion to approve the hiring of three part time firefighters

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to table the hiring of part time firefighters until specially scheduled meeting on June 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice President Green asked why is the chief not here? I have questions about this. Are there things that in hiring the three part-time that you keep that scheduling within so that the hours are not accumulating to pension? Mr. Troutman said I can speak to part of this. Vice President Green stated my question is, I wanted to talk to him because our biggest issue had been that the hiring of the part-time officers, keep exceeding over the amount of hours that they should work. And it's costing us a lot of money. I mean, we're struggling like every other municipality and city with this pension program, and we keep going up higher than what we're supposed to over the amount of hours every time, and I just wanted to ensure that as a chief that he's handling that schedule, you know what I mean, because it's putting us in a very difficult financial position. We don't have no splash money, you know what I mean? Vice President Green stated we just have to be careful with that. And I know that was an issue that we had with the chief. I want to make sure that he keeps up on this.

Vice President Green stated we just have to be careful with that. And I know that was an issue that we had with the chief. I want to make sure that he keeps up on this. Mr. Logan said right. And this is part of the reason why we are looking to hire three new part-time firefighters to address the issue that you're speaking of right now, the scheduling the manning. We have a very short staff of firefighters in the city. In order for us to make a dent

in any of the overtime that we've been looking at, any of the extra time that these firefighters here have been enduring over the years, we have to [inaudible]. Between the divisions here that are listed, again these are for consideration and we hope that in our efforts to try to reduce the risk that some of our firefighters are facing with these three individuals added. In addition to that, we're also looking for full time. It's something that we talked to Josh and Jim and chief, and it helps to resolve those issues. I think some of the challenges that [inaudible] is identified individuals that other municipalities are struggling. It's something that [inaudible]. So, these three individuals could start us in the right direction. And from there we hope, [inaudible] and the state gets back. Ms. Al Amin asked if this would eliminate the overtime. Mr. Logan explained It will not eliminate it because our guys are-- because of their shifts, you still need manpower, people power. So it will help. Josh, do you guys want to comment on that in terms of the scheduling. Mr. Schreiber respectfully declined to respond. Mr. Troutman explained and part of this is just a matter of numbers, math. Two years ago, we lost a couple of our full-time firefighter and didn't get back fill. We promoted three? Three over the last couple-- three part-time to full-time getting backfill. So these three mitigate the shortfall we've been running, which has compounded the overtime. It hasn't helped that we got hit with one full-time injury a 100% out. Then we had two individuals who were working significant hours got injured. So we, at one point in time, had three, frankly, workers who were absorbing many hours for now plus, the shortfall part-timers compounded the overtimers. So this action helps. But to Mr. Logan's point, it won't solve it. We need to get beyond the injury issues get beyond and keep improving and keep addressing this.

Vice President Green stated so, we should hire more part-time. I understand it about the over time. That's not an issue for me. My thing is about we need more part-time because it's the pension that's the problem for me that we're not monitoring the hours of the part-time. And they're working to offset the overtime, but they're getting more hours, which means that now they're eligible for pension, and that pension -----[inaudible]. That's why I'm concerned. The financial impact. Mr. Troutman said the simple answer is we need more for them. Yes. So, this three is a start, and we need to keep continuing. Mrs. Hunt asked if the Chief knew this was on the agenda tonight. President Lavender Norris replied yes, he is in training. Mrs. Hunt suggested tabling until the next meeting and get some insight on this, rather than have others speaking on his behalf. President Lavender Norris stated I'm fine with holding it until he gets back. But these three new part-timers that were looking at, how soon do we need that-- do we need them available? Is that yesterday? I just think that [crosstalk] Yes. So if we table this until our next meeting, does this put you at a detriment for not having [inaudible]? Vice President Green stated so are you saying the 26th would be-- the 26th would be too late. Instead of them being sworn in now, the 26th would be too late. Mr. Schreiber stated not necessarily too late, but the quicker we can get them training on the street would be the better because we have to get them through training on our policies, our apparatus, and learning cities that they can respond—Vice President Green said when we started talking about the impact or the scheduling, everyone over there said, "I don't want to talk about it. I can't speak for them." But now-- But hold on. But when we say whether is the impact and the fact that we need it now, everybody wants to speak on it. And all I'm saying is that I would be more comfortable speaking to the chief directly about it. That's all. Mr. Schreiber apologized he misheard Mr. Logan's question on the schedule. So that's why I didn't want to speak on it. Vice President CG It would have to be a public meeting. Mrs. Hunt stated the next meeting is not for two weeks. We could have a special meeting but would have to be public. We would have to have enough time to advertise. [crosstalk]. Next Monday is a holiday. We can

