



City of Coatesville  
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA  
Council Chambers  
Monday, March 25, 2024

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Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwoman Tiniera Turner-Green, Councilwoman Villa Hunt, Councilwoman Fran Scamuffa; Councilwoman Khadijah Al A min and Councilwoman Charrisse Allen

Council Absent:

Staff Present Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Richard Troutman, Finance Director; 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**

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the March 11, 2024 meeting minutes; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Al Amin was not present for the vote.

### **Approval of Accounts Payables**

Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Al Amin was not present for the vote.

### **Presentations**

#### **1. Recognition of Paul Antonucci – Chief Laufer**

Chief Laufer announced so as the council may have already heard, Corporal Antonucci has been with the city since 2008. So he has served the city for 16 years. Unfortunately, he is taking a little early retirement and going to pursue his career elsewhere. Council asked where? Chief Laufer announced another department. We won't mention any names, but Chief Martinez, [inaudible]. But Paul has taken a further opportunity to go to West Caln Township Police Department with Chief Martinez. So it is a loss to us here in the city, but at the same time, we're excited for him and wish him the best in his future endeavors. [crosstalk]

I'd like to read-- you made a different citation that I prepared for Corporal Antonucci. It's something that we do in the police department where we feel officers go above and beyond and really make a difference in the lives of the citizens of the City of Coatesville. I'll go ahead and read that to you here. This, of course, is dated today, March 25th, 2024. Subject, you made a difference, too, Corporal Paul P. Antonucci, City of Coatesville Police Department. From myself, Chief of Police. And it reads, Corporal Antonucci, please allow this correspondence to officially recognize your 16-plus years of service with the City of Coatesville Police Department, CPD. Having officially announced your retirement effective March 30th, 2024, throughout your career with CPD, you have served the citizens of Coatesville in many different capacities to include patrol officer, Municipal Drug Task Force

Officer, Chester County Emergency Response Team Tactical Officer, Patrol Corporal Supervisor, and your current assignment as the department's Community Engagement Officer. Although you have served with distinction throughout all of these assignments, it is this last assignment as the Community Engagement Officer that caused you to step outside of your comfort zone as a police officer.

Your commitment to the department's vision of community policing was clear in how you approached your new role. Most evident was the time and effort you would take to start a Youth Aid Panel, or YAP panel, from scratch in partnership with the Chester County District Attorney's Office. Thanks to your efforts, Coatesville Police Department now has the model YAP program for Chester County. And the young lives you have and the program will continue to impact is significant. The great thing about police work is that every shift we work truly allows for the opportunity to affect the lives of others in ways we might never realize. For your time spent throughout a 16-year career, you know that this is the case. Actions such as yours help inculcate the culture and concept of providing extraordinary service to the citizens of the City of Coatesville. Together, we can make a difference. And with your exemplary career, Corporal Antonucci, you made a difference.

Corporal Antonucci said all right. Well, that was a lot. I intentionally did not prepare anything. [inaudible] better from you. So thank you, Chief. 16 years. I don't know where to start. A few things. Everything that I've done here that I was able to do was not because I was able to do it. It was because every other police officer you see in this uniform in here, everybody you don't see in police uniforms in here, they supported me through everything. So from leadership from the top, and you guys know we have the best in the county with Chief Laufer, all the way down. Everybody has supported me through everything, through the transition of just starting out as a kid. I started here as a kid. I was 22. And a lot of you, most of you up here, hopefully, remember me when I started as a kid. And I was able to provide for my family here. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work in the City of Coatesville, for the City of Coatesville, for the residents of City of Coatesville. We have a proud town. Honestly, I have pride just being here. So thank you all for supporting me during this in all your various roles. Thank you to the leadership of our department, chief and lieutenant, all the way down. I couldn't have done it without any one of them. So just thank you. Thank you for tonight, and thank you for that. All right. [crosstalk]

2. Crime Victims Center

There was no presentation at this time.

3. Brighter Futures – Jarrell Brazzle

There was no presentation at this time.

