



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, September 22, 2025

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

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

Approved Minutes

Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve the September 8, 2025 meeting minutes; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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)

Paul Evans

Members of the council. I'm Paul Evans, 222 South Port Westchester. I'm here to talk about 6.1 on the agenda, the deed tax rate increase. I did a little comparison. Maybe some of the members of council already know that, in the other townships, the transfer tax on the sale of the property is 2%, broken up with a combination of state tax, local tax, and a school district tax. Currently, here in the city of Coatesville, it's a total of 3%, 2% by ordinance of the city of Coatesville. With this increase to 2.5%, it would be a 25% increase. And raising a property transfer tax by 25% in a city in decay can lead to a range of unintended consequences that undermine rather than support revitalization efforts. Instead of providing a stable revenue source, such tax increases can create market volatility, deter investment, and disproportionately harm low-income residents. Transfer tax increases have negative economic consequences for both the residential and non-residential segments. They are regressive and can lead to decrease in population, real incomes, real estate transactions, investment structures, and quality of the built environment. They are also associated with higher rents, lower property

valuations, reduced residential mobility, and diminished home ownership. If you don't want to put downward pressure on the real estate market, reduce the amount of property transfers, reducing the amount of property tax revenues, sinking the revitalization of the city of Coatesville, my recommendation is to not vote for the agenda item 6.1.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close citizens hearings on regular action items; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider for first reading and authorization to advertise an Ordinance amending Chapter 203, Taxation, Article V, Deed Tax, §203-32, Taxes Imposed; Interest, by deleting and replacing the section in its entirety and increasing the deed transfer tax from 2% to 2.5%. Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve first reading and authorization to advertise an Ordinance amending Chapter 203, Taxation, Article V, Deed Tax, §203-32, Taxes Imposed; Interest, by deleting and replacing the section in its entirety and increasing the deed transfer tax from 2% to 2.5%; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2. Ms. Al Amin and Ms. Scamuffa were the dissenting votes.

Ms. Scamuffa stated sorry. I have to say that I am not a fan of tax increase. And maybe we've done some of the same research. I also believe that this is going to provide unreliable revenues. And we have the largest taxes in the county here in the city and the least to offer when we're making these considerations. I truly believe that this is going to discourage investment and development in the city to build and invest. Ms. Al Amin said that the fact that we are trying to encourage families to move in here and investors to come in here and build their businesses here, so for a family, which this board here has nothing to do with, but our school board taxes are absolutely the highest in the county. The city millage, unfortunately, is very high, too. Our earned income is 2.5%. Most municipalities, it's 1%. Our transfer tax is already higher than most other areas. The house that I live here, I pay more than a property in Downingtown, which is a five-bedroom with historical. I want to see people move into Coatesville. I want Coatesville to thrive and revitalize. Everybody that lives here, I think we're all working. But I don't think that, me as a board member, that I can keep expecting the residents-- especially the ones that have been here for years and years and years, and the new ones to come, I can't expect them to always have to pick up the short lane. To me, it's not acceptable.

Mrs. Hunt stated I agree with what you're saying, but also, we have to be honest with it and look at the whole picture because our taxes appear to be higher because we're always based around the school district taxes. We also have to give credit to this council because we have not raised taxes in more than 10 years. And if we continue not to do anything to raise taxes at all, I would rather see us take a half-percent or a 1% increase as opposed to continue to wait and wait and wait, and we see that we're drowning in areas as opposed to have to come one year and say, "Hey, look, we haven't raised taxes in 13 years, so we need to do this major increase." So I don't agree with that at all, but we do know that, in business sense, to make sense of it all, that we need to take some type of steps, like I said, even if it's a half a percent, as opposed to what we've been doing by absolutely doing nothing. I don't think that's good stewards over the city, the taxpayers, or even-- and what we have to understand too is that, as we're sitting around the table making decisions, we're making decisions that affect us. They don't just affect you because you're on that side. They affect us as well. So I'm just saying

that I think we need to take into consideration that, for the past 10, 12 - I think it's 12 years straight - we have not raised-- Ms. Al Amin said eight. Mrs. Hunt said no, it's more than eight. We have not raised taxes at all. So I'm just saying we need to take that into consideration. We're talking about a half a percent increase now.