do it on Tuesday when the chief is back. Vice President Green said we could do it Tuesday and could advertise now. Mr. Jefferson stated I mean, you could. Yes. Mrs. Hunt stated okay. I would feel more comfortable doing that. I would just love to just say that it's not that we don't want to hire. Other than that, we just don't want to step out of procedure.

in after being tabled for approval. So they may get another job somewhere else. I can't say that that would happen. That's just another concern mine. Vice President Green said it's a week, I mean. Mr. Schriber stated I just wanted to voice it. That's all. President Lavender Norris said Thank you. Let them know those three gentlemen-- Let them know just the council needs confirmation with the chief. There's no question or second-guessing them. It's just we need confirmation from the chief. Mr. Troutman stated he understood that because it's here. I'll take care of that. I'll take that as a responsibility and make sure to—Ms. Grant will reach out to them through the HR Process. Vice President Green stated It's not a denial. It's not a denial. It's just the one week delay that's all.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close action items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

## Reports

### 1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney report to council. Since council's last meeting, I have communicated and continued to communicate with outside counsel regarding certain litigation matters; reviewed, analyzed, and provided feedback regarding a certain vendor understanding; I and my office compiled an Ordinance regarding the VPP Grant proposed zoning ordinance amendments; communicated with other attorneys and the City regarding tax assessment appeals; received communication regarding a certain personnel matter and I provided that communication to the cities labor attorneys; received a letter from the attorney for the Millview Homeowners Association; provided answers to questions posed by engineering organizations regarding the Ash Park RFPF; continue to provide advice regarding land development matters. Mr. Folks, let me just say thank you very much for welcoming me to the city. Your energy, your passion, your enthusiasm has been infectious. I remember you ran the dunk tank. I don't remember. There was nobody really throwing anything until you started, and man, it just took off. Your passion and your energy for this city and your dedication, I just want to say thank you for welcoming me. You came up to me numerous times and then shook my hand, just looked me in the eyes and said, good luck, and if I needed anything, you'd be there. So, I want to say personally, thank you very, very much for making me feel welcome. Thank you and good luck with everything.

### 2. City Manager

Mr. Logan wished everyone a good evening. During the executive meeting I provided real estate updates to the members of Council. And moving on, the next items is for public meeting. I just wanted to share with everyone [inaudible] natural land. The Capital stack is at a total of 3.964. We have had tremendous success all the [inaudible] number of grants that we've submitted. Working with Anne Hutchinson and Nick, over at natural lands, of course, the team here at the city along with Colleen, allows us to fund the first two phases of Ash Park. So as I mentioned in two meetings back, we're a little ahead of schedule, in terms of our capital stack. Now our next move is going to be design of the park in terms of the design and the construction. And once we started getting the information on the phase and then

scheduling. But it's been a tremendous effort. Everyone is rowing in the same direction. For those of you who are wondering or may not know, the master plan is on our website. Down in the lobby, I think we still have a master plan. There's a combination of concept A, concept B, and we will see this first phase out at least shoveling the ground, hoping by the end of this year. We're very excited about it.

