

Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, August 12, 2024

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

Council Absent: President Lavender-Norris, Councilwoman Charrisse Allen

Staff Present: James Logan, City Manager; Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Aaron Flook, Code Department; Vincent Miles, Jr., Public Relations; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor; and Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

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

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

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the July 8, 2024 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

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

Ms. Scamuffa announced she had some questions, page 8 of 98, Unity Day, photography, editing and videography services. Where are those videos posted, I guess? Do we not have a public relations person that does that? Mr. Logan explained we have a public relation that posts it, but we don't have a videographer [who?] actually puts them together. So once they are completed, then we post it. Ms. Scamuffa asked and that's what they charge to do that? Mr. Logan replied [inaudible] pretty much the whole event, and then there's editing. Ms. Scamuffa questioned page 20 of 98 performance fee – Sound of Summer? Mr. Logan replied no, these are actual performers or musical bands. So it can be a jazz band of five or more. This is part of the Unity Day. Ms. Scamuffa asked about the ribbon-cutting event on page 24 of 98. Which ribbon cutting is that for? Mr. Logan explained that is for the one that was canceled this past weekend, and it's going to be for this weekend. That's for the Outdoor Fitness Center. Ms. Scamuffa replied gotcha. Okay. I was just confused about that one. Page 31 of 98. The purchase of computers. Is that citywide or is that department-specific? I know we've had a lot of recent computer purchases. Ms. Cosentino replied that's citywide. So it's administration and police. Ms. Scamuffa asked is that because of the new-- what is it? Is it Microsoft 11 that's coming out? Is that--? Ms. Cosentino replied we're on, basically, a rotation schedules every five years. It's part of our budget. Ms. Scamuffa replied gotcha. Thank you for clarifying some of these for me. And I may have to ask this one specifically to the finance department, how they categorize the card payments on page 40 of 98 under council, the Unity Day items. We're kind of midway through that segment. How does it get classified, I guess, under council? Is there--? Well, because it says for council. So I see the other charges that I understand why they would be under council, but when I see

the flag football, the letters, and the tents, how is that--? Mr. Logan explained that's under Unity Day. Ms. Scamuffa said but, it's paid for through council? I'm trying to understand the process of how that works. Mr. Logan replied no. That's coming out of the Unity Day budget or whatever we raise in terms of sponsorship to cover the expenses for Unity Day. Ms. Scamuffa said and they just classified under council coming out of that segment? If you look at the top, it says council. Mrs. Hunt explained Unity Day is a council event. That was set up by council. Ms. Scamuffa said okay. I think that's all I have right now. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin questioned page 6 of 98. So the different school taxes for the properties, the city doesn't actually own properties. The RDA owns them, correct? Mr. Logan explained the city does own some parcels. Ms. Al Amin asked so the ones that are listed - golf course, billboards, landfills - the city physically owns those? Mr. Logan asked well, which item are you talking about? You said on page 6 of 98? Ms. Al Amin replied 00421, 00496, 00505, 02251, and 02252. That's two for the golf course, one for the billboard, one for the landfill. The Millview Basin, I get that. But the others-- Does the city physically own the properties that are listed here for school taxes? Mr. Logan replied yes. Ms. Al Amin said the RDA owns none of these. Mr. Logan explained Regency, no. Valley Station, no. Kings Highway, that's the digital billboard out on 30. We own that. Wagontown Road, on the golf course that's next to the Marriott, the city does own that. And then Mount Airy, again, the golf course, same area. We own those parcels. Ms. Al Amin replied okay, that is all I have. Thank you.

Presentation

1. Swear in – Fire Police

Mr. Daggett wished everyone a good evening. I'm very happy Lamont being sworn in tonight [is taking place?]. He wants to get to that point, unfortunately, but it's one of those things, I guess. We've been using him in the meantime. We're very happy to have him. I'll tell you everybody in the fire department knows we're very happy with him. He's new. So yeah, he's still learning, but he's a big help. That's what we need. A team player.

Mr. Peterson was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Gregory Hines as Mr. Daggett held the Bible.

2. Crosby – IDG Update

Mr. Crosby wished everyone a good evening. Exciting. Looks like some of you got better offers, which is good. [laughter] So the objective tonight is just to kind of remind you that we're working diligently behind the scenes on this [transformational?] project. My name's Crosby Wood, managing partner of IDG Development. We're the equitable owners of the flats through an agreement of sale with the redevelopment authority [inaudible] and we've been at it for a number of years. We've more recently been working with The Alliance for Health Equity. Good. I can't push that button. So again, Crosby Wood, IDG Development. So what you're seeing here is basically the revised final land development plan that will be submitted hopefully in the next couple of weeks. What it represents in broad strokes are basically two pad sites. One pad site is the one in the middle there, which is basically the arena pad site, which is roughly three acres. The other pad site to the right, which is a little bit shaded, closer to the river, is a one-acre pad site for a hotel conference center, which all works in unison, all surrounded by roughly 750 parking spaces, which also extends into Valley. So for those that are seeing this for the first time, that little inset map on the left is actually Valley, which would be just to the north, kind of the cutoff going off the north of the paper.

So one of the number of challenges we've faced over the years is the multi-municipal approval process, which I can say in the city has been wonderful, and Valley, they're a close second, but we're doing well. And so the revisions, in large part, have just been about addressing the zoning. We have zoning board approval at Valley Township, and their primary concerns were stormwater and egress off the north side of the property. So this property record, there are three sources of ingress, egress, two on Lincoln Highway, one of which exists in the bottom left corner, which is kind of towards the church. The other one will be somewhat near the splash pad. We had a new curb cut onto the site. And then the third one is in Valley on the north side of the site. And the idea there is to try to kind of create a little bit of flow there, but the concern in Valley was that on any sort of kind of events that there may be a propensity for people to kind of cut out and cut through the neighborhood going north on Glencrest. Or basically going up the hill, I guess that would be west. So we kind of addressed those concerns.

And also, as you may recall, we also agreed to put a light in at Wagontown and 82. So if you are at the primary intersection of First and Lincoln and you were to go north towards the hotel, you go under the Amtrak, immediately under the [aqueduct?] there. Right before you go up the hill, there's Wagontown Road. There will be a light that will go there. And the idea there is to improve safety, traffic control, and that has transpired from our extensive traffic studies. So I kind of [muse?] little bit because I think Valley benefits the most from it, and also, it's in the city limits so it ultimately becomes a management asset or an asset, or however you want to characterize it, of the city. So Valley's residents will have primary benefit coming down off the hill. But I understand there's fatalities over the years, so hopefully, that'll kind of also be a way of slowing cars from NASCAR speed coming down the hill to a little bit more moderate speed as they approach the city. So hopefully, music to the chief's ears, but we'll see.

So outside of that, there's been some changes with our management partners. We've been working with a group out of Clearwater, Florida that I'd say is much more consistent with the kind of youth sports. And we wanted the project to evolve, and so we have a term sheet with a group called ASM Global. ASM Global is a leader in conference convention center management worldwide. They are very established and excited to be part of this project. The delay with them is that they are in the process of an acquisition merger with a group called Legends. Not to be confused with our neighbors right here, Legends is a pretty substantial organization that was formed by the Steinbrenner-Jones family, so Yankees, Cowboys, and they manage substantial stadiums such as AT&T down in Texas as well as the SoFi stadium in LA. They're just deep, and they bring a lot to the table. So our efforts have been to position this project in the most substantial hands and to give it the most diversified portfolio of programming, not to be consumed with overwhelming consumption of sports, but to be more a diverse portfolio of sports and non-sports conventions, conference centers, everything, so that we can have the best ability of-- the best mix of programming to maximize impact on the town.