**Discussion Items**

1. Smart City

President Lavender-Norris explained they're not here. This is a discussion if you have questions or what have you. The information regarding it is in our packets. I would suggest that we go over that information really well-detailed. So, our next step with regard to that would be to put it on the agenda for a vote for a letter of support. [crosstalk] So it'll be on

next meeting's agenda for us. So, read through it and make notes of anything that's found [inaudible] there. Vice President Green stated I am very much interested in that. And according to the way they had it rolled out, they raised the funds. I would just want to maybe have a little bit more discussion about that. But I think that this would be an amazing thing for the city to do regarding safety and just moving the city forward. The new parking meter, everything. I think that this is just remarkable, and I think it's something worth considering. Mrs. Hunt said the presentation a couple of weeks ago was just really interesting. President Lavender Norris explained she had an opportunity to speak with them, to meet with them, and it was very informative. I was excited about the one item with regard to the street lights. If you're in an emergency situation, if you were to hit the pole, it would cause the lights to illuminate at the brightest it could be, and at the same time, activate a camera. And then the camera would hit the police department. So, it would light up and call the police at the same time. And it would give them the ability to see what's going on, what direction, whatever it is. That was exciting to me. They have the opportunity to partner with Penn State, who will also incur some of the costs so we wouldn't have to. But again, to read over the information and gain an understanding and make note of anything you're not sure about would be for our best interests at this point. So, we can talk to them, get any questions we have answered, and put the letter on the agenda.

2. Downtown Buildings/Ownership

Ms. Cosentino asked to table until the next meeting.

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

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

Ms. Allen made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Al Amin was not present for the vote.

**Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider a motion to promote – Officer Joshua Fox from Part-Time Officer to Full-Time Officer

Mrs. Hunt made a motion approving the promotion of Officer Joshua Fox from Part-Time Officer to Full-Time Officer; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Chief Laufer explained if Officer Fox is approved tonight for the hire, then we'll bring him back the first meeting in April where he'll be sworn in by Judge Hines from part-time to full-time officer. Officer Fox has been with the department-- he just recently - two weeks ago - completed his field training. He has been a part-time officer with South Coatesville for a period of time when he came to us and expressed interest in being part-time with us with the hopes of getting offered a full-time position. He has a background in engineering, working full-time for his father's engineering company, but he's really had a desire to be a police officer full-time. He comes with us with that background. He has successfully completed his field training, and it was the unanimous recommendation from the corporals and the sergeants that we consider him for full-time. He will be replacing an officer that resigned back in January. He'll be backfilling that position. And then we will still have-- effective with Corporal Antonucci retiring, we'll still have an additional vacancy that we'll have to fill

sometime this summer because, currently, we don't have a part-time officer that has spent sufficient time with the department to be recommended for full-time. So that's where we are. We would like to recommend Officer Fox be considered for promotion from part-time officer to full-time. And then the next meeting, we would have him to be sworn in as we do with our part-time to full-time officers by Judge Hines.

2. Receive and consider motion for a second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 38, Pension, Article II, Nonuniformed Pension Plan, by repealing and replacing the article in its entirety, and thereby, amending the existing defined benefit pension plan for Non-Uniform employees by establishing a defined contribution tier of the plan to benefit both existing employees and future hires.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 38, Pension, Article II, Nonuniformed Pension Plan, by repealing and replacing the article in its entirety, and thereby, amending the existing defined benefit pension plan for Non-Uniform employees by establishing a defined contribution tier of the plan to benefit both existing employees and future hires; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Troutman explained this motion is a second reading as part of the process to formalize what was approved last January by council. So, this was the culmination of working with the lawyers and the actuaries to create the details. It's consistent with what was approved by council last January.

3. Receive and consider motion for a second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 193, Streets and Sidewalks, Article V, Trash Dumpsters, of the Code of the City of Coatesville in its entirety.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 193, Streets and Sidewalks, Article V, Trash Dumpsters, of the Code of the City of Coatesville in its entirety; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Cosentino explained this is the second reading for the ordinance that makes the amendment to include storage containers, portable storage containers. So, they will need to be permitted just like a dumpster.

4. Receive` and consider a motion to approve a Resolution amending the City of Coatesville Master Fee Schedule

Vice President Green made a motion to approve a Resolution amending the City of Coatesville Master Fee Schedule; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Cosentino explained you'll see here in the fee schedule where there's the yellow highlights is what is being amended. And so specifically, it's including the language about the storage containers in the fee schedule. And we also had a change to the full replacement fee, and also for the promoter or group application fee, that fee was actually reduced.

