



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday June 23, 2025

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwoman Villa Hunt, Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilwoman Tiniera Turner-Green 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; 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. The meeting was called to order at 7:55 pm.

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

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the June 9, 2025 meeting minutes; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Scamuffa motioned to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

There were no presentations at this time.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items at this time.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

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

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission Police Department Eligibility List

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the Civil Service Commission Police Department eligibility list; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Laufer explained the eligibility list has been signed by all three members of our Civil Service Commission. We administered a written test, a physical agility test, and an oral, and did come up with five candidates that are ranked on the eligibility list. And we have them before council tonight to officially adopt the civil service list which will remain until it is exhausted.

2. Receive and consider a motion to approve conditional offers from the Police Officers Civil Service Eligibility List

Ms. Scamuffa motioned to approve conditional offers to Jenna Maaty, Allison K. Moyer, Ernesto Pineda, III, Joshua Strickland and Patrick Stelmach from the Police Officers Civil Service Eligibility List; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Chief Laufer explained we currently have three vacancies for three full-time officers. Unfortunately, we've had two retirements announced. One has already been effective last week, and the other one will be effective in August. That was Officer Jennifer Shreiber announced her retirement from the police department. That was effective last week. She will actually be working with Chester County Crime Victims' now. And then we have Officer Guy Bruchstein who announced his retirement. He has 23 years, and that will be effective in August. So we will essentially have three full-time vacancies because the first vacancy that we have not been able to fill is our COPS grant vacancy. So that remains unfilled, and now we have two additional full-time vacancies. And also we have vacancies for part-time officers. So we will quickly exhaust this list of five eligible candidates coming up very shortly. Since we are making a motion to have conditional offers of employment for all five to begin their background investigation and medical and psychological, I think we can probably not go through the reading of three because we're exhausting the list on the conditional offers of employment tonight. So maybe we just want to read all the-- [inaudible] agreement, just read all five names and take a vote.

President Lavender Norris said they are listed in the order of their test results. And I just want to say I think it's super cool that the women are at the top of the list. I just want to acknowledge that.

3. Receive and consider a motion authorizing the City of Coatesville to apply for a Grant through the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program of approximately \$250,000 with services in-kind match component and cash match component, and permitting the Assistant City Manager to execute the attached letter of verification for cost share.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Coatesville to apply for a Grant through the USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program of approximately

\$250,000 with services in-kind match component and cash match component, and permitting the Assistant City Manager to execute the attached letter of verification for cost share; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Cosentino expanded a little bit on the application. As I've mentioned in the past couple of meetings, we've been working with a couple of partners to pull together a fairly significant application for Coatesville Community Farmers Market to launch in 2026. This is a three-year grant. So this is for hiring help to manage the market. Prior to that, there will be a planning period. We'll be having a consultant as Growing Roots Partners who are very experienced market managers in the area, getting their expertise to help launch the market, attract vendors, put all the pieces into place for a successful first year, and then to grow the market as well in subsequent years. So this is very much a collaborative application. The city is really acting as strictly the applicant and the administrative portion of the project. So that you see there's a cost-share portion. Every organization involved in this application has a share of the cost of the match. So the city is part of it. AgConnect through the Chester County Economic Development Council is also a part of it. Growing Roots Partners and also 2nd Century Alliance is a part of it.

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

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council. Since council's last meeting, I and my office reviewed and provided comments regarding the Juneteenth waiver form; provided an opinion regarding a right to know law matter; I and my office recorded a declaration for Ash Park at the Chester County Recorder of Deeds office; reviewed and provided comments regarding the Ash Park contracts; attended the meeting of the Coatesville Planning Commission; communicated and continued to communicate with outside council regarding land development matters; drafted a 15-day letter for the brand-new ID project; and finally, I drafted the resolution that was the subject of tonight's vote.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan shared with council members and members of our community. We're entering the summer months. We're pretty much here. Today is our first heat wave, so to speak. We have been asked-- just in reference to the heat, we have been asked if the city would be a cooling station. Last year, I don't know if you recall, we did open up the doors as a cooling station. At that particular time, PA American Water had committed to cases of water. But we were able to distribute water to individuals that just stopped in and wanted to cool down a little bit. We will provide that opportunity of service for any residents or anyone that's out in this heat to

come in and cool off. So if you happen to see people out and you can see that they are taxing their breath, have them come into City Hall.

