



City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, May 28, 2024

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilwoman Tiniera Turner-Green, Councilwoman Villa Hunt, and Councilwoman Fran Scamuffa
Council Absent: Councilwoman Charrisse Allen
Staff Present: James Logan, City Manager; Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Richard Troutman, Finance Director; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor

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

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

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the May 13, 2024 meeting minutes; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

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

Presentation

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)

Randall Scott

Hello, Council. Randall Scott. 9 North Second Avenue. This week has been-- is this thing on? I don't know. No? Oh, yeah, there we go. Randall Scott. 9 North Second Avenue. This week has been a week of relative hope and also a week of horror. We saw Spain, Ireland, and Norway recognize Palestine as a state, showing that the international community is moving towards the way of justice. But we also saw dozens of innocent Palestinians in a humanitarian zone ruthlessly bombed by the occupying country of Israel. And we've been at this ceasefire resolution for months now, and I wouldn't come back week after week if I didn't feel it was of utmost importance that everybody, everywhere, stand on the right side of history and vote for justice. So, I might sound like a broken record, but we need you to vote yes to put this on the agenda. And not only that, but we need you to vote yes to pass it because the struggle is everywhere and nobody is free until Palestine is free. Thank you.

Curry Malott

Curry Malott, 9 North 2nd Avenue. Good evening, Council. It's good to see you all again under unfortunate circumstances. I just want to start with commending you for taking the step to at least vote on whether you're going to vote on this ceasefire resolution. It's definitely good to see things moving in that direction. We certainly appreciate that. I know people around the world, especially people in Gaza appreciate all the support that they're receiving from people within the United States, the country where the monies and the munitions are coming from that are leaving their communities destroyed and traumatized. I just wanted to touch on this one piece of the trauma that children are experiencing. There're two narratives. One, Palestinians are not human. The other narrative sort of coming from progressive forces is that Palestinians are steadfast and are enduring and the resistance will continue. But that can be a little bit dehumanizing, too. Palestinians are people, and they're at the brink of collapse. The trauma that these little kids are going through right now is going to be-- the ramifications of it are going to be felt for generations. I mean, as an educational psychologist myself and somebody that works in trauma-informed equity-centered education, I know exactly what they're talking about. And it is heartbreaking. I'm hearing reports of little kids now just saying they can't handle it anymore. We just want to be dead. Little kids, little elementary school age kids that should be playing and having fun, can't handle it and just want to be dead. I mean, that is the level of dehumanization that we're dealing with when we're talking about a seven-month-long genocide, an ethnic cleansing that started at least in 1948. I think it's the least that we can do to say, no, this is wrong. We do not support this. Thank you very much.

Mohammed Jamal

Hello, good evening. Thanks, first of for bringing these items for discussion to have the resolution for government immigration considered and discussed. I asked the council to open in favor of this. And here's why. As the office of the rest of the City of Coatesville, you represent our voice, the voice of the people of Coatesville. And you are our first response for help from an official perspective. I know there are protests going on in the street. We need your support to communicate the hurt and emotional distrust that we feel on account of this massacre in Palestine of a defenseless population over 200 days of relentless war and killing. We all know in our hearts for sure that we were not created for war or to kill but to establish God's wise [inaudible] on the earth. And each of us has a moral duty to condemn this genocide and mindless destruction of property and lives. Silence or inaction can mean complicity and we do not want that charge on our souls. Today is our opportunity to take positive action to condemn the horrific killings and genocide in Palestine and show our love for peace and justice. Over a million helpless people in Palestine are looking out for our support. Today is our opportunity to write our names on the right side of history. May God Almighty strengthen our hearts to do that which is right and just. I once again ask the council to vote in favor of including this in the agenda.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Ms. Tuner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to place the “Resolution for a permanent and Immediate Ceasefire in Palestine” on the June 10, 2024. For the motion City Council will discuss and take action only on whether to place the proposed Resolution on the June 10, 2024 agenda not the subject of the matter.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to place the “Resolution for a permanent and Immediate Ceasefire in Palestine” on the June 10, 2024. For the motion City Council will discuss and

