



City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, February 24, 2025

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

Council Absent:

Staff Present: James Logan, City Manager; Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Chief Peter Huf, Fire Department; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor; and Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

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

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the February 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Scamuffa asked regarding for the council present, do we need to list-- and I'm not sure for the recording, physically present or--if was on the phone. Do we need to specify that on here? So it's not in the minutes as the council present. As listed, it just reflects as though she was present, present, not [inaudible]. I don't know if that's going to make a difference. You never know for specifics. Mr. Jefferson explained I don't know if a person being on the phone versus being present is any different than if there may be comments. I think in this scenario, it may not because there was a quorum. There was more than enough physically present. But in the future, and it could be a scenario where, yes. So in effect, I don't think it's going to matter, but yes. Ms. Scamuffa said okay. I just want to make sure we're marked properly. That's all I have.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Vice President Green motioned to approve the Accounts Payables; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Lisa Doan-Harley – Historical Commission

Ms. Lisa Doan-Harley wished everyone a good evening. I am the new chair to the Historical Commission. MAnd this is my first time coming before you to speak, and I'm bringing good news. Chester County Planning Commission, for 31 years, has held an event throughout the summer called Town Talks and Village Walks. And they began in June there, every Thursday night through mid-August. And Coatesville has secured June 26th. This year, the title of the event for the whole county is Undertold and Untold Stories. So we are delving into many different things. We're going to have kind of like a quilt, with many different things that we're going to present. I would like to share with you what will be in the brochure. I just sent it to the county. It says, "Untold and Undertold Stories of Coatesville. Join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Art Deco movement, which began in 1925, but Coatesville-style. Featured on a walking tour of the city's historic district, will be a variety of stops pointing out this unique and disappearing style of architecture. We will be emphasizing unique stories of

the area that may be unknown or only partially known to the tour participants. Hear stories of local people you may never have heard of and also share time with some local authors."

And we're also going to have some, as well as several pop-up displays throughout Lincoln Highway between 1st and 3rd. Last year, we missed out just by the skin of our teeth getting on the tour. And so this year we were given the option of being first. We entertained the Chief Historical Preservation Officer and the president of CCHPN earlier-- or late last year and took them on a short walking tour of the city and knocked their socks off. They were unaware of just how beautiful our city is. And as I would tell my students, "Look up. Look at the second and the third floors of the buildings and you will see astounding architecture." So we're prepared on the night of the 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 to show the entire county what we're made of, so.

Ms. Allen asked will this coincide with the 250th anniversary dinner that they're having [crosstalk]? Ms. Doan-Hartley replied it can, and we have other things we're going to be doing with that, but we're going to tie it into it. So we're going to be discussing or emphasizing the city of Coatesville, Chester County 250, as well as this new historical initiative [inaudible]. If any of you have what you think might be some untold or undertold stories, please let us know because we are formulating what we're going to be doing that night. This whole thing sparked from books. [inaudible]. So we'll be working with Looker Books, hopefully, and then incorporating a couple. Vice President Green asked can we need a contact number for you? Ms. Doan-Hartley replied yes. Roberta will take care of that. So if you know of anyone, I'm shopping right now for material. President Lavender Norris thanked Ms. Doan-Hartley for her work on the commission. Ms. Doan-Hartley said it's literally a pleasure.

Ms. Allen asked did you get a lot of information from Mr. Kersey? I remember how he used to have a wealth of information. Ms. Doan-Hartley replied yeah, some of the things that I'm finding, especially with the new Historical Society in [inaudible], oh my goodness, that's an untapped resource. Toni Barber wrote a book, and I'm telling you, it's that thick. It could be used as self-defense. It's amazing. It's chock full of pictures. When you first look at it, you think, "Oh my goodness." I wouldn't have time to read it, but oh, it's beautifully done. Ms. Allen asked who's it by? What is it? Ms. Doan Hartley replied Toni Barber. Mrs. Hunt said I have a copy of it. Ms. Allen asked but can I get it [crosstalk]? Ms. Doan Hartley replied you can get it on Amazon, but right now-- It's \$200. Yes, it's gone way up. So, I put Toni in contact with a company that publishes local histories in the Philadelphia area so that she could possibly resubmit it. I don't know what her contract was with the other company, but it would become more in order to get up into 10 or 12 little vignettes. Especially for young people, it'd be very enticing. Ms. Allen said because I know Mr. Kersey had a lot of information. Ms. Doan -Hartley replied yes, he did. And there's also a couple-- Mark Ford, Jay Byerly [crosstalk]. Any other questions? Hopefully, I'll hear from you with some good stories. Thank you.