Ms. Al Amin said this isn't a real estate tax increase. It's a transfer tax. [crosstalk]. Mrs. Hunt replied yeah, we went on the entirety, and y'all went into talking about the real estate taxes. If we would have just stayed on this, then we would have left it there. But because we brought that out, then it was necessary to make sure that everybody understands where we are entirely with the taxes. This is just for the purpose of the-- --buying and selling. It's a transfer tax. And that's where it was going to stay at, until you went into talking about your house here, your house in Downingtown. And that brought out the whole scenario of taxes in the city. And so I just think that the residents need to be informed and made aware - I'm sure they are aware because they didn't see tax increases - that it has been a long time. And I know the last time - I was pretty new to council - it was almost a 32% increase. And I would dare not ever have to sit here and be in that position where we couldn't take baby steps of a half a percent or 1% or something like that if it came to that. But again, getting back to the item on the agenda, we're talking about the transfer of property taxes.

President Lavender Norris stated we have to be mindful. We have to be careful with regard to comparing the city with surrounding municipalities because we don't mirror surrounding municipalities. Downingtown has business industries and all that, several high-dollar housing. We don't have that here. So we don't compare to what Downingtown has. We don't compare to what Westchester has. We have to focus on what we have. And we have more renters than we do homeowners. So we have to look out for us. And again, like Ms. Hunt said, our decisions affect us, just like they affect you. So when we make our decision, we have to really drill into the information so we can make informed decisions. I just wanted to share that.

Mrs. Hunt said and if I could, I just want to go back and say the reason I did reiterate on what we were talking about is because I don't want any of you to leave here thinking that we're talking about raising overall taxes. This is just transfer taxes, is what we're talking about. We're talking about a half percent. I'm sorry. Before you go on, also, this is just the first reading. This isn't a final on what we're going to do. This is a first reading, so it still leaves room for consideration, talks to come in on this subject.

2. Receive and consider a motion supporting the filing of a grant application with the Chester County Department of Community Development, for 2019 & 2020 Chester County Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds, City of Coatesville consisting of the Multimodal Parking Garage (Condo Unit 1) to be constructed at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Highway.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve supporting the filing of a grant application with the Chester County Department of Community Development, for 2019 & 2020 Chester County Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds, City of Coatesville consisting of the Multimodal Parking Garage (Condo Unit 1) to be constructed at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Highway.; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Logan explained we've been asked by the county to submit an update to our CRP application that we originally submitted in 2019. The CRP application was for a project at the train station, the lot that we own there. Because we are not able to build the parking garage that we were originally intending to do at that location, and we are moving the location and entering a public-private partnership, the county has asked us to amend our original application so that it reflects the current project that we are asking them to help fund. And so that's what this application is for. It's just an amendment to an already approved application. And this will be commercial on the ground level and parking garage above the commercial, three floors. At least three, potentially four or five.

3. Receive and consider a motion for the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Pension

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension Fund; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Receive and consider a motion for the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Firemen's Pension Fund

Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Firemen's Pension Fund; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

5. Receive and consider a motion for the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund

Ms. Scamuffa motioned to approve the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close action items; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney-client privileged report to Council. Since Council's last meeting; I communicated with outside Counsel regarding the LERTA Ordinance, and reviewed a draft letter regarding the LERTA ordinance; provided an opinion regarding a zoning ordinance amendment; provided comments on a contractual matter; provided an opinion regarding long-term rentals; my office and I continue to work on Right-to-Know matters; provided an opinion regarding executive session matters; and provided an opinion regarding intergovernmental cooperation agreements.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan wished everyone a good evening, Madam President. Good evening, council members. At the executive meeting this evening I provided council with updates on real estate and personnel matters. In regards to the public meeting notes, the City of Coatesville wrapped up its 2025 Unity Day Sounds of Summer this last Friday. Thank you to the community for coming out. The music was provided by a band called Best Kept Soul. We had great turnout, and it's always nice to see our community come out and support some of the great things that the city is doing. I also want to thank Councilwoman Hunt for being this year's chairperson. Thank you for your support. And also our volunteers and a number of sponsors that we had supporting both Unity Day and the Sounds of Summer Music Series.

