

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

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

Council Absent:

Staff Present James Logan, City Manager; Roberta Cosentino, Assistant City Manager; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor; and Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

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

President Lavender Norris announced Mrs. Hunt would not be in attendance this evening.

### **Approved Minutes**

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the October 14, 2024 meeting minutes; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Approval of Accounts Payables**

Ms. Scamuffa made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Presentation**

1. Police Officer Swearing In – Nathan Gathercole

Officer Nathan Gathercole was sworn in by the Honorable Judge Gregory Hines as his mother held the bible.

2. Flats Update – Crosby Wood

Mr. Crosby announced more recently, we've been working with a national outfit called Arco/Murray. They are a design-build firm. They founded really on industrial developments, but more notably, and for this context, they've been moving into the sports entertainment field. And they most notably have been developing most of the Topgolf facilities around the country. I think they've done about 100 of them. So in addition to Topgolf, they've done a number of other smaller kind of sports facilities, sports entertainment facilities. And so they've been really sinking their teeth into this project on the design-build of the infrastructure. So we've had many calls with them so far, introducing them to all the different partners in the project that have been with us for several years now, and a number of them are actually coming out to look at the site on Wednesday.

Secondly, we've made some advancements with our management partner, which is, the name, ASM Global. ASM Global is the leading developer manager of large arenas and conference centers worldwide. And they were recently acquired by Legends. Legends is a

firm that was started by the Steinbrenner Jones Families roughly 20 years ago. And the Legends group bought out ASM for, I think, north of 4 billion. And so we've now actually had a couple of preliminary conversations with the Legends guys, and a couple of them will be out on Wednesday as well. So ultimately, we are excited to be kind of galvanizing the important kind of development management partners. And then we'll be talking about who our local partners will be. And so we want to kind of spread the wealth and create as much access and value that we can here with this project.

The last thing I'll note-- I'll spare you. But we took the liberty of consolidating our footprint where it relates to the arena. So originally, for the first kind of rendition, we had expanded to about 245,000 square feet, which is roughly on a three-acre pad site and really maxed out the site parking lots. Considering just the challenges and tribulations of everything we've been through, we were advised to consolidate our footprint down to about 170,000 square feet, which provides some green space. And what we've done with that is, on the one side of the building that faces the bridge, we intend to construct a bidirectional turnkey stage. And what we mean by that is that an entertainment group can be standing on that stage and can be entertaining to the inside audience, or they could turn around and present or entertain a large festival/amphitheater space that will have about a one-acre of green space that will allow us to kind of enter into the indoor-outdoor market, which we believe will help with development, help with stormwater, a lot of different things, and budget, a lot of different things, but also allow us to enter into some different markets that we believe are not nearly as competitive as the kind of region-based market. So the cycling piece is firmly intact, but we, again, are driving the sports, the non-sports, and tend to make this project as impactful as we possibly can. So there are a number of other things that we are working on. We've been dialoguing with the YMCA and having some nice conversations with [Bertram?] and that leadership, and have been looking to identify some other partners that we would hope to announce later this year. So happy to answer any questions today, but we are making some progress, and we're riding it out.

Vice President Green asked the amphitheater, that is amazing. But with the consolidation and the size, what else as a part of your original design would be affected by that? Mr. Wood explained the way I kind of look at it is there were kind of three iterations as we kind of leaned in pretty heavy early on to accommodate the YMCA and also accommodating youth sports. And so we had the original arena footprint, which is where we are today. And then we added the field house. And then we added this additional little annex space all-- field house was 40 thousand, plus or minus, square feet, and then the annex was another 30. And we nixed both of those and consolidated back to basically the arena. And the way I described for everybody's benefit, the arena, many of us had the good fortune of going to a basketball game or a Flyers game at the Wells Fargo Center. That is a 20,000-- I mean, it's a huge arena, but 20,000 fixed seats in an oval configuration. Here, it's 3,000 fixed seats in an oval configuration, except now, you have this kind of high-profile 200-meter track that would go around what you would see as the hockey rink in Wells Fargo basketball court.