Moving on, plans to continue the progress-- plans to continue to progress on the proposed public works facility. We have a concept sketch plan. And within the next several months, we will begin to put together an advisory construction team that will include our public works department, admin, our engineering team, and neighboring subject matter experts from other municipalities. Next item I have is our fire chief, Chief Huf, is also working with Washi's leadership and has already put together a construction advisory committee to plan for the new home of the Coatesville fire station/EMS station. Now that will combine the services, obviously, of our fire department in Washington, Coatesville. Right now, if I'm not mistaken Chief, Washi's provides EMT, BLS, and maybe one day ALS services.

We look forward to emerging things that are happening with that [crosstalk] or advisory committee. New business skills training. For those of you who know that the City of Coatesville has partnered with Truist Bank to provide entrepreneur training. I see one of our students back there. How you doing? Good to see you. These particular workshops are designed for start-ups and entrepreneurs who just want to get some of the fundamentals of how to start a business, how to run a business. Truist Bank and a number of their leaders have come in and provide skills on banking, how to write a business plan, and again, all of the nuts and bolts of starting a business. Tomorrow, we will have a business acumen workshop. And the following Tuesday, each of the participants will get an opportunity to pitch to the panel of their particular product. So we're very excited about that. The session starts tomorrow at 6:30. Continue to 8:30. And our last session will be July 1. I want to congratulate the NAACP on their Juneteenth celebration, along with a few other organizations here in the community. NAACP held their event June 15th at the Palmer Park. It was well received. And I think they had a march as well, and they worked with police and fire departments because they had a rolling march.

Yeah. Pretty good. I like that. This week, Roberta and I and Vince will be attending a Future Focus. This is an event that the Western Chester County chairman puts on every year. It's an economic showcase. And what it provides the City Coatesville is to inform residents as well as other municipalities of what's going on in our community here. So as you all know, we have a list of things that's going on from our train station to infrastructure, inlets that are going in, new building projects, parking garage, Ash Park that's happening. So we are putting together a little booklet that we're going to hand out very similar to the ACE booklet that we give out in our ACE form. And then we just hope people are a little bit more educated and informed about what's going on here. And that is all. Oh, I'm sorry. I have one other item. If you turn to the next page, you will see that we have some upcoming developments. I just want to bring this to your attention. This is the proposed Community Hospital, Main Line Health. And we kind of talked a little bit about that earlier today. But that just kind of gives

you a snapshot of the location and the-- so it's on a 14, almost 15-acre plot of land. Vice President Green asked is this going to be a hospital. Mr. Logan replied it says it's going to be kind of a mixture of things. It's not going to be a full-- not a full [crosstalk]. Vice President Green said Main Line Health is sort of a rehabilitation kind of place now. Is that what this is going to be, or would they take emergencies? Mr. Logan replied no. I don't think it would be a full service. Kind of triage type of service, dental offices there. Thank you.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino thanked Madam President. Just to start, 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]. I just have a short report for you tonight. First, I'd like to share the-- I'll share regularly Ash Park updates moving forward because today is the first day that our contractors were on site at the park. They started marking out where they're going to be putting in some fencing. They've started putting some things in place. So we will see things move forward quickly there. And hopefully you've noticed we've put up some banners on the fence at Ash Park with a QR code that goes to our website. That is meant to just regularly be able to update residents so they can go to the QR code, go to the website, and just see what the latest update is. Right now, if you go to the website, the latest update is that we have a meeting planned on Wednesday, June 25th.

That's this Wednesday at Gordon Elementary School at 6:00 PM. And we are inviting all residents to come to this meeting to see what the 3D renderings look like of the park, to give them a little bit of history of the plans. We'll have some food there. We'll have opportunities for people to ask questions, which I know that there will be. And we'll be able to share just some updates about what they can expect over the summer in the park because part of the park obviously will be closed. So we're hoping to have a good turnout there. So please do [inaudible] it's being shared as widely as possible right now. Also this week-- this is a big week for the city. Also this week on Thursday, from 5:30 to 7:00, we are hosting the Chester County Town Tours and Village Walks. Our historical commission is going to be leading visitors throughout the city to see some of our historic sites, learn about some of our history here in the city. They've worked hard to put a few things together, so that'll be exciting. If you're interested in joining, we'll meet at Gateway Park, and I think tours are leaving every half an hour. So you don't have to be exactly at 5:30. It's just every half an hour tours are leaving. Bring your umbrella.