That being said is that we still envision the 200-meter world-class velodrome that coming off of this Olympics in Paris, you may find that some of those athletes will find their way to Coatesville. So there's going to be-- there's a renewed excitement about track cycling coming off of this most recent Olympics. And so the way I kind of see it or the way we see it now on

our timeline is that we intend to settle on the property, make settlement this fall, and to be shortly putting the shovel in the ground on the infrastructure improvements, which are basically trying to-- the infrastructure is on-site, basically, curved sidewalks, lighting, utilities, so that you have, basically, two turnkey pad sites to construct. And that has been supported by the business in our sites program from the Department of Community and Economic Development that was awarded July of 2022. So all of that is kind of consummating here this fall, and once we have the shovel on the ground, we anticipate a six to eight-month timeline to complete infrastructure, at which point we would look to break ground and be fully capitalized on the vertical construction. So always like to go on record here, but I think for me, it's, okay, making this happen, we settle on the property this fall, and we complete infrastructure improvements this time next year and likely commence vertical construction, which would be an 18-month timeline. So that would take us into Q1 of '27, at which point we could be a year-plus working towards the Olympics.

So there could be-- which, again, we all reminded ourselves that we are the host of Olympics in '28. So there'll be even a more exciting atmosphere as we'll likely be hosts of regional and national competitions leading up to the Olympics. The actual Olympics, of course, are in LA, but there are not a lot of velodromes out there, especially indoor, and we expect to make an impact there. So important pieces of the velodrome remain intact. I think the most unique change right this second is that we've shrunken the footprint of the building and with an interest of being able to service not only indoor entertainment, but also have an outdoor amphitheater feel, outdoor festivals. So when you see the footprint of the arena there, they kind of circle up, and right above it is about an acre of green space. And so what we've been advised through our consultants or our partners at ASM is that while the indoor event space is quite a competitive space in the greater Philadelphia area, the outdoor festival amphitheater space is a real opportunity. And so what it achieves is that it achieves a number of things. One is, of course, you can imagine, construction of the budget goes down-- excuse me, construction of the facility goes down, it gives us permeable space which helps us address stormwater, and gives us a little bit more versatility. So basically, you can kind of conceive that as a park and with festival grounds, and we intend to put a turnkey stage on the north side of the building that would be bidirectional. So an entertainer could stand on that stage and entertain two, three, to five thousand spectators inside, or they could turn around and there would be a turnkey staged at the same stage that would go outside. And so, obviously, weather permitting, but it would give us the versatility. And what I love, as you probably all can appreciate, especially with the production going on on the [plots?] right now is just the beauty of that bridge. And so as wild as entertainers can come and see this velodrome and the impact, well, they can turn around and see this amazing bridge that is a proud piece of this city that we intend to showcase. So I think it [appealed?]. So regardless of which way they're looking, they're going to look at some pretty amazing things that would be like, "Wow, that's pretty cool. I think I'll go back to that." So very unique in both directions.

And we continue to work towards kind of defining the programming. So other tweaks to the site plan has really just been kind of value engineering and maximizing the parking. We've adjusted the building footprint on the pad site to accommodate more parking on the south side of the building right there. So now you can park right up against the building. And then we've increased the sizes of the sidewalks around the facility. Again, just trying to address the different things to make it as turnkey and as efficient as possible. So I know this has kind of been a long time waiting, but we are committed and we have a path forward to being able

to complete land development, settle on the property, and do the infrastructure improvements that I think will really add a lot of value to this town-- or, excuse me, to this project. So I'm happy to field any questions, but we'll continue to be diligent in moving forward. Ms. Al Amin asked you said settlement was this fall. Do you have an actual month, date, yet? Mr. Wood replied yeah. Yep. The RDA has requested that we complete settlement by October 31st. So that's our intention.

Mr. Logan asked--one of the things that we've talked about in meetings is not only what development is going to bring to the region, I know that the county recognizes that this may be one of the largest facilities in terms of seating. I think you're 3,500 or 2,500. Mr. Crosby explained fixed seats, and then it scales depending on the configuration of the event. So we had in around. I think you can put more people in. To elaborate a little bit more, the advice was to make it as turnkey as possible. And the idea was, okay, when we put in this fixed stage and we're going to do it along the straightaway on the north side of the building, we will now reconfigure the seating to accommodate that stage. So it will still have the same capacity, but it'll just be-- the configuration will change a little bit, but we want to have the kind of three to five thousand kind of ability.

Mr. Logan asked then in terms of some of the activities, some facilities like this can be year-round, some can be seasonal. I know that, again, in our discussion, this is an economic development project as well. What are you looking at in terms of employment? And will some of our residents here have an opportunity to get gainful employment? Mr. Wood replied so we don't have revised numbers on exactly what the full-time equivalents. I know in the former, when we were fully maximized, every square foot of this site-- or this pad site was pushing 100 full-time equivalents on the jobs. But we intend to be very impactful when it comes to job opportunities locally. I think, ultimately, we have to accommodate where the skill sets are. But the reality is that we will have employment opportunities across the entire gamut. But, I think, also understanding the indirect jobs that will be created. So this really is kind of an anchor for cottage industries to come in and say, "All right, I want to be a bike shop," or, "I want to do a health store," or whatever, but all kind of that healthy lifestyle, training, what have you. So there'll be a lot of residual business and economic impact that will come. So if I was able to quote what we had before, I think Sports Facilities Advisory projected about 18 million in direct economic spend. And then indirect is significantly more. So I can't really guesstimate as far as how many ultimately full-time equivalents, but you can rest assured that I will be there trying to encourage local employment, for sure. And definitely giving everybody the opportunity to be involved. We don't want this-- I think there was a concern about this facility being an island in the city of Coatesville, and that's the last thing I want. And we want everybody to have the ability to access it. And honestly, there's just no way that there isn't a future world-class cyclist that comes out of this town. It's just impossible. I mean, they did it in Trexlertown in the '70s in a corn field. We can surely do it here years later in this town with so much untapped athleticism. So it's going to change lives. There's just no way about it. Every time I think about it gives me chills, but it will change some little kid's life. Many of them. They'll all be there. And we have an organization called the Velodrome Development Foundation, which is purely there to provide access to the Velodrome. So that kids go, "Oh, look at that." And they'll be able to get in there and be on bikes, zero barrier to entry, like, "Let's go." And they'll be riding the Velodrome. Teach me how to do it.

Mr. Logan asked this is the last 10 seconds that you have here. I know that you're working with our local YMCA. How's that conversation going? Mr. Wood explained we have a revised-- we have another follow-up with them in September. I guess the best way to characterize it, it's slow-going, but the conversation continues. And I think for me, I've always been pretty vocal about how this project can be a conduit to raising the YMCA's flag once again in the city. So we'll see how ambitious they are. They do have a commitment to revitalizing or reinvesting in the Coatesville YMCA as it's now renamed, which is great. So there's this kind of vision of having an express YMCA here that perhaps there'll be some duplications in some of the programming, but then there'll be specific programming that they're working to develop and conceptualize that will be specific to the needs of the community.