So that is firmly intact. But now, what we've done is we've taken one straightaway, which happens to face north towards the bridge, and that is where we kind of look to put this permanent stage. And now, the seating, while it remains the same in numbers, it's just

more configured to focus on that stage. And so it'll still have all the [spectation?] numbers that we anticipate with cycling and any sort of activities in the arena or-- sorry, in the infield, but our main goal is to make it as turnkey as possible. So when acts come in and out, they don't have to haul all the equipment that generally [crosstalk] just want to make it as simple as possible. And I also kind of envision not only how impactful or impressive it will be to perform over a Veleldrome, but also be able to - I think it's going to even more impressive - turn around and perform against that bridge and have it all backlit. I mean, that would just be-- I've always just had enormous respect for that. That bridge is a pretty amazing piece of work. Vice President Green stated well, I'm so thankful and grateful for your commitment to the project and excited to see it move forward. Mr. Wood stated It's a labor of love. Many things I get into, I don't really have the answer. But I know that it's there, and I'll go find it, and it's meant to be, and we're just going to keep grinding out and go. So we've sourced many answers, and we've got more to come. Yeah, so we're excited about it, and we're looking forward to really be a transformation that everybody has. [crosstalk]—Have a good evening

### Discussion Items

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Alliance contribution

Mr. Logan explained so this time, we receive, every year, I think three or four requests for the city's contribution for nonprofit organizations. I have one for TMACC that's on the agenda this evening, one for the library. I'll receive one for 2nd Century Alliance. 2nd Century Alliance, contribution letter's in the amount of \$3,000, I think. And I had mentioned to council, in terms of contribution, we partner with 2nd Century Alliance on a number of events and activities throughout the year. And my recommendation would be to provide them with an incoming contribution, which often changes the actual development that they requested. So I just wanted to put it out for discussion in this context.

Vice President Green explained my only concern on however we make the contribution is it troubles me, from time to time, when their events are up, the city seal is never on their events as a partner. And whether we give them \$3,000-- well, we've been giving that, but we've also provided thousands of dollars of in-kind services for every event that they have, especially the First Fridays and things like that. But when they advertise, the city seal is never on their advertisement, and that's a concern for me, that the city, in the beginning of 2nd Century being created to work with the city, we were a partner. But just from time to time, with different things that are going on, we're never listed on-- our seal was never on their events, and that's a concern for me. Well, seriously. So that seems pretty simple to me. Mr. Wood stated I was founder of 2nd Century. I don't know how that happened, but I can tell you that the city is the primary partner. If there's one partner in that 2nd Century needs [crosstalk]—Ms. Al Amin stated Yeah, that's how I feel. If you go back and look for our seal, she's right. Mr. Wood stated yeah. I'll just lie on the sword on that one. I will fix that. I mean, there's no reason that that shouldn't be the case. [inaudible]. For the record, I'll speak with however you want me to speak. I'm a board member, I'm a founder, and I'll make sure that the city seal is there. But from the very beginning, I was like, "If there's one partner that we had to choose, it's the city." If we don't have a partnership with the city, we don't have a partnership with anybody.

Vice President Green said thank you, Crosby. Thank you so much. That was simple. Mr. Wood replied I'm just here to fix everything [laughter]. Ms. Al Amin stated Yeah. And in-kind donations, Mr. Logan, what would you say that comes out to annually? More than what they're asking, right? Mr. Logan said well, yeah, I would say that-- let's just say that four First Fridays - there's five of the First Fridays - we have our police department that go out, and they block the streets. We have public works that go out. We have cleanups. Ms. Al Amin asked and there's no fee for them for that, right? That's part of our in-kind donation. Mr. Logan replied no. Ms. Al Amin said Okay. And so the fees that the merchants are charged for putting their table out, does that fee come to the city or 2nd Century? Mr. Logan explained no, it goes to 2nd Century. 2nd Century pays for the [crosstalk]—umbrella permit. But the total fee goes to 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Alliance. Ms. Al Amin said I'm okay, but we're not voting. It's just discussion. Never mind.