Moving on, final touches are in on the way with several Juneteenth activities and events throughout the city. Voices Underground provided a \$5000 match grant to the City of Coatesville. Our match grant is going to be allocated to a couple of organizations. So Coatesville's Chapter with the NAACP. They are partnering with a number of organizations throughout the city to provide activities in Ash Park. Hopefully, we'll see our police and fire guys out there that day. In addition to that, the Second Baptist Worship is presenting the Wiz on Friday to be shown on Saturday. Those tickets are \$10. One and only Women Destined for Change will both breakfast on Sunday, June 19th. On Monday. Monday, June 19, at 10 am. You need to register because if you don't, it's going to be sold out. And it's getting constantly sold out. Do you have my ticket? Right. We thank you for that. And the YMCA will be hosting a community event on June 19th as well. I think theirs is at 6 PM. All of these events and more are on the city's calendar on our website. The YMCA. They're doing a community event. And you know what? I don't know that information of where they're at [inaudible]. I think it might be Ash Park as well. It's on the City calendar. So We're very pleased that the City of Coatesville has joined other organizations throughout the county. Again, [inaudible] has been very instrumental in bringing people together, bringing various groups together. It provides some of the funding for these organizations. And just as a city, we're happy to be a part of it. Thanks to Ajene Livingston. Parks and Recreation, Mister Alex Brown, Greg Thompson, again with Voices Underground made it possible for us to see these events.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino announced she has been working on stormwater management and infrastructure projects with our engineers. With this evenings award of the road repair project, we are looking forward to seeing that project being completed before the end of the year. *He estado trabajando en proyectos de infraestructura y gestión de aguas pluviales con nuestros ingenieros. Con la adjudicación de esta noche del proyecto de reparación de carreteras, esperamos ver que el proyecto se completará antes de fin de año.*

As a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee I participated in updating Chester County's Municipal Waste Management Plan for 2023-2033. The plan is linked on our website and available on the County website. The public comment period is open now until September 11. *Como miembro del Comité Asesor de Residuos Sólidos, participé en la actualización del Plan de Gestión de Residuos Municipales del Condado de Chester para 2023-2033. El plan tiene un enlace en nuestro sitio web y está disponible en el sitio web del condado. El período de comentarios públicos está abierto hasta el 11 de septiembre.*

In May, the Codes Department began the process of updating records for overdue rental inspections. Landlords who have not had an inspection of their property in over 2 years can expect to be contacted by the City. *En mayo, el Departamento de Códigos: inició el proceso de actualización de registros de inspecciones de rentas atrasadas. Los propietarios que no han tenido una inspección de su propiedad en más de 2 años pueden esperar ser contactados*

*por la Ciudad*; Completed 102 commercial, residential and rental inspections. Completó 102 inspecciones comerciales, residenciales y de alquiler; Have 13 commercial and residential PENDING permits (electrical, residential fences, alternations, commercial demolition, U&R, commercial U&O, side walk addition/replacement, dumpster); Tener 13 permisos PENDIENTES comerciales y residenciales; Codes issued 60 violations for things like upholstered furniture on porches, high grass and weeds, trash, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, and other complaints and concerns. Note that violations can include everything from warnings to citations. El Departamento de Códigos emitieron 60 (sesenta) infracciones por cosas como muebles tapizados en los porticos, césped alto y los hierbajos, basura, vertidos ilegales, vehículos abandonados, y otras quejas e inquietudes. Tenga en cuenta que las infracciones pueden incluir todo, desde advertencias hasta citaciones