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

## Reports

### 1. Solicitor

Ms. Cosentino announced our solicitor is not here tonight, but I do have his report that I can read. He writes, "Since council's last meeting, I communicated and continue to communicate with outside counsel regarding litigation matters. I caused the ordinances for tonight's consideration to be advertised in compliance with the city's charter. I caused the fire company lease amendment ordinance to be advertised in compliance with the city's charter. I successfully argued before the Court of Common Pleas. The court ultimately ruled in the city's favor and quashed two subpoenas that were filed by a known defendant for certain police materials. I provided guidance on Millview Basin, which is nearing completion. I edited a known donation agreement based on feedback provided by city management. I received correspondence from the RDA's solicitor regarding the NSEC project. I reviewed correspondence from the opioid trust administrator and provided an opinion. I completed my portion of the Barbacane, Thornton and Company LLP audit letter, and I provided guidance on a zoning matter for 4 South 8th Avenue."

### 2. City Manager

There was no city manager report at this time.

### 3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino stated as usual, I'd like to begin by welcoming any Spanish speakers and other non-English speakers that need assistance with city matters, that we are here to help as best we can. We want everyone to be able to share their questions and concerns. [foreign]. This evening, my report is fairly short. I just wanted to note that in your packets is the code department report this month. You'll see that we are at the peak of kind of rental licenses coming in. And also, inspections are going up because of those rental licenses. Next month, business privilege licenses are also due, so we expect those numbers to go up quite a bit. I'll also note that our code enforcement has gone up quite a bit. You'll see that we had 192 cases that were opened last month. This is the February report. A lot of that was snow shoveling and trash and abandoned vehicles. There's been really, I would say, an uptick in enforcement on those. We're happy to see that not only are the cases being opened, but a lot of these cases are getting resolved without having to go to the citation phase, which is a win for us, which is good because that means people are complying.

I'll also note that our public works crew will be starting the street sweeper as of April 2nd. The police have graciously put a notice on their Facebook page to remind everybody about parking. I believe in the first week, they'll be warning folks, but the sweeper does have a strict schedule. So please take note of the parking guidelines on your streets and do not park. Otherwise, the street sweeper cannot get to where it needs to be. I'll also remind everyone about trash and recycling. If your trash is not being picked up or a bulk item is not being picked up, please contact our city receptionist. She will take your address and make sure that the trash companies are aware, and they should go back to pick it up as soon as possible. And also, just to note, if there's any reminders or news that is happening in the city, you'll see

shortly Vince is going to give us a report, but we are putting those on our website. So please bookmark the City of Coatesville website and also sign up for ReadyChesCo. We will be utilizing that to communicate important updates as well. And that concludes my report.

4. Finance Department

Mr. Troutman wished everyone a good evening. First a reminder to property owners the discount period for real estate taxes and solid waste ends this month. If you have a mortgage and escrow, strongly suggest you double check to make sure they paid both your real estate and solid waste portions. There are always a few that only pay the real estate, leaving the owner to pay the trash, which results in late fees. Payments are made to Keystone as stated on the invoices. Second, regarding the financial status through 2024, it is too early to get a real good sense of where the City is. So far, we are on pace with 2023 tax collections. Lastly, the next installment in the informational sessions.

As a reminder, [slide #1] we have been talking about the city in terms of its numbers, and more specifically [slide 4] the overwhelming extent of contractual type commitments. Tonight's focus [slide 6] is on the controls and then roles. This is intended to give a very high level overview of how we ensure public funds are safe; there are whole semester courses on this topic.

Let's start with a basic definition. Internal Control is the policies and procedures established to minimize risk, prepare proper financial statements, increase operational efficiency and effectiveness, and deter waste, fraud and abuse. These are very, very good objectives and well tested over time. Unfortunately, they are not absolutes; humans are involved.

[slide 7] From the definition we go to the practical controls the City utilizes. I've grouped them into two; those that are foundational, I'll term as Pillars, and those that are more Local Controls. Take a few seconds to digest the technical type on the left and contrast those on the right. There are quite a few, and they all work together. A few comments on the ones on the right, notice the impact on contracts with council approvals, then council budgets (with public comments). Regarding experienced personnel, the City has a number of seasoned veterans that have seen thousands of invoices from the same vendors. A comment about the use of best practices – The City Manager and Assistant City Manager probably exchange emails a couple times a week on which vendors are used, how successful, what costs.

