



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday November 25, 2024

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; Jessica Arthur, Finance Manager; 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.

Approved Minutes

Vice President Green motioned to approve the November 12, 2024 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1. Ms. Al Amin abstained from the vote due to her absence.

Approval of Accounts Payables

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

Presentation

1. Fire Department Awards

Chief Dobson thanked Council, for allowing us to be here tonight. We have several awards to be given. This is Firefighter Tim Peters. He'll assist me. So on Monday, September 30th, Alex Adler and Pedro Sevilla, the survey crew chiefs working for Dogwood Engineering were on the Route 30 bypass doing work for PennDOT. They noticed a car over the guardrail. They went down the hill, found a victim there that was trying to crawl out of the vehicle. They gave aid to them. They called 911 to activate the fire department and EMS. Their company contacted us and said one of their first core values is, "Be safe always," for their team members and citizens that they work for to work together on important projects, being the Route 30 bypass and assisting the fire department in locating the victim. The city of Coatesville recognizes both of these individuals for their actions. They saved the accident victim from further harm. We'd like to bring both of them up now, Alex Adler and Pedro Sevilla. [applause]

Next, we'd like to call Firefighter Mike McMahon up to the podium. So on the same day, the Coatesville Fire Department was alerted to an auto accident. The Route 30 bypass of Route 82 where a vehicle went over the guardrail and approximately 75 feet down in the bank. Coatesville Fire Department ladder with Firefighter Barrett and Firefighter Peters, The Coatesville Fire Department engine with Firefighter McMahon arrived to find a vehicle down a steep embankment. Firefighter Barrett, along with EMS scaled down the embankment, made contact with the patient. But upon making contact, they determined that he had severe injuries and required the patient to be packaged at the bottom of the hill. It was also learned that the patient was involved in the accident the prior day and had been sitting there all night

long until the next day. It was clear that the incident would become a low-angle technical rescue, and a method to extricate the patient was established. Firefighter Mike McMahon took the lead role in the rescue operation and developed a strategy that would use a rope and rigging system to remove the patient from the ravine and up the steep grade safely and effectively. Firefighter McMahon set up the mechanical advantage system and performed both perfectly and flawlessly on this incident. Firefighter McMahon's training, experience, and expertise in technical rescue had a positive impact on this incident that should not go unrecognized. This award was recommended by Firefighter Brian Barrett and Firefighter Tim Peters.

And the final one. Probably wondering why all the people are in the background. So in the same incident, on the same day, the technical rescue on the Route 30 bypass of Route 82, all the firefighters from Coatesville: Firefighter Peters, Firefighter McMahon, Firefighter Barrett, along with the Coatesville VA firefighters - we'll call them up here - also part of our department, Firefighter Craig Patton, come forward. Washington Hose Company, EMS, EMT Kristina Warner, EMS supervisor Dave Wallace, come forward. Also, EMT Justin Carroll could not be here tonight. The Coatesville Veterans Hospital Fire Department personnel, Assistant Chief Tim Gathercole, could not be here tonight. Firefighter Jason Tankred, Firefighter Kyle Vaughn, Firefighter Charlie Secara, with the Westwood Fire Company, Fire Chief Mike McWilliams, and paramedic Jake Barnes, who also could not be here tonight. So under the direction of Coatesville Firefighter Mike McMahon, the on-scene personnel rigged a rope system to haul the patient up the embankment. It is not something that is done very often. It's very technical. For that example, the direct and immediate actions of these firefighter EMTs saved this person's life. Operating a steep incline, these firefighters worked as a team without consideration for their own personal safety in order to save a life, acting to the highest provisions of the Fire Service and the City of Coatesville Bureau of Fire. [applause] [inaudible] everybody up there.