Hopefully, the thunderstorms will hold off, but yes, maybe bring your umbrella. Also I just wanted to share one last thing. In your packets towards the end, you'll see survey results from a survey that Keep Chester County Beautiful did of all of the municipalities or most of the municipalities in Chester County. I thought you'd just be interested to see how we compare to other municipalities in regards to trash, litter, illegal dumping, some of the challenges that municipalities have in that realm. I thought it was interesting to see-- it seems even though

City of Coatesville is in the minority of municipalities that think of trash and illegal dumping as a major concern, we do compare similarly. We have the same challenges. It's people who are generally throwing trash. It's an individual problem. And a lot of municipalities look at education and information sharing as the way to address those issues. So you'll see more and more. Those are the types of things we're going to try to do. We'll continue with the litter cleanups that have been happening. But we're really moving in a direction of trying to share information about the proper way to dispose of trash, hazardous materials, that sort of thing, and also what rules are in the city for trash disposal. So give it a look. Let me know if you have any thoughts about things that we can do to help address some of the challenges that we have. And that's it.

Ms. Scamuffa stated I'm probably not going to make a lot of friends tonight, and I'm okay with that, but I can't express to everyone how infuriated I am with our Codes department. First, I have, who are mandated reporters? If codes goes into a house and they see something's in disarray, are they mandated reporters? Should they be bringing it back to, I mean, with common sense that says maybe somebody should check this out? Do they bring it back to the police department? How does that work with inspections? Ms. Cosentino asked are you specifically speaking about children on [inaudible]? Ms. Scamuffa replied yes. If there are children involved. Ms. Cosentino said yes. So our code department does have contact with CYF.

Ms. Scamuffa said they do. Okay. We have an entire local county and any other organization that is involved with spending money and helping people pay rents, there is the biggest breakdown. And to me, City of Coatesville Codes dropped the ball. I submitted a right to know on a property. I'm sure you know which one I'm talking about a year ago, maybe a hair over a year ago. The last inspection they had was in 2020. They failed that inspection. How does this landlord continue to have rental inspections? We get these beautiful reports that you give us. We get these beautiful reports, but they are not accurate. I can't sit back anymore and pretend like everything is hunky-dory. I don't know if I have to quit my job and just volunteer my services and sit online all day, pointing out code violations. Do we need to hire more people, qualified people to get the jobs done? I've never been so sickened by what I saw in the last week at a residence where people actually came out of the house vomiting. What do we do with people when they fail an inspection? They don't show up for them. They get a rental license, maybe. I don't know if they rent illegally, but nobody follows up. I just don't know what the process is here. And that can't be the only house in the city that is experiencing this. How can we resolve this? I mean, this is serious. I'm disturbed by what was allowed to happen at this house. You have landlords that live in half a million-dollar house, million-dollar homes, and collect off of our residents and don't give a darn about their properties. I place this in the hands of the Codes department. I don't know if we have any issue overtime. I'm constantly being told it's not my job to manage the day-to-day operation. But it is my responsibility, as all of councils, to be accountable to the residents of this city.

And that's to hold the department heads accountable. I don't know where to go from here. It just leaves me speechless. I am just so disgusted. And I'm sure you've seen pictures. If you haven't, I can certainly show you one that would blow your mind. And there's maybe a two-year-old child living in here. CYS has not been in the house, evidently. Codes doesn't do inspections. This isn't a one-year issue. This is an issue that they have not been inspected or checked in years. I'm just beside myself.

Mr. Jefferson said and I hear you. And because it seems like there's a specific incident that you're referring to, I may make the recommendation that this be handled offline with Ms. Cosentino, so we don't disturb or air somebody's laundry in public. Ms. Scamuffa stated this is just the one incident. I'm talking overall what happens to an inspection if they don't follow through with their inspection? Does the resident get kicked out? You didn't get your inspection done? I mean, what happens to these rental licenses overall? Mr. Jefferson said and I think there's a lot of questions in there that you're asking, and I think it may be best if you have a sit down with Ms.-- and that's just my recommendation. I'm just making it. But maybe having a sit-down conversation and just outlining the process, figuring out what's going on. Ms. Cosentino said Councilwoman, I would be happy to sit down with you and go through specific cases and also in general, some of the challenges that we're faced with in the Code department. But specifically, on any one case that you're curious about we can sit down and go through. Ms. Scamuffa said yeah. And it's the one case that really blows my mind. And that's why I'm bringing it up here because-- and I wanted it. I was wishing for a full room tonight because I want landlords to know that I-- I can't speak to anybody else, but I am no longer going to tolerate the disgust that they allow our city to look like when they're living in million-dollar homes. I'm done. I'm done. So if anybody out there knows landlords that have property in the City of Coatesville, warn them. I'm taking pictures and I'm reporting every one of them, and I'm going to keep on it until things get addressed. It's sickening. I'm sorry but this is how I feel. President Lavender Norris said don't be sorry, that is how you feel. Ms. Scamuffa said that's all I have. Our residents suffer and it's shameful. I'm going to excuse myself for a minute. [laughter]