Notice the final one on the list, generally after all the other controls have played their part. [slide 8] I listed a few of the Pillar Controls as examples of the constant audits of the City, and managed firms that provide their expertise, controls and yes, their insurance if something does go wrong.

[slide9] This is as wild as accountant's get with color. It is designed to highlight one example that council sees the end result of payments. Start with the two frames of green and purple to emphasize the Pillar and Local Controls just discussed. In this example of controls, 6 different people are involved at various stages to create a payment, with two being elected officials. These are the basic steps to make a payment.

[slide 10] The key walk away from the payable example is the extent of efforts and roles these six people had that go into creating a payment that council sees for ultimate approval; Limited Access, Separate Tasks, Multiple Reviews / Approvals, and only then Check Signing at the highest levels.

Next Session will be on some of the results the City has enjoyed.

5. Public Affairs

Good evening. Good evening. My name is Vincent Miles, Jr. As you see on the screen, I am the public/government affairs representative for the City of Coatesville. I promise you guys, this is going to be pretty exciting if you're all over there falling asleep. But I want to start off with a praise-- I want to start off with a personal praise report. I was just inducted a few weeks ago into the 2024 class of VISTA Millennial Superstars. They host 40 under 40 Chester County Superstars, so that was pretty exciting. [applause] Thank you. Thank you. And I just got an email today for school. I'm also getting my doctorate in public administration. And I just got inducted into the Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society. [applause] Something could happen. We shall see.

Yeah, God is good. God is good. But that's that for me, personally. For council, I have this big representation of policies because this is one area that I'm going to transition to within my position. I want to work with every single one of you to kind of refine our codes, get into certain resolutions or things that you guys feel needs to be tweaked a little bit. It goes hand-in-hand with my degree, so I'm here to help on that basis. So let me know. I'm just a phone call away. Next up, I don't know if you guys ever seen this packet, but I have them here for handouts. This is the 10-year strategic plan for economic development in Pennsylvania. This is Josh Shapiro's plan. And I want to hand these out to you once I get time. But if we could closely align our goals with this within the next 10 years, I think we could be on a good track, long story short. So I've been studying this in and out, trying to get all of our different ideas and projects rolling, aligned with their goals. So that's one of the things I've been working on. The Pathways to Prosperity Fair. This is just a mock-up design that I made just to give a visual. But my entire goal is to pretty much bridge the gap between our city council and our school district. That is an area that I feel we all need to refine within the city. It can strengthen so many different facets for our youth and bring a lot of resources to the table. So in that, again, bridging gaps, I can just read this briefly. The P2P fair provides a platform for our community, utility companies, and many other organizations, whether it's trades, any universities, higher ed, to come in within the region to directly engage with our residents and students to improve their overall awareness and access to essential services and support programs.

So through inviting local businesses, entrepreneurs, and local economic development organizations, the Pathways to Prosperity and economic growth will be at hand, giving residents and students an inside look into the lives of professional leaders in various fields. The Pathways to Prosperity Fair represents a collaborative effort to bring together all sectors of the community, and the main objective is to create a culture of collaboration, shared goals, and mutual support between city stakeholders and our school district. So by addressing these apparent gaps, we would not only see an immediate benefit for all parties, but will together

lay the foundation for true prosperity and workforce development in our region. So that's the plan. So all of our stakeholders mixed with the school districts, I think we can really do something big there. I've had meetings with Mr. Changer and a few stakeholders already. And it was an immediate, "Let's do this." So I was going to plan to do it for May, but with all of the heavy haul within my vision, I'm just going to push it until next year and really pull together. So Pathways to Prosperity Fair. Next up is the National Fitness Campaign. This has been in the works for years, but we're finally starting to get to the endpoint. I'm working with Kyle Turner, our engineer over at Cedarville. And we have a few bids in already. There was one person that kind of went above the threshold of the \$19,500 that we have for the bid process. Is that right? Mr. Troutman replied yes. Mr. Miles explained So I'm just going to have to have him do the advertising for the whole bidding process and so forth. But we're getting closer and closer. We have the equipment. We just need to refine a few things with that, and we're good to go.

