



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, May 27, 2025

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

Council Absent: Councilwoman Charrisse Allen

Staff Present James Logan, City Manager; Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Chief Peter Huf, Fire Department; Jessica Arthur, Finance Department; 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 May 12, 2025 Council meeting minutes; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Scamuffa motioned to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. NAACP - Juneteenth

And community members, civil servants. My name is Ajené Livingston. I am the Juneteenth Planning Committee Chair for the NAACP. And I'm joined this evening by Miss-- Shadell Quinones, President of the NAACP. Good evening. We're going to shorten this a bit. We're not going to keep you too long. We have about nine slides just to go over our idea of what we would like to present to the city for our Juneteenth commemoration celebration this year. We can go to the next slide. Ms. Quinones said bear with me as I try to read my notes on my phone here. Juneteenth is a day to honor freedom, legacy, and community. This year, we're uniting culture, civic pride, and health through a full day celebration. And we are excited to share our planning and invite the city to be an essential part of our day. Mr. Livingston said the day kicks off with a-- next slide, please. The day kicks off with a father-son celebration. This year we are doing-- well, if you remember last year, we sort of tried to honor all of the pockets and all of the communities. And we did about five different Juneteenth celebrations throughout the city at different times of the day, honoring different aspects of our culture. This year, we decided that we want to consolidate a little more and have three aspects that we focus on. So the three aspects are our father-son, father-daughter tournament, our Juneteenth Freedom Parade, which we'll talk a little bit more about that, and then our Health and Wellness Fair at Palmer Park. Let's go to the next slide. I think I'm done. So it starts off with the father-son and father-daughter sports tournament, and this is a meaningful Father's Day tribute. We are having this-- we're proposing to have this on Father's Day, which is the Sunday before Juneteenth. And we want to do this at the Ninth Avenue basketball courts. Traditionally, we've had this at Ash Park, but we know that we're doing renovations at Ash

Park. We considered doing it at—Valley View, that we share with South Coatesville. We considered doing it at Valley View because we do want to incorporate and include South Coatesville in what we do, but we think it's spreading us out a little bit too thin within the community. So, we're looking to do something a little bit different and smaller at 9th Avenue basketball court. So, the aim is to celebrate fatherhood, leadership and community mentorship, and we request the city's help in preparing the course. And we'll talk about that a little bit further.

Next slide, Ms. Quinones said and so just to talk about a bit that's going to happen around midday, that is when we're going to honor the legacy of the historic Elks Parade. And I can tell you I learned so much about that and the nostalgia and all of that that folks have been experiencing while we've been planning. The Freedom Parade will revive the tradition with marching bands, fraternities, vintage vehicles, and community groups. It's a symbolic homecoming for many families. Next slide. Mr. Livingston said and then we will round off the day at Palmer Park, where we'll host a Health and Wellness Fair, partnering with Keystone First and YMCA. We'll offer screenings, free food, family fun. And this fair ties into our broader health equity goals for Coatesville. Next slide, Ms. Quinones said to bring the vision to life, we're asking the city's support in preparing Palmer Park and the basketball court, assisting, I'm sorry, with permits and cleanup support. Your partnership will demonstrate civic pride and investment in our residents' well-being.

Next slide. Mr. Livingston said oh, that's the thank you. So we welcome any questions. We are hoping to incorporate the parade aspect as an annual celebration to really honor the Elks Parade. I came on the tail end of things, so many of you might remember it a lot more than I and its meaning to the community. And we really want to revive that feeling and that pride in our city. So we're looking for ways to find to really honor not only our history, but also the path going forward. So we're hoping that the parade will be a staple for Juneteenth under whoever's umbrella, but it will be something that we hope that the city does annually every year to bring the community out. There are some details around that, which we're happy to go into. But one of the ideas is that along the path on Merchant, we will stop and honor our various historic sites like the funeral home, like the church, like the school, and then turn down 8th Avenue and then go on Chestnut to-- so at this point, we will open the floor up to any questions, or if you want to sit on this, I will submit this PowerPoint to you along with some flyers and some other documents. If you want some time to think about it and then get back to us, you can reach us at any point, but we're also available to answer any questions for you this evening.

