



City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, January 22, 2024

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

Council Absent:

Staff Present James Logan, City Manager; Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Richard Troutman, Finance Director; Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

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

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the January 8, 2024 meeting minutes; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1. Ms. Al Amin abstained from the vote.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Scamuffa asked do we need to ask if we have questions every time since we can ask ahead of time? President Lavender Norris explained there may be something to ask that you didn't think of earlier. There may be a need for questions or comments they want to speak. Ms. Scamuffa stated that was my only question.

Presentations

1. Swear in Officer Joel Williams

Chief asked Officer Williams, to please come up. Just by way of a little brief bio for Officer Williams, he began his law enforcement career at the Philadelphia Housing Authority. He accepted the police in the downtown Borough Police Department. He was hired by the City of Coatesville in January of 2023 as a part-timer officer. Officer Williams has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Philadelphia University. Don't get any ideas, Rich. And then also, he's a certified car seat technician for our department where he assists in educating citizens about proper car seat installation and use support with our car seat grant program. He's also a Chester County resident and has recently been engaged to his fiancé, Danielle, who is here tonight. Congratulations. In his off time, he enjoys camping and hunting. Officer Williams has been working full-time hours with our department and received unanimous recommendations from his supervisor in our full-time selection process. Congratulations, Officer Williams, you may bring up your family. Officer Williams was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Hines as his mother and fiancé held the bible.

2. Joyce Chester, OIC

Ms. Chester introduced herself hi. Good evening, everyone. Many know me. I'm Joyce Chester, president and CEO of Chester County OIC. I'm coming here to say a formal thank

you to each and every one of the council members, to James, the city manager. We have been in Coatesville since 2018. We're not leaving. Chester County OIC is not leaving. But we started here in 2018. And usually, every year, I come to give you an update to let you know what we've been doing and how we've been doing. Then we had the pandemic. That threw us off a little bit. But I'd just like to say this. We came here in 2018. We had the pandemic in 2020. Immediately after the pandemic, we did a student survey to see what they needed. From that, we created survival packages which we dropped off on the porches of our students so they would have the toiletries that they needed for themselves, their children, and so on. We had to pivot immediately to have virtual classes instead of on-site class. We got that beautiful space so that we could be on site. Nonetheless, the pandemic led us otherwise. But we closed down in March of 2020, but we reopened in June. And when we came back, hardly anybody was at work, on the streets, anywhere, except in our OIC building. We soldiered ahead. Nobody got COVID during that time period. We were just careful. But we knew that we couldn't stop service just because of the pandemic, so we just moved on and continued offering classes from that time.

So, I'd just like to share that our educational programs over the last couple of years, post-pandemic, have grown by over 100%. ESL, GED, and our tutoring programs. The Workforce Programming or Enclave Program which so many heard about because we work with Parks and Rec. We have served 92 students in this program, giving them employment immediately as they go from training. The Forklift Program has been a wonderful success. We have about 150 students per year in that program, first working with New Life in Christ, and now we're in Gap, PA with the Forklift Program. Our digital literacy program has served about 70 students. Our Reentry SOAR program has served [inaudible]. CNA program continues with 100% pass rate. I'm so proud of it. And through the years, and through that time, we've developed so many community partners. You, the city council. Our city manager has been a wonderful partner. Our legislative partners, including Danny Williams. Our housing partners, our local business partners who have been so beneficial in helping us employ students as soon as they graduate. The Western Chamber of Commerce has been amazing. CYWA, they're like our sister agency right across the alley, which brings students to us every week to organize books, the career length, the workforce development board. There's so many and so many linkages in this community. We have worked through the hospital closing. We have worked with the VA.

So recently, you may have heard that I'll be moving from Chester County OIC and taking on a position of CEO of Friends Association. I know that we do work with Friends Association in Coatesville. I am looking forward to bringing some good quality services through Friends Association to Coatesville. The reason I wanted to come to say thank you is because since we have been in this community, you have embraced us whole-heartedly. You have been our friend, our confidant, our wonderful neighbor. We have tried to be good neighbors, did we not? And we as a ---we always try to think through--[inaudible]. This is such a wonderful experience, us being in Coatesville. We have just broadened our services, branched out. It has been amazing. So what I want you to know-- I'm so excited because I feel like with me moving to Friends, we're planting new seeds. With that said, OIC remains. I'm just the one taking on a new assignment. So coming to-- in my place, as the interim director, will be Javonna Wiley. Javonna and I have a saying, we say, "From intern to interim." So she started as one of our interns in 2014, right? She was still in school. She was still in Shippensburg. And I remember the first summer that she worked with our youth. I said, "[inaudible]

[Coatesville?]." It was pretty good. Well, I'm just delighted in seeing her growth. Javonna is creative. She is so bright. It's so great. I ask you to continue to embrace her and you embrace OIC. Honestly, she's been doing most of the work. I just take the credit [laughter]. So I just have to say this. When I say heartfelt thanks, I mean heartfelt thanks for embracing us, the party and all, right? I love Coatesville. I will continue to support CC OIC financially and any other ways that I can. And I'd just like to close-- I'm going to ask Javonna to say a word or two, but let me close with a couple of quotes. One from Martin Luther King that says, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others?" And that's a question we've asked ourselves every single day working in CCOIC. And Mother Teresa says, "We do no great things, only small things with great love." And that has been my mantra since working at OIC. And then in closing, Martin Luther King again, he says, "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." Thank you for your support through the years. I'm going to have Javonna say something.

Ms. Wiley thanked Council. So, I'm excited to take on this opportunity. It's my first time speaking about this position. But yeah, so as you just said, I've been with OIC since before I even had a college degree, guiding the organization through many transitions and [inaudible]. But we're going to continue to build on the connection that she created for us and continue to create opportunities and livable wages for the people. Thank you for your support. I love seeing all of you in public, and I know that you have our backs. Thanks.