I think Bertram is a breath of fresh air at the YMCA. Vice President Green agreed with Mr. Wood. Mr. Wood stated He really is. There's another breath of fresh air at the Housing Authority. He's a good man, too, Paul. So there's lots of good new leaders working right there up with James. [laughter] Ms. Al Amin stated I got one more question for you because some of this writing on the map is so small. It's a simple question. So the hotel that's on here, this is the new hotel. It's not the existing hotel. Mr. Wood replied definitely not. Yeah, the existing hotel is up the road. Ms. Al Amin said Okay. That's what I thought. Okay. I just wanted to be sure. Mr. Wood explained some people ask me-- again, a bunch of hot air here, but some people ask me, "Well, have you done anything-- what's the hotel going to be like?" And I'm just like, "We had some early conversations, but I have such a hard time talking about the hotel until the other one is working because the hotel doesn't really happen. So let me do this." But we're getting the approvals for that pad site and the idea of it because it just makes sense. And we want the people to be in the city. So when they come in for any sort of events, then you get to retain them. They don't drive away and go back to Exton or go somewhere else. They stay here, and then they go downtown, First Fridays and all the exciting things that we have going on.

Vice President Green stated the idea of the hotel, maybe too, the concept was just all wrong. When they put it in, they didn't do it right. They didn't put a restaurant. They didn't put a pool. I'm excited. And I wish you were saying 2026 today. I'm excited. Mr. Wood stated yeah. I'd like to say-- I think we were trying to hold on 2026, but it's an 18-month build, that's what we've been told. Now, also, we've got a group called Signature Structures. It does a kind of interesting design work. We were talking to a national outfit called ARCO/Murray literally this morning. They're a design-build outfit. They've done every Topgolf other than three in the nation, and they've done a lot of other stuff. And they're just pretty progressive kind of. They're primarily industrial builders, but there's an interest there. And it's kind of because of their kind of penetration and kind of alternative about sports and different things. So it was a good conversation this morning on that too, so. Sorry to take up so much time. [crosstalk] Have a nice evening.

3. Shakira Davis – 2nd Century Alliance
Ms. Davis was not in attendance for presentation.

Discussion Items

1. Emergency Preparedness (Cooling Station, Charging, Water)

Mr. Logan stated this is just, really, a general conversation for the council. You all know that we've been kind of suffering from some sweltering heat waves. And oftentimes, we get calls from residents asking about where our cooling stations, where our areas that they can go and get water or power their phones sometimes. And a couple of weeks ago, we did send out a notice informing the community that City Hall provided enough power. People are welcome to come in. We have water up here for them. Of course, we have outlets in the hallway where they can charge phones and things like that. So to take it a step further, I just want to get some of your thoughts on what you guys have been hearing out there in terms of if we have enough cooling stations or charging stations. Do you want to do something a little bit different than what we kind of just provided as a basic? Certainly, having people come into the building, there are restrictions. And we would just kind of keep them here during business hours. I just kind of want to open it up for discussion. Vice President Green stated I think it's great to be able to assist in that area because I know the senior center does it. I don't really mind. Ms. Al Amin stated the library does. But back in, what was that, 2021 when we had the bad storm front Carmen, when you and I were over at the senior center. I thought that, going forward, was actually going to be used like Code Blue/Code Red. Is that not the case anymore? Vice President Green stated no, I'm quite sure that he did [inaudible]. If he was open and he had power, they were Code Blue. Ms. Al Amin explained okay. That's what I'm asking. Are they listed as a Code Red/Code Blue facility? Mr. Logan replied I'm not sure. Ms. Al Amin asked if we can check into that? Because during the 2021 storm, remember, we were there first, and then we went to the Y and they got the cots from the county. And then it was agreed that they would keep the cots going forward for Code Red and Code Blue. And then some places were reached out to-- remember, [inaudible] to buy two different places, each purchased 50 brand new blankets, 50 pillows, the storage units for [them?]. And I felt that going forward that that was the designated Code Red and Code Blue facility. Is there any way-- I mean, I love that City Hall is going to do it too, but when it's actually Code Red/Code Blue, for the overnight extended thing or whatever, can we check and see if that was actually ever officially implemented? Vice President Green explained the Code Red and Code Blue is implemented at the CYWA and the Senior Center [inaudible]. Ms. Al Amin asked so they're actually doing it? Okay. Because when people asked-- I know that the Y does it, but when people asked, I didn't know what the accurate answer was to give for the senior center because I didn't know if they were an official Code Red/Code Blue station.

Mrs. Hunt stated I think, of course, of what Mr. Logan was asking, I think he was asking, specifically, did we do enough here at City Hall as far as what the city can do? Because on Facebook, it was, "The City didn't do this. The City didn't do that." When in actuality, the city did not have power either. So I think his question, if I'm correct, is based on what we can do or improve here at City Hall for the residents. Am I correct? Mr. Logan replied correct. Yes. Mrs. Hunt stated So, that's what we need to focus on, on his question, so that we can make sure that we are prepared anything that we have these storms hitting us because it seems like they're hitting us more and more. We're talking about one coming again this weekend this weekend. So we need to focus on that thing. But I think what you guys did here at City Hall, trying to assist those of us that needed it, I thought that it was a great idea. And it was a good faith act so that our residents know that we do care. As long as we have power, then we can help out. But if we don't have power, we can't do much either, so. Yeah. And I think maybe even going on if we want to have more discussion if there's one area in the building that can be utilized and [inaudible] discussion going forward. But I just want for us to stay focused on the question that you asked. [crosstalk] Mr. Logan stated so, I mentioned

during business hours, but of course, if there is a major storm and power does go out in most of the city and we still have power, then all of our staff here and team, we would determine who would be here after hours. Chief Laufer, Chief Thompson, Bert and I of public works, a couple of weeks ago, last week, they were pretty much here 24/7. If we had power throughout the storm, then yeah, since some of us were in the building, we could have let people in. But we didn't have any power, and we're going to resolve that soon with our new generator. Right now, we just don't have the capacity or the ability.

2. Washington Hose Company

Vice President Green asked I would like to have, if I could, Mr. Dave Wallace. Can you just come to the floor to discuss? 4.2 is just a discussion item. It's not an action. Regarding the Washington Hose Fire Company is trying to get new equipment, and they're going for a grant. So there has to be a [post-party?] for them to be able to have this grant. We don't have to do anything. It's not costing us anything, but it's going to give us new ambulances, new van. Is that correct?

Mr. Wallace explained so basically, right now, prior to myself and the other EMS supervisor taking over, the prior EMS chief, Walton, changed the vans which he thought in his mind that pretty much hospitals are going to save him forever, and everybody's going to continue to do transports. That's all the [inaudible] pretty much. It's basically hospital to nursing home or stuff like that. I mean, we can function out of that perfectly fine. It's just very, very tight. So with this new grant that we're trying to go after, it's actually underneath the Pennsylvania Game and Commission area where we can apply for new vans because technically, if we do that DIA standard, we wouldn't qualify because of the [inaudible]. So we found a loophole in that. So we are going to go after this grant to get new box ambulances where we can actually function properly. I'm not saying that we can't function properly now. It's just a bigger space that we're looking for. It also will provide better enclosure-- well, not enclosure, but people in the city are claustrophobic and being in the vans or right next to each other. So we want to open that space up for the residents of the city. So with this grant, our grant writers are willing to do all the light work for this grant. We don't need any financial information from you guys. It's just certain ID numbers and stuff like that. And then once the grant is written, then we would just need Mr. Logan to hit the submit button. That is it. Other than that, that's pretty much how that grant's going to go. Vice President Green thanked Mr. Wallace. I just wanted you to come on over. Mr. Wallace replied no problem. Also, with the storms and everything, if you want to let the residents know if they need oxygen tanks filled and stuff, we are capable of filling them. We did that a couple of times in the last storm that people's O2s had gone low because they didn't have electricity, so they're usually on their home machine, so then they had to switch to bottles. We would just swap out bottles, take them back to the station, fill them up, take them right back up, so.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

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

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Right to Know Policy

Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve the Right to Know Policy; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Jefferson explained this right-to-know policy came out of anonymous requests that are coming from automated AI systems and other anonymous sources that are just flooding the state's right-to-know officers. So this policy specifically largely attracts what the city already follows. However, it does address what the city may do with an anonymous request. So that's the purpose of adoption of this formal policy so that the city may deny the request of the anonymous request. So that is the biggest change. Otherwise, it largely tracks what the city follows.

