

Minutes
City of Coatesville
Via – Virtual Meeting via Zoom and You Tube – COVID 19
Monday, August 24, 2020



Council Present: President Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Ms. Khadijah Al Amin, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Ms. Nydea Graves, Mr. Donald Folks
Council Absent: Mr. Edward Simpson.
Staff Present James Logan, City Manager; Anthony Verwey, Solicitor; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Richard Troutman, Finance Director and Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary.

President Lavender- Norris announced an executive session was held on prior to the regular meeting regarding personnel, real estate and legal matters.

Approved Minutes

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the August 10, 2020 meeting minutes; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to add discussion item 6) Legislation on City Council to look at backgrounds prior to hiring and Action item 7) Receive and consider promoting James Logan, as City Manager; Vice President Green seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Coatesville Area School Superintendent – Tomas Hanna

Mr. Hannah introduced himself. He has been the superintendent here for the Coatesville Area School District for tow months. He has been in education for 31 years. A question most heard is why Coatesville? Just hearing some of the conversation this evening, that the passion that you all demonstrate for your City, our City, the passion heard from our parents, the passion heard from our students, is something that's a heck of a building block. Coatesville Area School District is one that over the last number of years has been distressed financially and academically. There is work to do, but folks he has met over the last month and a half doing this work really want to get this work right, and want to push it forward.

Engaging in an entry plan, has given an opportunity to meet with parents who are PTs. The first goal, which is to sort of engage in development as a leader, is what could a plan look like that everyone will agree to is important for the young people of this school district to move forward. The second goal is to begin an analysis of what's happening in our classrooms. Well, first of all, what's happening in our schools. What's the student experience in our classrooms? Academically, how are we doing? What does our curriculum look like right now? There are a series of programs and there's a desire to have curriculum so that we can do much better by our students. But number two, in addition to what's happening in the classroom, what school climate and culture look and feel like in our buildings. Disciplines is part of the issue and need to learn more about that and try to figure out what that looks like. One of the questions asked in our buildings is what's the, how

do students speak to students? How do adults engage adults? You can walk into a building and get a sense of like what the culture is, right. You can tell how is it that young people are, are feeling in a building, adults and things of that sort. I want to take a look at what that, what that looks like as well. And you can't do one and then not do the other right. You've got to do both.

You've got to figure out what's the climate of the building, so there is a sense of what teaching and learning needs to happen as well. The last goal is pretty basic. It's to take a look at the financial health of this district. Over the last five to seven years, we've lost thousands of students who have chosen to opt out of our schools, and we've got to do something to turn that around. There are lines of the work to try and get the financial health back in our district. Dr. Dunlap, who was the interim superintendent, and this board did a lot of work around making cuts and delivering a zero-tax budget tax increase budget with which folks really appreciated. We have to reverse the Exodus of our students to charter schools. The other thing is that there's something to be said to learn from charter school. So, part of that work is asking families and young people, why they opt it out? What did you opt into and what might we learn from that? One of our charters teaches languages in the kindergarten, they're teaching robotics in kindergarten. We should be able to do that.

We are actually looking to see the extent to which we can bring back our students with disabilities, where we can socially distance responsibly so that these young people can get back into schools. And we can begin working with them as well. From that perspective, that's a piece of work that you may hear we're doing, we've reached out to parents, we've reached out to teachers so that we can start, we can serve our young people. I look forward to the partnership.

2. DEPG Presentation and Update – Mr. DePetris Jim, Michael, Steven and David DePetris, Mark Kaplan, Mike Kissinger (Pennoni) and Gary (TN Ward).

Mr. DePetris announced he is enthused to be working with Mr. Logan as the new City Manager. Mr. Logan will be holding a special meeting on site to review a lot of the construction matters.

Mr. DePetris announced Verizon mobilized for the manhole repair and completed it today. That was one key element needed to regrade and repave Diamond Street. They are laying down conduit from the center of 1st Avenue to the future building and a scheduled to finish August 28th and TN Ward is set to mobilize on August 31st and the regarding and repaving should be completed by October 13th.