take action only on whether to place the proposed Resolution on the June 10, 2024 agenda not the subject of the matter; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close action items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. President Lavender Norris and Vice President Green were the dissenting votes.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced since Council's last meeting, I drafted a proposed policy. I and my office have worked on Right-to-Know matters; I and my office have worked on a matter regarding a federal subpoena request; I reviewed a proposed form and provided comments; communicated with the attorney for CYI regarding the community center property; provided an opinion regarding dead trees located on private property; and lastly, and sadly, I attended the farewell party for Mr. Richard Troutman. That is my report unless there are any questions.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced earlier this evening, I provided updates to our executive council, updates and comments on personnel and real estate matters to all of our city council members. Reference to our public items, I submitted a letter of support for SEPTA's grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration in support of the Coatesville Station Service Restoration Infrastructure. This is a letter that went to the Honorable, Amit Bose. He's the administrator for the Federal Railroad Administration. SEPTA has submitted a grant application to provide funding for the infrastructure of our train station that's going to include a turnaround area. I'll just read it briefly here. SEPTA Project proposes to construct a turnback near Park Interlocking at [inaudible] Chester County to facilitate SEPTA Regional Rail Service in a new state-of-the-art ADA-compliant principal station, which the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is currently constructing with funding set to intend to construct the infrastructure necessary to support regional rail service to the new station, including construction of approximately 2,000 feet of track with the new switch. Overhead container system for electrification, bidirectional signal system, a welfare facility for trains, crews, and rehabilitation and reconstruction of associated assets along the track right away. So again, this is a multi-million-dollar application, that SEPTA is going to submit. It's going to benefit Coatesville if they get it. And I'll be very excited to be part of the request to see a better support. Next item, I received a fully executed contract from the Department of Community Economic Development, Commonwealth of the Financial Authority. This is for the city's Multimodal Transportation Fund. The grant award is for \$750,000. This is for the Lincoln Highway Streetscape Expansion Project. Roberta and I have been working with Cedarville on this particular expansion project. This will extend the already planned Streetscape Project from first to third our support. And I'm very excited. That particular phase one of it is going to start next year and just can't wait to get that off the ground. Quick update on Coates Street. Construction will continue to move forward on Coates. Once again, this is part of the train station construction project that includes the track. If you haven't been over in that area, we're getting a new road, we're getting new sidewalks, and they've already started to build a platform for the train station. That is scheduled for completion in 2025, probably more towards the end of 2025, but it is scheduled for completion. We're moving very quickly on this project here.

Next item I have, last two items, are in reference to the City of Coatesville's Annual Unity Day Celebration. That will be July 6th. That is a celebration that's been going on for a number of years here in the city. Unity Day is designed to get people to come out in the community to just celebrate being part of this diverse community, to come out to fellowship, to have fun. It's in Gateway Park this year, the hours of 3:00 to 7:00. And it's a Saturday leading up to Unity Day event. It's the first Friday, so we hope that people come out and support First Fridays. And then on the following day, Unity Day will take place. There will be some bounce houses. There's food. There's going to be some games for the kids, flag football for the kids. We do encourage the community to come out, bring your barbecue grills, and have a wonderful time sharing what this rich and diverse community is all about. Following in the day will be the Sounds of Summer Festival. Those are free outdoor concerts. The music is usually jazz, but we're looking to kind of change it up this year. But those events are July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, and October 4th. These are all First Fridays. And at the end, as you know, we have First Fridays in the downtown district. So this will piggyback on the First Friday events, and we hope everyone will come out to support those events, as well.