Vice President Green congratulated Javonna. I just want to say, Joyce, it's been a pleasure. Everything that you said you were going to do, your dreams and hopes. Since 2018, I just applaud you for giving it 150% to the city. Thank you so much. I wish you well in your next set. Ms. Al Amin thanked Joyce, so much for all that you've done, and know that I wish you well in your new venture. Make all those flowers blossom like you did here. And I know that with your new clientele, that you will still send them to OIC because of the nature of your new position. And Javonna, Ms. Bubbly, as I call you, congratulations. It's so deserving of you.

Discussion Items

1. Dumpster/Storage Container

Ms. Cosentino stated I can kick off the discussion here. I brought this for our attention via our department and our code that we have in the city some storage containers that are being stored on our roadways. Currently, as our ordinances are written, they don't actually cover storage containers. So, in this, we're talking about those temporary pods. If somebody's moving, that sort of thing. So, we took a look at our ordinances, and the thought was to potentially amend our dumpster ordinance which requires a permit. It requires a new code department. And it has some method for enforcement just to regulate how long, where, so that it requires some type of permission. So that's where this is coming from. Vice President Green said I think it says we need to do that because the pods are-- I mean, they're taking up space, and it should be charged.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

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

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to approve Chief Dobson as Interim Fire Chief, per the recommendation of the City Manager

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve Chief Dobson as Interim full-time Fire Chief, per the recommendation of the City Manager; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1-1. Ms. Al Amin was the dissenting vote and Ms. Scamuffa abstained from the vote.

Mr. Logan announced Chief Dobson is here. Chief, if you'd like to come forward for this. Chief Dobson, as you all know, currently serves as our part-time fire chief and our Codes supervisor. He will begin February 5th, he will step into the role of full-time interim fire chief. And we will also be looking for a full-time code supervisor. The chief has been with the City of Coatesville for approximately 25 years. And if you want to tell us a little bit about yourself, and what's going to happen in your new position come February? Mr. Dobson thanked Council for having me here tonight. So with the full-time fire chief position, we can do more things. We can get out of the public and provide education for those type of incidents that we identify through our responses that we can[prevent fires, slips and falls, those type of things. We can get out there more. Also, fire inspection program, fire safety to make sure that businesses, commercial properties are safe for the community to go. They're just a few of the programs that we can provide.

2. Receive and consider a motion to approve a personnel separation agreement

Ms. Allen made a motion to approve a personnel separation agreement; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-2. Ms. Al-Amin and Ms. Scamuffa abstained from the vote.

3. Receive and consider a motion for first reading and authorization for advertisement of an ordinance amending Chapter 190, Solid Waste, §190-4, Separation Requirements, Subsection C, Commercial, Institutional, Industrial and Municipal Establishments, by deleting Subsection C in its entirety and replacing it with language that directs Commercial, Institutional, Industrial and Municipal Establishments, and Community Activities to separate recyclable materials.

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Ms. Cosentino explained the ordinance amendment for this came to our attention when we were getting our 904 grant application, that we had an omission that was necessary to change as per the DET requirements of Act 101. And that change was just the simple addition of requiring recycling at community activities. And so what you see here is the addition of that language to the ordinance.

4. Receive and consider a motion to approve Cedarville Engineering Group, LLC proposal for rebidding construction oversight services for constructing the Millview Basin Retrofit project.

Item approved at a previous meeting. No action required.

Ms. Cosentino explained this item was actually put onto the agenda unnecessarily. The Millview Basin project has already been approved by council, and so the payment for this work is actually already approved. So, this is kind of the-- what's the word I'm looking for? Mr. Jefferson replied error. [laughter] Ms. Cosentino said thank you. It was an error, to put it that way.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council. Since council's last meeting, I have communicated and continued to communicate outside council regarding certain litigation matters; have provided feedback regarding a franchise agreement; have provided an opinion on two lease matters; provided an opinion on Ash Park, and worked on and provided feedback on zoning matters; drafted two ordinances; also provided an opinion on a personnel matter; communicated with other attorneys regarding tax assessment appeals and city management; communicated with members of the Chester County District Attorney's Office regarding a certain criminal matter that will be addressed later this month. That is my report unless there are any questions.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan wished everyone a good evening. During our executive meeting, I provided comments and updates on personnel and real estate matters to the city council members. Moving on, this year, I just wanted to share that we are going to be exploring more and new opportunities to increase our community engagement through events, police and fire outreach, hiring. And we will also continue in business attraction efforts with global partners to stimulate business growth in the City of Coatesville. Lastly, we hope that the community will take a moment to go to our website and check out the last, or the latest, I should say, City Hall information leads. That is something that we are trying to drive people to. Roberta, Vincent Miles, and others worked very hard on making this website a very informative site. We encourage all of our residents to check it out. In the next several months, the city will be preparing plans to work on our [inaudible] plan. It is our hope to work with Chester County [inaudible], Coatesville School District, residents, and other stakeholders to create a plan for the city's redevelopment, youth enrichment, environment, economic, of course, and quality of life conditions.

Just a bit of an announcement, our neighbors in Valley Township will be conducting a public hearing, February 6th at 7:00 PM to hear public comment and consider adoption of the West Lincoln Highway Corridor Plan. The plan was prepared to provide a guide for the future of a corridor within Valley Township. I just want to say best of luck to Valley Township. They are great neighbors. We support them in their efforts to expand in making us their community as well. PennDOT will be performing field surveys, traffic counts, soil borings, soil sampling, and testing for the project to reconstruct the US 30 / PA 10 on Sadsbury and West Sadsbury Townships. This extensive project section will extend from between Wagontown Road, Valley-- at 340 East Kings Highway, Valley Township. I bring that up because you'll

probably see a lot of vehicles coming in and out of the city. Hopefully, some of those guys will stop and have lunch here. More importantly, this is an indication that additional work and progress is being made in the western region. So a lot of this activity throughout the year happening in the region here.