2. Women Destined for Change

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening, fellow council persons, City Manager, Assistant Manager, and Chief Laufer and Ruthann. Good evening. I first want to thank you for the opportunity to stand in front of you concerning a passion that is near and dear to my heart via the Coatesville Memorial Community Center. There are many phases and facets to the dynamics of community outreach which evolves around and through the access of a viable community center. Thus, brings me to my present interest in the former Coatesville Memorial Community Center and why I strongly believe that Women Destined for Change can be a vehicle which the rebirth of such facility can be beneficial to reaching an ongoing need that faces our youth, adults, and seniors. Please allow me a moment to share with you some of my vision and programs that I seek for the very near future. Also, be mindful that as I speak to you tonight and I will mention some organizations, please know that I have engaged in conversation with each of them, as well as they've asked me some major questions I've asked them. But one of the questions that's always common is where are you located? And right now, my response is the Emmett Golden Hunt Memorial Chapel, 427 East Lincoln Highway.

Thus, I am vigorously looking for a permanent place for Women Destined for Change to carry out the vision and the mission that has been given to us. Often times when we speak of a community center, the first thing that comes to mind is sports. I beg to differ a little in saying, yes, sports are very important and they're fun. I have been a team mom for football,

baseball, basketball, and cheerleading. I am well aware of the importance of sports. However, education, preparedness, and readiness is a far more benefit to the life of progression. Thus, I want to present an all-around approach to the usage of the Coatesville Memorial Community Center. I have been in meaningful conversations with the Boys and Girls Club of America and have earned their attention in sitting down for a formal meeting in the first quarter of 2025. I have also engaged with conversation with the Boys and Girl Scouts of America, and I have been accepted to be a troop leader for this organization. However, a major interest has been in college preparedness for our youth. I have had conversations with Lincoln University, Cheyney University, Immaculata College, and the Reading Community College. They all have an interest in a satellite facility here in Coatesville.

The implementation of No Child Left Behind, that clause in many ways has been detrimental to our community as we have high school graduates that cannot navigate the English language, thus, sets them back on passing prerequisites for college such as SATs. Women Destined for Change can provide a safe, well-prepared environment for these young people. I have been engaged in conversation with the Study Hall International. When we are approved for a facility and have our own base, they will come and set up our facility with computers and printers for students to come and work. I have also been able to talk with two different people that are major grant writers, that's willing to help us with staffing, funding for staffing so that we can have a five-day-a-week, 9:00 to 5:00 collaboration at the community center, which would involve classes for our students, senior classes, as there are so many seniors in our community that did not graduate high school. They do not have a GED, but they want that. And I believe that through these programs that we are presenting, we will be able to offer that. And that can be done through our community center. Yes, I do have the inspiration to extend the community center, to go vertical, to put in a formal gym, to revitalize the basketball court so that it can be used for an all-around safe haven for the youth as well as the adults and seniors in our community.

I have put together a video. It's just some pictures to show you some of the activities that Women Destined for Change have done through being located at the Emmett Golden Hunt Memorial Chapel. We have engaged in workshops that are meaningful to women, men, and children. You can start [crosstalk]. We have engaged with feeding during the COVID pandemic. The third weekend of every month was designated to feeding hot meals on Thursday, and clothing and giving away household items on Saturday. It was not only a time where we were out there, but we were helping. And I'm always reminded of this [inaudible]. She had a job interview on Monday. No, she was starting her new job on Monday. And she did not have any clothes to wear other than what she had on her body. And these ladies behind me took her from rack to rack and dressed her, and she had clothing for a couple of weeks. And she did send us a letter thanking us. And I'm sharing that with you just to say that we have been in existence for 10 years. And my husband allowed us to transform the funeral home into the toy store at Christmas. As you see, those are some of the youth classes that take place during our workshops.

So I'm asking you not as a council person. I'm not asking you as my colleague. I'm not asking you to consider Carrie Arvilla Hunt for this project, but I am asking you to consider Women Destined for Change and what we can continue to do for the community if we have a place that we can call our home. So tonight, as I close-- and yes, I did say that we are approved to submit our grants. We are a 501(c)(3). That took place in August, I believe. It was August we

became-- maybe a little bit-- but we became a 501(c) (3). So again, council members, I'm going to close with this. And I ask that you please consider what Women Destined for Change have done over the 10 years and what we will continue to do if we are the next owners of the Coatesville Memorial Community Center. Thank you. [applause] Thank you so much.