Well, last note, if you didn't see the parade that was led by our own Fire Department here, the Coatesville Area School District's track team that came home with honors. A number of the students walked away with some-- I don't want to say medals, but trophies and medals maybe. But we should be very excited and very proud of our student athletes, male and female, that just went out and killed it and brought back the gold. I want to thank those students, the teachers, the coaches, the administrative of the school district. And of course, a lot of this would not have been made possible if I didn't get a call on Sunday [laughter] to request that the Fire Department would kindly be out there. I don't know what you guys have been doing, but whatever you did, it was wonderful. And I know the Police Department was involved. So I just want to say thank you guys for providing the escort for when the team came into town and it turned into a big parade. So thanks and then thank for all the partnering and neighboring fire departments that were a part of that. We really appreciate it. [applause] And that concludes my report for this evening.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino stated I don't have my usual script in front of me, but I will just say that we have seen an increase in the number of Spanish speakers coming through the office. So I do think it's helpful to always say we are, as a staff, always welcome to anyone who speaks any language to come to the city, ask questions, and we will do the best we can to assist in any way possible. [foreign].

My report tonight is brief, just to give you a few updates on Public Works. Public Works will be turning on the splash pads soon after school is out this year. I'll provide an exact date at our next meeting. They are also out mowing, removing trash, the usual Public Works tasks, as you can imagine, this time of year. Also, we are working with Valley Township to explore repaving East Glencrest Road. I'll have more information for you in the near future on that. But that road is owned by both Valley Township and the City of Coatesville. We're also working closely with the county, with our local representatives, and our neighboring townships, and PennDOT to continue to try to address flooding in the city and on 82. These are continuing conversations. And although they don't get mentioned all the time, I thought it

would be important to mention it, especially with the pending weather. These are things that we are continuing to try to resolve, get funding for, and our Gibbons-Run Culvert Study is currently underway with our engineers, thanks to Council approving that work at a recent meeting.

I would also like to remind residents that our website has not only an events calendar that people should check regularly but also, as we mentioned in our last meeting, a new button on the front homepage of the website to report complaints. Those complaints requests go directly to our staff. We hope that this will help residents to be able to express any issues or concerns that they have, but also assist staff in managing the number of complaints that come through and understanding where the highest priority areas are. Last but not least, I'd also like to just thank our fire department again, our emergency responders, and our police department, and also our code department staff. We had a fairly serious fire over the weekend. Two fires, I believe, including today. And we had no injuries, and our staff did an incredible job. And I just want to thank them for that. And that concludes my report.

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced the complete statistical report is in your packet as usual tonight. Just a couple of the highlights. The total number of calls generated through the Chester County 911 Center for the month of April was 2,252, down slightly from March where we saw 2,408. And then, calls received at the front desk were up slightly for the month of April, 980, whereas in March, we had 921. Some other highlights. We had eight NARCAN administrations by the Police Department for the month of April. And I know it can be a little bit of a statistic that stuff to put a face to, but we received an email. The department received an email from the mother of one of those eight kids or individuals that we administered NARCAN to. In this case, it was a child, and the mother just could not be more thankful of the Police Department and the efforts that the officer went to administer NARCAN and save her child. So it really puts, something additional behind just a statistic that we talk about once a month here. But it is a resident of our city and it's somebody's son, daughter, brother, sister, or whoever it might be. So it is important what we do.

We also had eight car seat checks and installations by our certified car seat technicians for the month of April. We had officer involvement with the Coffee with the Chief at Presence Bank on April 3rd, which was well attended. We thank Presence Bank for continuing to partner with us on that. We also had the last one we just had for the month of May. We're talking about April, but the month of May was kindly co-hosted by the Fire Department and the Police Department for Coffee with the Chiefs plural. And that was also well attended. So we appreciate the partnership there. And of course, the upcoming Coffee with the Chief next Wednesday is at the library. It'll be hosted by the library next Wednesday, the first Wednesday in June.