The Ward Walks. Hopefully, this is a discussion soon within-- Okay. I think Roberta had mentioned it, integrating a whole town talk within that. But the idea for all of you who have not seen it, this is just another unique way to get our council engaged with our residents. The pictures here that you see are just walking routes within each ward. So in the first ward, we'll walk around and pretty much, like in point one, strengthen the connections between council members and the community by facilitating open and direct communication. And you can kind of read the points. I don't want to run on, but you guys kind of get the idea. Yeah. So I plan to do this sometime in late spring, probably starting in May, towards the end of May, and then roll throughout the summertime. But I think this would be a really good opportunity for us all to hear from the community firsthand and see what's going on in each ward so we can strengthen those bonds and really move forward. So that's the Ward Walks.

Next up, you have the Taste of ChesCo. So I've been in different meetings with the Alliance for Health Equity. This one right here is a project that they're looking to do. And they're seeking a limited amount of food-related businesses to showcase a variety of appetizers and bite-sized delights with 200-plus guests from all over Chester County. It's going to be hosted at the Midway Arches. So I believe that they have around 20 open slots for that. And then there'll just be a lot of activities running throughout that event. Another meeting that I was on with the Alliance was dealing with their anchor strategy. So what they plan to do is to really, again, collaborate with a lot of the nonprofits and organizations within the city to enhance our housing, our health, and food security. So that's just different projects that I've been working along with them. Kevin, he's great. He's been helping me with school projects as well. Looking to do a grant with him dealing with food security. So that's going to be a good project.

Next up is Bring Back Brotherhood. This is a program that me and the city manager developed together. The whole idea is to simply bring back brotherhood. And our group has grown to 50-plus members or men. We have 50-plus men throughout the community. I mean, doctors, physicians, officers, you name it. Coaches, the whole nine. Just trying to pull together as men and really push the needle forward. Youth-wise, we have about 30 young men. So every first Wednesday, we meet with the youth. And then somewhere in between, we do an activity over the weekend, and then the last Wednesday, we meet with primarily



just the men. We all come here at City Hall, rearrange the tables and so forth to politic. So that's that project. Things are going extremely well. We just did a bowling event last Saturday, and all the guys enjoyed it. So great fellowship, good vibes, and we're just going to keep it running. Upcoming events that we have coming down the pike, we have our ACE conference or ACE forum. That's usually hosted in August. Our first one was last year. We have Unity Day. That's hosted in early July. I believe, the weekend after the 4th of July. And then Sounds of Summer, that rolls throughout the summertime, going into-- I believe we stopped in October. We had a little encore going, so that was a-- Yeah. And then in the corner over there, you can't really see it, but that's our first Fridays. That runs from May on to October. I have a little save the date where I'm working with Miss-- Council President, excuse me, Linda Lavender, on the Juneteenth collaboration. We're looking to go big this year for Juneteenth and integrate different groups, so that's going to be big. And then the Grand Prix in September. So just a little preparation for that. Plenty more projects that I could discuss, but I do want to meet with each and every one of you individually so we could kind of get on the same page with things rolling.

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

Mr. Curry wished everyone a good evening. Thank you so much. Good seeing you all this evening. I want to speak briefly on the cease-fire resolution that we spoke about two weeks ago. Before I do that, I just wanted to say that two weeks ago, when I addressed you making a heartfelt case to pass the cease-fire resolution as humanitarian gesture, at the end of the session, you all made comments, and you all addressed us, you all responded to our presentations, and I want to thank you for that. I really felt it was sincere and heartfelt on your part, and it really meant a lot to us. And I've just been thinking about that for the past two weeks. So I just want to thank you for that, for those comments. You didn't have to give the comments, but you did. And I thank you for that sincerely. And I just want to-- so I just want to note that in the two weeks since we were here talking about the resolution, there's been an endless stream of atrocities. There has not been a break. I know you all are keeping up on it. You had mentioned that, so I don't need to run through them. I put a list together of all the atrocities that have happened in the last two weeks. I would probably need an hour or two to run through all of them. I have them on my phone. I was just like, "There's no way that I can go--" when we were here meeting two weeks ago, there were air strikes. There were people being killed while we were talking. That's happening right now as we're speaking. It doesn't stop. Nonstop without a pause. There was another, so there's been four cease-fire resolutions presented to the UN. The US vetoed the first three. The fourth one, the US did not veto it. They abstained. So the fourth one now is-- for the month of Ramadan, the fourth one now is in effect. So there is a shifting tide. People want to see an end to the atrocities. People want to see some humanitarian relief. We want peace. We want to live in a world of peace, as we all do. So I just wanted to come here, address you tonight. I look forward to the cease-fire resolution getting on the official agenda, hopefully in a couple weeks, where we can talk about it, present it formally, have a discussion around it. So again, I appreciate you. I appreciate the comments that you offered two weeks ago, and I don't want to take up too much time. But thank you so much. Appreciate it.