Ms. Turner Green explained 2nd Century Alliance, they put on really good events, and their events are typically very well attended throughout the city. So however we contribute, I think it's kind of in our best interest to do so. President Lavender Norris stated we're discussing our contribution to 2nd Century Alliance. They made a financial request. It was recommended that we do in-kind as opposed— Ms. Allen said she can agree with the in-kind. Ms. Al Amin asked so we're allowed to say whether or not we--? President Lavender Norris replied we're not voting yet, but it's a discussion. Ms. Al Amin said she would agree with the in-kind. Ms. Scamuffa stated I think, in trying to stay within the city's budget parameters and always watching, not overextending ourselves, but providing in-kind services, I think, is wonderful. I'm guessing that far exceeds the amount that they would be requesting as far as contribution. President Lavender Norris explained for me, I'm biased. I'm vice chair on the board of 2nd Century Alliance. But I also am the president here, so I'll voice my opinion from this side of the table. And I am total agreement with the in-kind because I know the cost of the services that the city has provided to this point, and the services far surmount the request. So I'm in favor of in-kind. So that's that. Vice President Green explained this is just discussion. Ms. Scamuffa asked would this have to be put down to a vote. Vice President Green replied yes, at the next meeting.

### **Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)**

There were no citizens comments on regular action items only.

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

### **Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider preliminary/final land development plan for the West Chester Booster Pump Station

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development plan for the West Chester Booster Pump Station; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-0-3. Ms. Al Amin, Ms. Scamuffa and Ms. Turner-Green abstained from the vote.

Kyle Turner, City Engineer, introduced we also have Jason Leonard and Gerald Balco. Jason is with HRG. They are an engineering design firm hired by PA-American for this

work. And then Jerry Balco is with PA American Water. So the motion is for subdivision land development approval for a booster station they're proposing. Jason, I don't know if you want to expound a little bit on the project, kind of just give some overviews. And then I can kind of run through the waivers and CEG's recommendations. [crosstalk]. (Due to technical difficulties, Kyle continued with report) Sorry to circumvent you, Jason and Jerry. So the basic overview - I don't know the technical details of why it's necessary - they're proposing to put in a booster station, an emergency backup generator in the small lot that they have up by the water tower. Associated with it, they have some stormwater improvements. We've reviewed it. We've issued our review letter. At this point, we feel that there's really nothing that's kind of holding the project back from us presenting it to council for a recommendation. I do want to run through-- they have six waivers that they've requested.

The first waiver is going to be from section 194-308 for peak rate control. In summation, they're looking to have the project classified as redevelopment, not new development. Cedarville doesn't offer any objections to it. Due to the site constraints, we understand that it's not going to be-- you're not going to be able to meet the same requirements as a new development. The project could also arguably be considered redevelopment. And from a stormwater perspective, no additional stormwater will leave the site than what is currently leaving the site. So they're not going to be creating an adverse impact. Waiver number two is from section 194-306(K)(2), which prohibits infiltration within 15 feet of building features. They're proposing an infiltration facility adjacent to the water tower. We don't have an issue with this. Typically, this isn't something that we would like to-- or we would have additional requests on this. However, we don't see any issues with the infiltration within 15 feet of the water tower in this scenario, again, just due to the site constraints. The next waiver is going to be from 194- 310(B), which requires one foot of freeboard. So when the 100-year storm happens, the ordinance requires that there's one foot between the top of the water elevation from that storm event and the top of the downstream berm. They're proposing eight inches of freeboard. Again, just given the site constraints, we don't have an objection to that. We're not retaining thousands and thousands of gallons of water. This is a small, little infiltration facility. The fourth waiver they've requested from 197-12. We are saying that it should be 197-9(H), which is basically just to combine preliminary and final. The project's classified as a major land development, which would require preliminary and final separately. Given the size of the project, we don't offer an objection to that. The fifth waiver is from landscaping. They're requesting a waiver to not provide landscaping plan or landscaping. Again, due to the limited size of the project-- or the limited site area of the project, we're not offering any objection to it. And anything that we would require to be installed would likely be torn off in the event of some kind of water service or utility service outage or workaround. I am going to put them on the spot and say that kind of our workaround solution to that is putting screening up around the fencing. They have a chain link fence put up. So in lieu of the landscaping, Cedarville's recommendation's to put up the screening around that chain link fence. The final waiver is for above-ground utilities. Existing overhead wires are already in place along Westchester Road. They're proposing to put in one new electrical pole and then to get the wires across Westchester Road, and then everything from that pole up to the site would then be under correct. So that was a lot. Any questions, comments, concerns?