4. Finance Department

Mrs. Arthur wish council a good evening. In your packets tonight, you will find the Circle Square report for May. As you can see in the general fund, we are right on target for where we should be compared to the budget. As of the end of May, we are showing that 90% of the real estate taxes have been collected. This is exactly where we should be at this point in the year. In regards to the expenses, all departments are managing their expenses very well. Even though we are where we should be at this point, we are and will continue to monitor the expenses and will continue to work closely with the departments to help manage future costs, especially with vacation season starting. I am also very excited to let you know that we are adding a new truck to the Public Works Department. This new truck is part of the Enterprise Fleet Program that Rich and I have been managing for over three years now. Having this new

truck will help manage future repair costs. As you will notice in the Capital Reserve Fund, we are positioned for the start of Ash Park construction. A lot of planning has gone into this project, and we are very excited to see it finally start. That will conclude my report for tonight. If there are any questions-- thank you. Vice President Green said I'm sorry, I was just admiring our solid waste. [laughter] Mrs. Arthur explained once we start all that comes in in the beginning and will slowly dwindle throughout the year as we pay the expenses. Vice President Green said No. It's a good point now. Mrs. Arthur explained it is. It looks very good right now.

5. Fire Report

Chief Huf thanked Madam President. Good evening, members of council. I've included the fire report for the month of May in your package. Pretty detailed report. If there's any questions at any time, please let me know. Also we've started some cross-training with some of the neighboring departments I may have mentioned last month. And expanding on that, we cross-trained last Thursday with the fire department from Cliff Steel Mill. They have a lot of technical rescue equipment and training. And with all of the development and construction that's going to be on the horizon, we're planning ahead. God forbid there's any sort of a construction accident that we'll be prepared to be able to assist. So that's the goal there. Lastly, the state has changed our fire reporting system, which will go into effect in January. The state fire commissioner finally released their report on this. Of course, the FHIR software program that we're using will not be compliant and will lose support by the end of the year. So we're going to be forced to move away from that. So I'm in the middle of researching that now with a couple of the different software vendors that are out there and getting some referrals from other departments. And so we will make the deadline. We'll move ahead and we'll end up transferring.

President Lavender Norris asked will the state be supplementing any of it? They will not. Yeah. So, what happens is that the reports that we generate, the fire report they do now pass on to the state and then the state passes them on to the federal government. So that's where all the statistics come from on - I don't know - how many fires and injuries and things like that. So the caveat that they use is if you don't comply, then we would lose our ability for any sort of grants, just like they do with anything else. But that would make John very unhappy if we couldn't get grants. But in all seriousness, that's how they do that. So we'll be set. We do pay for a couple of different software programs now for different things. And my goal is to see if I can't bring it under one umbrella and hopefully keep the costs very similar. [inaudible]. I'm squeezing them right now so [inaudible]. And that's my report.

[crosstalk] Ms. Al Amin said Chief I have a question for you. A resident yesterday-- I know we did it in the past, and I believe we still do it. I'm just looking for confirmation. So if our fire department is called to come to a resident to check their smoke detectors, do they still do that? And if there's something wrong with any of them, they replace them for free. I know

before we had a window frame when it was done. Chief Huf asked for the smoke detectors? Ms. Al Amin replied yes. Chief Huf explained we do have smoke detectors. One of the areas that we ask is if it's a rental property, we encourage the tenants to get smoke detectors from the landlord. There have been situations where we feel compelled to do otherwise, depending on the condition of the home, kind of what was talked about before. But we do install them. We were just out the other day, and we replaced the faulty smoke detectors. They have an age limit on them. They get to a point where they-- Ms. Al Amin replied yes. Chief Huf explained we do have smoke detectors. One of the areas that we ask is if it's a rental property, we encourage the tenants to get smoke detectors from the landlord. There have been situations where we feel compelled to do otherwise, depending on the condition of the home, kind of what was talked about before. But we do install them. We were just out the other day, and we replaced the faulty smoke detectors. They have an age limit on them. They get to a point where they--

Ms. Al Amin said like 10 years they expire. I believe this person is the owner occupant. Chief Huf said all they have to do is ask and we will take care of that. Ms. Al Amin stated I didn't want to answer and give the wrong answer. Chief Huf explained we also look and see if there's anything else that we see in the house that could pose a problem and make suggestions for a homeowner. I wouldn't plug that air conditioner into that extension cord or whatever it may be. Anything that we see as something as a potential danger.