PECO is a very challenging subject and we all need to strategize on this together regarding the South side streetscape. It goes back to February 18th, when a meeting was held at state representative Dan Williams office with representatives from the City, Cedarville, DEPG, our team of engineers, and PECO. It was stated that DEPG would do the extra excavation needed to relocate the electric line, and then, PECO agreed to provide the conduit, which we would lay down and then PECO would then pull the electrical line, and make whatever determination to complete the relocation of the electric lines. It was discussed that their design plans would take approximately two weeks. It has been at least five months and we have exhausted our attempts to get a status of where those design drawings are. We can't move our portion of the project forward. We can't price the work until we get those design drawings. We are trying to bring all forces together to try to get these design drawings so that we can move the South side street scape forward. It is very disheartening on lack of attention from PECO for the City of Coatesville. Mr. Kaplan asked to the City to help and get involved with getting PECO to move on the project/design drawings. Mr. DePetris stated that the City and Representatives office have been assisting DEPG with PECO. Mr. Kissinger stated he believes PECO is experiencing the same issues with COVID and are understaffed. They have also been working on issues from the recent

storms. Mr. DePetris stated that they were doing everything possible and reaching out, we've exhausted our attempts to try to deal with PECO. Mr. Logan's idea was to bring in all parties together for an onsite meeting, which, is an excellent idea to go over the project and the construction schedule and any impasses that we face to work to the betterment and get the project completed. That's what everyone wants to achieve to complete the project. DEPG wants to fulfill that obligation. An escrow payment was made today. We are going to have a meeting with Mr. Logan to discuss procedure going forward on all fees being charged. DEPG is a hard-working small company, trying to do good things and work with the City to make something good happen. Good news is that we did sign a letter of intent with the new prosper bank, formerly Coatesville savings. They want to take 8,000 square feet on two levels at the corner. So that's a very positive thing. We had a good meeting with a prospect that Sonia Huntzinger brought forward. We are looking to move forward with the phase three project. Tomorrow, we're having a meeting tomorrow with a bank, and we hope to merge these two projects because right now to get financing for Arooga's is probably an impossibility unless we merge it together with other income. The bank asked how can the bank rent on 25% of their seating? Arooga's said, frankly, we can't. However, they're hopeful that the seating will go back to 50%. There's a lot of pressure on the governor to open things up from the restaurant association. So, we think that by adding additional, retail into the bank submission, that will do better. So that's very, very important.

3. Cedarville MS4 Presentation – Beth Uhler

Ms. Uhler provided a shared screen of her power point. The last presentation was back in February and is reiterate what the requirements are and kind of give a little bit of a background and the level of effort coming up. The program is important because it is about the stormwater discharges that the City has from the City roads that enter in the streams into the municipal storm sewer system and the stream itself. The goal of the program is to reduce pollutants into our storm sewers and then into streams, in turn by protecting water quality. The overall goal of the program is good. This is important because it is a state and federal requirement. In Pennsylvania, DEP administers the program, they conduct inspections at a minimum once every five years of a municipality and the City hasn't had an inspection recently. When they do they'll conduct an inspection and they'll issue violations for noncompliance and that would be the penalty for not implementing your storm water management program. EPA, is kind of the enforcing arm of the program and it trickles down to DEP and they will conduct periodic audits at random. So not any kind of certain specified frequency and assess penalties and fines, if there is noncompliance involved, the stormwater program, the general components. There are six control measures, and these are that's the public education and outreach regarding storm water and pollution prevention and water quality, and the importance of it, public involvement and participation. That's presenting information like this at public meetings, as well as organizing things like cleanups at parks and cleanups at the streams, elicit discharge detection and elimination. And that's really the importance of having your entire storm system mapped. And that way you can track where pollutants are, if there is a spill, where you need to react and remediate and coordinate. This is really important. The mapping is also important from a public work standpoint and the communication when there is a clog in an inlet and it needs to be remediated as well. The Construction sites, stormwater runoff control, is your erosion and sediment control at store or at construction sites. So, if you have an active construction site, ensuring that they're complying with your ordinance and the erosion and sediment control measures there, and the conservation district helps a lot with this, and post-construction storm stormwater management for development and redevelopment. That's making sure that these storm water controls that are put in as part of a development or part of the construction activity function for the long term, and that they're being properly operated and maintained. And that's part of the City's responsibility to