Last, it's next month. It's Black History Month. And we invite parents and children grades from 3 to 12 to participate in our annual pancake breakfast and book reading in celebration of Black History Month. Participants can bring their favorite books by African-American authors and read a few lines from a book. We also will have event guests and special readings and characters will also feature the morning event. That will take place here. We haven't got a date yet because I don't see Ajené in the audience, and we need to confirm that with Parks and Rec. But if you've been to any of our pancake breakfast and book readings in previous years, you know it's a great day. I see Lieutenant Ollis over there. He likes to bring Green Eggs and Ham to read. I didn't know he was a black author, but that's all good. [laughter] But the kids love it, and everyone gets a kick out of watching the officer read Green Eggs and Ham. [laughter] So that will be next month, and we'll make sure everyone is aware of that. That will be on our website, by the way.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino thanked City Council. To begin, I'd like to, again, welcome any Spanish speakers and other non-English speakers that need assistance with city matters, that we are here to help as best we can. We want everyone to be able to share their questions and concerns. [foreign]. A few items from our Public Works Department this month. The Public Works Department has been working very hard this past couple of weeks with snowfalls that we've had. The city utilized our new website and Facebook to get out messages about closures, trash delays, and messages directly from the public works crew asking the residents not to shovel snow into the roadway and to clear sidewalks. Public Works will also be making a final pass through town for Christmas trees this week. So, if you have your Christmas trees still, please put them out. Also, a note, the city along with neighboring municipalities belong to a recycling authority that manages the compost facility in Modena. And residents are welcome to take yard waste and trees directly to the compost facility. Trash pickups were delayed last week because of the snow, but this week, the schedule should be back to normal. So residents should contact the city if trash or recycling is not picked up this week. Also, a couple of additional things. I attended a pedestrian and crosswalk safety course offered by PennDOT's local technical assistance program, which was very informative. Also, this past week, the Chester County Planning Commission held a solar adopters conference here in the city at nth Innovation Center. I see Ms. Susan Springsteen here. I think it was a successful event with some businesses that may be interested in getting solar. And last but not least, I was very grateful to have been able to attend the MLK Day celebrations. And thanks everyone who's involved.

4. Finance Department

Mr. Troutman explained this is the financial audit results for last year. It is preliminary. It's not done, but we think it's pretty close to finalized. And the biggest walkaway is making budget. It's going to have a small surplus. So that's obviously very positive. Again, another year without having to raise taxes or borrowing money to get here, and not having problems that weren't addressed. That's the overarching walkaway. And with that, a couple of the points that we make through the Circle Square document. When it comes to solid waste,

you're going to see a large deficit. That was intentional because the plan has been to use up the reserves that we have so that we can hold the costs down for the trash pickup. For the capital reserve there just wasn't a lot of activity. We're expecting that to kind of roll into this year to work through it in 2024, which is why there's such a big difference between the actual and the budget. As far as the liquid fuels, again, that was intentional. We used built-up reserves to be able to pave roads. Regarding the Grand Prix. It was a difficult year for the Grand Prix because the expenses kept increasing. And the good news is the sponsorships pretty much kept pace with the costs. So it all worked out in the end, pretty close to the expectations.

And a couple other comments now, financial related. The audit will be starting in the middle of February. Typically, it's in March. We're able to get it scheduled earlier this year. The team is gearing up for that right now. And really important for the owners to pay attention to their mail that's coming from the city finance area. This is the time of year where we send out notices for those who didn't pay their fees last year for solid waste. The letter went out January 12th, Friday. So it went out about a week earlier than last year, but it's really critical for people to come into the office, during regular work hours to the Finance window to avoid collection fees. It gets really expensive for non-payers. Last year, the people that came in and paid, we probably estimated they saved themselves upwards of 10 thousand dollars in additional collection fees. It's not pleasant, but it's better than the alternative. This will be the first of two letters.

The second letter will go out right at the beginning of February. Come into the office Monday through Friday, regular business hours, and we'll take the payment. We're going to work to make sure it's on the website and published as well. And then the other thing I would say is if you can't pay it, then there are hardship plans that are available that can be worked with. I'm not going to go through the details here. Just know that they exist, and we can get you in contact with the right people to make it work. And then your payments go against what you owe, not building up additional interest or legal fees. If we get ahead of it, we can work with you. Find a way to make the contact, that's the big thing, then we can work through it. And the close-out day we work with is going to be Friday, March 1st.

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

Mary Harris

Ms. Harris introduced herself. I live on Harmony Street. I'm here to address an issue on Harlan Street. My landlord sent me a letter received from the food department, that my house wasn't fit for human habitation because of an infestation. There were certain things that had to be completed by a certain date. Follow-up recommendations have not been followed. I had to throw out most of my belongings. Why are the landlords not being held accountable? It's nothing being done about it. And I would like to read-- because I've been going through this for a minute, but the city hasn't been involved. I sent stuff to my landlord, and this is what he sent to me. "Mary, I certainly understand the frustration. I also understand the financial burden. It is also quite expensive to send an exterminator every month. I purchased a new chemical, which I have not seen yet, concentrated, that was supposed to be highly effective. It is harmful for other animals as well. And you would need to keep away--" keep my dog away. "When it arrives, I will come over and treat your house immediately and I will leave more product with you. You will need to spray it once a week in hopes to getting rid of the critters. If we are going to get them under control, it is also extremely important that the house is kept clean with no food, no trash available for them to eat." Okay. This was sent in November 15th

of last year, and I got more of them from years prior too. So, it's not like it's a new thing. It's been an going-on thing, and he just doesn't do anything about it. And throwing out my stuff was not an option but I had to do it. And I really didn't feel as though that I should go that route because he's my landlord, and there are certain things that he has to do but he doesn't. And it's horrible. The situation is extremely horrible, and I can't take it anymore. Thank you.