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced the complete statistical report is in your packet and I need for you to review just a couple of key highlights. In the month of May, 911 calls in the Chester County were 2572, up from the month of April where we had 2326. And total calls handled by the front desk, which includes the 911 calls, and then additional call to the Police Station in the month of May was 3796, up from April which was 3100, increases that reflect time of year, and as the summer months go. Just some additional highlights for the month of May, we had 6 Narcan administrations. Five were successful. One we failed to revive. We had nine car seat checks and installations provided by our certified technicians. We had Coffee with the Chief, which was held at the Millview department community center on May the 3rd, which was well attended. This past Wednesday, we had a Coffee with the Chief for June, which was held at the library. It's was also well attended, and we got a thank you card from the library signed by all the staff and board members presented to us [inaudible] new responsibilities and a board member with the library. So, it was all just a thank you from the library for the services the Police Department provides, not only to the library, but [inaudible]. You can see by the number of signatures, it was well appreciated by the Police Department. And also, we had an officer involvement on Elm Street where we the Police Officers give tickets to kids, and I know there was a good representation for the council members there that day. On May the 25th, we had approximately 500 Facebook likes out of that. It was well followed on Facebook. In essence, our patrol guys had served some kids on the block, policing the block in that they were picking up litter. A military term, when you police off the area, it means you clean up the area. So, they were out there cleaning up the area, and the officers were able to go back, identify those kids from Elm Street. And we took it [inaudible] something great. We got them savings certificates, and then they also got bikes for those children and helmets too. So it was a good day.

Then one last thing I'd like to just share with council. We received an email today, just thought I would read the email. It says Chief, I would like that personally recognize and thank officer Kevin Bochanski and officer Malik Williams. These two officers were very professional, caring, courteous, and most of all, the three of you likely cared about my situation. I called because of a minor accident where the other driver left the scene before I found my car damaged. His vehicle was still on location. I expected the police response to be just take the information, file a report. I was totally surprised. These two officers went above and beyond just taking a report. This accident may have been minor, but on a personal note, this vehicle was my deceased wife's vehicle that I use. But most of all, this is a memento that I treasure and honor for our marriage. I am a retired lieutenant from the

Borough of Westchester. I retired after 34 years of service. Your officers showed me professionalism and pride I thought to be lost in our profession. When I left the scene, I felt like I was heard and treated like a human, not just a job. Please congratulate these two officers for taking the time for a non-resident to see the professionalism and respect your officer show the community of Coatesville city that they serve. Respectively submitted former Lieutenant [inaudible]. I just thought that was an exceptional email to receive recognizing two of our younger officers. Unfortunately, the one officer that was mentioned and recognized, Officer Malik Williams just announced his resignation. Unfortunately, he's relocating his family out to Pittsburgh where his wife is from. He really appreciates the time that we gave, the training [inaudible] Coatesville, and we certainly appreciate the effort he put forth while he was on the FTO program. He involved himself in the community and was present for some of our events and represented the City well. It's just unfortunate to lose him. We talked to him about potential full-time employment here with the City, but we certainly respect his decision as a family man to take his family out to Pittsburgh.

And just real quick, I'd just like to recognize Mr. Folks. I know he's not going anywhere. And I know he'll find other ways to serve the City and support the Police Department as he always has whether that's you know finding his own way or whether it's through serving under Civil Service Commission, which he did for many years before becoming a councilperson, and if the opportunity presented itself, we certainly would welcome him back. But I know you'll find other ways to serve the City, but thank you.

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

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

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

#### **Council Comments**

Mr. Folks said yeah. Well, I am not going nowhere. I'd like to get back on civil service. [inaudible] say I'm misleading this team. I love the police department. We have a good team with the fire department. I would love to stick with these guys. If that opens back up, I'd love to come back and do that. I just got elected to the board on the library. And I want to pump the library because I'm thinking about tomorrow. People are coming back into our city. So, if the parents are coming into our city, they can bring their kids to the library. People don't use our library, they go to the library in West Chester. I have a Facebook page that is just blowing up from here to Hawaii. Chief was talking about likes. The last time I posted a story, I got 150 shares. That's almost from 1,000 to 10,000 people. [inaudible] from here to Hawaii, and it scared me because that's the biggest post I ever had. Why can't I take the posts by posting our library really picking it up so people could bring their children back to the city. That's what I want to do. I'm not thinking about me. I'm thinking about tomorrow. That's what I want to do for the city. And I can't do it in this seat. This is for the public. What I want to do, I can't do it here. I'm still with the city. I want to applaud. I want to be sitting there. So, I know what's coming down the line. I know exactly what's coming. This city is booming here. I'm going to still be there but not as council, but as a citizen. That's all. So, I thought it was going to be here for at least four terms. He's in control. He's telling me--. I'll still be drinking