2. Receive and consider a motion to approve a general reimbursement Grant Agreement for Federal Aid Highway Projects ECMS Agreement No. L00763

Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve a general reimbursement Grant Agreement for Federal Aid Highway Projects ECMS Agreement No. L00763; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Logan explained This is part of the city's agreement with PennDOT and our willingness to participate in the Streetscape program. The following resolution acknowledges the City of Coatesville's agreement to agree to the contract terms, including the reimbursement portion of the grant agreement for contracted services. This particular grant is 1.3 million. We received this a couple of years ago. In addition to this grant, if you recall, we also submitted an application for an extension of the streetscape to further go beyond 3rd Avenue. That particular grant is a multimodal grant in the amount of \$750,000. That grant has not been awarded yet, but the 1.3 million covers the first phase of this. So the documents that you've seen in your packet, that's the resolution that our solicitor prepared. In addition to that, I think it also has the agreement for that policy.

3. Receive and consider a motion to approve Streetscape Consultant recommendations

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve the Streetscape Consultant recommendations; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a multimodal Transportation Fund Program Grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a multimodal Transportation Fund Program Grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to approve Resolution authorizing the submission of a multimodal Transportation Fund Program Grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Logan explained this resolution is actually in support of IDG's group, in terms of the transportation portion. Crosby, he had mentioned some of the additions in terms of the traffic, street lights and things like that are going to be-- will need to be addressed. This multimodal grant is the city's support in their efforts. We will be the lead on this grant like we are on the [inaudible] grant. Resolution is required in that stage.

5. Receive and consider a motion to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 218, Vehicles and Traffic, § 218-7, Loading Zones, subsection C(3)© by deleting “Church Street, North(entire block)” from the list of school zones; and subsection C(3)(B) by adding “Church Street, North (entire block) to the lost of passenger loading zones

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Mr. Jefferson explained So you may recall Mr. Brazzle, I believe, came here a long time-- a couple of months ago, and he's running a daycare center in that area, and he wished to have a loading zone for the children. Right now, it was listed as a school zone. It is no longer a school zone. Working with the city zoning officer, we determined which sections of the code needed to be amended. So that's why we're moving it from the school zone section, and then it's going to be listing it and putting up appropriate signage for a passenger loading zone. So that is the amendment. Everything else that's currently listed in those sections will remain. It's just placing it in a different area for a different purpose.

6. Receive and consider a motion to approve Cedarville Engineering's proposal for the 2024 Coatesville Landfill Monitoring

No Motion was taken.

7. Receive and consider a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission Part-time Police Department Eligibility List

Ms. Scamuffa motioned to approve the Civil Service Commission Part-time Police Department Eligibility List; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Chief Laufer explained council may recall that we were in front of council several meetings ago where we talked about and with the assistance of Mr. Jefferson, we modified the civil service regulations to include hiring full-time officers, which was listed as reserved in the most recent civil service regulations before we modified them. So council approved us removing that reserved section in there and allowing us to begin to try to broaden our applicant pool by advertising for full-time positions when we had them vacant here with the city because what we've been doing for the last 10 years is hiring from our part-time officer positions to fill our vacant full-time positions. And that worked well for a number of years, but currently, we don't have that applicant pool within our part-time officers. So currently, we have one part-time officer that's working and one that's in training, and that's it to draw from for full-time positions. So we do have a little bit of an error here tonight. I just discussed it with Mr. Jefferson. The current list that we're asking council to adopt tonight from the Civil Service Commission should have included part-time/full-time. It only says part-time because this list we advertise for part-time and full-time vacancies. So we may have to come back in another meeting with a new list, just putting that verbiage in there. The list won't change. There's four applicants. They've already taken the written and the oral. They're ranked. So that's not going to change. So we just have to clean up where it says part-time/full-time. So we would like to proceed tonight, though, to go ahead with authorization from council to approve conditional offers of employment for those four pending the outcome of background,

psychological, physical, and so on and so forth. So we can move the list forward, but we will have to go back and just clean it up at a future council meeting just for the official list that will be posted, so. Vice President Green asked we can't do that by having approved with adding part-time, full-time? It'll just add [four?] full-time positions? Mr. Jefferson explained I think coming back would just be cleaner. Chief Laufer said I guess because it's signed by the Civil Service Commission, a signed copy, we really can't modify something that's already been signed by the commission. So we'll have to get them to resign a clean copy. But nothing changes as far as the four applicants and the rankings. Nothing changes. So we would like to just go ahead and proceed with the authorization tonight in the 6.3-- or 6.8, which is the next item, which would be conditional offers of employment for those four so we can continue the process. Mrs. Hunt asked so we're going to table 6.7 and then move on to 6.8? You think we can do that? Mr. Jefferson explained in speaking with the chief, we think we can come back at the next meeting and just clean up the list and get everything done appropriately. I don't think anything's going to move forward in terms of any substantial changes between now and the next council meeting. Is that correct? Chief explained well, we would like to bring them in to start the process, but no hiring is going to take place until-- so nothing's going to change. They're going to go through the same process as they would part-time or full-time. The process doesn't change, so. Ms. Scamuffa asked the list is, you just want to start the paperwork process? Let's take the full-time out of the picture tentatively for this just so you can get the paperwork started for conditional employment, whatever that process is that you do on the back end for hiring. Chief Laufer replied that's correct. So-- Ms. Scamuffa asked if the next list is going to come in, another one of these, that says full-time/part-time. Chief Laufer replied exactly. Those words will just be added to a clean copy. So nothing will change really going forward in what we're going to do to start their backgrounds and everything. It'll just save us two weeks, which is important to us. Yeah.

8. Receive and consider a motion to approve conditional offers from the Part-time Police Officers Civil Service Eligibility List

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve conditional offers from the part-time Police Officers Civil Service Eligibility List; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council. Since council's last meeting; communicated and continue to communicate with outside attorneys regarding land development matters; communicated and continue to communicate with outside counsel regarding various litigation matters; I and my office provided the right-to-know policy that was acted upon this evening; drafted a proposed ordinance with the assistance of the zoning officer regarding the loading zone; drafted a resolution regarding the General Reimbursement Grant Agreement for Federal Highway Projects; provided an opinion on a code enforcement matter, and I provided an opinion regarding street trees.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan explained during our executive meeting, I provided updates and comments on the city's Coatesville real estate matters personnel to city council members. In terms of the city's economic development projects, we have begun our recent stormwater-- or I should say we have begun our stormwater update. And that particular, if you all recall, we received the grant funding to go into the [inaudible] fund to look at how the water mitigation system-- or the stormwater mitigation system functioning. Cedarville is leading that particular project. We should have some results probably towards the end of this month or next month. Cameras are going to be placed in the actual large portions of our stormwater pipes. So again, to see what the status of the water is actually flowing and doing what it's supposed to do. If you do recall, we had some very serious rains that came in a couple of weeks ago, last week. There was a question about the inlets. The inlets were all clean. The water basically subsided pretty quickly. And so we know that for the most part, that portion of our stormwater system is functioning. But of course, this study is going to give us a little bit more insight to how it all works underneath the streets.