Also, the month of April is the official DEA Take Back Month. We have the month of April, the month of October, twice a year. So, for the six months from last October to this April, we had just over 600 pounds of prescription drugs that were turned over to the DEA for destruction from the 19320 area, and the surrounding departments. Lieutenant Ollis does a fine job coordinating that. We collect all the drugs from the surrounding police departments and then coordinate their surrender to the DEA. But as I say, twice a year, when you think about how much one little pill weighs 600 pounds, I know you have some packaging and

things like that, but still, that's a tremendous amount of controlled substance. Most of it is controlled substance that is removed from our community. So once again, thank you, Lieutenant Ollis, for your hard work on that.

And just a summary for the month of May, we just had our carnival event this past week from Tuesday to Saturday at Abdala Park. There was some concern amongst us, the Police Department, City Management and City Council, I'm sure, given the events that surrounded some other carnivals in the greater area here. Of course, one Concord Mall down in Delaware where they had a fatal shooting as a result of a carnival there and then also quite a large disturbance at the Exton Mall where there was a carnival there also. So, it gave us some pause knowing that we had our carnival coming up. And I have to say that in the 11 years that I've been here as the chief, every single public event that we've had, whether it's Unity Day, whether it's fireworks, whether it's the Grand Prix, it really doesn't matter. We have never had any incidents at those large public events here in the City of Coatesville. And I think that's something the city can be proud of. And so once again, the carnival was from Tuesday to Saturday and pretty much was unremarkable when it came to police response. We're proud to continue that tradition. And I hope the residents of the city enjoyed the carnival and all the upcoming events here in the coming summer months. So as Mr. Logan talked about between First Fridays, Concerts in the Park, Unity Day. We have a lot of fun events coming up and I'm sure we'll continue that. So that's my report, Madam President, unless there are any questions.

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

Khadijah Al Amin

Ms. Al Amin wished everyone a good evening, everybody. I'm here tonight to address the same issue that I addressed and have been addressing for the past five years. The property still hasn't been touched. As of right now, the grass in the front is up to my waist, weeds haven't been touched, shrubbery hasn't been touched, and the rodent issue is awful. I'm not sure people realize what it's like to walk in your house and find dead mice and dead rats in traps or to walk in your house and see mice and rat feces on your floor. The cost that's associated with it, which the owner that's causing the problem, according to codes, should be responsible for the extermination costs and he's not. The cost to have somebody come cut the grass for fear of being out in the yard. I got bitten by a tick in my backyard and now have Lyme's disease for the rest of my life. I'm asking that the City get an administrative search warrant and clean the property up. It doesn't mean that the process won't repeat itself, but it will give myself, along with my neighbors, some relief. All of the neighbors have sent in complaint letters, and in the last five years, he's received four State citations. He walks in the judge-- that's it, four. He's walked in the judge's office, pled guilty, went home, and done absolutely nothing, and there was no follow-up. It's my understanding. They're trying to do a little bit better this year, but in the past, the instant tickets he got, first one's 25, second's 50, the third is 75. It's my understanding this year he has not paid those either. And in the past, I know he hasn't because I put a Right to Know in. Nothing still hasn't been touched. I do know, according to the public website, that there was a State citation issued on May 17th, but if he walks in the judge's office and just pays it and goes home and nothing else is done-- can they go out the next day and do another citation? Yes. Excuse me. There has to be some kind of relief to this issue. I have grandchildren, I have great-grandchildren, I have children. They can't come to my house right now. My neighbor's family cannot visit them. No one should have to live under those conditions. So therefore, I'm asking, please, the City can get an administrative search warrant, clean it up, and he can be billed. And the bill to clean that up will be far more than the maximum time that he can get at the MD office. Thank you.