And we look forward to bringing them back next year with fireworks and a lot more of our young people out there enjoying this.

Another item I have is in terms of economic development here in the city of Coatesville. We have met with a number of investors looking to make investments in the community. As many of you know, we have several projects that are in the works right now. We have our train station that is looking to be completed in Q4 of 2026. We also have a number of restaurants that are slated to open late this year, next year. As I said, we continue to work with as many investors as we can. There are a number of challenges that we do have in the city of Coatesville, but I think as people are looking into the changes and our revitalization efforts, they are happy to see that the city is moving forward. We also have great support from our local and state officials in terms of grants. I think, last year, I gave a report that the city has received close to 30 million dollars in grants for various products, including infrastructure, inlets, over 25 million in park grants. We have the Ash Park project that's underway. Very excited about that. And our residents will be seeing more and more improvements in the city in the coming years. Thank you. That's my report.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino thanked Madam President. Before I give my report, I'd just like to begin by saying 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. We offer them the opportunity to communicate, answer questions, and resolve issues. [foreign].

My report is short for you tonight. I just want to give you a quick update on Ash Park construction. The job progress, as of today, with a two-week look-ahead, is that the restroom fittings are being excavated and poured. The stormwater will be at 75% progress, so they are moving along with that. And the restroom foundations are being formed and poured currently. You may have noticed that the street along Third Avenue was closed today between Kersey and Maple Avenue. The stormwater that needed to be dug up-- the stormwater pipe that they needed to dig up to see if they could put some plumbing, basically, the sanitary sewer above it, they had to get in there again today and lay that. So we're going to see some work on Third Avenue a little bit more than we expected when we originally embarked on this project. But so far, the problems that we've encountered have been resolved without increasing budget. So our engineers, the project foreman, our public works department, and PAWC Water have actually been working really well together to problem-solve it. So I really appreciate everybody's work on that project.

Speaking of public works, it is the fall. So just a reminder to everybody that, with the leaves falling, yard waste pickup is every other week. And if you do have yard waste that is in paper bags or bundled, give Barb a call at our front desk, she'll add you the list to be picked up, and Public Works will pick up the yard waste. In addition to that, the Public Works Department is also working on some other projects throughout the city, including getting street signs put up, working on their maintenance equipment, and prepping for the winter. They did some cleanup of Maple Ave as well. They're cleaning out inlets, getting some tree work done, and as I mentioned, installing street signs. So Public Works Department has been very busy. That completes my report.

Ms. Al Amin asked Roberta, So I know the yard waste is every other Wednesday, and you call Barb, and it goes out back, where you put your trash. As far as the leaves, are they still to be raked in the front of people's properties and they get picked up there? Ms. Cosentino replied yes, you can do that. Some properties, they don't have access to pick them up in the front. So in those cases, you can also bag them, and they can pick them up in the back.

Mr. Logan stated madam President, I forgot one item. I just wanted to extend a thanks to volunteers that came out this past weekend that helped the Litter Lifters and 2nd Century Alliance, which coordinated a cleanup of Coatesville [Pepper?]. For any volunteers that are in this room this evening, thank you for your help. This is a continued effort from a lot of other individuals that gave up their Saturday morning. Some started at 7:30, starting coming up on Valley Road. Then we had another group that met at 10:00. And it's great to see people come out wanting to beautify and keep [inaudible], but it's unfortunate that we have to come out and do it. We have trash cans throughout this community. I myself have watched people leave their homes, leave their apartments, and throw trash on the ground. I don't know what it is, but we certainly have a problem with people's aim. I wish we could do something about it. But we try to work with various organizations. We try to work with people to provide, whether it's trash receptacles or trash bags, pickers, you name it. And if you happen to see anyone out there that's littering in your community, tell them to pick it up. I know that Mr. Brewer's in the audience here. He has guys that are cleaning up that park because kids are running through and just throwing their trash, don't pick it up. And like I said, we've had a conversation. I don't get it. But it's something that we all have to work together on, and it's our neighbors. We got to be nice about it and tell our neighbors to put the trash in the tote, not on the side of the tote, not in your tote, in their tote. It's that simple. Thank you, 2nd Century Alliance and Litter Lifters.