Steve Lamb

Mr. Lamb stated I am here because I have an agenda. I came here because of what you did to me in the last meeting when I came here, Ms. Green. Taking my complaint forms off the table and ripping them up in front of the city. I don't understand how you, the vice president, could do something like that. But I've got a complaint form for you. Tonight, I do. And I hope that it gets filed in your files and not tore up. But I really think that you're really disrespectful, and I think that was childish for what you've done. People don't know me and you, the relationship I have with you, because you were the first or the second boss I had in the City of Coatesville over 37 years ago. Treating me like a kid then. Now, you're still trying to treat me like a kid, but it's not going to work. I'm a grown man. I was a grown man when I worked with you. Ms. Lavender, me and you've been friends for a lot of years, special friends. You had me locked up on a public street for doing a constitutional right. I can video anything in public that I can see, my eyes can see. You had me locked up. You called the chief on me. You had me locked up. You had the police come out and lock me up. And when I went to the court the first time, they threw it out. When I first came in, you said there was not going to be a retaliation. They reopened the case. Something less than, that's a charge. I don't understand. I'm not a bad guy. I've been in this community for 30, 40 years. Never had no problem. [silence] Two council people in here stopped me from delivering 19 food boxes to senior citizens, which they still ask me today, "How come I can't deliver them food?" You know what is up? Because you two had me removed from the property and had the police banned me from even going around the property. I went to court today and they continue it. And I feel that's another thing. You don't come to court. You're the one that called the police. Why do you have your sister come to court?

Lila Singleton

Ms. Singleton introduced herself to council. I live on Charles Street, and I'd like to give my time to Mr. Lamb. President Lavender Norris announced we do not communicate time. Mr. Lamb asked when did we start doing that? It was always [crosstalk] to be done. Mr. Jefferson asked Ms. Singleton to please give your comment, but we would like you to give your comment as your comment. So if you could, please give your comment. Mr. Lamb said okay. I still need to know-- Mr. Jefferson said thank you, Mr. [crosstalk]-- Sir, [crosstalk]—Mr. Lamb said I just [inaudible] brought in. Mr. Jefferson stated we need to get through this meeting. I promise we just need to get through it. Mr. Lamb stated can I just ask [crosstalk]-- Mr. Jefferson replied No, I can't. [crosstalk]. Mr. Lamb said It's something that they've been doing. Mr. Jefferson said sir, I'm warning you. You're disrupting. Thank you. Mr. Lamb said that's what they do. Ms. Singleton explained her question is about what Mr. Troutman was saying to the public and about what we as [crosstalk] residents are owed. I wasn't understanding this. So he was saying that-- and I really should not be addressing this in public because we need to be paying something. President Lavender Norris explained it was to pay the trash bill. And if there's hardships, reach out to the city ahead of time so that you can make a plan with that as opposed to being late and other fees being added. Ms. Singleton thanked them.

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

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming out. I'm a little disheartened by things that are happening. I know Mr. Lamb, Mr. Good Citizen, Mr. Lamb, who I've known him since I was old enough to hang out. And the way he comes here and is allowed to harass council members for something that has nothing to do with city council. It's the CYWA. Take that up with the CYWA. To other council members and other residents put him up to coming to council meetings to harass the council president and vice president, it feels disheartening. I feel like as a council, we're here to do right by our residents. And just because a few of our resident's dislike some of our council members, the rest of us are subject to this ignorance? I feel like if you don't like what's happening in the City of Coatesville, if you don't like the city council's decisions that we're making to move Coatesville forward - and I could be wrong for saying this - well, leave the city because this cannot keep happening. This cannot keep happening. I mean, I will not allow for someone to continually come here and harass us because of whatever that he was doing. Other city council members putting bugs in people's ears, saying different things about members on the council. To get this type of stuff, it's just ignorant, and it's uncalled for, and it's very immature. And whoever's on that board, on that boat, on that rock, you need to grow up. You need to mature, and you need to get over yourself because this isn't right. This isn't what we come here to do every other Monday. This is a public servant. We are here giving up-- we're somewhere away from our families, from our children to come here and be harassed by somebody with a whole bunch of accusations I don't like it. And, Officer, Chief, I don't know what y'all can do about it, but something needs to be done. It has happened too many times. And like Ms. Hunt just said, it is scary. It gets scary because who knows if he's going to be outside waiting on Miss Lavender-Norris or Miss Green? What happens then? Is it what's going to take for him to be unsatisfied here for him to be outside waiting and something happens to one of us? It happened to a city council in Jersey. He got killed. It's not fair. Something needs to be done. It really, really does. And that's all I have to say. Thank you. I don't really never say too much, but I'm tired of it. Myself, I put in too much time away from my family, and it's not a good thing. So I thank y'all. Have a good night, and I have to go.

Ms. Allen excused herself from the meeting at 8:30.

Ms. Scamuffa stated I will do my best to be brief. A lot of the people aren't here, but congratulations again to Officer Williams, to Joyce Chester, such a sweet lady. I wish I had the opportunity to really get to know her. I wish her well. I wish Javonna well in her new ventures and taking over this position. There's a lot to be done here. And I know the frustrations. The first thing I have to address is Ms. Harris and the codes issue. Under no circumstances, we're-- I may have been elected to the West End, but when I'm behind the table, I represent everybody in the city. Under no circumstances, should someone have to live in the conditions at the mercy of a landlord without things being done the right way. Under no condition. Everybody has the right to live in a decent clean home and environment. And God help me. I can't believe that a landlord would tell you that they're going to bring you this dangerous chemical for you to take care of it. I'm here for you. I will support you if you'd like to talk to me as well regarding your issues. People have families. They have children. People have disabilities. Whatever their situation would be, something must be done between the roaches, rodents, any other infestation. And landlords are living high on the hog off everybody's rent money while the people of our city suffer. It's disgusting to me. No one should have to go through that. And I don't care where you live. I don't care what your financial means are. The city and the

people who own homes here must do better. As far as Mr. Lamb goes, he's here, he's frustrated. I wasn't here when all of this situation went down. Maybe he comes here to vent his grievance because it's the only place he feels it's really going to get out to the public what his issues are. I don't know the man. I can't speak to him. Obviously, he's frustrated with whatever went down. I don't know what he's talking about. These complaint forms that were ripped up, thrown out, whatever. If you're going to do it, at least do it behind a closed door. It should not be done in public. And again, I wasn't here for that, and I don't know the details of that situation. But really, my heart aches for the way people come in and they represent the city, the way they talk about the city. We just have to do better. We have to do better as a council. We're all here to work together. It pains me. It makes me emotional when I think about all of this stuff. Is there an answer or a solution to the problem? I don't know. Maybe there's too many cross-committee issues. Maybe that's something that needs to be looked at. So that way, if somebody is on a specific board, they can be on that board. If they're on council, they're on council. That way, if somebody has a complaint, they can go to the appropriate place instead of getting hammered all the time at council. I'm not saying he doesn't have his right to do that. We have to figure out a better way. Thank you, everybody, for coming out. Thank you, everybody, for listening. And I wish everyone well and much peace. Thank you.