Viola Lechner

Ms. Lechner provided Council and staff with a handout. Hello, my name is Viola Lechner. I live at 730 Shagbark Drive in West Chester, Pennsylvania. I have been working on the Unpaid Caregiver Project in Coatesville for the last year. And I've been giving you a few updates now and then throughout the last year and a half. And last week, I sent out a couple of communications to you. But today, I wanted to just give you verbally the update on the Caregiver Project. So far, 22 Coatesville caregivers have responded to my survey. Their responses were heartfelt and significant. They have heavy caregiving responsibilities that result in what they report as high emotional, physical, and financial strain. Please see the first page that is in your handout. Regarding the financial strain, you will see the actual reported impact of the financial strain on them. And if you look at the next page, which is really important, they report what they would like to help them continue their loving caregiving responsibilities. And the results so far suggest this courageous group would like some help if you look at their list of what they would like. I recently reached out to the newly formed Equity Health Center and got an enthusiastic response to my idea of how we can increase awareness of and access to services that might help them better balance their responsibilities. And please look at the handout that is an outline that I proposed to the new Coalition of Social and Physical Health Services here in Coatesville.

Mr. Lamb

Mr. Lamb stated I don't want anybody in this room to know my address. It's my constitutional right. I don't have to tell everybody my address. Plus y'all know it already. Y'all had me locked up. Y'all know where I live. But I'd like to ask the question, how do I get the chief of police fired and Thompson? I'd just like to know, how can I get them fired? Because I got another complaint form for you, Chief. Matter of fact, let me do this. I got another complaint form for you, Chief. You bullied me out of the last city council meeting I [inaudible]. For what? I wasn't disturbing nothing. Only thing I said was my city had me locked up. And you come all the way over there to get me out of the seat and put your hands on me. I told you not to. You're a tyrant, Chief. That's what you are. You're a tyrant. My family is afraid that you're either going to try to hurt me or even kill me. That's the God's honest truth. Because just by the way, you've been approaching me. You trespass me off of public property. That's what you did. You threw your system under the bus, Carmen. That's what you did. You and Linda. Let me read this off. Linda, your daughter got 12 warrants. Bella, your daughter got 14. Carmen, your daughter got 18. Your husband got 9. I don't understand it. You're not going after anybody's family with warrant. I couldn't walk around this city with one warrant and not be locked up and be locked up. I'll be locked up with one. That's where I'll be. And you think it's funny, but you had me locked up. This is the woman that had me locked up right here. She called the chief of police on me, had me locked up. And got Carmen's sister going to court. And she called the cops on me. Did she, Chief? Did she? I'm going to wait around and see if you give me an answer. Because if you remember, I got it on video. I definitely got it on video. Her calling you. I don't need lights. I just need order. And then, I get locked up under-- what do they call it again, when police? I'd like to thank the First Amendment Rights. Been watching their videos, and now I know what to do for tyrants like you, Chief.

Curry Malott

Mr. Malott wished everyone a good evening. I guess I just want to say thank you for-- I commend you for moving this resolution forward. We've said a lot over the past four months. One of the things that we have not said is that I get it. We're living in this capitalist system that's in deep, deep crisis. It's in deep crisis. And the crisis is taken out on working people. And in a racist system, it's taken out

on Black and Brown citizens even more than White workers. We all know this. We live in an economy that is incentivized by war. It's incentivized by war. It has been since World War II. In Chester County, there are over 600 entities that have Department of Defense contracts. Over 600, even right here in Coatesville, right? It's incentivized. And so, I'm sure that in these municipalities that are hurting for money, that DOD money is needed. But we can do better than that. We need a peace economy. Right now, we have a war economy. We have these contractors that petition and lobby the government for more war. If there's no war, they're not making profit. It's incentivized, right? We can do better than that. It's time to take a stand against these economy of war. We can. We can build an economy of peace where people have their basic needs met as guaranteed constitutional rights, housing, healthcare, a job with a decent wage. These are all things that working people want that we can come together and fight for and win. And it can start right here. It can start right here. Do something positive. A vote for peace. That's what we're asking for. Thank you very much. Have a good night.