President Lavender Norris stated I didn't see any pictures of your ministry with the young men, up and down. Mrs. Hunt explained oh, yeah. We're not allowed to take pictures for that because of their confinement. But every year for the last three years, we hold a Christmas dinner for the group Home Concern. And our council president and our vice president has been helping us and either been there or donated in some kind of way. And again, we will be doing that again this year on the 19th of December. We furnish them. They give us a list of their wishes. And this year we have 20. We had 18. They just gave me two more. So there will be 20 young men. And each of us take one of their names and we provide them with everything on the list. We have help from community members and different organizations. DJ Mandre, he donates his time. We have a dinner. We have a Christmas tree. And it's something that they don't normally have. So again, that is something we will do, but we're not allowed to have pictures for that.

3. Train Station

Mr. Logan announced he just wanted to share with you a few updates on the train station. Normally, the PennDOT representatives are here to do this for you. They were unable to attend tonight. Oh, there you go. In your packets, you will have a short PowerPoint on some of the key updates. You can advance to the next slide. Station's under construction currently with a completion date of Q4 of 2025, which we're very excited about. Next.

So, if you to go to-- let's see. I think that's the third page where it says Southside Platform with corbels installed. So, as you can see, we're making tremendous progress for Michael Baker. They're making tremendous progress on it. The support rails are in. As you all know, there's been work on south side upper wall ramp and stairway area as well. On the south side of the upper wall, the ramp and the stairway are almost completed. I think last week we might have even seen some of the elevator on the south wall going up. You can see there, the south elevator steel tower, the erection right there. You notice that they are doing work in the evening. That was one of the requests and pretty much an update for you all to know, that they would be doing some night work in order to stay on schedule. The floor for the south elevator and stair tower, they are currently working on that as well. And as you can see, the sheet tower equipment on the north side, where on the north side, we'll have not only a new sidewalk that will be part of the exits of your train heading westbound but that entire street [inaudible] will be improved as well. The north side sheet model elevation adjustments are being made. And again, I mentioned the work on West Coates Street pavement repairs are continuing to be done.

The last page of the presentation is upcoming construction activities. This is a six-month outlook. As you can see, 52% of the project is completed. They have final alignment of south platform panels, south stairway and ramps, caissons on north side and the north side foundations are going to be put in. And then the framing of the south elevator tower of the southbound elevator tower as well. So, a lot of work to look forward to. Hopefully, the weather will kind of hold out until these guys can complete that. But they are making

tremendous progress. We haven't had any major hiccups. Roberta had reported that there was a sinkhole over there a couple of months ago. That has been repaired, and we continue to move forward with our agenda. That's all I have for you on the train station.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items at this time.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were not citizens comments at this time.

Vice President Green motioned to close citizens hearings on regular action items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion for second reading and adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to reacquire the property located at 99 North 9th Avenue, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania, (UPI No. 16-6-307), from the Coatesville Youth Initiative, a Pennsylvania Non-Profit Corporation, for a sale price of ten dollars

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2. Receive and consider a motion for second reading and adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to acquire 97 South First Avenue (UPI No. 16-5-271), 48 Maple Avenue (UPI No. 16-5-298) and 76 Maple Avenue (UPI No. 16-5-302) from Cleveland-Cliffs Plate, LLC, for the sale price of ten dollars

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve second reading and adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to acquire 97 South First Avenue (UPI No. 16-5-271), 48 Maple Avenue (UPI No. 16-5-298) and 76 Maple Avenue (UPI No. 16-5-302) from Cleveland-Cliffs Plate, LLC, for the sale price of ten dollars; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan stated councilwoman and members of City Council, we have Shelly Hoffman, who is with the Public Relations and Government Affairs for Cleveland-Cliffs. Shelley has been very instrumental in helping the City of Coatesville acquire each of the three parcels that are on the south side of Maple and one on the north side of Maple. Shelley would like to kind of say a few words. Ms. Hoffman thanked everyone. I just want to wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving. I'm glad this deal is near completion, and there will be more to come on what the why is behind it. Cleveland-Cliffs is the-- Cleveland-Cliffs is the presenting sponsor of the Coatesville Christmas Parade, and we are also the Grand Marshals this year.

3. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing submission of a Stated Wide Local Share Account (SLSA) Grant application to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority

Mrs. Hunt motioned to approve a Resolution authorizing submission of a Stated Wide Local Share Account (SLSA) Grant application to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan explained this is just part of a series of grant applications that we submit to the state on behalf of capital improvements in the City of Coatesville, as well as equipment. These funds will go towards the purchase of the fire apparatus. We had received grants earlier in the year and a couple of years ago to apply to a total amount of \$3.1 million on that [inaudible]. So again, we're trying to get closer to the dollar amount that reduces the amount that we want to finance. And we are heading in the right direction. So we hope that this application for \$1 million will come back positive soon and apply it to our current funding. And they're due next week.

4. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution Amending the City of Coatesville Master Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2025

Vice President Green motioned to approve a Resolution Amending the City of Coatesville Master Fee Schedule effective January 1, 2025; Ms. Scamuffa seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Receive and consider a motion to approve DelVacchio agreement for Christmas decorations

Ms. Al Amin motioned to approve DelVacchio agreement for Christmas decorations; Ms. Turner-Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Al Amin made motioned to close action items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Ms. Cosentino read the Solicitor report. Mr. Jefferson communicated and continues to communicate with outside counsel regarding land development matters; advertised two ordinances for consideration this evening; attended a hearing on behalf of Coatesville Police Department on November 25th, 2024; communicated with outside counsel regarding two very active litigation matters; communicated with JMT regarding the Ash Park Project; communicated with Michael Rowan, Esquire regarding the Millview Basin Project; communicated with Joseph Giuliano, Esquire regarding a litigation matter; mailed and emailed the required 15-day letter to Kelly Kowalski, EIT, Engineering Project Manager with Pennsylvania American Water, and Jason Leonard with Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc; communicated with Louis Kodumal, Esquire regarding city-owned property; provided an opinion regarding contracting and bidding, and he communicated with Michael Field, Esquire regarding a liquor license transfer.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan wished everyone a good evening, Council. During the executive meeting, I provided updates and comments on the city of Coatesville real estate matters and personnel matters. Just a few items. As I mentioned, the City of Coatesville submitted an application that is due next week for a fire apparatus with support. As we always reach out to our local neighbors, so we received a letter of support from the RDA from Senator Comitta's office, Representative Dan Williams' office, Commissioner's office, and Senator Casey's office to

support these efforts. I also provided you all with a train station update this evening, which is in your packet. Last week, I met with the streetscape design team. That design team is JMT. JMT is also part of the design team for Ash Park Project. We will be working on design work starting in 2025. We're currently going through the PCMS portals to get all of the documentation and necessary paperwork prepared for 2025 start. On Tuesday, tomorrow evening, I will be a host on City Town Talk, providing the audience there and those who will be tuning in updates on the city. A lot of the information that we'll be sharing with them is from our ACE Forum booklet that you all have a copy of. It's an opportunity to just inform the city of Coatesville of what's been going on, what our future vision is. And that will start at 10 o'clock on Tuesday.

The last item I have is beginning January 9th and 23rd, the city of Coatesville, myself, and Vincent Miles, who will kick off Bringing Back Brotherhood for the year. It is our hope that we'll get more men involved in this particular program. As I mentioned to counsel, Bringing Back Brotherhood is not a formal group of men that come together. It's just men that care about some of our young boys and young men on the street. We meet and we fellowship with them one night. And then on the second Thursday, we meet just with the older gentleman, and we fellowship amongst ourselves. This year, we will be-- excuse me next year, we will be taking students out on tours at the various companies throughout this region. A lot of young people don't know the number of companies that are here in Chester County, right in their backyard, from Bentley Systems to Vanguard to KGM to CPI. So we are going to, and we have already reached out to a number of those companies, to see if we can take some of these young men over there. So that will be kicking off in January. And I think the police department, if I'm not mistaken, you guys are going to continue your youth program, the YAP program?