coffee with them at the firehouse. Still gonna be at the Police Department. We have a good-- we like each other. We talk. So that's what I want to do. I'm not going anywhere. Like the chief said, if the civil service ever has an empty seat. I would sure love to take it. Thank you. Thank you for putting up with me. Thank you for allowing me to do what I did. That's what's taking me another direction because you allowed me, every vote, Linda, Carmen, Villa, and Ed Simpson. You allowed me to be [inaudible], and you allowed me to go out to the public. You all said yes. Wow, it blew up. Still belong to Coatesville. I live at 133 South 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

Mrs. Hunt said I don't want to start to the tears either. It's also a respectful thing for what we have to do. I want to thank all of you for coming and sharing with us. I just want to reiterate on what's coming up in the next week, Juneteenth, the celebrations and what it really means to us as a culture, an African-American culture. And I just always pray this and just ask God that one day we can go and do it. I look at the pledge of allegiance and it says we are one nation under God, indivisible with liberty, and justice for all. Because as I look around and I see so many things happen-- this past weekend, I was in Detroit. And I was listening to when I was out there. It's just so much crime, so much hate, hatred that is still prevalent in our world and in our society. It just shows that on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, that was not a day of independence for us. And we had to wait almost 89 years later to be given our title of being free and having freedom. Still so much of that is not about we're not being equally served, so Juneteenth really is a time for us to celebrate. It's time for us to acknowledge our achievements and acknowledge the things that we have gone through to be where we are today. And so, I'm excited about the activities that are coming up this week and next week, and I invite all of you to come to all of it, especially I want to promote the one that I'm involved with, Women Destined for Changed. We're having a jubilee breakfast to culminate the activities. And this is for the city. It is no cost, but I think it's good when different cultures can come together and just listen and understand what we go through, and we understand what you go through and not being in judgmental. And I think maybe [inaudible]. So, I invite all of you, if you're available, to just come up to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepard at 107 South 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There will be African American dancing and singing, inspirational moments and the true meaning of Juneteenth. So I just encourage you. If you can, I would love to see you come and be a part of it and share. I just want to thank the City for being a part of it. Mr. Logan, I thank you for all that you do on a daily basis to make the city proud. And I give kudos out to our Fire Department. Thank you for your service, the things you do to help make our city feel safe and secure. Thank you. I hope to see you Monday.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out and as Mrs. Hunt said there is all kinds of activities starting, I think—the first one is Friday night. Mrs. Hunt stated there is one at 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist. Ms. Al Amin stated hopefully everybody will partake in some of the activities. There's a lot of them. And I'll be at your breakfast. You registered me, right? Mrs. Hunt replied I did. Ms. Al Amin said and Mr. Folks, again, thank you for your service to the city. And I wish you well in your new endeavors. And I think it was Miss-- no, maybe it was councilwoman Norris. Are you still going to be in the dunk tank? Mr. Folks replied yes. Ms. Al Amin said and so we'll see you in the dunk tank. And then I guess we'll see you on the Grand Prix. Safe travels home and have a good night.

Vice President Green I just want to thank everyone for coming out. Mr. Folks, I'm gonna miss you. I always appreciated the time and effort you put in for the new businesses, you made them all feel welcomed. It's real important when a new business comes in that everyone can't afford to become a part of the chamber and have a big ribbon cutting when they first open. I thank you for making that possible for new small businesses to be celebrated, people be made aware of the ribbon cutting for them. We appreciate you and they're going to miss you. I'm talking about in terms of policing. So somebody is going to have to pick up that baton and move forward in that. The Juneteenth celebrations do start Friday. We're also having an event next to CWA. They're having a [inaudible]