4. Finance Report

Mrs. Arthur wished Madam President and Council a good evening. In your packets tonight, you will find the Circle Square report we are all familiar with for the month end of August. You will notice, in the general fund, the expenses are trailing the revenues, with the expenses slightly above budget. This is a timing issue due to an unbudgeted invoice. This will adjust. In solid waste, you will notice the expenses increasing as we move later into the year. You may recall this was expected and planned for in our budget. For capital reserve, the Ash Park project is well underway with great progress being made. This is now starting to show in the expenses as we have caught up to the revenues just as expected.

Overall, relative to budget, we are right where we should be. I have been working on the 26th budget, along with projecting out the rest of 2025. We have had some unexpected costs along with some of our usual suspects, such as vehicle repairs and overtime. But with the efforts being made by all departments to try and keep the costs down and initiatives being made, I am showing that the budget will be able to absorb the costs. Given no unforeseen, large, unexpected costs, we should end the year on budget. I will be finishing up the budget in the next few weeks and look forward to presenting you with the 26th budget at your next council meeting on October 13th, with our first workshop being on October 20th. If there are no questions, that will conclude my report for tonight.

5. Fire Report

Chief Huf thanked Madam President. Council members, you should have in your packet the fire report for the month of August, which has a breakdown of the different types of calls. It was a slow month for the fire department. We responded to 82 calls in the city and the surrounding communities. If you have any questions, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I was not able to get the report timely enough to include, but I also have the EMS monthly report for August. Our emergency EMS providers at the Washington Hose Company responded to a total of 231 calls for the month in the community and surrounding areas.

As many of you know, the EMS has been stretched to new limits, not just here, but throughout the region. And as I mentioned, last month, we're about a week or two away from implementing new policy where, when our city units are tied up on calls, it'll be an automatic dispatch for the fire department to respond and fill that gap and hopefully cut down on any delays. All the members of the fire department are trained emergency medical technicians. We have all the medical equipment. We are registered with the county as a QRS, a Quick Response Service. So all the groundwork is in place to meet that demand and step in and provide this coverage for both ELS, emergency life support, calls and BLS, basic life support, calls. So that should be up and running in the next two weeks.

Lastly, I have a meeting scheduled in two weeks with our fire truck manufacturer, Seagrave. We're actually flying in the National Sales Manager, who, by coincidence, I do know, to give us more definitive answers on the fire apparatus that was ordered two years ago. As many of you know, the wait or timeline on purchasing equipment is four to five years, but we have some pretty important unanswered questions that are out there. So I'm going to have more answers and kind of have a more detailed report that will be able to provide members of council and our city administration. That's my report. Thank you.

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

Charles Brewer

My name is Charles Brewer, 147 Ninth Ave of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, lifetime resident of Coatesville. I have two things that I need to talk about. One of them is regarding the no-parking sign at Ninth Avenue, right there at Ninth and Chestnut. It's been a problem for us because we take our kids to the park, and the officers come by-- well, there's one officer that comes by that makes us move our cars. And we have no place else to park because we don't want to park in nobody else's parking spot that lives on that block. So that parking sign and the officer has become a real problem with Ninth Avenue. And the guys that - as you can see, I got a couple of guys with me - that goes up there in the corner, and we sit there to enjoy the park. We're there to enjoy the park. And we're being harassed by one officer. All the rest of the officers don't bother us. We get conflict with him every time he comes. The other thing I'm going to tell you about the officer, his name is Davis. He's terrorizing our black neighborhood. We're fed up with him. He's aggressive. He's putting hands on people he shouldn't be touching. And we're not going to keep putting up with it. Someone is going to get hurt behind his actions. And we come to the right place to see if we get help with what's going on in our neighborhood. I don't know where else is going on with that, but we know for a fact-- I have had run-ins with this guy twice myself, right here in the courthouse. It's the one that I talked to you about it the one time when he came in. Same officer. Everybody sitting back there has a run-in with him, and there's more. It's not going to stop unless you guys help us stop it. And we're asking for help now before it gets too bad. My three minutes is not up? Okay. But yeah, it's becoming a real problem. They come to me because they know that I'm not afraid to speak my mind or say what's on my mind. I speak up. I represent Coatesville. I've been here for 64 years. 64 years. And we need help