Train station project, they continue to work making progress on that. They're still targeting 2025. I mentioned to the council that the Michael Baker, which is the construction team, they will begin night work. Some of the neighbors that live close to Third and Fleetwood may hear some of the work that I think will be starting from 9:00 to 4:00 or 5:00 AM, 9:00 PM to 4:00 or 5:00 AM. This work will take place over a period of five weeks. And it's just part of the construction process in getting the new train station completed.

Streetscape engineer designer has been selected which you all saw a little bit earlier. Took action on that. We had a really nice turnout for the bid process. We had five companies that responded. We did select one company, and we actually are doing some work with over at Ash Park. Robert is leading that particular project. So we're happy to make a transition. I think Robert is going to touch on some of the designs of Ash Park, but this company that we selected understands us. They have a connection with us now that we have sat down with them on many occasions, and we feel very confident that they'll be able to finish off the streetscape project as planned.

A little information on SEPTA just a notification. SEPTA received the call, and you all know that we've been working with SEPTA and TMAC on a number of expansions and extensions throughout Coatesville, and if we look here, beginning August 26th [inaudible]. Beginning August 26th, an additional trip from Coatesville to Westchester will be added. So that's the existing route. That's the 135. And that's an eastbound service from Coatesville to Westchester. That service will start at 5:40. That service will start at 1:40 from Madison Street and Strode. This is a weekday only train. All other trips will remain as part of the current schedule. Again, this is a great addition to the efforts to get more reliable transportation in the city of Coatesville. I think it's going to coincide really well with the train station opening next year. They want to prepare and get the service in play. In addition to that, we have had conversations with SEPTA train or rail service. There is a tremendous effort to bring or restore SEPTA back to the city of Coatesville. I've had some very positive conversations with leadership on the county level and SEPTA. I don't know when exactly the service would be restored based on once the train station is up and operating, but the commissioner, Moskowitz, wanted me to let you all know that her efforts and the other two commissioners are very positive or going in a very positive way to get to restorative services here. So we're very excited about that kind of moving forward.

I'm not going to comment on National Night Out as Chief was there, so I'll let him handle that. I want to congratulate MCDC's scholarship program for those of you that were part of their scholarship award ceremony a couple weeks ago. They had provided scholarships for approximately 21 recipients, students from Coatesville. I just wanted to, again, say congratulations to them for a great job. The YMCA, as Crosby and the IDG Group are, we're working to build a relationship with City of Coatesville. Crosby had mentioned the new director, President Bertram. He has basically made it very clear that they want to be part of Coatesville. They are a part of Coatesville. And we're looking to partner with them moving forward on how to engage them a little bit more in some of our youth initiatives here in the city.

The last bullet that I have is we decided to move the ACE Summit, that's the city's economic summit. This will be our second year of hosting it. We obviously are not having it this month. We're going to move it to the month of October, and that theme of this year will be Women in Business. So we're very excited about that. Roberta's going to be assisting us with panels and--

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino thanked madam Vice President. To begin, I'd like to welcome any Spanish speakers and other non-English speakers that need assistance with city matters. We are here to help as best we can. We want everyone to be able to share their questions and concerns with the city. [foreign]. Over the past month, as has been mentioned several times, we did experience some fairly severe storms here in the city. We had a lot of trees that came down, some flooding that happened in individual homes. I just wanted to mention that public works was out clearing roadways, clearing trees along with police and fire, as well as our code department. Everybody was on call during the storms, and I think we had a really good response to the storms. We were able to clear things fairly quickly and keep people safe. We did add additional yard waste days, and I thank everyone in this room for helping to get the word out about that. We had a great response. A lot of people put extra yard waste out to clear their properties. So that's also really important, just the communication with everyone, and I appreciate that. We also do still have an upcoming compost facility day here in August coming up. And I encourage anyone who still has downed trees, branches on their properties to remove them. We have been giving people some leeway on removing those items from their properties. But our code enforcement will be going through in the next week or two to start enforcing cleaning up the properties. If anyone did experience damage to their homes, we also very much encourage them to contact their own insurance companies. Especially if you're a tenant, or if you're a property owner, all of that. We get a lot of these types of questions here in the city as well.

I also wanted to mention that earlier this month, we met with Carroll Engineering, who as you probably recall, we awarded them our inlet project, and we did have our kickoff meeting with Carroll for [40?] inlets. We also had our 60% design meeting with our Ash Park engineers. As Mr. Logan mentioned, we are working with JMT, and we've had several meetings with them over the course of the year. Right now, we're at about 60% complete with the design, which means that we're ready to start sharing. So I printed a very simple kind of sketch that they put together to help kind of share what the plans are here, and it's up on the screen as well. So just to give an idea of where we are, Ash Park, this is phase one and two of

the project. And in total, there are five phases? Five phases to the project. So as you can see, this project starts at about a third of the park from where the pool was and the courts down to Kersey Street and it goes the entire length from third to fourth. And so what you're seeing here is-- and again, we're at 60%. So this is not the final design. There's still a lot of small details that need to be figured out. But there's going to be a walkway that goes from east to west, so from 4th to 3rd. So you'll be able to walk that entire length. And starting at 4th Ave., starting on the right side of the page, you'll see there's horseshoe pits that have been redesigned and will still be there. There's a area with trees and a shelter area where you can get shade as well. There's three brand new basketball courts that will be facing north and south rather than east and west, so they were able to recuperate a little bit of space. There's going to be bleachers around there. Moving west, there's going to be another covered area with restrooms and a shaded area in the center. And then moving further west, there's a new splash pad, new play area, new gathering space. And all around, you'll see additional trees, shaded areas. And most importantly, the details that we don't see here are all the rain garden stormwater infrastructure that's so important to Ash Park that's also being done. So any green areas that you see here are basically stormwater infrastructure.

Vice President Green asked will there be play areas like swings and that kind of stuff? Ms. Cosentino replied there will be in the future phases of the park. In this phase, the playground that we currently have, it starts just past that, so we will be addressing that in future phases. Vice President Green asked when this comes out, there's not going to be a park that has playgrounds [in it?], or will it be the same? Ms. Cosentino replied well, we're not going to move or touch the playground. Vice President Green asked oh, you're going to leave it alone. Okay, it's not going to be moved? Ms. Cosentino replied Right. Right. Ms. Scamuffa asked so are these splash pads now going to take the place of where the mosquito pond is? Ms. Cosentino replied Yeah. Ms. Scamuffa said that would be nice. Ms. Cosentino explained and there's some other details that are still being worked out. We may even have misting stations thanks to Mr. Logan and his ideas. We may have misting stations around the courts and down by the horseshoe area. So there's going to be some really nice features once we start getting into the details that I think are really going to help people enjoy the park. Ms. Scamuffa asked I see here it looks like some kind of netting up in this upper or rear side, the upper side, the northern side, right? You know what I mean? Do you see the little net? Yes. Are we going to have a nice little soccer field-- a nice little soccer field in there built in somewhere? Ms. Cosentino state again, this will be in a future phase-- --but I believe there is a plan to keep the soccer field. So there'll be more to come on this. I just wanted to share kind of where we are right now. But as things develop, we'll certainly continue to share publicly what Ash Park is going to look like. Last but not least, a couple additional things. In your packets today, we do have the code department report. And hopefully, you noticed that, this month, the code department saw several liens. We have over 70% of our rental licenses and business privilege licenses that have currently been issued and are in good standing. We did have a slower month for commercial and residential permits, but we had over 131 code enforcement cases that were resolved, and also 150 rental inspections last month. The top three types of cases for code enforcement last month were trash, then grass and weeds, and then building code violations. And property maintenance came in as a close fourth. So those are the things that are keeping our code enforcement the busiest. I'd also like to point out that on page six of the codes report, there's a new graph that shows you the decrease in the average number of days to close a case. And that went from 180 days to 23 days. And I really want to congratulate our codes director and our entire codes department on being able to achieve that

huge of a change in a fairly short amount of time. It's something that we are very proud of the department for working towards. And one last thing, item 6.6., that we didn't need to take action on, I just wanted to mention, as it was brought up earlier, we do own a landfill that was decommissioned many years ago that we are doing some groundwater sampling on. So that will start shortly. That's part of our DEP permitting process.