enforce your stormwater ordinance and ensure that that happens. Then number six is pollution prevention and good housekeeping. This is really making sure that the City's public works department and other facets, even police department and things like that are conscious of stormwater as a potential source of pollution. So that none of the activities that the City is doing is actually contributing to pollution of the streams, things like you are you storing, spent oil and the proper way disposing of it in the proper manner, not pouring things down the storm drain, making sure that things aren't stored near storm drains, that that could run off into, into it. And then in turn into our streams, then we have other, other responsibilities like Pluton control measures, West branch, Brandywine Creek is listed as impaired for PCBs. So the City has to look into that and complete an inventory of potential sources of V, PCBs, and then eventually a little bit down the road, investigate it. And then we've also talked about the total maxim daily load plan in the past. And this is where the City has a requirement to reduce sediment and nutrient loading to the West branch Brandywine Creek. And the base in retrofit not fall stabilization project is going to fulfill their remaining requirements for that. There's a growing greener grant application pending to fund the engineering and construction for that project in partnership with Valley Township now. The City gets a lot of assistance through a Christina watersheds municipal partnership. They do any municipality that's part of the Christina watershed, which, the City is part of. We will provide some outreach and assistance that's through Brandywine red clay Alliance. And so there's, there's some cost effective ways at addressing those requirements. There are some things that the staff has to coordinate in house, in terms of documenting some of your public works practices and things like that. But there are also some things that Cedarville tries to put together a level of effort to help the City address these requirements each year.

We have put together a level of effort for 2020, the most important tests on here that are time sensitive is, are tests eight and nine. And that's your pollutant control measures and your annual NMS for status report that is due to DEP, September 30th. There are annual tasks that are ongoing. Now the next logical question might be what, where's the sources of funding and we've talked about this in some previous council meetings. And the fact of the matter is, is that this requirement, the MSP program is an unfunded mandate. It comes down from the federal government to the state government, to us, and it's an unfunded mandate. Is there assistance out there to implement these programs? So, I kind of mentioned before the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, these watershed organizations, they do help in addressing some of these requirements one and two, the public education and outreach piece, the public involvement, participation, piece. There are ways to do that, does it, can those types of things pay for the entire program? There're some things that City staff needs to do. And those there's some things that the City engineer may have to do. And that's really decisions that are made on a municipality by municipality basis when it comes to grants and that the grants that are available, but primarily helped with TMDL plan implementation, construction projects, not a lot of more of the programmatic types of things.

4. District Attorney - Deb Ryan

Ms. Ryan thanked everyone for her and congratulated Mr. Logan to his new role and Mr. Hannah to his new role. I look forward to meeting with you soon to discuss our relationship and partnership from the district attorney's office. I just wanted to give you an overview of what's going on. First. I want to start with Chief Laufer and say, thank you to the chief and his department for the recent arrest that occurred last week. Our offices and other agencies worked collaboratively to make an arrest that was pretty significant where we were able to get a significant amount of drugs, guns, and money off the streets. I want to thank you chief for everything that you've done. I want to tell you about some of the initiatives that our office has