Ms. Turner Green stated Ms. Harris we have spoken as I have reached out to you personally, myself. Please, don't think that when you talk to us, it goes in one ear and out the other. And I appreciate your words, but this is in my ward. It's something that is being addressed. However, we are bound by laws and regulations that we have to maneuver within. And that can be unfortunate in certain situations and circumstances. Thank you so much for coming out. Mr. Lamb has left but I hope that he receives, I guess, the outlet that he needs. I would say, in reference to what Councilwoman Allen said, "Not just leave the city, be more involved." If you've got ideas, if you think that you can move the needle, please be more involved. I would love to see that. I would love to see that. Kind of put your work where your mouth is. Thank you. Have a good night.

Ms. Al Amin stated I have a few things that I'd like to address. Last meeting, I left early, but in the meeting before, I asked about an action item on the agenda that read, "Receive and consider a motion to approve an ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for specific purposes of the city government as herein set forth for the year 2024." So when that was read, I asked if we could have a better explanation for that, and I want to explain why I asked for that. As that reads like that, it's just very open-ended. And I wasn't sure how anybody in the audience would really know what we were voting on. Because when it just says appropriating specific sums estimated for specific purposes, and it doesn't elaborate what the specific sums are or what the specific purpose is, and the public doesn't get a copy of accounts payable. The public doesn't have a copy of the budget. Now, when I asked that, instead of getting an explanation, some comments were made. I don't even know if everybody looks at such. And then a comment was made that someone once made a comment about a council, that a council member could make a dollar holler. I disagree with that. Richard Troutman can make a dollar holler. Richard Troutman, you do a phenomenal job, and thank you so much for that. But I felt that that was disrespectful because that was actually quote that was written and given to me in an endorsement when I ran for my second term. The person never meant that I was the one that balanced the budget. They just said that they liked the fact that I always looked at the accounts payable and the budget so well. Then a remark was made that the budget is public. It is. But I think that needs a little bit of explanation. So you cannot go on the city website and find the budget. You cannot walk into City Hall and ask for the budget to take notes. You can walk into City Hall and ask for the budget to look at it here, but it has to be during the hours of operation. So if you work day shift, you might be excluded from that unless you take some time off of work. If you work third shift

and you sleep during the day, you might be excluded unless you take some time off from work or go in late. And anybody that understands a budget, you can't look at it, in and out, if you go line item for line item. It takes a while. And just because I've asked questions does not mean I did not look at the budget. I looked at it very thoroughly, line item by line item. The questions that I have. Some questions can't be asked publicly because they're considered executive. Some questions can be asked publicly. But I reached out to Mr. Troutman, and Mr. Troutman took the time to discuss every one of my questions with me and gave me answers. When it comes to accounts payable, do I ask questions? I do. And it's, again, not because I don't understand that there's money allocated in the budget for particular maintenance, supplies. I ask because sometimes I see an item-- and again, public doesn't have a copy of accounts payable. Here's an example. I once questioned a faucet that was put in City Hall. The fee for that faucet was \$1,500. I thought that was high. In the property that I live in and bought and paid for, the many rentals I have owned, the many properties I have flipped over the years, never would I pay \$1,500 for a faucet. Now, we, as the city, ask the residents to support our local businesses. So sometimes, I think the city could do a little better with supporting our local contractors. There's a list in city hall. You have to be licensed to work here. I can't believe-- because I've used some of them contractors to do work on properties I fixed, properties I was renting out. I can't believe it would cost \$1,500. Now, if there was a local contractor and it costs \$300, is \$1,200 going to save the budget? No. There's many contributions to the budget. First, in every year, it's the Real Estate Tax. Last year, we were fortunate enough to have some RDA sales which generated money for the city too. Then with the sale of properties and the fact that the values went up, so the transfer taxes went up some. The unemployment rate in the city is down. Again, would it solve the budget? No. But we are now getting more in our portion of the local earned income tax because more people are enrolled. So I did finances for years. I'm not saying the sharpest-- I'm not saying I am the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I'm certainly not the dullest either. So if any of the residents ever wonder why I ask questions, I'm trying to be transparent. If you wonder why I asked a question, please just stay until after the meeting and ask me. Most of you have my personal cell phone number. Reach out and call me. I will always be willing to say why I asked the question. Then I had some residents ask me why some people at the podium are asked questions and why some people aren't. All I can say to you is all I know about public comment, be it agenda item or non-agenda items, it says the council president reads, you get three minutes. You're not supposed to be disruptive. The solicitor said, "It is not a question-and-answer forum." And then for some reason, when you're in that-- when you're at that podium, if someone interrupts you and takes a portion of your three minutes, you're entitled to that portion of your three minutes back as long as you are not being disruptive. You get three minutes to talk about whatever your concerns are. Ms. Harris, I empathize with you. I don't think there's anybody in this room that would want to live in the conditions that you're currently living in. I know that Councilwoman Turner Green has reached out to you because I provided your phone number to her, and I know that she's reached out to you. I know that she's going to help you. She is your council representative of that ward. I'm council at large, so know if there's anything that I can do to help you, I'm certainly more than willing to help. The last issue that I want to address, it's a sensitive one, but I think it needs to be addressed. Generally, and in the years past, the whole seven years I've been on council up until the last meeting. Somebody asked for a prayer, we say a prayer. Somebody asks for a moment of silence, we do a moment of silence. We don't generally do both. But in the last meeting, when nobody said they wanted to offer a prayer, I could say I'll offer a prayer. I also realize not everybody prays like me. I'm Muslim, so not everybody prays like me. Not everybody prays like the rest of the council. We service 13,000 residents. Hindus and Jewish faith does not pray like me or the rest of the council. Can you? [No?]. I've had people approach me about this, too. So I asked for a moment of silence because I felt like it covered everybody. When I asked for a moment of silence immediately for the first time, "Oh, I'd like to say a