4. Police Department

Chief thanked Madam Vice President. The complete statistical packet is in the report tonight. Just a few key highlights. For calls generated through the Chester County 911 Center for the month of July, we had 2,301. That was up slightly from the month of June where we saw 2,265. And then for calls received through the front desk for the month of July was 1,155, up slightly from June where we saw 1,076. Couple other statistics. We had five Narcan administrations by the Police Department in the month of July that was up from the month of June. We did 13 car seat checks and installations provided by our certified car seat technicians at no cost to the residents of the city. We also continued our Catching Kids Doing Something Right program and ticketing initiative. And for those that follow us on Facebook, you saw where we did that. We also had National Night Out, which was actually in August, but we'll speak to that. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate with us. We had rain all afternoon, and so we kind of canceled the outdoor part of it and did an indoor version of National Night Out up at Regency, which was still well received by the kids up at Regency. It's just a shame that the weather didn't cooperate for us on that. But it was well received, well attended. We gave out the water ice from the police department. And then the agency itself had hot dogs and soft pretzels and popcorn and other things for the kids. And I believe a couple of our officers-- no injuries reported, okay, but a couple of officers engaged in some basketball with the kids. [laughter] So that was good to see.

And unfortunately, just a little bit of-- one additional thing, don't forget, Coffee with the Chief resumes in September. So we'll be at the Brandywine Valley Active Aging on September 4th, and that will kick off our fall season of Coffee with the Chief starting in September. Just a little bit of sad news. We did have a fatal traffic accident here in the city yesterday, Sunday evening about 7:30 on 82 North just south of Manor Road, where we did see one vehicle, a motorcycle crash where the operator was deceased. So, it was a 33-year-old resident of the city. And I know some council members were familiar with him. But from all parts of the investigation indicated one vehicle accident. Just a sad tragedy here in the city. Traffic fatalities, most of them are preventable. Most of them either go towards speed or intoxication. And the investigation is not complete, but it is a one-vehicle crash. And that's my report unless there's any questions.

Ms. Scamuffa asked the Chief, pertaining to your report. But have you heard anything on the sign? The signs for Hope and 30 and Valley, and then on Valley and Fifth. Chief replied maybe Roberta could address that. That's a public works function. They're in the process of getting-- I know they're in the process of getting the signs printed. Ms. Cosentino explained the Public Works has the list also of the signs. Chief provided the list and the streets, and it's just a matter of getting them. Ms. Scamuffa asked but it's still in the works? Ms. Scamuffa said we had some friendly visitors over the last couple of weeks that neighbors. They're doing it. They're still doing it. Chief stated well, I don't guarantee the signs are going to stop it. Ms. Scamuffa said well, yeah, but it might give them a heads-up. It might slow it down a little.

5. Public Affairs

Mr. Miles wished everyone a good evening, Councilwomen. Madam Vice President. I'm going to be very brief with you guys for my presentation. But first and foremost, I wanted to give a big shout-out to our police, fire, public works, and codes department. Roberta had touched on it a little earlier, dealing with the storms and so forth. I really commend you guys for the hard work that you guys are putting in and the tireless hours. And Aaron specifically, I know you're over there cheesed up, but I got a gift for you. I wish I would have brought more for the rest of you guys, but had to get this for the Central Pennsylvanians. This is an heirloom right here. more likely a matter of when it falls. And if it falls in the direction it's leaning in, it's going to fall on my house. And so I'm asking that the city clean it up.

Yeah. But thank you, guys. Chief, Lieutenant Ollis, all the public works teams, Fire, you name it, all the guys. Next up, we have our National Fitness Campaign, Fitness Courts, that I'm very excited to share with you guys. I just have a few photos just dealing with the process that I went through with this project. First up, we had to get the field graded, as I've talked about in the previous council meetings. We had Cedarville Engineering come out. Kyle came out with a few guys, and they graded the field to really analyze where we could best fit the fitness courts. This is Dan Mendenhall and the Mendenhall Trowel Trades company. They came in and did the concrete for us. This is just them excavating the field, getting the pebbles in or the stone, the gravel into the concrete pad that was out there for a couple of weeks. I know a lot of community members were looking at this thing like, "What's going on here?" Building the anticipation up for the National Fitness Campaign Fitness Courts. A few weeks later-- a few weeks ago, the beginning of this month, we had the install team for the National Fitness Campaign come in to lay down, what they're putting, is the rubber tiling. And then that same day, later on that evening, more of the install team came out to put the graphic wrap on. I had to pull some strings with Logan and them to make sure that it wouldn't be just a solid blue because our Downingtown rivals. We wouldn't want to do that. So I did a little design on the back wall, added a few more colors, the red, black, and white signature Coatesville colors. But this is the final results of it. And I believe the community is very, very excited for this project. I mean, I'll tell you, the first day, I mean, the guys just put in the equipment, and someone got out there and was just like, "Hey, can I get out there and start using this thing?" I said, "Go for it." So every day since, riding to work and from work, there's someone always out there. So it's always good to see that.

And I just have a few more photos with that. You have our sponsors here on the board, PA American Water. Again, Mendenhall Trowel Trades. Delaware Valley Concrete, they donated the concrete to us. A big special shout out to Robert and Jennifer McNeil. I was hoping to get this project complete before he unfortunately passed, but a big dedication to this court goes out to their family. Also, CBIZ, The Alliance for Health Equity, RKL, BGANF, Greg Vietri, Cleveland-Cliffs, and last but not least, Cedarville Engineering. Oh, and also Lang Beverage. That was a little in there. And this is the first day, the first day that we had it up and the graphic wrap and everything was complete. Clayton Kellum came down there, and he was just checking it out. He has Built Fit in Coatesville. And we just was out there just politicking about the court, what we could do with it. And there was just a group of people walking by. He stopped them, and he was just like, "Hey, let's get a workout in." And they came over, got some jumping jacks, started using some of the materials there and so forth, so. That is the fitness court. Really, my work is not done with this project. I'm still moving on within the rest of the park. I think what's next is the concrete pathway that you see

here. Let me see if I can-- all right. Yep. So coming through here, we're going to do a concrete pad here. We're debating on what we're going to do with the field house, renovations and so forth with that. We're going to have the pathway walk up here, just making it ADA-accessible, adding an 80-yard football field that we could chalk. Also with the baseball diamond here. And then pretty much adding a removable gate within the park so that kids could practice, rugby teams could come and play and so forth. But really, revamping the entire park and having a play area and so forth for Abdala. Vice President Green stated the play area is in desperate need. Mr. Miles replied it sure is.