Vice President Green asked if all of those would be listed in the final? Mr. Turner replied correct. So the council will be granting waivers from all of those. Vice President Green said that's what I'm saying. So this is the preliminary. Mr. Turner explained no, this is preliminary. They're presenting preliminary finals. That's it. President Lavender Norris clarified it's both preliminary and final. Mr. Jefferson clarified it is the preliminary and final. They're combining it into one step. Vice President Green asked are all of these waivers in there? Mr. Jefferson replied all of these waivers, yes.

Mr. Turner explained they've given us a letter summarizing all of these waivers, formally requesting them. They've also updated the plans within the past two weeks or so to reflect all of those [inaudible]. Ms. Al Amin said we don't have [crosstalk]—Vice President Green said they're not in here. That's what I'm saying. Ms. Scamuffa questioned that, under primary issues, the landscaping [inaudible] additional landscape is needed to screen the facility from the adjacent cemetery. What is the concern with that? Mr. Turner explained that may be poorly worded on our part. It's not necessarily the cemetery. There is an adjoining lot next door to the cemetery that does have a possibility of future development. We always kind of have to take an eye with this kind of stuff and make sure that we're protecting, if somebody were to want to build a house there right next to the water tower for some reason, that when the PA-American trucks come in, they do have some kind of screening from headlights and that kind of thing. That's where our kind of workaround, again, because of the limited site constraints was to put up the screening on that chain link fencing in lieu of landscaping. Ms. Scamuffa asked there's no effect to the cemetery, right? Mr. Turner confirmed no, there no effect in the cemetery [crosstalk].

Mr. Leonard explained -- the real [activity?] of the project is a 546-- driveway to access the site via an existing gate to the property and a 12-inch water main that goes off-site and connects to the water main within Westchester Road. The stormwater is being managed on-site by a small infiltration basin. And we have received our [pending HOP?] for the utility work and the state right-of-way. We received a zoning setback variance from the zone hearing board, and we received our erosion and sediment control advocacy letter from the conservation districts. And as Kyle mentioned, we're requesting six waivers, which I think he went over, but I couldn't really hear full-- but I'd be happy to try to answer any questions, if I can hear them from you guys. Yes. Hello. I'm Jeremy Balco of Pennsylvania American, and I'm just here with-- I'm the engineering manager for Southeast PA. And I'm just attending a meeting on behalf of PA American and with Jason as far as our Westchester Road Booster Pump Station project within the city.

Ms. Al Amin stated I'm going to abstain because I have not seen the waiver, so I cannot vote on what I have not seen. Ms. Turner-Green stated I'm going to abstain as well. I would like to see those papers. Ms. Scamuffa stated I am going to abstain as well. I'd like to see the waivers. Vice President Green asked what's the abstain? Shouldn't it just be no? Mr. Jefferson replied I can't make anyone vote. [crosstalk]-- Ms. Al Amin stated you said that we could abstain if we give the causation. Is that correct? Mr. Jefferson replied yes. Thank you. We have three abstain and three yes. So that does not pass. I believe we're dealing with a 90-day clock, which started in—August. I think we have one more meeting [crosstalk]. This is one of those recommendations again. That'll be sufficient in terms of time that we can sign off.