prayer. Council president, are we going to pray first, or are we going to have a moment of silence?" And it was a moment of silence first, me being the first person that asked. But we're going to have a prayer first. However, tonight, when Councilwoman Scamuffa said moment of silence, the moment of silence came first. I have no problem with prayer. In my faith, I'm obligated to make a minimum of five prayers a day at specific times. I do not, however, think that the treatment and the disrespect that I received as a council person, I'm not going to tolerate it anymore. I'm going to call point of order for Robert's rules of law. And Mr. Jefferson, if you could, because I do know a couple of meetings ago, we allowed a person, I believe it was Laura Shannon Bailey that yielded her time to Mr. Steven Lamb, and it was permitted. And tonight, it was said we don't do that. So, we can't bounce back and forth. Rules have to stay standard across the board for everybody. Could you please check Robert's Rules of Order because I believe we are allowed to yield time unless the city made an ordinance stopping that. But according to Robert's Rules of Order, you can yield your time. And yeah, pardon me? Mr. Jefferson said he would double-check. Ms. Al Amin stated the reason I brought this stuff up because I was really upset at the last meeting, so upset that I walked out. And I can only discuss things that happen out here. Anything that happens behind that closed door, I'm not allowed to discuss. But the disrespect, I'm not going to put up with it anymore. And I've had people in the audience call me and apologize and say they are so sorry for the treatment that I received from other council members. That said, there's seven of us, which means seven different thoughts, seven different minds, seven different opinions. And all seven are okay. You don't have to agree with me, and I don't have to agree with you. But I am no longer going to allow myself to get so frustrated that I feel I have to stand up and walk out of a meeting. I am going to continue to ask questions because as a council member, it's my job to look over the paths. It's my job to look over the budget. And if I represent the taxpayers and the residents, I'm representing myself because I'm a taxpayer and I'm a resident, and I believe that we need to do that. Not everybody's going to like me, and I'm not going to like everybody. And that includes the public, and I serve 13,000 people. And whether I like what they say when they come to the podium or not, I still serve them, the people that voted for me, the people that didn't. And so I no longer-- if I ask a question, I don't want a smart remark. I want an answer, no different than if any other council member asks, "Could you please expound on that?" If I question an accounts payable, there's a reason. That's like I said, you guys don't have a copy of that. It's not like I'm questioning paper clips and pencils or trash bags and toilet paper because I'm not. And everything adds up. Everything makes the budget balanced. When there's no more RDA properties to sell, what are we going to-- what's there will be what's their annual? The taxpayers and what they pay for their property tax. Property sales can fluctuate from year to year. Employment can fluctuate from year to year. And so, there are reasons why I asked what I asked. And I just thought that I needed to define some of my frustration because I did walk out of the last meeting. I'm not going to walk out anymore. If a point of order needs to be called, according to Robert's rules, I'm going to call a point of order. I'm not going to be disrespected anymore. Thank you, everybody, for coming. Have a good week. And again, I don't have a problem with the prayer, but in the seven years, I've never seen both done until I asked last week. Even tonight, when Scamuffa asked for a moment of silence. The first person got what they asked for. The second person followed. That did not happen tonight. Everybody have a good night. I need to use the restroom.

Mrs. Hunt stated so much can be said. So much has been said. I believe we had-- several years ago, we weren't giving prayer before the meeting. My belief, prayer is communicating with God, praying out loud. God inhabits fellowship of his people. That's my belief. When you ask for a moment of silence, you could be doing anything in that moment of silence. But if that's what you prefer to do, then that's what you prefer to do. But on the same hand, you're not going to hinder me offering a prayer to God, which is what we had agreed upon that we were going to do. When you often do

things in silence, then oftentimes, you lose concentration. You may have your eyes closed, but that doesn't mean you're praying. You could be thinking about anything, "What do I have to do? What do I need to do? What do I have to do at home?" Anything could be happening in that moment of silence. But we voted to have a prayer and invoke His presence into our meetings. I don't have anything against you or Ms. Al Amin or anybody else that want to have a moment of silence. You can have that. I'm not saying you can't have that. I didn't tell you, you can't have that, and neither did I hinder her from having that. But on the same hand, you're not going to hinder me as a council person for offering a prayer that they asked for. So if we want to continue week after week to have a prayer and a moment of silence, then that's what we do. Whichever comes first, it comes first. But I'm not going to be hindered from what I believe just to accommodate what someone else believes. And like I said, I have nothing against a moment of silence. But I just know that what I believe and I stand on what I believe, if we want to, as a council, at some point, discuss it with ourselves and come up with what we want to do, if we want to continue in prayer, if we want to have a moment of silence, or if we want to incorporate them both. I don't see what's wrong with doing what you want to do. This is simple. I'm not going to apologize for praying. I'm not going to apologize because I guess again I didn't say, "Are we going to pray?" No, I said, "Well, are we going to both because people asked for a prayer." So I asked, "Will we be doing both?" And you said, "Yes." That's how it went. I would like to thank our staff, you do a magnificent job. And Rich and the Finance Department and you guys do a magnificent job I just don't want you to be discouraged because of the foolishness that has been going on over these last meetings. I want you to stay encouraged. I want you to continue to keep your heads high. Continue to do the job that you've been doing to move the city forward. As always, whenever Coatesville is moving forward. It's always something that comes in from somewhere or somehow that take us back. So I'm asking each of you to please do not become discouraged. Do not be weary in well-doing. Because the Bible says, and I'm saying the Bible, it says, "In due season, you'll reap what you sow." So if you sow good, you're going to reap. If you sow bad, you're going to reap. You might think that you're doing things against people and that you're getting away. You may be getting by, but you won't continue to get away because I believe God has a purpose for this city. He has a purpose for each one of us here. If we focus more on fulfilling our purpose, we won't have time for the meetings before the meetings, the meetings after the meetings, the backbiting, the talking about each other. There's no place for that. We come together twice a month to take care of the business of the city. That's what we need to be doing and that's where our focus needs to be. So again, guys, I just want you to continue to be encouraged. Do not be discouraged. And I say that to my fellow council persons as well, "We don't always have to agree, but we can disagree in order to agree." And I'm not mad at anybody. I might not dislike some of the crap that you're trying to pull over, and I'm not going to let it go. But I'm not mad at anyone, and I just want us to be able to work together. We're here for a purpose. Not to be acting like little children, "I'm mad, so I'm going to take my ball and go home." No, keep your ball in the ring so somebody else can win with your ball. Let's work this thing together and keep this city moving forward. Good night, guys.