President Lavender Norris asked you said you wanted the city's assistance., what does that consist of? Mr. Livingston asked Ms. Quinones would you like to answer? Ms. Quinones said okay. So we're preparing to have the community gathering in Palmer Park. What I learned in the planning is that there is such rich culture and history on that end of Coatesville, and we really wanted to be able to highlight that. We know from other members of the committee that there is deep cleaning that needs to take place. There are some adult paraphernalia in terms of bottles and different things like that. So, we're definitely asking for cleaning support, I think, primarily. I know that we also talked about the request or idea of possibly having porta potties, not knowing if that is something that would be available to us through the city, but that is the type of support that we're asking for. And then also, so that will certainly be preparing for the day, but then also at the end to help with the cleanup there. And I'm

thinking we would look to parks and recreation to be able to assist with that. Ms. Al Amin asked you mentioned something about help with permits? Ms. Quinones said yes. I believe that what I was referencing there is I did submit the application for the permit. I think in one of our last meetings, we also talked about the fact that we may need to have street closure. We're going to also need to - this is extremely important - communicate to the residents, right, that this is coming through and that we'll have street closure. So everything that involves that communication, ensuring that we can have the street closed, roads closed, and then having the permit that we need to have is what we would be asking for. Mrs. Hunt asked I'm not sure if you said it or not, but what is the actual parade route? Ms. Quinones said I'm going to ask Ajené's help for that one. Mr. Livingston stated the actual parade route. We are planning on starting from the old Elks Lodge and going east on Merchant to 8th Avenue and then turn south on 8th Avenue to Chestnut Street and then go west on Chestnut Street to Palmer Park. [crosstalk]. Mrs. Hunt said okay. So, you're not coming from town like you used to. So you're actually starting it where the staging area used to be and ending the parade--and taking it there. Okay. Mr. Livingston said correct, sort of reversing it. The idea of picking up the baton from where it left off and [crosstalk]. Mrs. Hunt said okay, that is good enough for me. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin asked what time is the parade at? Mr. Livingston replied 1:00 PM. I wasn't sure about the time because we are doing the father-son tournament prior to. And I think it usually lasts around two hours, so from 10:00 to 12:00, and then the parade starting from 1:00. We believe for an hour. And then 2 o'clock, we will resume at the park. Vice President Green said thank you. So to bring back the marching-- I mean, the health parade, are there going to be marching drill teams? Mr. Livingston said we have reached out to individuals. We're still in the process of getting participation, but that is the hope. The hope is that we'll have some of the newer generation and dance team type, but also some of the older traditional folks that still march to walk with. And some might be in a wheelchair or in a car, but we do want their presence there as well, so. Mrs. Hunt asked who was that one lady that came from Reading Remember? I mean, she high step and she stole the parade every year. I don't know if she's still living or where she would be at, but she stole that parade. [crosstalk]. She was a highlight of the parade. It was the highlight. It was the highlight. Mr. Livingston said and that's also what we're asking in this partnership. What we really want this to be taken on by the city. So those of us that remember the parade and remember the highlights of it, help us to find those aspects and really honor those folks that participated by showing up again. I know that we would-- forgive me for not having the correct [inaudible]. Is it the grand--? Grand marshal. We'll have a grand marshal to sort of set things off and to sort of traditionally honor the way that things were done. And so as many of the folks that we can have that were there to remember and to relive it and to shepherd it into this new era.

Vice President Green said with this being the first year, June 19th is not that far away. [inaudible] we may not have as many this year, but we can at least get them here for next year. [crosstalk] next year. Ms. Scamuffa said work on those drill teams. They're the best. [crosstalk] President Lavender Norris noted one thing on your application, you have Patton Park checked off, and it should be Palmer. Mr. Livingston clarified it should be Palmer. Yes. And I don't believe, in that initial application, we requested police and EMT presence, or private. But I think we do, so. Ms. Quinones said I have a clarifying statement. I think at the time of the application, because we wanted to make sure that we got it in timely, we actually were looking at Patton Park. We did not settle on---Palmer Park at that time, so we just

settled on Palmer Park recently. So please forgive that on the application. Thank you. Council stated their excitement and thanked Ms. Quinones and Mr. Livingston for their presentation.