Discussion Items

1. New and Amended Ordinances

Ms. Cosentino announced the item will be tabled until another meeting.

2. Public Comment Resolution

Mr. Jefferson announced there's a draft resolution that I believe was provided in Council's packet. It incorporated some of the feedback that the city received from Council. It modeled off of the original, or the most recent, one that we found from the city. And there are some red-line edits. It is our intent to formalize this so that you may act on this proposed resolution at the next meeting. There may still be some of our edits, but we wanted you to see what it would look like in terms of a red line. And then hopefully, if there's any other feedback or any other comments that you wish to provide, provide them to Mr. Logan and Ms. Cosentino, and we will get this finalized for the council's next meeting in March. Thank you.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

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

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to reappoint Jose Rios to the Civil Service Commission for the term 2025-2028

Ms. Al Amin motioned to reappoint Jose Rios to the Civil Service Commission for the term 2025-2028; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Hi, My Name is Jose Rios. I've been a resident of Coatesville for 19 years. I've been serving on various boards and commissions since 2009. It's been a long time. Any questions? I've worked very closely with Lieutenant Ollis and before him, his predecessor and the chief, and now the new chief. I'll give you three more years. Thank you. President Lavender Nooris thanked Mr. Rios for his past service. We appreciate you. Mrs. Hunt stated it was just nice to meet you. Thank you for taking the time to come and make sure that you continue to be a servant as far as the Civil Service Commission. We appreciate you for your time. Thank you.

2. Receive and consider a motion for Second Reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 218, Vehicle and Traffic, Article III, No Parking on Certain Streets, §218-11 Schedule of Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets, by adding certain portions of Concord Street for the City of Coatesville.

Vice President Green motioned to approve Second Reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Chapter 218, Vehicle and Traffic, Article III, No Parking on Certain Streets, §218-11 Schedule of Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets, by adding certain portions of Concord Street for the City of Coatesville; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Allen asked is this street Vince was talking about in the West End? I still didn't get a visual. I need a visual. I'm sorry. I can't. My brain doesn't do [crosstalk]. Vice President Green stated it is an [crosstalk] alleyway. Lieutenant brought it to us last time. [crosstalk]. Yeah. I'm waiting to see. I don't do well with north, south, east, west. [crosstalk]. Ms. Cosentino displayed the google map. There it is. So West 9th to West 7th. So if you look at the map here, Concord Street from West 9th, which would start here, all the way until West 7th, would be one section on both sides of the street. And then Concord Street from-- it jumps, if I recall. [crosstalk regarding where the street is located in West End]

Mr. Jefferson explained the title of Section 218-11 is schedule of parking prohibited at all times on certain streets. Within that section is a chart. And the chart has three columns: the street, the side, and the location. So that's why the ordinance is written the way that it is, in terms of the street. We're adding the street to that chart. And that's where the chart's labeled. Yeah, the way it's written is it's the path. So Chapter 218 is the chapter of the-- let's go back. Chapter 218 is vehicles and traffic. And then Article 3 is no parking on certain streets. So it goes down each time. So, subcategories. Ms. Allen asked I guess my question to Mr. Logan and Ms. Cosentino, what is that going to do for parking? And the chief, what is that going to do for a parking thing? I'm sure cars park back there because parking is so tight. How is that going to affect the parking for people who live there, who's been parking back there because they can't find on-street parking in front?

Chief Laufer explained most all the residents have off-street parking off of Concord. Ms. Allen said they do? Okay. Chief Laufer said they're in a better position than 70, 80 percent of the residents of the city. Ms. Allen asked and it's just that certain area in back of the firehouse. Because they said it's the [crosstalk]. Chief Laufer replied no, it's the whole length of Concord. The whole length of Concord Street. For whatever reason, it was never included in the list of prohibited parking streets identified in the ordinance. And the reason they're all listed is because they're not wide enough to support parking on the street and allow emergency access for fire trucks and other emergency vehicles. So we were just trying to clean it up so that we can monitor it better, enforce it better, and make sure that the fire trucks can get down and have access, and residents aren't complaining about people parked in the alleys. Because we couldn't enforce it otherwise, really, because it was not-- There was no ordinance for Concord Street. Ms. Turner-Green asked if Ms. Scamuffa was okay with the Ordinance. Ms. Scamuffa replied yes, I'm good with that. I went through this last meeting. I had questions about it.