Sidney Larier

Mr. Larier thanked Council for their time tonight. I was not here two weeks ago, but I did hear about the discussion on the cease-fire resolution that's been presented to this body. And I wanted to come

speak as a Jewish-American and as a resident of Coatesville in support of this resolution being brought to this body and then hopefully passed as soon as possible. I know how strange it feels to come to a local municipality like this and ask for a resolution with these sort of implications outside of its jurisdiction, but I must impress upon this body that this is not a fringe or niche thing that we are asking here. Over 100 municipalities across the United States have already passed a resolution similar to what has been presented here. This includes State College, Pennsylvania; Wilmington, Delaware; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Dearborn, Michigan; Ann Arbor, Michigan. It's smaller towns. It's your Providence, Rhode Island; Dayton, Ohio's; Akron, Ohio's; Patterson, New Jersey; St. Louis, Missouri. It's Glenwood Springs, Colorado; Hollister, California; Madera, California. These are cities and municipalities, both small and large, that are taking the opportunity to say that when our federal government has failed to take actions that are overwhelmingly supported by a majority of Americans, that it is the responsibility of local governments to stand up and make the voice of the people that we represent heard. So again, I don't want to take up too much of your time, but I really appreciate your time and even considering this. And likewise, I echo what was just said that I hope to see this brought to the official agenda as soon as humanly possible.

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

### **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

### **Council Comments**

Ms. Scamuffa thanked everybody for coming out this evening. I look forward to all the great stuff we have going on. Chief, for Paul Antonucci, although he did not follow through and stay until the end of the meeting. You don't want to hear about that. Wish him the best. I'm just looking to stay positive with the city. Thank you, everybody. Have a good night.

Ms. Turner-Green wished everyone a good evening. I would like to say congratulations to Paul Antonucci. Of course, it is a bittersweet thing for us. Happy to see him move forward in his career, but sad to see him go. He was a wonderful officer and is a wonderful person. And so whoever gets him, they definitely getting an asset. Congratulations to the promotion from part-time to full-time for Joshua Fox. Look forward to seeing how he'll add to what we already got going on in the department. Talking about the ceasefire for Gaza, it is devastating, very devastating what's going on there. And of course, everyone here, it touches your heart, of course, every time you see it on the news. And of course, I love passion. It's a beautiful thing to see human beings rallying for other human beings. I'm hoping, perhaps, maybe in the next meeting that we can see some of the same passions and call for humanitarian efforts for atrocities going on in Haiti. Thank you be safe and have a good night.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. Chief, you weren't supposed to let the Antonucci leave, so that's your fault. And tell Curt he needs to send him back and find somebody someplace else. But I do congratulate him, and I wish him well. He was here for a long time. We appreciate him. I wish him well in his new venture, although I'm going to get Curt. Congratulations to our new officer Fox becoming full-time. I know that's important for a lot of the officers. And I know you said when it comes to the part-time positions, that's why we sometimes lose officers because they go someplace else where there is a full-time position available. And those that have families, it's very