Discussion Items

1. OIC Block Party – Javonna Wylie

Mr. Logan announced unfortunately, Javonna is unable to attend this evening. She has another board meeting that she's attending. But she did say that she spoke to both you and Mrs. Hunt in reference to some of the modifications she's asking to make for the OIC event. I'm going to read her email that she sent this evening. Again, she apologizes for not being able to attend this evening. She's attending a board meeting. She has spoken to Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Lavender Norris in reference to making some modifications. Modifications include moving the event instead of 5th and Lincoln Highway, they're going to move it up a few blocks so it starts at Diamond and goes to Lumber. She has reached out to residents in the area to talk to them about the event. She has included in her email a number of documents that I'll forward to you all this evening. That includes the breakdown of the party itself along with an impact report and the sponsorship [inaudible]. I'll forward that to everyone's attention.

So again, I think that her presentation tonight is just going to inform you all of the changes that are being made. And if you all have any questions related to the [inaudible]. I think last year and the year before that, Council had decided to kind of modify the block parties because we don't want to shut down streets. So, a couple of requests that you all have was to get consent from residents and businesses in the area for the block party to take place. This event is going to be from 3:00 to 7:00. That will also include the allotment of four hours for block parties instead of six to eight hours. So, it should meet those requirements. And then, again, moving it from 5th and Lincoln Highway to Diamond makes it a little bit easier for vehicles coming off of Lincoln Highway, which is kind of identifying where they are and make their necessary changes.

Mrs. Hunt stated when I spoke with-- I spoke with Alicia, and my suggestion was Diamond to Chestnut, not crossing over Chestnut going up to Lumber. Because if you stop right there, you cannot get-- because their main interest was to encompass their building. And then you don't have to worry about blocking traffic Chestnut. That can still be a regular throughway. So, you would still have that whole block. And the only houses that it would affect would be those two row houses that are right up on the end of Chestnut. So, I thought that's what we were looking more at, from Diamond up to Chestnut, not crossing over Chestnut going up to Lumber. Because I don't know how effective that's going to be anyway because that's more residential on both sides. And then I even told her once the 3 o'clock hour come and I see my building, we're free around there. And I don't mind if they open up and use that. But we just can't be at the library that's in function at 3 o'clock and so is the funeral home. So it would be kind of difficult to say, "Yeah, we could close down at 3 o'clock," if you don't know what's going to be happening on that day. So, I'm not in favor of going up to Lumber, but I am in favor from Diamond up to Chestnut. I think that would encompass a better--

President Lavender Norris stated we also need to be mindful from that area with regard to Chestnut Street. There's no other route. You can't go up and make the left because it's closed

off. So, we've got to be mindful of that as well. Mr. Logan stated he would call Javonna tomorrow with the request of Diamond to Chestnut.

2. Street Dedication request – Nathan Bookman, Sr.

For those of you who don't know me, I am one of Nathan Bookman sons. I didn't work in a barbershop with him, but I was always there. And I'm trying to get his name put on 7th Avenue street sign-- 7th Avenue and Lincoln Highway street sign because of his many years, well, decades of service and business in the Coatesville area. And I think that would be just fitting to have somebody just acknowledge his service and good will in a good way. So that's why I put in the app, well, send an email to try and get this done. He doesn't know about it. Me and my brother thought about it. So just trying to get something done for him.

Mr. Logan explained this is not an action item. It's more of a discussion. I think that in your practice, there is the street dedication guidelines. We have done street dedications. We have done proclamations. We have done letters of recognition. Think we did do a proclamation.