Yep. So that's all within the plans for Abdala Park. Miss Scamuffa, or Councilwoman Scamuffa, I know you mentioned the ribbon cutting, and I was waiting for my moment to shine on this. But this is the ribbon cutting that we have planned for this Friday. I hope you all can come out and support this. Again, I'm just very excited to have this thing complete and invite the community. We're going to have Richie's Water Ice come and support us and really just have you guys come out and speak on behalf of this project and let the community know what it's all about. So that again is August 16th from 4:00 to 5:30. And directly after the ribbon cutting, Amber Little-Turner, she's going to come out with a group and do a little exercising. So anyone who's there during the day can get some workout clothes and keep it going. So next up, we have the Coatesville Fit Fest. This is a project that I'm putting together - that we're putting together for the city. I want to invite all of the region's top trainers, gyms, fitness connoisseurs to Coatesville so we can have a Fit Festival. And with your guys's permission, I would like to have a resolution passed so that we can have this thing annually to highlight wellness, health, and fitness within Coatesville surrounding the development of this project. So again, we're going to have fitness demonstrations, interactive booths, entertainment, family fun, and more. Pretty much in the works getting things together for that now. So it's a work in progress. Just a reminder as well, Sounds of Summer is still going on.

Mr. Logan stated I just want to, again, publicly congratulate [Vince?]. You all can imagine how much work he's put into it. Most of you know that this project has pretty much been in the works for almost four years. We received a grant of \$30,000 to kick the program off. After that, we had to go after the sponsorships. Vince has mentioned some of the sponsorships. The sponsorship dollars range from \$60,000 to \$500. A lot of the people that are on the wall, these are companies that they care about Coatesville, and they want to be part of it. There's still more wall space for any companies. You can always add. I think my lowest is 500 now, but we can go as low as \$250. Those sponsors will be more on the side of the wall, but it's still a great space to kind of see who supports this. But again, I think Vince still has a little way to go, but turning it over to him and to see what he's done, I think that deserves a round of applause as well. We did have an unfortunate accident second day at the Outdoor Fitness Center opened. But Chief and Vince will be coordinating efforts for placement of a security camera. And we already have lighting in. So I think moving forward, it's going to be a great place for the community to come and exercise and get fit. So thanks again.

Mr. Miles thanked Mr. Logan. I appreciate that. Yeah, so next up Sounds of Summer. Again, this is following our First Fridays, still rolling as program permits. We did have on here it's August 2nd. We haven't had a rain date for that as well, so we just pushed it back. These are just a few of the performers here. We have the Blind Date Band featuring Bryan Parr on September 6th from 7:00 to 9:30. And then, from there, September 20th, this is the band that

got pushed back due to the weather advisory. But The Kevin Cooper Band is coming through on September 20th, same time. And then, Hidden Treasures will be our encore on October 4th from 7:00 to 9:30.

All right. So August is National Black Business Month, and I want to acknowledge a few of the Black businesses here in the city. I have a list. This is not all of them, but just to name a few, Butter Pecan Cafe, Hoop Dreams, Richie's Water Ice, Jam Rock Caribbean Cuisine, Perfect Beauty, Skin Deep Wellness and Spa, [Hercadoic?] Landscaping, Stingy Brim, Simply Shrimp and More, Incorporated, Big Boys Barbecue, Mr. Grub, Custom Queen, Blended Things, Top Notch Repairs, Closet Babe, Best Kept Secret Barbershop, Built Fit, MCDC, JB's Web, The Tavern, and the Malibu and the Bongo. Vice President Green stated that's the part that I don't understand. We have a councilwoman who has a Black business in our community, and we forever leave them out. A business that's been in our community for I don't know how long, and we highlight the Malibu and the Bongos that are in South Coatesville, and we leave her out. We highlight [Hercadoic?] who lives in East Valley somewhere. You know what I mean? Mr. Miles replied I do. Vice President Green said and to leave her business out, who has been a productive business in our community for a long time. She should be one of the top ones on the list. Mr. Miles said for sure. And my apologies for that. [crosstalk]. Vice President Green stated that's the third time-- the third time that this has happened. Mr. Miles stated yeah. It was a little quote there at the top-- it's just that I can think of off the top, so I just named a few. But again, Women Destined for Change, again-- Vice President Green stated no, her Hunt's Funeral Home. [crosstalk]-- Black business is what I'm talking about that has been here in the community for how long? Forever. But I just don't understand why her business keeps getting overlooked. Whenever we start talking about Black businesses, that never makes the list. Some of these businesses just opened and they're on the list. And this has been here-- how long have y'all been in business? Mrs. Hunt replied 65 years. Mr. Miles stated but Miss Carmen, again, that was just off the top, but Mrs. Hunt-- Vice President green stated I guess the third time's the charm. Mr. Miles apologized. We know that your business has been here for years, and the work that you have been doing. Oh, yeah. It's outstanding, and it should be on the list. Vice President Green stated Hunt's Funeral Home, Black business in the community. Mr. Miles said Right. Right. Black churches even. It's not business, but-- Vice President Green said let's not forget, you were saying Black businesses, and churches aren't business. And I'm just talking about the businesses. If we're going to print out and declare a list like that, we need to make sure we're inclusive. Because we're naming these little-- and I'm not taking anything away from anybody up there. Mr. Miles replied absolutely, I agree with you. Vice President Green stated we have foundational businesses that have been here for many, many years that are just not being--

Mr. Miles stated yes, I agree. But moving along, we have the Coatesville Ward Walks conversation that we spoke on previously in different council meetings. I do want to meet with each one of you again at any time that you guys are ready. I have a calendar and I check my calendar, and on there, you have every second and fourth Wednesday of the month open. So if any of you want to get on schedule, let me know. I'm here for it. So we want to meet at least twice a month until December, the end of the year. Without further ado, again, these are just a few events that's happening in the upcoming two months. We have the back-to-school backpack giveaway with CYI. And again, honoring the Hunt family and their funeral home. We're doing a street dedication honoring Emmett Golden Hunt Senior for more than 55 years

of humanitarian service to the Coatesville community. That is going to be this Sunday. So come out and support the good brother of mine, pillar in our community. So yeah, Miss Hunt, do you want to touch on that even more or no? Okay. Following that, we have the networking mixer with 2nd Century Alliance for Black Business Month over at the Arches. It's going to be on Wednesday, August 28th. And the Coatesville Community Cleanup that 2nd Century is also putting on, if I'm not mistaken, September 21st is National Cleanup Day. So the community is going to get together and do some cleaning up within the community. So that's pretty much all I have for you guys today. There's countless other things that we can discuss, but I want to meet with you guys firsthand and go from there with these projects and so forth. So thank you for your time and have a blessed night.

Ms. Cosentino stated madam Vice President, sorry to switch gears, but I left out a very important part of my Ash Park [inaudible]. I apologize. I don't know how I skipped it because it was the entire reason why I wanted to talk about Ash Park. But if you look again at the picture of the schematic, there's beautiful new basketball courts, and we have some really exciting news about the courts. Our engineer actually contacted an artist to just start getting some ideas about what the basketball courts could potentially look like. And as it turns out, this artist is from Philadelphia and has experience doing artwork on courts in this very specific type of material. And long story short, he's actually going to be here on Thursday to meet with some youth in the community that some of our youth leaders have helped to bring together. And he's coming here to get some inspiration for a design for our basketball courts. So that is going to be happening like I said, this week. We're all meeting here in City Hall. And we're really excited because he has some beautiful work that he's done, murals and courts. So his name is Calo Rosa. And if you Google him, you can see some of the super colorful and beautiful work that he's done. So I just wanted to let you all know that was happening. In council chambers, we'll have about 10 to 12 kids and youth leaders here on Thursday to talk to him.