with this situation from everybody in here, especially you guys up front. We can't do it by ourselves. This officer is out of control. If y'all don't see it, take the blindfolds off, please. We need help. We're here reaching out and asking for their help right now. And whatever repercussions is behind it-- because, like I said, he tried to intimidate my sister in the courthouse, but it didn't work. We had a hearing, and he asked us to step outside aggressively. It wasn't like, "Please, can you step outside and we can talk to you?" He came to us and asked us, "Can we step outside?" aggressively. Me, [he that?] I used to be, would have kicked his-- never mind.

Anna Coleman

I live on Merchant Street, 737 Merchant Street. I don't know if it's because we have a lack of help or what's going on. Our neighbors put our trash cans out on the sidewalks. The trashman leaves the trash cans in the street. The street sweeper can't come down the street because trash cans are there. People do work. They never put them back. I mean, can that be resolved some kind of way? Because we have people that work, and the trash cans sit on the street all day. But I've mentioned it before to the guys that are dumping the trash, but they still don't do it. And that's becoming a problem. Now, some streets you go on, they do put their-- they leave their cans in the street, but we're not part of that. And we have seniors and people that work, and then you got the streets where they can't come through with all the trash cans in the streets. So we're on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. And if that can be resolved, it would be a lot of help. It's a lot of frustrating neighbors. Also, how do you replace those? Replace the dumpsters that the city has? Because mine is-- Ms. Cosentino said you actually can contact the finance department, and they're [crosstalk]. Ms. Coleman asked So do we have to pay for them yourself, or does the homeowner pay for them? Ms. Cosentino replied yes. There's a replacement cost of \$85. Ms. Coleman said but they're tearing them up when they're chucking them back and forth. Okay. I just wanted to piggyback on what you were saying about this trash. That's a problem. Also-- Mr. Logan said give me one second. If their totes aren't sorted by A J Blosenski, it's a cost associated with the resident. Ms. Cosentino said we would have to consider that on a case-by-case basis. Yeah. So if they are fully responsible for the destruction of the tote, then we would take a look at that. Ms. Coleman asked so I have to go to Codes? Ms. Cosentino said Finance Department. Finance Department. Ms. Coleman said you cut my time short a little bit because-- I'm not going to piggyback off of him, but Officer Davis is a problem, and it does need to be looked into. I've seen quite a few things that goes on. So I'm going to leave it at that. Ms. Al Amin stated I didn't hear you. So if it's the trash company that is damaging the cans because they throw them-- they flip the lid over, and then are the residents still responsible for paying the replacement costs, or do you say--? Ms. Cosentino explained it's on a case-by-case basis. Sometimes, we have to pull video footage. It depends how long it's been since it was destroyed and everything. We consider it on a case-by-case basis when the complaint is made. Sometimes, we have to pull video footage to see if it was destroyed and that sort of thing. So if that is the complaint, then that should be brought up when the form is completed. Ms. Al Amin asked and so, if it does turn out to be the company, would they have to replace the tote, or would the resident? Ms. Cosentino explained If it turns out that the trash company was responsible, then they cover the cost of it. But the resident still needs to come in and complete the form and go through that process.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Scamuffa thanked Madam President It's good to be back. I don't like to miss meetings, but I was out and down for the count. Thank you, everybody, for coming out. It's nice to see some new faces. It's nice to see some faces that we haven't seen in a while. Please keep coming. Council can't make things happen without your presence. We need the voice of the residents of the city. Please keep coming. Sometimes, it may seem like we're not listening, but we are. We are hearing what people are saying. Okay? So please, keep coming. Thank you so much, everybody. Have a safe night, and hopefully, we'll see you at the next meeting.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. And I agree with Ms. Scamuffa. Please, the new faces, the not-so-new, haven't been seen in a while faces, please continue to come. And if you have issues, please share them with us because we do have jobs. We're elected officials, so we have jobs. We don't always see or know everything that's going on. And if something's going on that shouldn't be going on, come and share it with us so that the issue can be resolved. We want to be a place that folks enjoy living at, living in, living with others. My vote on the transfer tax. I'm just a person that believes that, when we vote, are we voting for us too? But I believe if I'm voting right for the residents, I'm voting right for me. And we're trying to rebuild Coatesville. We're trying to bring new people into Coatesville. And if prices keep escalating, why do folks want to come? And I've been on council eight years. There's not been a tax increase. But the first couple of years that I was on the council, there wasn't a tax increase because we pulled from the trust fund. So it wasn't like we truly balanced the budget. The last few years, we have done exactly that. And I just believe that that's our job, to keep the budget balanced so that we don't have to raise taxes. If we had a whole lot to offer-- there are some people here, they just can't afford anything. And so I want to make sure with my voice that I'm looking out for everyone, not just myself, something that I can afford. I want to look out for the seniors that's been here for 50, 60, 70 years. And so that was the reason I was a no vote. Chief, I do want to give a very, very special shout-out to you, and I'll explain to everybody why there's a special shout-out. Yesterday, I was on my way to a family function. My niece/my daughter was renewing her wedding vows. And I received a very, very disturbing text. I was actually tagged in a post. Unfortunately, there was an individual that was in emotional distress. They were threatening to kill their dog, their seven-year-old daughter, and then their self. I didn't know what to do because I didn't know where the person was. So me, our team was on vacation, but what did I do? And I don't like to call his cell phone, but I called him. And even on vacation, between him doing what he does and me and a couple other people trying to reach out to the young lady-- and it wasn't in our jurisdiction, but the chief was able to reach out to the department where the individual was at. And by the grace of God, she didn't take her life, and she didn't take the seven-year-old's life. So, Chief, I'm sorry that I called you on vacation, but I found it, and I didn't know what to do. But I didn't want that situation to happen either. So thank you so much. And to my colleagues, even though we don't always agree, which we don't, I appreciate all of you. And I appreciate working with you. And I hope that, together, collectively, we can just keep moving Coatesville forward. Everybody, have a safe trip home, and have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for coming out this evening to be a part of our meeting. And it is good to see the faces of our residents and hear your concerns. I want to thank our committee for our Sounds of Summer, although I've been getting credit for being the chairperson. I want to give big shout-outs to Shannon Thomas. She really put so much effort into this year, as she has each year, so I just want to thank her for all of that. Somebody was talking about street signs. On Fifth Avenue, right in front of my office door, that street sign is really loose. And I noticed it even more yesterday