Vice President Green asked Rob, is there a reason why the waivers aren't included in the ordinance? In the ordinance, yeah, that you wrote up. Is there a reason why they're not in there? Mr. Jefferson answered no, you can have them. Vice President Green clarified It's not about having them. That they should be in it, that's the problem why they're not voting, because the waivers are not listed in there. Ms. Al Amin stated we haven't seen them. And we went through this with another project. Mr. Jefferson stated I can make sure that you guys get this packet. I think we're still doing it in terms of timing. This isn't a total derailment. I think it's just a bump in the road. But I will make sure that the city council gets the waiver packet that was provided by HRG. I know you have the county's review letter. I can also get you Cedarville's review letter as well. So all of this has been provided, and I have no problem sending it to you. Vice President Green clarified I don't really think it's a matter of having the packet as it is the waivers being in the ordinance or whatever we're doing here. Mr. Jefferson asked in the motion or in the--? Vice President Green replied in what we're approving, being a part of it. Ms. Al Amin said this is the final. This isn't preliminary. Vice President Green stated they should be listed in there with the waivers. Mr. Leonard clarified you're receiving and considering the preliminary [crosstalk].

President Lavender Norris asked how about if we do the preliminary and not the final so we can keep it moving so we don't surpass our expiration? Right now, you have it written as preliminary/final. How about we get rid of the final and leave it preliminary? Then you can get the waivers to them. Mr. Turner replied we would need to restart the whole process. They would have to come back in for final approval, go through planning commission for final approval. Mr. Jefferson explained I think the vote is tied. It doesn't pass. Right now, I think it's either-- I believe we're good up to the next meeting date. If it goes any further, we would get a written extension from the applicant. But I think this isn't a problem that we can't overcome. [crosstalk]. Vice President Green stated going forward, Rob, we know that that's an issue. This is the second time. President Lavender Norris stated we have to stay ahead of it. Vice President Green Just have that available because it's not going to-- people are not going to vote without the information. Mr. Jefferson stated I'll make sure that, going forward, this and all review letters get inside council's packet. President Lavender Norris to you, Kyle, was this a recommendation or no? Mr. Turner replied yes, Cedarville is recommending the plan, conditioned upon on our review letter [crosstalk].

2. Receive and consider a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending §218.7, Loading Zones, subsection C(3)(C) by deleting “Church Street, North (entire block)” from the list of school zones; and subsection C(3)(B) by adding solely 17 North Church Street to the list of passenger loading zones

Ms. Scamuffa made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending §218.7, Loading Zones, subsection C(3)(C) by deleting “Church Street, North (entire block)” from the list of school zones; and subsection C(3)(B) by adding solely 17 North Church Street to the list of passenger loading zones; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Receive and consider to a approve a Resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (America250PA)