President Lavender Norris explained so right now, I can say we are looking at doing one street dedication a year. And we have a dedication scheduled for Zachariah Walker's event. So, the soonest we could even entertain would be for next year, not this year. I know that for a fact. How do we determine, I can't say? We'll know at that time. But right now, I know we can't do it this year.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments on regular action items only.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion recommending to award Contract No.1, Site Improvement contract for the Ash Park project to Foresite Concepts, LLC, in the amount of \$2,147,400.00; Contract No. 2 Plumbing contract to Recreation Resources USA, in the amount of \$621,080.00; and Contract 3, Electric contract to Lenni Electric Corporation, in the amount of \$451,613.00 for the total bid cost of \$3,220,093.00; Work Scope Amendment 2 of the Ash Park project to JMT, additional work requested and required to complete the final design and construction documents, in the amount of \$54,984.70; Work Scope Amendment 3 of the Ash Park project to JMT, for additional construction oversight and project management for the park improvements in the amount of \$120,361.93.

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Madam President, I'm very happy to introduce you all to our engineer who is here today, Andrew Mears. He's with JMT. He's been working on this project since we awarded that last August, I believe. So, he's been working very hard in the background to get this project to where it is right now. I cannot emphasize enough how much work has gone into the design of this project and putting the bid package together. Andrew, he's here to tell you a little bit more about where we are and where we're going.

Thank you, Roberta. This certainly has been an exciting project for us. I especially love working on urban projects like this just because of what they mean [at the end of the day?] and all the different aspects of it. So, we received bids on the 12th of May. Pending your approval tonight, we will notify the contractors tomorrow, the approved bidders, that they've been awarded the project. And hopefully, at the beginning of June, which is right around the corner, we will notify them that they can receive, once all the contracts are signed and your solicitor's reviewed and signed off on everything. And then hopefully it'll be in second week or so they can start mobilizing and move ahead. We're hopeful, unless we get another May like this May, that this will be a nine-month process, and the goal is hopefully the beginning of next May, that the park will be ready to go.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close action items; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Ms. Cosentino explained our solicitor is not here this evening, but he has provided his report to us, and I'll read it for you. Mr. Jefferson reports that he continues to work with outside council regarding land development matters; communicated and continues to communicate with outside council regarding various litigation matters; communicated with Regency Apartments solicitor regarding inspections and other known matters; the deeds for the Maple Avenue parcels were recorded on May 22nd, 2025. He says, "Congratulations. The city now owns 48 Maple Avenue, 76 Maple Avenue, and 97 South First Avenue." The deed is attached to his report; provided an opinion regarding the Board of Housing Appeals; provided an opinion regarding the public hearing for the Verizon franchise agreement; and also communicated with Jason Leonard regarding the PAWC project and the easement through the Cemetery

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan stated I have nothing to report this evening. Thank you.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino stated I will be brief, though. As always, I just want to share that the city is proud of the diversity of its residents, property owners, and business owners, and we welcome any non-English speakers to contact the city as needed, either in person, on the phone, or via our website. [foreign]. Congratulations also to the city for awarding the Ash Park project. This is a major milestone in the project, and I can't tell you how excited I am to see it move forward. So, I just want to share that on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:00 PM at Gordon Elementary School, we're going to be putting together a community meeting for residents to come and see the renderings that Andrew Mears has provided to us. I showed them to City Council a couple of meetings ago. It's the 3D rendition. So we want to be able to

share that with the community so that they know kind of what to expect, be able to ask questions. So please share that. We'll put some information out on social media about it, Facebook, the website, all the usual things. But if you all could help share that, that would be amazing.

Also, I want City Council to be aware we are looking at several road improvements. They are not large-scale road improvements like the last project we did, but we are seeing some severe deterioration in some of our roads after this winter. So, we're still waiting on some final quotes to come in, but that is something that has been coming up more and more frequently. So, we should have at least a few sections that we may need to work on, as well as we are looking at some repainting of crosswalks throughout the city. So, you'll be seeing those projects coming your way very soon. And those were crosswalks identified by our police department and our public works department that needed repainting. Also, our Strawberry Festival, I'm not sure if anyone was going to mention it, but I just thought it was worth mentioning. June 6th, the 2nd Century Alliance and the Coatesville Rotary Club are relaunching a modified version of the Strawberry Festival. So that will be on June 6th. And Councilwoman Turner-Green, I'm not sure if I'm going to steal your thunder on this, but I did also want to share we've been having some initial conversations with Growing Roots Partners to begin planning a Coatesville Farmers Market-- relaunching the Coatesville Farmers Market in 2026. So, it's going to be-- we've been able to work with AgConnect through the Chester County Economic Development Council to fund some planning for the market, to put the vendors together, and really make it an intentional and thoughtful farmer's market specifically for the city of Coatesville. So, we're really excited about starting that project. It's very much in initial phases, but it is moving forward. And thank you to Councilwoman Turner-Green for being involved in the project.