been working on since I started in January and some of it that has taken a slight turn as a result of the pandemic, but what we have been working on and what we hope to unveil soon is our convict conviction, integrity review application. We are starting a new unit in the office, which we've never had before, where we will be taking applications from convicted defendants through their attorney or through themselves for claims of actual innocence. This will involve an application process that can happen online, or you can get a printed copy and there will be criteria posted on our website indicating what you have to have in order to make application. It is very important to note, that these are only four felony convictions and that there are specific criteria that has to fit in order for us to review the application. Since we have never done this before in our office, but this is the nationwide sweep in order to ensure that there are fair and just outcomes in places like the district attorney's office. We encourage people to file this application, but know that it is got some stringent requirements and we followed them from the office of the attorney general. We will have an assigned deputy prosecutor who will be reviewing these cases. And if there's any type of conflict within our office, they will be referred out to the office of the attorney general. Essentially, we have to ensure that there's credible evidence, that there is innocence. So that's the standard for us to review these new applications. Our goal is that that we will put these up online next week. We hope to have a press release coming out this week to give the community more information about what's involved, and that there'll be someone in our office who can take questions about how it works.

Second, we have just empaneled our very first Chester County task force on race and justice. That's comprised of 15 members of the County. It's a cross section of people from the County. And our goal is to assess how law enforcement can improve race relations with members of the community, and we can improve the criminal justice system. Our initial goals are going to be with engaging with the community through meetings with law enforcement. I have attended maybe a dozen town hall meetings at this point where I've been hearing from people in the community about their concerns with respect to issues with law enforcement and criminal justice reform. The next step is to engage in actual dialogues on race racism and in law enforcement. We have hired an expert who focuses on diversity and inclusion. He is starting a pilot with us to talk about how we can make changes and engaging in the pilot with this 15-member group. After that, we intend to roll this program out throughout the entire County, where we have small groups getting together, half of which will be comprised of law enforcement and half will be comprised of members of the community. So, we can have these open, difficult dialogues and hear each other's perspectives and hope that we can figure out ways that we can improve our relations and move forward. And throughout the time that I've spent in these town hall meetings, one of the things that was most notable was a lack of understanding sometimes about what the exact roles of a prosecutor are, or maybe sometimes what law enforcement is.

We want to make sure that we are engaging in educational sessions with the communities, where we can have a Q&A, where people can ask about what our respective roles are, and that they have realistic expectations about what we can do, but also we want to hear about each community's respective concerns because every place in the entire County has different issues that they want to have addressed. We intend to continue with this community outreach indefinitely. We have had notable neglect of community engagement in this office over the past decade. And I really hope that we can start having open dialogues with members of the community moving forward. We will assign different prosecutors around the County on a rolling basis so that you can meet us, understand what our roles are, and we can hear you, and make sure that we're doing our best to address your concerns and, and listen to what you have to say. We have started our own work group on diversity, where we have training involves with cultural bias and use of force training, as well as our goal of, bringing in more diversity into the office. It will be about 15 members in the office who are part of that including staff, prosecutors, and detectives. The goal is to ensure

that we're following best practices, that we're going to make sure we educate our own people internally about criminal justice reform. And just so you know, as a prosecutor, when you're, taught about how to be a prosecutor, how to engage in things like sentences, we're never really taught about looking at the whole person, and I think that has been something we've neglected to handle appropriately, but now knowing that it's, it's really vital, that we assess a person as a whole person to figure out what kind of treatment programs can we get that person into. What is an appropriate sentence are we're looking at rehabilitation and are we looking at punishment and why? We have to make sure that we're looking at the whole person and the impact that a sentence may have on that person, but also making sure that we keep the dangerous people in the community, where they need to be, if they are and have serious criminal history, is that there's a concern for the danger, because of, of who they are and what they've done. So, there's a balancing that we have to do, and we recognize that we have to educate each of these prosecutors to make sure that we're looking at the big picture. So that's some of the things that we have moving forward in our own office.