Ms. Allen made a motion to approve a Resolution supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (America250PA); Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Cosentino announced the Chester County Planning Commission has been part of planning for America 250 for many years now. And we have our own historical commission in the city here as well who has been involved. One of our historical commission members is here today, Lisa Doan Harley. She is actually going to be serving on the America 250 committee, which we're very happy with. We just last week had a meeting with the Chester County Planning Commission with-- what's his name? David Blackburn came, as well as a couple other folks in our historical commission. We had a great meeting to talk about some ways that we can work together moving forward. The Chester County Planning Commission forwarded this resolution to us asking if we could adopt it. Apparently, 43 out of-- I'm sorry, 45 out of the county's 73 municipalities have also adopted this resolution supporting America 250. And there's some information about the committee in your packets as well. Lisa, did you want to add anything? Ms. Doan-Harley explained by becoming part of America 250 for Chester County, they have websites which you would be able to post anything that the city was doing for free. We're also working on networking with other municipalities so that they may have a good idea [that we're?] like, "Hey, wait a minute. We could just tweak that a little bit, and we can make this fit Coatesville," so you don't have to reinvent the wheel. It is a never-ending project. In '26, the United States will turn 250 years old. But this program is set to go on into '27, '28, '29, '30, with heightening the awareness of tourism to different areas. They have a heritage kiosk which they really want to be placed somewhere in Coatesville area, either the Iron Steel Heritage Museum or [inaudible] other places. Especially as [Mr. Wood's?] project takes off, we're going to have an influx. And so by laying the groundwork now, I think it would be very advantageous to the city. And all it takes is saying, "Yeah, we'll listen to what you have to say." And then there will be a contingency that will come out and present to the board and answer any questions, kind of like tell you. I didn't bring a packet with me tonight, but there's all sorts of handouts. There's a plethora of things on the website. Fridays, they have noon Zoom sessions that anyone in the county can watch. And so you get all sorts of information.

4. Receive and consider a motion to amend Employee Handbook – Holiday section to change Christmas Eve from half day vacation to full day for non-union employees to coincide with AFSCME employees.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to amend the amend Employee Handbook – Holiday section to change Christmas Eve from half day vacation to full day for non-union employees to coincide with AFSCME employees; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider a motion to approve a contribution to TMACC in the amount of \$5,000.00

Ms. Allen made a motion to approve a contribution to TMACC in the amount of \$5,000.00; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Receive and consider a motion to appoint Jean Pulinka to the Historical Commission for the term 2024-2026.



Ms. Scamuffa made a motion to appoint Jean Pulinka to the Historical Commission for the term 2024-2026; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close action items only; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

## Reports

### 1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council. Since council's last meeting, I've communicated extensively with all parties regarding the Flats closing and the issues associated with it; provided comments on the revised River Walk Easement; communicated with the Treasury County District Attorney's Office regarding the Summary appeal; communicated with Land Services regarding the conveyance of a property to the city; communicated and continued to communicate with outside council regarding certain litigation matters; and communicated and continued to communicate with other developers' attorneys regarding several land development matters.

### 2. City Manager

Mr. Logan wished everyone a good evening. I do not have a report this evening.

### 3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino present Council with her report. Again, the city would like to welcome any Spanish speakers and other non-English speakers that need assistance with city matters to contact the city as needed, either in person, on the phone, or via our website. We want everyone to be able to share their questions and concerns. [foreign].

To begin, just a couple updates about our public works department. Public works has been preparing the fleet of vehicles for the winter, checking snow plows, checking tires, checking fluids, everything that's needed to prepare for winter. Also doing some repairs on salt centers as well, if they needed repair, so that we are ready in case of snow. They're also removing the yard waste every other Wednesday. So a reminder for anyone who has a lot of leaves or tree branches and whatnot on their property, yard waste is being picked up. I'm sorry. The sweeper truck was down twice in the past month due to a bad fuel pump. And fairly soon, we will be closing down the sweeper truck as soon as we reach below freezing temperatures consistently.

Also, I'll note that work on Harlan Drive began today to repair the sinkhole. We have [inaudible] out there. We expect the work to take just a couple of days, and they will be reviewing over that when they're complete. Eagle Disposal last week reported a change in driver, which caused some service disruptions throughout the city. I'd just like to encourage residents and property owners to contact the city if your trash or recycling is not being picked up. We are still taking those calls, and we report back to Eagle on a daily basis with anything that's been missed.