Mr. Logan started before we move on to the fire department, we have a newsletter that's going to be published tomorrow. Please make sure you read that as more of an update of what's going on. Also, some announcements of other things. We have the business skills program that's coming back June 10th for all of the entrepreneurs out there. We're working with Truist Bank. Very excited to work with them. And then there's some other items in the newsletters that will be coming out tomorrow. Thank you. [crosstalk].

4. Fire Department

Chief Huf announced you should have a copy of the April Fire Report in your packet. Breaks down all the details, but we did respond to 97 calls in the month of April. We also assisted eight of the surrounding municipalities with some of their emergencies. April-- or I'm sorry, June 3rd, we will be spending the day cross-training with Caln Township. They have hired four or five new firefighters and assist them with their training and also develop a closer working relationship. It'll be a great resource to have for us right next door. And we're excited to be working together. Also, I'm happy to announce that we are the recipients of a State Fire Commissioner's grant that was applied for last year in the amount of \$15,246. The grant had been requested for fire turnout gear, which we have purchased. And we're in the process-- we'll be able to submit our paid invoices for reimbursement for this amount. The program that was started prior to my arrival was the purchase of a second set of turnout gear for all the firefighters. Kind of a new standard that's developed in the last few years. The cancer rate for firefighters right now for certain types of cancer is about 10 times the national average. And a lot of that has been pinpointed to the carcinogens that are absorbed through

the turnout gear. So we do have a gear washer that's been installed in the firehouse. It was moved from the other firehouse for easy access for the members to wash their gear. Also, in the standard, the gear is to be professionally washed, inspected and repaired yearly. So that triggers the need for this second set of gears. We're moving forward with compliance with the national standards and obviously for the safety and well-being of the members of the fire department. So that's a little background just of what has triggered all this.

5. Finance Department

Mrs. Arthur wished Council a good evening. In your packets tonight, you will find the circle square report for April. You may recall from my last report in March that I had mentioned timing and reference to the circles that we're showing. As you can see from the current April report, that has adjusted due to the payments going out in the beginning of April, causing the expenses to align more with the revenues from March. In regards to the revenues, the real estate taxes continue to be strong for April with 85% of the taxes collected.

This is also the same case on the solid waste side. Please note that the face value for the real estate taxes ends this Saturday the 31st. Starting Sunday, June 1st, there will be a 10% penalty added to the balance due. If you haven't made your payment yet, please do so before Sunday to avoid the penalty. In regards to the expenses, in your packets tonight, you will see the second installment of the pension MMO payment. This will conclude our payments from now. Our next installment will not be until October once the state MMO has been received. We are continuing to monitor the expenses, but all departments are managing their expenses very well with the expenses being favorable to budget. It is still a little early in the year, but as you can see from the report, with both revenues and expenses favorable to budget, this is showing us in a good position moving forward. And that will conclude my report for tonight if there are no questions.

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

There were no citizens comments on non-agenda items.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Scamuffa thanked everybody, for coming out. It's always nice to see you all. I think that's it. I hope everybody's getting ready to gear up. Hopefully summer starts kicking in. And don't forget to keep your lawns mowed. Don't forget to wrap your mattresses in plastic. Still a lot of them around. And I'm hoping that if anybody has people in the Hispanic community, I would love to start seeing some events for them to come forward and just start planning some events. Culturally speaking, I mean, you're such a huge part of the community. I hope to see that come to fruition here. And I think that's it. So thank you, and have a great night.