Mohammed Jamal

Mr. Jamal wished everyone a good evening. I just wanted to take a few minutes to thank you. Just to thank you all. Thank you all for your hard work and it's difficult. I don't consider the two of us being on different islands or two sides of the table. I think as human beings, we are all on the same side, which is peace and justice. That's what we want. We understand that the difficulty of wearing a different hat when you have a job to do. We appreciate that. I know we are all protests. We all go on the streets, but we also make sure that we don't overindulge and put our jobs at risk to do that. As human beings, we have to put still the responsibility of putting the bread on the table at home. Emotions apart. All I ask always to my friends and colleagues and everybody else here is that we got to put our hand on our heart and pray to God to give us the courage to do what is right because we want to be on the side of right when it comes to history. One day we will all be six feet under the ground, but our faith teaches us that justice will always prevail. And we know that what is happening today in Palestine is not justice. We all know that. So now the question is, when will it come, in what quantity, what form of shape? That's only God Almighty knows. But it will come. It will come. And our faith tells us that justice will always prevail, and it has always prevailed from the time of Musa? We have seen when he ran from Iran and the Red Sea had to be parted. For Ibrahim, Abraham, Allah, God Almighty, cooled the fire, took away the sheep who were burning from the fire. Things like these are the miracles that happen when justice has to be instilled back on the face of Earth. And I hope that we will all be part of that history on the right side, inshallah. That is our hope. I know we made a small progress today, and I hope that when we meet [inaudible], may we come back stronger in our hearts. And we do not want this bad stamp of ignoring a genocide on our souls. We don't want to die saying, "I could have done something, but I did not have the courage to do so." I know we have the Robert Rules of Order and the Sunshine Act and so on, but I am concerned more about the one who creates the Sunshine for Robert and all of us. Yeah. But he's the one we are answerable to. And that's what we have to find. Thank you very much. Goodbye.

Randall Scott

Mr. Scott thanked Council for taking this step tonight. It is meaningful, and we can improve and move forward on the way to justice on June 10th. Most of you all in the audience left. So, thank you. We need people on June 10th. There was just a conference in Denver over the weekend, and part of the final remarks were saying that we were part of the [inaudible]. Sure. We are part of the frontend struggle, the struggle against imperialism and against this genocide. We are not the only front and we're not the first front, but we are part of the struggle. And it is important that we engage in it. So, thank you and thank you.

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

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Scamuffa thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Nice short and sweet meeting. I hope everybody stays safe. And as always, I appreciate all the staff. I do know that they work very hard and diligently in getting things done. So, I appreciate all of you. Have a great night. Thank you.

Ms. Turner-Green wished everyone a good evening. I'm going to keep this short and sweet. I wanted to first congratulate the track team. And I was at the little impromptu parade, which was really loud but my kids really enjoyed themselves. I'd also like to thank all of the residents who came out and said their peace. I think tonight was a beautiful display of passion addressed in very tactful and respectful manner. Passion is a very beautiful thing, and it's very artsy, but sometimes when it's expressed, and I guess in an unruly manner, it could have the adverse effect. It could really hurt your bottom line. So tonight, it's a really beautiful display of kind of your passions. And I'd love to see you here at this meeting, regardless of how the vote goes. Of course, we don't know about that at this point, but hopefully, we'll see the same.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. Congratulations to the track team and thank you to the Fire and the Police Department for the parade. It was really nice. There was a tragic fire this weekend. I'd like to give some gratitude to Imam. May Allah reward you because when that fire happened, it displaced 20 people who had nowhere to go and he was kind enough, as he always is. We can all take a lesson of kindness and patience from this man, I can tell you. He was kind enough to open up the Mosque for all of the individuals affected until the Red Cross was able to come out and service them. So again, it isn't something you have to do, but it's your nature to do those things. [inaudible clapping] I'll help in any way that you can. So, thank you again. And go track, and I don't even do sports. But I'm very proud that we won. And tonight, was a really good meeting. Thank you, everybody, for coming out. And I hope that in the future meetings that you'll continue to come out too because really the only way for us to get things accomplished is if we can all work together in a peaceful time. So, have good, safe travel coming here and good luck to everybody.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. I want to thank everybody for coming and spending the evening with us. Hopefully you received something from this meeting tonight. I want to also thank our staff. As always, you do a magnificent job. And I want to say that I believe we have the best Chief anywhere. I'll put you up against anybody, Chief, for your compassion, your kindness, and your sternness when you have to be. To our solicitor, our city manager, our assistant city manager, I thank you for the job that you do on a daily and the awesome display that you represent when you go out into the community and represent our city. I do want to thank all of you for your consistency in what you want to see happen. But also want us to understand that things don't always go the way we want as far as the vote, but you don't allow that to compromise your passion for what you want to have done or what you want to see done. So, I commend you and encourage you to continue to fight for what you believe in. On June 15th, there's going to be a community-wide yard sale. We have quite a few vendors that have already signed up. And then, next year, if you have things at home in your closet that you want to get rid of, come on and join us down at Gateway Park on June 15th as