Mrs. Hunt excused herself at 9:25 pm.

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

Good evening, everybody. My name is Khadijah Al Amin. I am once again back for the same issue that I come every two weeks. The neighbor down west of Me. Still, backyard, grass isn't completely cut. Lawn mower has been sitting on part of what's supposed to be a patio for over two months now. Shrubbery hasn't been touched. The fence going west, the shrubbery and the weeds are pushing through and knocking the fence down. On the east side between myself and them, stuff continues to grow over the fence. And each week, I'm forced to maintain that because, unfortunately, I can't pull stuff out by the roots. So I can only deal with what grows over my fence weekly. There is still rodent issues, and I have to say, raccoons, moles, they can be rabid. There's no way to know if the raccoons have the roundworm, which is fatal to humans and pets. And I have an almost 17-year-old, 5-and-a-half-pound Yorkshire terrier. Two days before the bad storm that we had where all the trees fell, the part of his tree that I complained about that was leaning on his garage roof and my garage roof, I had that tree cut back twice. But unfortunately, two days before the bad storm for everybody else, that fell, and that tree has not been addressed yet. And I'm not a tree person, but it appears that the tree is rotting from the inside out. It also has now what is called dead wood because once the bark comes off the tree, it does not grow back. And he gets a fine, he pays it, but the city needs to do more than that because paying the fine, okay. But he's not really addressing the issue. The weeds in the flower beds

were seven feet tall. Did he cut them back there some? Yes, he did. Is it to the standard of our ordinance? No, it is not. And then he takes everything and cuts and he either throws it in the flower beds or he throws it in the yard. And so again, I'm going to ask that the city go in and clean his property up. Can I guarantee he won't do it again? I can't. However, starting from scratch, completely cleaned up, it would take time to get back to where it is now because it's been five years ongoing, and each year it gets worse and worse. And for that tree, it's not a matter of if it falls. It's more likely a matter of when it falls. And if it falls in the direction it's leaning in, it's going to fall on my house. And so I'm asking that the city clean it up.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Turner-Green thanked everyone for coming out. I'm just excited about some things like the reading on Flats. Of course, I'm very excited about the fitness extension that just happened in-- -- Abdala Park. I've only used it just, so you haven't been out to use it, you should go out and use it some night. It was hot that day. And then I'm really excited about Ash Park. And that might be I might be a little bit biased because that is my Ward. So I'm very excited to see Ash Park But thank you all for coming out. Again, I'm so pleased.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out and have a good night.

Ms. Scamuffa thanked everybody, for coming out. Seeing Miss Jackie come up, I mean Councilwoman Al Amin every week, expressing her frustrating concerns. It's frustrating. It's all over the city. I don't know. I really don't know how to fix the problem. It's been years and years and years of a defunct code system in the city. That doesn't mean it can't get better, that it won't get better. I pray all the time that it does. Our residents really need to step up to the plate. I mean, we can't make a go of the city no matter-- I'm looking forward to everything that is coming to the city. Let me preface everything. I'm looking forward very much so to everything. The plans look great for Ash Park, for the fitness, all that, but I have to be honest. I worry about what the residents are going to do with the beautiful things that are given to them. I really hope things take a turn for the better. I hope the residents step up to the plate and just show that they care about their homes. And unfortunately, whether they own them or not, I hope they step up. It gets a little disheartening. I've only been on council for seven months now, and some things I just-- I just don't understand how things operate. But anyway, I'm hopeful that things are going to change. It may not be in my lifetime, but I know that Coatesville will come back at some point to where it was years ago. I have a lot of fond memories of how things were and things were great here. We had a great life. So yeah, I look forward to a lot of the events that are taking place. I appreciate everybody, the efforts that do get put into things. I'm always going to have questions. I don't know. I have so much more I want to say, but I'll keep it short. So thank you, everybody, again, for coming out. Aaron, thank you for what you do. I do appreciate all the efforts. You're probably one of the best codes enforcement guys that we've had in the city for, I'm going to say, at least 10 years, at least. So thank you. And everybody have a great night. Thank you.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. Please understand I don't get to lead the meeting that much, so I will make mistakes, but just bear with it a little bit for me. So grateful to the staff for the weeks of storms that we had. This weather has been so tough. And I know public works has been nonstop. So Roberta, if you could just relay the gratefulness to them. I'm thankful for all that they did being on call, moving trees, cleaning up so much shrubbery, cleaning up so much mess, keeping the drains cleaned up. I mean, we just needed that. And they were just there. I just appreciate that. Chief, I appreciate what you guys do. The gentleman that lost his life yesterday was a very good friend of mine, for many years. And it's the saddest set of circumstances. Just keep his family in prayer. This is hard. Whatever may have caused it, this is hard. He was 33, very young man. Vince, just excited about that fitness center. As Mr. Logan said, you picked the project up and you did a great job. Looking forward to the paper cutting on Friday. Now we're going to get rain again. [laughter] The latter part of this week. I hope it's not Friday. Yeah. Fran, we have a lot of things happening in the city, and the city has changed. And I know that this is so frustrating when you're telling me everything that is going on with your neighbor. Me, personally, I would have sued him by now. I would have taken an action against him because that's something that the city can't do. The city can't do that. The city can continuously fine them. Even going into his property and cleaning it up, and then it gets bad again. The grass gets really, really high. The weeds come again. That's something that just can't be. And if you have gone through this for so long, I would have filed an action on this gentleman because I think the courts are the ones that can handle this. The courts are the ones that can fix this and nip it in the bud. We can't assess any damage. We can't even give him jail time. We are at the mercy of whatever happens at district court. But I, personally, would take this-- this guy needs some-- he needs so action. He's not responded to anything. And it's just so unfortunate. I've seen the pictures. I've seen the raccoon, the fence, the stuff coming through the fence. It's terrible. That's just my opinion. I mean, I don't know. I mean, okay, code goes in and cleans it up, and he still doesn't fix it. Ms. Al Amin stated they can ask for jail time, too, in our ordinance. Vice President Green explained the court would decide that. And again, the judge would decide that. And I would have taken him already and filed an action and had that done by now-- Ms. Al Amin said he pays a fine and [crosstalk] court. Vice President Green stated because he is totally not responding. But it's just so unfortunate. I just want the whole thing to be resolved. I think that the city is moving ahead. I think that when we look at the codes report and we see the amount of work that they're getting done and trying to fix it. It didn't happen overnight, so it's not going to all change overnight. But I think that they're making-- and headed in the right direction. So I do appreciate all the effort Roberta's done. I really do. I just wish there was someone or maybe somebody we could talk to from another place regarding that. Maybe they may have someone from the county that may have a suggestion about this situation. But I personally think that it's illegal. A judge has to fix this. Otherwise, the neighbor is going to continuously get the fine, pay the fine. Let it go out of control. Get the fine, pay the fine. If he pays the fine, what do you do? You can't do anything after that. Ms. Al Amin said he doesn't get them that often. Vice President Green replied well, maybe that's the issue. Maybe we start. I thought we were going to be fining [individually?]. Maybe we start fining [individually?]. So great. But I do appreciate all the work and all the effort. Sometimes, when it's happening directly, you don't always see what's going on or understand the effort that people are putting in. But I just want to say thank you for coming out and have a great night, be safe going home. And thank you.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin motioned to adjourn at 9:40 pm; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.