Also, we do have a few things coming up in the next couple of weeks that we'd love additional participation with. Litter Lifters, 2nd Century Alliance, and the city are coordinating another cleanup on November 9th. This will be along Route 82 and also on

Lincoln Highway. Volunteers can sign up for the 2nd Century Alliance website. And I think the start time is pretty early in the morning, but it'll be a brisk fall morning to make that walk. Also, on November 7th, next week, so next Thursday here in council chambers, we'll be screening the trailer for Invisible No More. This is a film that was created by [inaudible] Justice System. And with the leadership of professionals in film production, photography, and sound, they are sharing their story with the trailer. And then afterwards, there will be a discussion. It's at 6 o'clock next Thursday here in council chambers. It's called Invisible No More. Also, last but certainly not least, I just wanted to let council know that the city continues to work on many housing-related issues in the city, including some reported issues at Regency Park Apartments and some others. And we continue to work with the property managers there to ensure that the inspections that are needed are up-to-date and repairs are being made. And that concludes my report.

Mr. Logan stated Council, before we move on. There was an ordinance. We received it from the county, and I think we posted this on the website. But there is a county-wide ordinance that was put out last week for a 30 day burn ban. This is in reference to open fire [crosstalk]. I think because it's a very, very dry state right now. So just for the public, no open fires are allowed in the City of Coatesville, or burning. Thank you

4. Public Affairs

Mr. Miles wished everyone a good evening. I'm a little under the weather right now. I just came out of class. But there is a lot of different projects that's wrapping up in the city right now. [inaudible]. So much good, healthy projects coming into the city that I've been working on, primarily the ACE Economic Forum coming up this Friday. I'm not sure if you covered that yet, Mr. Williams. But that is going in such a positive direction. So far, I'm not sure if [we shut it down?] yet, but we have close to 130 attendees coming to the forum on Friday, November 1st, starting at 7:30 PM-- Other than that - excuse me - other projects I've been talking to, I know there's been a lot of maintenance issues for the website that needs fixed. I've been talking to Dwayne Halliger, who is the developer for our website. He's been making changes behind the scenes, but he didn't make it public yet. But I'm going to sit with the city managers to get their opinion on it as well. If any of you have feedback, you can go to the pages and check it out. Another project, and I have Ms. Lisa Doan Harley from the Historic Commission. We had some folks from the Chester County Historic Preservation that were coming, a very historic meeting [inaudible] coming to the city. This was last Tuesday? Yes. Last Tuesday. We came together and spoke on a lot of the historic projects that we had rolling plans moving forward. And such a great convening. It was David Blackburn, and what was the other [general?]--? And Jim Buczala. He is with the Chester County Historic Preservation Network. Yeah. So a lot of good things ramping up for our historic commission. We have very, very good projects coming with that. Other than that, we're hitting the ground running with this ACE Forum. I got the booklet done. I'm excited for it. And I hope all of you can be in attendance. As of right now, that's all I have for you.

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

There were no citizens comments on non-agenda items at this time.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

### **Council Comments**

Ms. Scamuffa wished everyone a good evening. Thank you for coming out. I hope you have a safe trip home. Keep warm. Get the blankets out, except the end of the week. You might want to get your shorts back out. It's supposed to warm up again. God bless. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin stated I'm just going to say thank you all for coming and have a good night. We're under pressure tonight because, this one here, it's Monday Night Football.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming out. Get home safely. Good night.

Ms. Turner-Green thanked everyone for coming. Happy Holidays.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. I had the pleasure of attending the law enforcement ceremonies yesterday, which were very, very nice. We didn't have any representation until the very end, but it was a nice-- it was a nice service acknowledging law enforcement and emergency first responders. That's great. That's it for me.

President Lavender Norris stated I am so blessed to be here. And thank you to all our staff and my colleagues for the work that's being done. You're greatly appreciated. I thank you so much. And yes, it is Monday Night Football, the Giants and the Steelers, and I'm on my way to see them. With that being said, God bless you all. Have a safe night. And if it be God's will, we'll see you at our next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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