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

Mr. Sly thanked Madam President. Good evening, members of Council and members of the community. Thanks for trying to sneak me in on your presentations. Sometimes I appreciate that, but I also like to sit here and listen to the happenings of the city. I apologize I wasn't here for last couple of months. I had two training conferences that I attended, one out of state and another that [inaudible]. So I'm sorry you're just now seeing me here for the first time in a couple of months. I want to provide an update on advanced life support for the City of Coatesville. In May, we had 115 total responses. 84 of those came from our Westwood Division on Valley Road and 31 from our [inaudible] division. Year to date, we have 729 responses in the city. This month, there were 96 medical incidents, five assaults, four falls, four overdoses, two cardiac arrests, one vehicle accident, one injured person, one fire standby, and one stabbing. Right now, if we look at where we are year to date, we're about an 8% increase from last year. So Ms. Green, your comments about the hospital, I love where your head's at because we would love to see some more healthcare in the area. The county just released the weekly stats from last week for the county wide and the overall average time from a ambulance being dispatched to putting a patient in the ambulance to transport is 26 minutes. And then the average transport time countywide last week was 23 minutes. And when you consider Westchester's average response time and transport time is obviously a lot shorter than ours in the West, that response time is probably much greater than 23 minutes.

It's about an hour for an average person in the county to get to a hospital right now. So yeah. I like where your head's at. So appreciate that. A couple of quick comments. We're very proud that last month at the Chester County EMS Council's award ceremony, which took place during EMS week, we had 13 of our providers that were recognized for clinical lifesaving awards last year. Very proud of that. One of them was a serious incident here in the City of Coatesville with a premature baby delivery that was a successful outcome. Our lead paramedic, Beth Case, was also honored with the Medal of Valor for saving the life of one of our fellow first responders from the Modena Fire Company who suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. So a very difficult, challenging situation to work on one of our own. We were really pleased with that outcome. So we're really proud of our staff and our employees. I want to give a couple of thanks out. We work with nine law enforcement agencies in our service area. I just want to thank Chief Laufer for your officers. The amount of work that we do with you and the work that they do to help us out in a lot of things that are challenging is far greater in the city than some of our other departments. So my thanks to you and hats off to your officers because we have had some pretty serious incidents here lately. So thank you.

Thank you. And last, my other hats as the President of Chester County Fire Chiefs Association and the Vice President of Pennsylvania Emergency Services Fire and EMS Institute. I'll be attending a Fire EMS caucus meeting tomorrow with Chief Huff in Harrisburg, and we're going to be working on some legislative initiatives to try to help improve some of the restraints on the system. So between the two of us, we'll try to make Coatesville proud with our representation. That's all I have. Thank you all for your support.

President Lavender Norris said you flew through it like you were on your way to a fire. And I wasn't able to write down any-- the only thing I have is ALS 115. Mr. Sly said her would email the report.

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

Special Events

President Lavender Norris announced outside of our meeting at Gordon here Wednesday - is it Wednesday? - at 6:00, there'll be a meeting informing the public of the Ash Park project. You are all most certainly welcome to attend. Please consider this your personal invitation to our party. That's the special--

Ms. Scamuffa announced on June 26th from 5:00 to 6:30 Coffee with the chief, the evening edition at the CYI, Benner Building, 545 East Lincoln Highway.

Council Comments

Ms. Scamuffa said I'll be setting up this evening and let me apologize for-- I'm not going to apologize for what I'm saying. I'm very passionate about our residents and what the expectations should be for our city. I'm not saying nobody else is, but I'm just wore out, and I just had to speak on making sure

things start getting done. Thank you, everybody, for coming out, for staying. I hope you have a safe evening. Keep cool as best as you can. Some cool ice packs maybe around the neck. Keep your temperatures down. And thank you very much. I appreciate you all.