Vice President Green stated to tell you, one thing, I just don't want that to ring true for us, that women can be catty. I'm not a catty person. And the gentleman, Mr. Williams, took an oath. His oath said that he would serve the city with integrity. And I tell you, I serve the city with integrity. I've been not answering to some of the stuff that has been brought to the podium by Mr. Lamb. I wish he was still here. But I'm never trying to put anybody out there and say negative things to him. I'm a grown woman. I'm going to take what you say. I've talked to him. However, Mr. Lamb was arrested. No one had anything to do with him being arrested. He had everything to do with him being arrested. I wasn't even there. I wasn't even at the facility. And there's directors and people in charge. Nowhere

and no time can anyone ask me, "Do I want to let Mr. Lamb go from volunteering to deliver the food?" That had nothing to do with me. Sometimes, people come-- and I think it's being too familiar because I think if this was a different council, this wouldn't happen. It's because people are too familiar. "You know me from the community." He brought up he worked for me years ago. "You treat him like a child." He treated me like one. [laughter] I'm just saying. I'm just making a joke. But the thing about it is that I just listen. I'm not going to go toe-to-toe with him. I'm not going to refute anything that he is saying to have an argument with him. Because the bottom line is that Mr. Lamb knows the truth. He knows why he's not going. But he knows that I'm not going to go back and forth with him. But I just want to say for anyone and everyone who has known me, this is my second go-round on city council. I was elected originally in 1999, and I served from 1999 to 2007. 2007, I didn't run because I adopted two children. And so you were my caseworker for my kids. And I decided because they were babies that I would take a break from public service and focus on raising them. Well, my kids grew up. So in 2015, I decided to come back. And I try to do as much as I can. I enjoy working. I'm a resident. So I'm working here for not only just for me, but for my children, for my children's children. My kids live here. My grandkids are living here. I want them to have a better Coatesville. I want them to have the Coatesville that I grew up in when I was growing up. Ms. Harris has left. But I tell you, we can make these speeches, "I'm here for you," but the bottom line is that we need to focus on our being professional because I know that you're going to do everything that you can do for her. But we want to make these grand speeches, say, "I'm going to do this and I'm going to do that." As council, sometimes we overstep. And, Tiniera, she's in your ward. And you have every right. Khadijah, you're at large to follow up to make sure that Roberta and them understand the importance of what she's going through. But they handle it. And I know that [inaudible] all over. And like you said, Tiniera, there's rules and laws and stuff. And it's a shame. I feel so bad for her that she has to have a landlord like that. But to me, that would mean I need to move. If he's not going to do right, I need to move. Because, see, the longer that the code's office, if you're going to press them to go and do this, they're going to condemn it, and you're going to have to move. Do you know what I mean? So I know that Roberta and Steve are doing everything that they need to do. And as a representative, just communicate with them. But sometimes, make these speeches, "Maybe council should serve in other capacity." This is my community. I'm going to serve wherever I feel as though I can be help in my community. Me serving on another board has absolutely nothing to do with the City of Coatesville. So again, I take those comments back to Mr. Lamb wanting to be-- because he's too familiar. You know what I mean? Because he already knows that Carmen Green and Linda Lavender-Norris had nothing to do with him not delivering food. He knows that. But yet, he continues to come to the podium to be relevant with the same old picture. And I just want people to know in the video, I serve my city with integrity. We're so busy. Everybody wants to be seen and heard. You know what I mean? I'm not going to comment against another council member unless I find out and know the truth. How would I look like commenting about something, Ms. Hunt, involving you, that has nothing to do with me and me not know exactly what is going on? But see, sometimes everybody wants to be relevant. Everybody wants to have a comment. But I'll tell you one thing, Carmen is the same, going to be the same. I don't serve on council because anybody likes me. I serve on council because I want to serve my community. And I'm going to do-- I thank each and every one of you who voted for me to be reelected as council vice president. I'm going to represent like I have been. I'm going to do the things that I've been doing, even more if necessary. But I just want everyone here to know that it's crazy because so much positivity, so many things going on in the city, but we spend so much time, "Okay, I want to get my three minutes. I want to pass my time," to entertain foolishness. [inaudible] to see if there was something that was really-- if you want to waive your time to give it to Ms. Harris so she could talk more about her pressing situation, but for foolishness that doesn't even pertain to the city, I don't understand it. But on a positive note, I'm so