3. Receive and consider a motion to renew Granicus "SmartGov" Contract

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the Granicus "Smart Gov" three-year contract; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Cosentino explained as you all heard me say many times, SmartGov is the software system that we use in the code department. That's where we hold all of our permits, licenses, code enforcement, business privilege, inspections, zoning, and planning. So it's a fairly robust system that we're continually updating in close contact with the developers as well, to do new reports and all sorts of things. So we use it heavily. When we started with SmartGov, it was under a different ownership. Currently, it's under Granicus. So our old contract had expired, and they just sent us this updated one a couple of weeks ago.

Vice President Green asked is there a fee increase with it? Ms. Cosentino explained There is a small increase, and it does go up incrementally for three years. Ms. Allen asked Is this something that we're going to have to continuously renew, or once we-- like Microsoft [inaudible]. So is this SmartGov thing something we all have to renew, kind of like the Microsoft? Ms. Cosentino replied the software is kind of continually updated, if that's what you mean. This contract is for three years, but the software system is continually updated, continually improved. We're actually going to be bringing them in to do some staff training, fairly shortly here. So like I said, it's a robust system. It's always being improved.

Vice President Green asked is the contract always a three-year contract? So every three years we have to renew? Ms. Cosentino explained the last one was a three-year contract. You can see the improvements. When you get the Code reports, that this system helps keep everything in line and on track and helps you be able to know what areas we need to work on or what areas we have improved and how much, the SmartGov does? Ms. Cosentino replied right. Yeah. So the numbers that you see in the code report are coming directly from SmartGov. Yeah. Yeah. I think you know what? It took us a little while to get up and running, to get comfortable, to understand how to use the system. And I think in this past year or so, really come a long way. So I foresee that continuing to happen.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close action items; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney-client privileged report to Council. Since Council's last meeting: drafted memos regarding various legal matters; communicated with Carrie Patrizio from Land Services regarding the closing of the community center; attended the Zoning Hearing Board meeting for 625 East Lincoln Highway, and the subject application was denied; communicated and continue to communicate with outside counsel regarding land development matters; communicated and continue to communicate with outside counsel regarding certain litigation matters; provided an opinion on a new personal injury litigation matter; and attended a court proceeding in the matter of the Commonwealth v. William Molina.

Vice President Green asked you said the zoning hearing. You attended the zoning hearing? Which one was that? Mr. Jefferson replied that was the gas station property. Ms. Allen asked that was rescheduled, right? Vice President Green said no. Munchies was rescheduled. Mr. Jefferson said correct. Munchies was rescheduled. The gas station went forward and it was denied.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan thanked Madam President. Earlier this evening, I provided an executive council with real estate matters and updates. And for the public report, we have a few items. I just want to thank Council President and Council Vice President for attending last week's meeting. We had the opportunity to meet with the secretary of DCED. He was touring the city of Coatesville. He made a few stops with some of our local businesses, [inaudible], and the 2nd Century Alliance. Their last stop was here when we had-- or where we had an opportunity to share with the secretary what has been going on in the City of Coatesville in terms of our economic development and some of our future projects. It was a great meeting. He'd seen and done his homework on the city, which was wonderful. We shared with them some of our updates. A few of you have received that package that's in the executive office that shows what we went through with the secretary. And they're keeping us on our radar for future plans and future funds. So it was minutes well spent. So again, thank you too for making time in your schedule to come up to the meeting.

We also had an opportunity to host a youth leadership program here that was put on, presented by the Chester County Business and Industry. And that is a program that each year,

they host 30 to 40 students that come out and learn about local businesses as well as leadership. We did a municipal kind of one-on-one with them. We shared with them what we do here at the city of Coatesville. Roberta, Lieutenant Ollis, and Chief Huf, we were part of the kind of welcoming committee and education committee. We had a special guest speaker from the governor's officer [inaudible] who came in and shared with the young people about the government on that level, which was great. And it was just a nice introduction to young people, to understand what to do in the city. So we appreciate the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry for making us part of it. And this is something that they do throughout the county. They visit businesses. They visit local municipalities. And we just had a wealth of guest speakers come in and talk with these folks, so it was great.