bingo on Saturday night at 6 o'clock. I think it's like \$5 admission. It comes with refreshments and things like that. But Juneteenth is a wonderful, wonderful time of celebration, a time learning your history, and us just celebrating our actual official emancipation. And I'm just excited that we've come to this point that it's even celebrated. So I hope that everyone who can will participate in any of the events. The Abdala Park event is the biggest coming together. That one's at – I mean Ash Park. But yeah, they come in together at Ash park. It's going to be fun. So, I just hope that whoever can come out and celebrate will attend. Thank you all for the time and effort that you put into this fire truck. Our vehicles are emergency vehicles because you can't play with them. It's really important. Like I said, I remember when we got to the bid for 2003. I was on council at that. And that was a big deal, but that's 20 years ago. And the other vehicle was 1992. That's 30 years. So, these vehicles are old. And God forbid that something happens and we don't have the right equipment, so this is the big deal. I wish it was somewhere that we could have it before 2025. Yes. But I thank you all for the effort that you put into the presentation. Because the whole time you're talking, I'm like, I'm already -. You ain't got to say nothing else to me. I'm just happy. When I seen it in my [inaudible], I'm just happy that we're going to be getting new equipment. So thank you all for coming out and have a wonderful month.

Mr. Logan said before you close out, Mister Folks, I just want to say a few things. It's been great working with you. I know that you say you're not leaving. And you know that I will still call you. But as it was said this evening, your passion, and your love for the city is infectious. I've always enjoyed working with you when it came to the new business or it's when you would stop in the office kind of sit down and create some ideas, so I really appreciate that. One thing I am going to need you to do this year is keep 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue clear for the Grand Prix. Thank you. We really appreciate that. And your help when you do go out toward a door to door, when you tell all of your neighbors what's going on just to kind of keep them in the loop, now that's a tremendous help for us. Also, I really appreciate you helping or the city and the staff with its rebranding efforts. And oftentimes when I would sort of share with you that we're getting ready to launch something, you would always say, "Send it to me. Let me get it. Send it to me. I'll send it out for you." And we really appreciate that because the more we can get our feelers out there to the community the better aware that they're going to be with what's going on. And then the last thing is just-- but I think it's really important. As I said a little bit earlier, it's just how you made it important for your passion for the City of Coatesville, how you did it with a little bit of pizzazz, a little bit of swagger. And you always let people know that you are from Coatesville even when you went to the Super Bowl. So we appreciate you, and again, I know that you're leaving this space. But you're not leaving the space of the city. So thank you.

President Lavender Norris stated your leaving me, the lonely eagle. [inaudible] But yeah. It has been awesome. We are like a family. And anybody that isn't an only child knows we fight, but ain't nobody else allowed to touch, only us. So just because you're leaving that seat, still a part of the family, and we got your back. Make no mistake. We are our brother's keepers. So, with that being said, I too want to appreciate our staff and solicitor, absolutely, and our Fire department. I know on my way here to executive, it was a fire on Walnut, a house fire, and I'm like, "Oh my God. Thank you, Jesus. They're going to be all right," because I know you're commitment to the city. So thank you for that. Without that even knowing exactly what was going on, I had a level of comfort because of the Coatesville fire department. So thank you, gentlemen. Chief that darn Malik. I need to share with you that-- was it Sunday, Second Baptist had their children's day, and they had the field set up and all that good stuff. Malik drives by, sees this happening, gets out the car, starts playing with the kids. Kids ask him a couple of questions. He answers, goes to the car, comes back. Three more officers show up. And they're just out there playing with the kids, having a good time, the kids,

badges, the whole nine. They were so elated. And I'm telling you this because my sister-in-law is a member of Second Baptist. And she asked me to thank you for the way the police are communicating and relating with the children in the city. Once again, there's that Malik guy. And now he's going to Pittsburgh. God bless him. But I did want to let you know that they had expressed their appreciation to the Coatesville Police Department. And I'm expressing my appreciation for everybody in this room this evening. We do have a long road ahead. But our future is so much brighter. And it isn't because of any individual. It's because of everybody involved. So, I thank God for you all. I appreciate you all beyond measure. And I'm just blessed going forward.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion, Motion passed 5-0.