And so we have a lot of good things going on for the City of Coatesville moving forward, and certainly development is one of our key things. In addition to that, we are making some headway with Delco Community College on the Trades Initiative. So we had a great opportunity to speak to them at the ACE Forum. They're very interested in partnering with some of our companies to implement a trades program that will pay for adults as well as our youth here [inaudible]. And that concludes my report for this evening.

3. Assistant City Manager

Ms. Cosentino thanked Madam President. To begin, the city would like to welcome any Spanish speakers and other non-English speakers that need assistance in city matters to contact the city as needed, either in person, on phone, or via our website. We want everyone to be able to share their questions and concerns. [foreign]. I have a few updates for Council tonight. To begin, the Ash Park Project. Currently, the plans are being reviewed internally and by the CCNR. And we are expected to advertise on Pennbid for the end of December, which means that we should have a recommendation to Council by the end of January for the construction company. And we should see construction the better part of 2025. And the current schedule has most of the construction be completed by the fall of 2025. In order to stick to that intended construction schedule, we have put on order the restroom and [inaudible] facilities, which will be funded with the DCNR funding for the project.

Additionally, you've been hearing updates about Gibbons Run, and I think we gave you some updates about the sensors and how they have been delayed. Two sensors had been installed in

October, and the final-- no, I'm sorry. The two sensors have been installed in November, and the final sensor is being installed on December 10th. And that is when Cedarville will be able to begin monitoring any rain events for the Gibbons Run flood study. Also, you may have noticed over the weekend there were some more trash bags along the 82. The folks who've been organizing those cleanups decided to go back out one more time because they hadn't completely finished. So just to let you know why those were out there on Route 82 again, hopefully, PennDOT will be picking those up shortly. But the police department did help with putting out the Litter Crew Ahead signs again. So thank you very much, Chief and Lieutenant Ollis. And overall, we're hoping to continue those cleanups next year, so we'll continue to use those signs.

The repair and replacement of 20 stormwater inlets have been fully surveyed and designed by Carroll Engineering. That bid package has been put together, and we are ready to put that project out to bid. As you just approved the 2025 master fee schedule, just to give you a few updates on that, as you saw, there weren't too many changes for 2025. A lot of it was clarifications on language, aligning fee structures so that residential and commercial were similar or made sense. The two biggest fee changes are the solid-based fee, per our contract, had to go up to \$425 for 2025. That was the expected change, again, per our solid waste contract. The other major change that affects the workings of our department and specifically for property owners that rent their properties is our inspection fee has gone up. But with that increase in the fee, we are including one reinspection with every inspection of a rental property. This will have a few different effects, one of them being that it'll make the scheduling process much easier, administratively. Also, property owners won't have to pay twice for an inspection. Sometimes the reinspection might be for one or two things. And so sometimes property owners struggle with the second payment and need to do that. But again, most importantly, because of some of the internal changes we're making, we're going to be able to streamline the process of getting these inspections completed in a timely manner.

And last but not least, we mentioned that the City Planning Commission met last week in a special meeting, and on the agenda was the NSEC sports arena, and they'll be recommending it to Council. It should be on the December 9th agenda for Council. I'm sorry, one last thing, just from our Public Works Department. They continue to do our bi-weekly pickups of yard waste. So please put out your yard waste in lawn bags, preferably. But they do have the leaf pickup at the front of the properties as well. They're also helping to prepare for the holidays and winterizing vehicles, preparing for winter, preparing for snowfall. Luckily, last week's snowfall didn't accumulate here, but they are getting busy with that. Yard waste is picked up every two weeks on the Wednesday. And if you do want yard waste to be picked up, just call Barbara at our front desk. She picks up the general phone and she'll add your address to the list for pickup. Ms. Allen asked about picking up bulk items. How would someone get that? Did they call in or come in? Ms. Cosentino explained they pick up bulk items, all residents can put out one item per week. If they don't pick it up, let Barbara know. And if it's a mattress and it's not being picked up, it does need to be wrapped. Okay. Okay. That should be done.