Ms. Turner-Green thanked everyone for being here with us tonight and have a good night.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. And I also along with the NAACP, would like to give a special shout out to Ms. Jerry for the part that she played in the Juneteenth event. And everybody stay cool and have a safe trip home. I hope you come to the next meeting.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. Thank you for coming and sharing the evening with us. As always, I want to thank our amazing staff for all that you did to keep the city moving forward. And today I was pleasantly pleased with an article that came across my email. I'm not sure if this is recent or when it took place, but it made me feel good to see that municipal lawyer Robert C. Jefferson presented a continuing legal education quiz to attorneys on behalf of the Chester County Bar, part of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Bridge the Gap series. It is designed to assist recent law school graduates as they transition from students to practitioners. Okay. So I'm not sure how long ago this was, if it was recent, but I was just proud to see you. And my daughter was in the office with me, and I said, "That's our solicitor." So it made me proud. And I just want to acknowledge you for that. And it just lends to the fact that we have an awesome staff. And thank you so much. Your colleagues, as always, it's good to hang out with you for a few hours. Take care. Have a good evening. We'll see you next time.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. Be safe because it is very, very warm. I'm glad the city hall is opening up as a cooling station. I do have just one thing to follow up chief on the Grand Avenue parking handy tech. Were you able to find out [inaudible]? Chief Laufer said I know Kelly reached out to Public Works, but I don't know what the outcome of that inquiry was. I know it went to Public Works for the install. So I will follow up on that. Vice President Green said thank you so much. And we appreciate. I know that you guys have been working hard for the last few weeks. There's so much going on in the city. And I just appreciate our police department. And I just appreciate feeling safe. And I just want to thank you.

Mrs. Hunt asked Council president can I say--? There's two points - I'm sorry - I forgot to make. I was so excited about Rob. Maybe a couple months ago, we had a resident come from Graham Avenue with the issue of people going the wrong way down Cedar Street. And my best friend is right up there the other day. She's in the hospital, so I was up checking her house and doing some things. And I'll tell you, within that half hour, 40 minutes that I was there, at least six or seven cars came the Graham Avenue and were shooting down Cedar Street at a high speed. So I think the last time we had a car sit up on Graham Avenue. But I think if we set one right down in [inaudible] Garden at the beginning of Cedar Street, we would be able to get some people and maybe that will deter-- start giving tickets or whatever. But it was bad. I saw it for myself firsthand. Thank you. And then I had a

visit again today from the OIC about their block party, and they now want to know if they can extend it to the middle of the block of Fifth Avenue. I personally told them-- they wanted to block it off of where my porch is. And I personally told them that that would definitely be a traffic hazard because if it's not blocked off at Lincoln Highway, then people are going to automatically turn on Fifth Avenue and somebody's going to get dead. So that was what I said to them, and I did tell them I would bring it to council tonight. So I didn't go along with it, but of course I'm just one person, so I wanted to make sure. As of Friday [crosstalk]-- Yeah. So they're saying having somebody from the Eagles-- Brandon Graham coming. That's great. But they still-- If you're not [inaudible]-- you're actually not in the actual space. Anyway, they did come. So I just want to make sure that if they're going to extend it, then they need to block it off at Lincoln Highway so nobody comes up. I did tell them I do not have a service there at the Funeral home on Friday, so it wouldn't be disturbing business. Yeah, yeah. Anything could change. And that's what I told them as well. But anyway, I'm just letting you know that that's what they're looking to do, so. We went from Diamond to Chestnut. And that's what I thought we did. But I did tell them I would bring it to you tonight. Thank you. Sorry to cut you off. I think it's going to be a nice event, but we just have to-- my concern is the safety of it so whatever we have to do. Okay. Thank you.

President Lavender Norris thanked everyone for coming out, hanging out with us. Two things I need you to do, those of you on this side of the table. Come to the meeting on Wednesday and come to the next council meeting. I was so greatly appreciated. I love seeing you out. So thank you. And consider becoming a part of the team. We have boards, commissions, committees that you all are more than welcome to explore and join. We need your help. So I would appreciate it if you would look into it. Once again, thanks for coming out. Thank you to everybody on this side of the table. Y'all made the meeting go like, yes, almost like it's a football night. So thank you to everyone. God bless you all. Be safe. Stay cool. And if you're not cool, at least stay in the shade or in the house. I look forward to seeing you Wednesday night. God bless you all.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.