difficult to raise a family on a part-time salary. I mean, come on, let's be real. In this world, it's hard to raise a family on a full-time salary. Sometimes people have two jobs. And Vincent, thank you for your presentation. And congratulations on your accomplishments. And I just look forward to continuing to help this city move forward. I'm glad that our Codes department is moving things forward, and I'm sure a lot of the residents appreciate it. I know that I do. Curry, thank you as always. Thank you, guys, for your comments and your presentation. And I hope everybody gets home safe. Thank you to the staff. Have a good night, everybody.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. I, too, just want to thank everyone for coming and spending the evening with us once again. It's always good to see you. Basically, I echo the sentiments of my colleagues, and we are striving to do the best to move our city forward. And we do not take things lightly that are presented to us. And so, we do want you to know that our prayers and our thoughts go out to all of the devastation that happens within our country. And [inaudible] as well. And [inaudible] I love your passion. So please do it. Just continue to do what you're doing. There will be some changes to the lives of the people in Gaza, as well as Councilwoman Tiniera spoke about in Haiti as well. We're blessed here in this area that we're not experiencing those types of things. But there is still a lot of heartbreaks and tragedies that go on right here at home. So I just pray that one day we can find peaceful things to get back to some sense of normal worldwide. I want to thank our staff as well for the tremendous job you do on a daily basis to make this city move forward and doing the things you do in your respective positions. Thank you for that great presentation, Vince, and we appreciate that. Our assistant manager, our manager in his absence, for the wonderful job that he does. And I just want to make a personal thank you to our police department. You guys are just awesome in what you do. In the last two weeks, I had two major tragedies within my family. And I just want to thank you for the way you came and took care of my family. I wasn't always present with the things you had done, but I just want to thank you for the way you handled that. Thank you so much. Everybody have a good night. Colleagues, as always, it's good to spend these couple hours with you. And let's just keep making Coatesville great. Great and greater. Thank you.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming out. Get home safely and enjoy life because things are happening and they're happening fast. So make the best of each day that you can. Thank you to our staff and everything. And I'm not speaking to the chief or the lieutenants. But Vince, kudos to you. You do a great job. Ruthann, I always forget your name. Thank you for everything that you do. And what does that say? The best assistant city manager ever. Thank you for what you do. Have a good night, everyone.

Vice President Green thanked everybody for coming out. My heart goes out to everything that's going on around the world. There's just so much violence and so much tragedy. Like Tiniera said, what's going on in Haiti. The condition of our world is just so much and so overwhelming. Roberta, I'm just excited for the things we discussed earlier, and I really appreciate the effort that you've been putting in to make things better. And I look forward to our walks and our talks. Vince, I read the VISTA today when you were recognized. It was just wonderful. I'm so very proud of you. And just thank you for all that you do. This is what's necessary to move the city forward. And God is making a way. I'm sorry. But the Lord is making a way and providing us with the help of the people that we love. And Chief, I'm sad that Antonucci is leaving too, but you guys trained him up. One day, you're going to do the same. You're going to raise up someone else to step into that position. Because just as he said, it's about the leadership that he had that made things great for him. So I appreciate you.

Lieutenant Ollis over there. He's always quiet, but he does so much. He's a little quiet giant or however you say that. He's always quiet, but he does so much and the community just respects you. And I know that you were a person that he looked up to and wanted to emulate. So, continue with that. But I'm just excited for those who came out, continue to come out. It's always good seeing you, Sue, and Ms. [Coleman?]. I'm always saying your name wrong, but you know what I'm talking about. [laughter] It's just great to see everybody who comes out and participates in our meetings. So have a wonderful night, and stay safe.

Mrs. Hunt asked Madame president if she could add one thing. I want to give kudos to our president and vice president for your roles that you play with the CYWA. During this time of year, there's many children that will not have an Easter basket, will not have clothes, but they are providing Easter baskets and brand-new clothing for the children in our community. I just wanted to acknowledge you for the roles you play in that organization and for the lives that you're changing and making a difference. And I know personally, I submitted over 12, 14 names, and each of those parents were called today to come and receive the things for their children. So, I want to thank you for doing that in our community. Thank you. I appreciate it.

Vice President Green said since you're saying that, not to toot your horn, but on Saturday, the ABC Channel 6 Action News was at the agency and videoed them. They did a breakfast brunch for the shelter and for the [inaudible]. They had, oh, how many volunteers? Over 50 people came out to volunteer, and they had a really great time. So again, it's just about making moves, and it's about everybody working together.

President Lavender Norris echoed her colleagues and just need to express my great appreciation to all of you who have come out to the meeting tonight. Our aim is to do the very best we can for our community, those that live in our community and those that frequent our community. We want it to be safe. We want it to thrive. And that's our desire. That's why we work. I just want to say if we keep God first, He knows the plans He has for us. It's an expected end. So focus on Him. Keep Him first. Follow His lead. And the ceasefire will not be necessary because He'll put an end to it, not just in Gaza, but in Haiti, in the Congo. We are living in some hard times. And it's for us to submit. At the end of the day, it's for us to submit, to love, and caring for one another. Please keep us in prayer. We'll keep you in prayer. And by God's grace, we'll see you out here at our next council meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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