4. Finance Department

Ms. Arthur wished everyone a good evening, Council. In your package, you will find the Circle Square report that we are all familiar with. For the month of October, I would like to note that we are starting to see the effects of the Codes Department's efforts with favorable

numbers to the budget in a couple of areas they have been targeting. As we are nearing the year-end, we are right on track to finish the year out as projected. I also want to do a quick note as a reminder that Monday night, December 2nd at 6:30, is the budget public hearing. That is all of my report.

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

Good evening. I'll be much faster than three minutes, I promise. Evening, members of Council and the members of the public. I just want to provide an Advanced Life Support update for the month of October. We had 141 total responses in Coatesville city, 103 from our station on Valley Road, and 38 from our station in Wagontown. They were 105 medical incidents, 7 fall victims, 6 vehicle accidents, 6 overdoses, 4 cardiac arrests, 4 injured persons, 3 assaults, 3 stabbings, 1 standby for fire, 1 shooting, and 1 EMS standby. Year to date, so far, we've had 1,401 calls into the city. I just want to thank the council for acknowledging our chief and our paramedic who were involved in that incident and all the other firefighters that were involved. I think it's very important that we recognize the jobs that these guys do every day. As I've said before, we come here and we do acknowledge these highlighted incidents, but there's obviously incidents that happen every single day here that change lives, so we appreciate the Council's support. Happy to answer any questions you guys have. Happy Thanksgiving, everybody.

Ms. Al Amin motioned to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

Ms. Allen announced we do have one special event. We have the Christmas parade. Mr. Logan announced all events are on the City's calendar.

Council Comments

Ms. Scamuffa thanked those of you who remained with us this evening. Thanks for coming out and sticking with us. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. And we will see you again. Second Monday of December for the last meeting of the year. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. And for those that celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope you enjoy the food and the time with your family. And those that don't, I hope you enjoy your day off. And safe travels home to everybody. Have a good night.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming out. Thank you. God bless you. Have a good, safe night home.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. Again, I want to thank you all for spending the evening with us, and we wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving. As always, thank you to our great staff. As always, it's good being my colleagues. Have a good evening. Thank you.

Ms. Turner-Green thanked everyone for coming out, and have a great holiday.

Vice President Green thanked all the firefighters, Dave Wallace for all that you guys do and just putting the needs of others. I mean, I know that that's your job, but just going over and beyond and saving someone's life and being there. I just thank you guys for that. Same thing with our police

department. Sometimes we have to slow it down and just pay attention to what you do on a daily basis, which we had the opportunity to see today. And we'll definitely be keeping you guys in prayer. And just the residents, period, that Bringing Back Brotherhood and other organizations can-- we have a lot of young people in our cities that are really struggling with so many different things. Whether it's mental health, a lack of guidance, whatever it may be, it's a lot. And I thank you guys for what you do and the trainings that you have to be able to deal with it and deal with it in the manner in which you do. So I thank you for that. Ms. Hunt, I appreciated your organization coming forward today and the presentation that you made. I think that Women Destined for Change has shown themselves in our community quite well. And your mission and your vision is just honorable. I think that it's something that needs to be cared about. So I appreciate all that you do. I wish everyone to have a beautiful, thankful Thanksgiving. Even if you don't celebrate, we still have to take time to be thankful for the things that we are blessed with, the things that we're able to do, and some of the things that we cannot do. But just have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your day.

President Lavender Norris thanked all my colleagues, staff, to our residents. I just want to say I give thanks with a grateful heart for all the service that our emergency service people provide. We don't get to see you in action, but we see the results of it. So thank you. Please continue to be safe. God bless you all. And have a blessed evening, a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy your families. And may God continue to keep you.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.