because kids were just hanging all on it. So we can maybe get somebody to come out and make that stable so nobody gets hurt. I don't know how those kids climb those signs like that, but they be climbing it. I'm like, "Oh my goodness." So again, I just want to thank our staff for all that you do on the daily to make the city run and function as it is. And just to echo Ms. Al Amin, we are passionate about the city and things we do, and we love the city. And as we are, we're seven council persons, and it would be a sad commentary if we all thought alike. So I enjoy the diversity of being able to share each other's thoughts and comments while coming out for the overall best of the city. So everyone, please have a good night. Have safe travels back home. Thank you.

Ms. Turner-Green. Thanked everyone for coming out. I think everyone said what I would say. I agree with everything that was said today, and we all have the same vision for the city. We just might have different ideas on how we're going to get there. It's great to see all of your faces, returning faces, new faces. Hopefully, the new faces become returning faces. Get home safe, everyone.

President Lavender Norris said I just echo my colleagues. I thank you all so much for all your work. Know that you are forever appreciated. To our residents, thank you for coming out. Please, don't allow this to be your last meeting, and take your time and look at the city's website because there are boards and commissions and committees that we need populated. And we need y'all to do that. Please. It's 8:45. It's football season, and I'm a football fan. So with that being said, I love y'all. God knows I do. I pray that y'all have a blessed night

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.