grateful for everything. I wish that everybody could get a copy of the booklet that our PR person has put together for all the positive things that are going on in the city. Coatesville is rising. Coatesville is really rising. I thank God. And like Miss Hunt said, "I don't want our staff to get discouraged." Mr. Logan, I don't want you to get discouraged to the point that you want to move out because of this craziness. Roberta, it hasn't been quite a year yet for you to be here, and you're doing a fantastic job. Rob, I appreciate you as our solicitor. And, Chief, you already know. You've been doing an outstanding-- your whole department, Lieutenant-- I'm sorry. Lieutenant. I always call you Sergeant, but Lieutenant Ollis. You guys have been doing a fantastic job, and you've been here for a very long time. You've seen the city go from point A to point B. So I just want you all to know how much I appreciate you. And I just get tired of just the negativity. I just get tired of people coming and-- if you want to come to the podium, come with something that's going to benefit. There's times that, Ms. Hunt, we've had disagreements. There was things that we voted on that I did not like. This is political. This is politics. We run for this seat. So I tell you, if you don't know how to do the politics, the politics of this thing is if there's something that you want people to support you, then you need to be prepared to be able to sit down and convince me of your opinion and why I should side with you. It shouldn't be an argument. It shouldn't be a screaming match. This is political. We ran for this seat. That's what politicians do. You sit and you compromise and you work it out. But see, we don't want to do that. And like I said, I don't want us to be deemed as catty. There's a lot of things that happen that I don't agree with, but majority rules. And when four people vote on it, that's what it is. If there's things that you want done-- I can't call Mr. Logan and say, "Mr. Logan, I want to see this, I want to see that, and I want that." But I can call my council members and say, "Look, you guys, this is what I want to see. This is going on, that's going on. Will you support me in that?" Because if I get four of y'all, they going to get whatever I need. But we don't understand why we're here. And that's why I hope that we all can attend the election, 202 or 102 or whatever, so that we get an understanding of our role in the city government. We are the legislators. You know what I mean? Mr. Logan is the CEO of the city. You got to let him be the CEO of the city. But everybody wants to-- I just don't like the grandstanding. If you got stuff going on and-- we can call them and ask them. And then if we want to comment about what we thought about it, make it a comment that is a good comment. You know what I mean? We want to focus like somebody's doing something wrong. Like somebody is being frivolous with our money. Let me tell you something. Cleaning that splash pad or winterizing that splash pad, I don't know too much about it. But I do know in working in business and some of the things that I have to do, and they charge you a fee because they travel, a traveling fee. I have a service company that I use out of Maryland. They charge me \$75, the fee, to come here to pick my stuff up to take it to be serviced. There's a traveling fee. I mean, most people, because of gas, because of inflation, that's what they do. But what I'm saying is that to say that, "Contact Rich. He'll talk to you about it if it's something that he can get differently or explain to you why we have to do it." So it's not a matter of people being disrespectful. It's a matter of let's find out. Let's not put our finance office out there like they're spending our money wrong or not taking the time to find the right kind of estimates or not-- because I know that they do. We have to work better and smarter, not be so willing to attack everybody. It's not us against you or us against them. We're one unit. We're one council. Seven of us. Four of us is the majority. We need to learn to understand and be in our roles and how we get to that four as opposed to making people look bad, kind of undermining other people. I'm not doing that. I'm not going to have a meeting and try to get another council member to side with me for foolishness. I'm going to have a meeting, I'm going to call and try to convince them, "This is what I'm looking to happen. This is what I would like to see. Go to the next one. This is what I would like to see." And if I can get four of you to side with me so that I can then prepare and go to staff and say, "Look, this is what I want." But that's how it's done. You know what I mean? It's political. We ran for political office. This is politics. This is where politics comes into play. And like I said, I hope

everybody comes and attend election 102 because I think we all-- or 201. I think we all stand to learn a lot from that bit. But again, thank you all for coming out. It's been an interesting meeting, and I'm sorry for taking up so much--

President Lavender Norris stated so, unless you haven't noticed, being on council can be a thankless job. However, the seven of us signed up for it. So, whether we get a thanks or not, it's our job, and we have to perform to the best of our abilities. I am just grateful that each and every one of us has the opportunity and the ability to comment and say how we feel. And I think it's even better when we consider what's at stake before we start talking. We're here for the good of the residents of the City of Coatesville. That's what we're here for. I know I can be as petty as anybody on council. I know I can, but I don't choose to because it's not fruitful. I want what's best for us. When I say us, I don't mean council. I mean everybody. I want what's best for us. I'm going to dare to believe we all do. And because of that, I can say I'm grateful for being on council. It's not easy, but it's worth it. Like Ms. Green said, "It's about those coming behind us. It's not about us." We can't sit up here with a narcissistic mentality. No room for it, none. What we can do is be extremely considerate because there's only a few of us sitting in the room, but there's way more watching than those that are in, and we have to be mindful of it. We don't get along all the time. I mean, it's no secret. We do not. However, we have our work in front of us, and we got to get it done. We can't play games. The staff, five of these people over here. I forgot, I'm sorry, Rich, you're over there. Well, now it's actually five-- eight people, eight staff members in here. They are here because they're working. They're giving their best. How ridiculous would it be for us as council to not give ours? I want to tell you that I received a wonderful thank you card from the Coatesville Christmas Parade to say thank you. One from the Veteran's Purple Heart just saying thank you. I can tell you it's nothing I did personally, but I know our staff did it. They didn't say thank you. They didn't send the thank you to the staff. They sent it to me. And I'm only saying that to say, "We reflect one another." They're saying thank you to me for the work you all did. I didn't do it, but I have to be mindful of whatever I do, that I don't negatively reflect anything on you. So, if that has hurt, please accept my apology, if it has. It was unintentional. Nevertheless, if it occurred, my apology. Know that you matter, that we see the hard work you're doing, and you are sincerely appreciated. Please note. We had the most wonderful MLK day. The most wonderful that I had the opportunity to experience. We were in a position where we brought faith-based leaders together. You did that. I actually had a call from Judge Hines saying how much he appreciated it because he also wanted to do the same thing but couldn't make it out. We're rising. We're getting better. We're doing better. Growing is not easy. It's painful. It's painful, but it's productive. This is what we have to continue to do, come together, unite. You don't have to like everything that's on the table. Just take what you like because there may be somebody that doesn't like what you do, and they'll take what you didn't like. There can be a balance. That's all we need. We don't even need to get along all the time, but we need to stay productive. I am so blessed to be on Coatesville City Council. And I must say, in the time that I have been city council president, it was as a result of the support of my colleagues. And I need you all to understand, there is nothing I will not do to help you in any manner. Just call me, I'll make myself there. I'm not here to disrespect hardships. None of the nonsense. I'm not here for it. I'm just not, and I won't. What I will do is pray. I will pray for you, and I ask those that know The Word, please pray for me. I'm grateful for this evening. I'm ready to go home. I know it's cold outside, and I want all of y'all to be safe going out in that cold. Put your coat on, your hat on, gloves, and be careful on the road because it's probably a little slick. So please be safe, be careful, and above all, be blessed. Have a good night.

Adjournment

Vice President Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion.
Motion passed 6-0.