The other item I have is the fire department. Chief Huf and I have been in conversation with Washington Post Company. We are developing an MOU to better our relationship with them. As you all know, we have on schedule to receive two new apparatus that will require us to park those vehicles at the Washington Post Company. And one of the things that we have to do is, obviously, make sure that those two engines will be secure. So there will be some slight remodeling of modifications at Washington Post to accommodate those two vehicles. [inaudible] city because we're kind of moving in and we need more space, so we should pay for it. But the relationship has been great since Chief Huf has been on board. He has been able to galvanize the relationship that we are trying to get with the EMT, EMS, first responders, our guys, as well as [inaudible]. So we're very excited about what the future is going to hold. In addition to that, we've got an opportunity to talk to the West End and some of the volunteers over there that met with the Chief. And Chief, I hope I'm not stealing your thunder. I'll stop there and let you kind of share that. But again, I think we're seeing a lot of progress made in our emergency services, not only in the fire department, but in this department as well. So thank you, Chief, for that. Thank you, Chief

Last two items I have, Black History Month. Again, I just want to thank everyone for coming out on that day. We had our annual Black History Month Pancake and Book Read, which we always devote time to sharing with our young people some black history, and share with us some authors of-- wonderful books by black authors, I should say. We also had Dana Looker or Dana Looker from Looker Books. She was in attendance and she offered to share certain books that she carries. Some people ordered the books from that event, so it was great. And it was just a wonderful turnout. We love to have more. Some years we have 15, 20. Other years we've had 40, 45, 50. It's always kind of hit-and-miss, but again, this is for the children. It's always nice to see them be a part of it. I also want to thank Little Chef for sponsoring the food portion of the event. This is the second year that they're the sponsors of the event, in terms of our pancake breakfast. So shout out to Little Chef and [inaudible] over there. We really appreciate everything that they do.

The last item I have is in reference to the Alliance for Health Equity. You may have seen a flyer go out for an event that they have coming up on March 4th. This is the introduction of Union Community Care, which is the new organization that has taken over for Chestnut. So I'll pass off the flyer from there. So it's nice to see that we're going to have a new provider here in the City of Coatesville. Kevin Russler and his team have done a wonderful job of securing this organization. So we look forward to some great things here in Coatesville. And then I just want to share with Council that today I received an email from Econ Partners, and I just want to read it to you. It says, "Congratulations on the 2,000-- excuse me, \$200,000 MTF award for the NSEC Onsite Improvement Project." So the City of Coatesville has

received another grant to support the efforts [inaudible]. This is an offsite improvement that will pretty much take place at-- is it Wagontown, I think? It will be put into Wagontown to help facilitate and mitigate the traffic that's expected.

Ms. Allen asked can I add something to your report? At the Martin Luther King Pancake Breakfast, the children that came out, the police department handed out bikes. So I just wanted to mention that as part of what happened-- --that day because not only did they leave with books to take home and read, they also left with a new bike to ride. So I just wanted to say thank you to the police department. They didn't buy the bikes though. They were free. Oh, yeah. And the fire department was here, and the kids got to go do whatever with the fire department. It started snowing, so.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino thanked Madam President. I have a short report for you tonight. Tomorrow evening, in this room, at 6:00 PM, the Brandywine Conservancy is holding a public meeting for the Brandywine flood study. We will be hopefully pushing out their flyer again tomorrow, but please do come, invite others to come. It's great to have input and questions from the local community. So if you're able to, please join. It's at 6 o'clock. Also, I just want to say a thank you to Lisa Doan-Harley. I am so incredibly excited that Coatesville will be listed on the Town Talks and Village Walks. I don't know if you've ever had a chance to attend any of the other municipalities, but they really are great. And in my time here at the city, having attended the historical commission meetings, our historical commission has such an incredible wealth of knowledge. And I just know that it's going to be a great tour, and it's going to impress, and I'm just really excited about it. And they really put in a lot of effort to make that happen. So I'm really excited for them, for all of us.

Also, in your packets, you have the Public Works Department report for the month. Just a few things that are a little bit different this month that you might see, is kind of looking ahead. The Police Department and Public Works are working together to communicate to residents about their handicap signs. So if someone is not renewed a permit, they will be-- oh, I'm sorry. The reports were sent separately, so they were emailed. I apologize. If you don't have a copy, I'll make sure to get you one. So the handicap signs are-- if somebody hasn't renewed a permit, they will get a door hanger as well as the other two reminders that the police department sent out. If they do not respond to that door hanger within 10 days, the sign will be removed. So we are giving everybody ample notice. The police department, as usual, has communicated very clearly. So we hope that everyone will get the message, and we won't have to take down signs and put them back up. Vice President Green stated Virginia Avenue could really use something [inaudible]. [crosstalk]

Also, another different thing that's happening, we have been selected by the DEP to be inspected this year. And that inspection is actually happening tomorrow. So we'll be here tomorrow with the DEP on our MS-4 inspection. They'll be reviewing our annual report, some of our educational campaigns that we do around stormwater, and they'll be going down to the public works building. So we expect some feedback from that report, but our engineers, Cedarville, will be joining us. I think you saw that proposal at the last meeting or the meeting before. And that concludes my report.