We have been assessing whether there has been an increase in certain types of crime as a result of COVID. This has been an interesting study where we worked with the department of emergency services and what we found was an overall increase in domestic violence over any other type of crime. we've had a 16% increase in the reports of domestic violence cases. County-wide but in Coatesville we've seen a 33% increase. So, we're really concerned about that. And as a former child abuse prosecutor, I'm also very concerned. Hannah, this is one thing I hope that your teachers are aware of, and I'm sure your staff is aware of too, that the bulk of the reports that we get about child abuse come from educators. We're going to be providing training on what's called lap, which is the lithology assessment program that the domestic violence center of Chester County helps with. We provide housing, shelter, training, and counseling to victims of domestic violence. We will continue with that over the course of next year.

Finally, one last thing we're working on that we've hope to bring to the communities next year, our youth aid panels, you may have heard of these. They are in certain districts. We're hoping to make this a countywide initiative where we can help juveniles who have gotten into trouble for low level offenses and divert them out of the criminal justice system altogether, so that we're getting them treatment and help teaching them the error of their ways. You know, sometimes they'll do community services, sometimes they'll do a treatment program and sometimes it's a letter of apology, but what our goal is that we don't put them into the system and that we can ensure that we're getting them the help that they need so we can straighten them out right then and there, so they're not caught up in the system. This is going to require a lot of volunteers across the County, and we need the buy in to do that. And I'm sure I'll come back and pitch to you guys at another point to see if we can get some volunteers in your area. But I think this is a vital program that should occur throughout the County. We're going to be looking for funding through PCCD and the commissioners, but our hope is that we can work with juveniles before they get into more serious trouble and keep them out of our prisons.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

Wendy Whitaker

Ms. Whitaker questioned the status of the clean up over you tube chat. Mr. Logan stated he would be contacting Ms. Whitaker regarding the clean-up.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1 Minutes

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1. Receive and consider Resolution adopting the City of Coatesville Master Fee Schedule

Vice President Green made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-14 adopting the Coatesville Master Fee Schedule; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1. Ms. Al Amin was the dissenting vote.

Ms. Graves questioned the fees for fire services and noticed that the fire departments are pretty high. If one of our constituents has a fire, possibly get seriously injured and inevitably has to pay those medical bills. Why do we pay for \$1.4 million for fire? If we are charging them fees for the fire services that they receive. President Lavender-Norris explained the fees are to cover the services. It is not for the city to profit at all. The City has to pay for the equipment and the services. The fees are usually covered by insurance for most people. However, we have to do our diligence. We have to provide the services. If someone has a fire, we have to ensure that the department comes out and handles that situation. And the only way we can do that is by covering the cost of that. Mr. Logan explained the fees are structured and are part of our city ordinance. All municipalities, townships, boroughs have them. This took about four months to actually do the research, to review other municipalities fees. For a number of years, we have been lower than other municipalities in the region. This master fee schedule is actually an upgrade, bringing us more in line with other municipalities.

Ms. Al Amin questioned the duplicate tax bill charge of \$35. If anyone does not receive a bill, they will be charged a fee to get a copy. Mr. Troutman explained Keystone has this as part of their services that they provide in the case of request for duplicates, because we know there's an address that's wrong or something of that nature, there's no fee involved.

Ms. Al Amin questioned the cost of tire removal/pickup/drop off. What is the fee actually for? Mr. Logan explained the fee helps to cover the cost of the City disposing of the tires.

2. Receive and consider proposal from ECON Partners for grant writing

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the proposal from ECON Partners for Grant Writing; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Logan explained Coleen Terry is known for her grant writing abilities. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge with state and federal grant writing. She has a well-versed knowledge of municipalities and, various grants from construction grants down to community grants. This particular proposal is to secure the services or become partners as part of grant writing. Right now, the City has a team of two writers, myself and Sergeant Smith. Ms. Terry brings to the table is not only assisting us, but she will also help identify grants that we have not been able to, to acquire or even leverage additional funding. The last point in this is that many council members know that we struggle with securing grants and using them as leverage to attract other grants. Oftentimes we can't even submit a grant because we don't have the matching funds to do so. So again, this is an opportunity for us to change that direction.