Ms. Turner-Green thanked everyone being here tonight, and have a good night.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. And I'd like to give a shout out to public works. The first night of the carnival was on election day, a resident came up to me and asked me if they could show me something on the sidewalk outside of where the carnival was being held. And I called Lieutenant Ollis to inform him of the inappropriate graffiti/signage that was on the sidewalk. And he immediately sent an officer out. And a resident offered to fix it. But by the time the resident got there, Public Works had already taken care of it and cleaned it up. So, I appreciate that because it really was inappropriate. And I'd like to give a shout out to the officer that came out to the free event that Tent of Life held yesterday. We did a meal/clothes giveaway at City Gate, and there was a young child, maybe four, that was running around and ran in the street and almost got hit. And Tyrone, who is the CEO of Tent of Life, went out in the street and got the young gentleman. And man, he was a fast little bugger. After we got him, he got away from us twice. And so the chief sent an officer out, and I guess within an hour's time, he was reunited with his mother. So thank you guys for that as well. And everybody safe travels home and have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone coming and spending the evening with us. I want to thank Mr. Livingston and our NAACP President for the presentation, and I'm looking forward to sharing that that was a great time in the City. Thank you for your attempts to bring it back. I want to thank our staff, as always, for the great job you did. I'm excited about Ash Park. There's so many wonderful things that are happening in the city. And it overshadows the negative. And as a council, I just want us to continue to be encouraged to move forward regardless of the negative things that we see. Because sometimes when you read it, you get caught up in it. You feel like, "Why am I even doing this?" But the inner heart tells you why you do it. So I'm proud to be a part of the council with all of my colleagues. And thank you for the jobs that you do and that we do together. And again, our staff are second to none, and I thank you for that. Chief, I thank you for the quick response on Friday. I came out of my office and there was a gentleman stretched out on the ground. And I called Chief, and I don't think it was two minutes that the cars were there to take care of the young man that was laying out the street. So again, thank you for your hard work and your quick responses. Thank you.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight. Just echoing Miss Hunt, I'm excited and glad to be working with you ladies. I think I'm excited about the city because we have so many things going on, so many wonderful infrastructure things that have needed to be done in the city for quite some time. We just have to continue to move forward and just continue to do what the people have left with us here to do. And I just appreciate staff and Mr. Logan and Roberta, all the hard work that you put in. So I thank you so much for the safety that you guys provided for MCDC as far as being in the community. The event went off very well. And I'm just excited, Shadell and Ajené, for the Elks Parade. That was a big deal during my time. And I look forward to supporting you guys and working with you during the Juneteenth celebration. Unity Day meetings that have been going on, Mrs. Fran Scamuffa. And one of the things is us incorporating the Hispanic community into the day. And having a different genre and having them come out and having-- now they're telling me no band, they're saying DJ, but however it is, whatever they would like to be able to participate in our community, in their community. But thank you all and just have a wonderful night. Thank you so much.

President Lavender Norris echoed her colleagues, but I also have to acknowledge how social media can be a blessing and a curse at the same time. I've seen some things on social media that made my blood boil. And then I've seen some things on social media that made me say, "Thank you, Jesus." I just want to say you could have 1,000 items to take care of. And you handled 999 of them properly. Excellent. Wonderful job. You mess up on one, and you can't [dig a day?]. And that's how social

media has been pretty much donning our city. I just want to invite any and all that feel like we as a council, as the city local government, if you feel like we aren't doing enough, come help us out because we know we can't do it all and we know we can't please everybody, but we can give our every effort. And with that being said, I want you all to know I'm grateful for you all. I look forward to our Juneteenth celebration with you all. I'm excited because we're going to be experiencing the Gala on the Green again. And for those of you that don't know, we met our city manager at the Gala on the Green. And this was prior to him being our city manager. And that brought about an excitement for me because who knows what's next? So we're just going to look to the hills. And just trust our God to keep moving us forward. Thank you again for coming out. My prayer is that God keeps you all safe, your families, your homes, and then we'll see you at our next meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.