Ms. Scamuffa asked Ms. Roberta what are we referring to with removal of trash cans from 4th to 6th? Ms. Cosentino explained the street trash cans that were placed on Lincoln Highway between 4th and 6th Ave on the East End were removed. Most of those cans were in front of residential properties. So we're sort of testing out how we do with those street cans being removed. They can be placed back if they need to be. But generally, we found that those are the trash cans that end up with a lot of household trash rather than small items. So we did remove those.

4. Fire Department

Chief Huf announced as our city manager mentioned about the purchase of the new apparatus, I'm meeting with the sales representative Wednesday to get an update. As you may be aware, the fire apparatus was ordered in 2023, and the tentative delivery date for one of the pieces of apparatus is 2026, and the other one, 2027. So there's a lot of time there. So I just want to make sure that we're on top of it and make sure-- it's a lot of money being spent, and make sure that all the plans are in place and we have a clear understanding-- I have a clear understanding of what is taking place. So we're part of the committee that actually helped design the truck and me, myself will meet with the sales rep on Wednesday.

Also, as was mentioned, I've been meeting with different leadership in the fire department. As you're aware, the fire department is multi-pronged. We have career staff. We have two volunteer fire companies. We have EMS operating out of the one firehouse. We have a contract with the firefighters union. So I've been meeting with the different representatives from each, and the fire chief's job is to be the coach of the team, so to speak, and it has to operate as a team. So I've been meeting with each of the different entities to get a better understanding of any concerns they have, and also to give them a clear understanding of what I envision the department should look like and how it will operate. And everything's been going fine. I think it's a well-oiled machine. I think it's doing very well. And so it's just a matter of just coordinating some of it.

Lastly, a few of our members just obtained their national certification over at the training center this Saturday as tiller operators. And for those of you who don't know what that is, the ladder truck has somebody that sits in the rear and steers, and it's a very complicated, very tricky position. And just about all the full-time and part-time members of the department are now nationally certified in that. So to the extent that the new apparatus that will be delivered will also be a tractor drone or tiller truck, so it's important that they allow that training. [crosstalk].

President Lavender Norris asked how do you feel about the city now that you're the fire chief here? You've been here a minute [crosstalk]. Chief Huf replied I feel like I've been here forever. I love it. Everything's been going great. Everybody has been so friendly. It's been great working with the administration. I've been out. The Police Department, Chief Laufer, and Lieutenant Ollis have been great. I've been going to the Coffee with the Chief, so I've met a lot of the civic and religious leaders. Part of my 90-day plan was to meet as many people as I could and to get out, be visible in the community, and [inaudible] working on that as well. But no, it's been great. Yeah, I truly love it. Council thanked Chief Huf.

Mr. Logan announced the Finance report will be in for the March meeting. We have the auditors coming in on Thursday. And also, just the last one. In your packets, I didn't mention

this, but in your packet, you have a copy of the train station. So that's the latest update. But that was sent to us on February 19th. We're pretty up-to-date with what's going on. And then there has been a notification that Coates Street will be closed for a number of weeks due to construction right on 3rd avenue between Fleetwood Street and Coates street and Coates Street between 3rd avenue and Harlan Drive.

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

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

Ms. Allen motioned to close citizens hearing on non-agenda items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time

Council Comments

Ms. Scamuffa wished everyone a good evening. Thank you for sticking it out with us here this evening. I just want to point out a couple things. Spring is approaching. I know the street cleaners haven't been out during the winter months. This would be throughout the city, but I'll speak on the West End. Please take just a little bit of pride in your neighborhood, even if it's just outside your front door. Pick up the trash that's littering our street. It's blowing around. Valley Road is a hot mess. If we could just take-- the neighbors could just take a few minutes and kind of pick that up, just neaten it up a little bit, hopefully, things will get better. I did mention, had a very nice short conversation with Mr. Logan earlier in the week-- or last week, I guess. And it's the Route 82 sign. I think we're going to work on that with PennDOT, getting that fixed a bit. Strode Avenue, it's laying up against the Brown property, kind of mangled right now. I think that's really all I had. I wanted to make sure that-- [inaudible]. Oh. Well, those are the other signs. I do have to get you pictures still of-- there's two corners at Valley and West 5th, and Hope and 30. I will send those to you so you can get with Jules. I apologize for it. It's been a crazy week and a half. Yes, but I forgot about those right now. Yeah. But 82, if we don't get that up, that's going to be definitely signaling people to come down through the neighborhood, without that sign there. But I appreciate everybody coming out, and I hope you have a great evening. Keep warm. Spring is on its way. We're getting there slow and steady. So thank you. Thank you all staff and colleagues. I love my fellow council persons here. Have a great evening.