3. Receive and consider 2nd Century Alliance Downtown Clean-Up on October 3, 2020

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve 2nd Century Alliance Downtown Cleanup on October 3, 2020; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Logan that 2nd Century Alliance, in our continued efforts for revitalization and redevelopment initiatives in the City of Coatesville, we are partnering with them on a downtown cleanup. This is going to be led by the Downtown Manager, Charles Green. The downtown cleanup will begin October 3rd. The scope of the work will include, pulling weeds, removing trash and litter as well

as beautification throughout the target area of 1st Avenue – 4th Avenue, Fleetwood Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Gateway Park

4. Receive and consider 2nd Century Alliance the Bonfire “A Downtown Coatesville Market Place”
Vice President Green made a motion to approve the 2nd Century Alliance, the Bonfire “A Downtown Coatesville Market Place”; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Logan announced, once again, a partnership with second century Alliance, and Charles Green, the downtown manager. Sorry. The idea is to take a page from what the city is sponsoring on September 12th and that's an open-air market. Mr. Green and I have been talking about extending that particular program, to a series of open market dates that will include merchants from the downtown area, as well as new and emerging businesses throughout the City of Coatesville. The main focus is going to be for the merchants in the downtown area though. I just want to be clear on that. There will be several tents on Third Avenue, Covid 19 guidelines will be in place. This is an opportunity for us to showcase some of our, our merchants in the downtown area, but also, feature some of these new businesses that are emerging.

5. Receive and consider Letter of support to 2nd Century Alliance – Coatesville Downtown Revitalization Neighborhood Partnership Program Application
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve a letter of support for 2nd Century Alliance; Vice President Green seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Logan announced this is a kind of a traditional letter of support that we get to grant applicants that are looking to partner with either the city or other partners, other stakeholders in the community. On this particular grant submission on behalf of 2nd Century Alliance. The initiative itself is 2nd Century Alliance will be putting forth to revitalize the downtown Coatesville Area. This letter will go to the honorable Dennis Davin, Secretary of Department of Community and Economic Development in the Harrisburg office.

6. Receive and consider waiving peddler fees for Coatesville Biz Pop Up
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve waiving peddler fees for the Coatesville Biz Pop Up; Vice President Green seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Logan announced this request is a part of the business program, which we have approximately 25 by participants of the create program is for those of you who may remember, it's a partnership with Kutztown University, the SBDC and SBA program, this year the City of Coatesville participated. Council members Graves participated in the workshop series and has graduated. Unfortunately, as a city, we can't give them money, so in lieu of the gifts, I thought it would be wonderful to waive the peddlers fee for this City sponsored event.

Mr. Logan presented the promotional flyer and announced Council Member Graves will be helping with merchandising.

7. Receive and consider James Logan as City Manager
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to appoint James Logan as the City Manager; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Vice President Green stated I think that Mr. Logan is very deserving and as stated earlier, we're

on the move and we're not skipping a beat. And I'm grateful that we have him here. Ms. Al Amin thanked Mr. Logan and stated he has done a phenomenal job in his tenure here. I'm very excited to be voting on him, becoming the city manager. And I look forward to continue to working with him. He has a great passion for our city. President Lavender-Norris stated she is grateful where the whole trajectory of the city and Mr. Logan. I am so confident in you and just taking us to the next level. I'm thankful that you are here and helping us to move the city forward as a whole. I give you all my support, anything I can do to help you, even in your transition from one position to another, and any of the work that's ahead of you. If I can be of any support, please don't hesitate to let me know. It'll be my pleasure. Thank you.