we have our community yard sale. I too want to commend our track team on a job well done. And I also want to make note that we had two tragic car accidents in our area this past week. And one of them was a 92-year-old chaplain of our area. Her name is Miss Doris Haley. And she just happens to be the grandmother of one of our Fire Police here in Coatesville. So, I ask that you keep her in a prayer-- well, keep the family in prayer, as well as the family of Mr. Ahmad Dooley, who tragically lost his life on week two. And I want to again commend the Police Departments from Downingtown, Coatesville, and Valley Township that came to the rescue of these two individuals. That's my comments for tonight. Thank you all again for coming. And have a safe drive as you go.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. Imam Mohammed, I appreciate you and your big heart and your generosity for opening up your mosque to the fire victims. You're always willing to do so much and go over and above. So, I do appreciate and I thank you. Chief, Mr. Logan, Roberta, again, I also appreciate you. Chief, I think you're doing a wonderful job. And it's a shame-- instead the city's crime rate has been decreased so much since you've been here. The city's community policing has improved so much since you've been here. And I just don't want you to feel any kind of way because I think you're doing a wonderful job. And I think that you're fair. You couldn't even ask for anything or anyone more fair. And I just hope that people understand, you hear one side of the situation. I think you're doing a marvelous job. And I appreciate you and all that you do, and your entire department. So thank you. Thank you so much.

President Lavender Norris stated I echo my colleagues, and I thank you all as residents for coming out, consistently coming out, standing on what you believe in. I appreciate and respect that, so thank you. To our staff, to our administrative staff, I definitely echo my colleagues' sentiments regarding you all. You've been amazing. I don't expect anything less. You can't please everybody and I'm just grateful that you're standing on what's right. I thank you for that. I don't ask for special favors because I don't feel special. When I feel like something's out of order, all I ask for is order. Even if it's me, check me. Tell me I'm out of order. I can accept that. Constructive criticism is amazing when you know how to receive it. I'm just grateful to be here. To those of you that are in support of the ceasefire, allow me to inform you that I am, too. But at the same time, being in my position and having my understanding of us being apolitical, I cannot support a resolution. I do, however, support your diligence and your stand for what you believe in. Thank you for doing just that. I pray that you all stay safe. Have a blessed night. And please do come back on June 10th. Imam Jamal, thank you so much. You're special to our community, in our community. My sister-in-law lived next to where the fire was on Merchant Street. And, excuse me, she communicated how wonderful they were treated. So again, I want to thank you for that. Imam Jamal stated I'm happy. You made that building happen, so it belongs to you as much as to us. We are happy that you could make it. President Lavender Norris replied thank you for that. Again, thanks to our emergency services. We're grateful. We're grateful for the safety and protections that you provide. And to our residents, bless you all, stay safe, and have a blessed evening.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.