Ms. Turner-Green wished everyone a good evening. I will second what Ms. Scamuffa said, because taking pride in our city is just something that we should do. And maybe we can put it there, but this is your city. So it's all of our responsibility to continue to maintain that. Really quick, I wanted to mention there is a really awesome program being run by the CCDC in partnership with the IU that is specifically geared towards our veterans for training and employment services. So if you're a veteran or you know a veteran that is looking for help with reentry into civilian workforce, please reach out to somebody. [inaudible]. They can reach out to me personally. I think it's a really great program that we should definitely encourage our governments to take advantage of. I know there are a lot of people that come out of the military and kind of have a hard time reactivating. And this is something that can be really helpful for them. And thank you to all those who serve, have served on our commissions and boards. It is something that is greatly appreciated and still very much needed. So if anyone has an inclination that they want to serve, they want to be a part of their community, they

want to be a part of making things better or maintaining what we're working well. I would say please get involved.

Ms. Al Amin stated I just want to keep it real short. Thank you, everybody, for coming out. Have a good night. Safe travels home.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. I too want to thank you all for coming and hanging out with us this evening. As always, I want to thank our staff for the great job that you do daily to keep the city running and moving. You guys are just awesome in all that you do. And to Ms. Scamuffa and Ms. Turner-Green, your desire to keep the streets clean, if anybody has time, please sign up for that immediately. Have you seen the highway? Because I tell you, somebody opens up a can of trash every day and it just clutters my yard. So I welcome your help. I used to have a little lady that would come by every day and just pick up the trash and her son moved her away to Ephrata. But yeah, I don't know where all that trash comes from, but it's a daily thing all during the day, so. But I do want us to make sure that we keep our city clean and beautiful, so I just thought I can relate to that. Everybody, please have a good evening. And again, thank you so much for all that you do, even as our residents. We just want to make sure that things are running in case [inaudible]. Thank you so much for coming, and we hope to see you next time. Thank you.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone, for coming out. Get home safely and have a good evening.

Vice President Green, I just want to-- I so appreciate the staff. Mr. Logan, we had that-- I was able to attend part of that meeting the other day, but I'm just thankful and grateful for you guys and all that you do. Just the resources, the connections that you have developed since you've been here, just always looking to improve conditions here in the city. And I so appreciate that, so I just wanted to let you know. Thankful to all my colleagues for your hard work and dedication. It's a lot sometimes, and a lot of things that we have to take into consideration to really understand and know what we're doing right now. So I just appreciate everyone, and I thank everyone for coming out tonight. And [inaudible] safe home. Thank you. Oh, I'm sorry. One more thing. Ms. Hunt, Mr. David Simone has been doing a super, super job in cleaning. And he called me and texted me last week asked me about opening your property. We'll have his guys clean it up. He came out with his tractors when it was snowing for the first time and plowed you out a little bit. I don't know if you know it was him. Mrs. Hunt replied No, I didn't. Vice President Green said but he's been trying to look out for your property. Mrs. Hunt said thank you. I appreciate that. Vice President Green said I will let him know. Mrs. Hunt stated please do. Thank you so much. I appreciate it. I was thanking my snow plowers. I thought he did it all. Vice President Green said No. Yeah, he called me. He came out and did that for you. Mrs. Hunt said wow. Awesome. Tell him I really appreciate it. Thank you.

President Lavender Norris stated I am forever grateful for my colleagues, for the staff, for you residents. I'm extremely excited that the weather made it up past 40 today. Praise God for that. I just want to say thank you to everyone in the room. The city is definitely moving forward, and it's because of you that it's moving, and it's going to require us all to stay together and keep pushing. We'll pick up help along the way, as we're seeing, even with Mr. Rios wanting to re-up this time. A lot of people don't see your vision. But when they see you moving, they want to be a part of it. And we're definitely moving, so people will be caught on more. So I, again, just want to say thank you to you all for all your effort. I pray that you all have a blessed evening. Stay safe.

Adjournment

Vice President Green motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.