Mr. Logan asked to say a few words. If I could just say a few words before we move on to the next item, you know, first and foremost, I want to give honor to God and I want to thank you all, City Council members. You know, two short years ago when I came in and applied for the position, I think some of you may have been a little bit like, I don't know if this is the right guy or not, but you welcomed me in the community. Certainly, I embraced the community because it reminds me of where I was brought up and you all have been very supportive. I hope to continue to work with you over the next, I don't know how many years, hopefully, maybe 10 or more. I see us different direction. I'm very excited about this. I also just want to thank, some of the staff members that have also been supportive, we have a tremendous team of people that works for the city. These are people that are behind the scenes that a lot of you don't see from our Public Works Department to our Police Department, under the Chief Laufer's leadership, our Fire Department, Finance Department, Codes Department and our administrator, Ruthann. It's just amazing that, this time's coming together and the other individuals, I don't want to forget and, they actually are the people that make me go in this community. The residents, I mean, I love you guys, even though you call me sometimes telling me about the trash. I don't mind that because I, you know, I, I understand what you're going through. And now this is a city of a lot of diversity and sometimes the compensation of the day may be about trash other times, it's about building the city up. That's what I like about it. Now, the conversations will always be different and that's what keeps me motivated. Thank you, residents. Thank you, Council. Thank you, stakeholders.

Vice President Green made a motion to close action items; MS. Al Amin seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes
There was no discussion on meeting minutes.
2. Coatesville Biz Pop – Date change to September 12, 2020
Mr. Logan announced the date for the business pop up date changed to September 12th. There was a conflict with the original date
3. Domestic Violence Center request to decorate downtown with purple ribbons
Mr. Logan announced the Domestic Violence Center has requested to decorate the downtown poles with purple ribbons.
4. Ash Park Clean-Up
Mr. Logan announced at the last meeting. Ms. Shannon-Bailey requested a clean up at Ash Park. I have reached out to her and if she's listening to this evening, I look forward to circling back. Hopefully, I can get dates for the clean-ups. We have bags available.

5. Resolution for National Juvenile Week

Mr. Logan stated he shared a Resolution with Ms. Shannon-Bailey. There are a couple in the State of Pennsylvania. It's your will Council, if you would like something more specific and I will be happy to draft it. I am not sure if it requires any legal action on a Proclamation. Mr. Verwey stated we could just adopt the resolution that the Governors of the State has or we can do a sperate one. I would think that would need an actual resolution of the city either adopting the governor's resolution or setting forth your own, but either way it'd be an independent act.

6. Background checks

Ms. Graves stated at our last council meeting, Mr. Verwey, mentioned that it would have to be legislation that would change the process of how we hired and considered for conditional hire which the Council does for Officers. It was questioned to look into their past and doing things like background checks or receiving information on if the officer received any complaints filed against them at their previous department or if they were charged with anything criminal. She thanked Mr. Verwey for sending Council legislation, but Act 57 in Pennsylvania has been passed and that starts in 2020 that makes it a requirement for all departments to do that kind of background check. I understand we have a Civil Service Commission but if Council is asked to vote on a conditional hire, I believe we should be privy to that kind of knowledge so we can keep our community safe and limit the potential abuse of our constituents. Mr. Verwey explained he did circulate to Council and analysis of Act 57 which is going to require substantially more information be retained by Police Departments. While the City certainly can adopt an Ordinance, I think one of the issues that the Chief and Council will face though is that we cannot compel other Police Departments to maintain these records or share their records. The Chief does already aske those questions but he has no ability to compel the release of the information from another Police Department. We could draft some type of legislation but it's going to be difficult to access the type of information being sought that the chief already doesn't have access to because no one has compelled to share that information with him. Vice President Green stated she agrees with Ms. Graves. If you received your Third-Class City Code and read the section regarding the Civil Service Commission and City Council regarding the hiring of the Police, I believe we are doing it backwards. According to the Third-Class City Code, when the list comes in for City Council to approve, we accept the list. There is a process, and once we read the Code and have a discussion with the Solicitor, we are not doing it in order. We should have more information when we get the list. The list is just enough to accept the list. When someone comes up for appointment, where the Chief wants to hire someone we should have more information on the officer. I noticed last time someone said an officer was not hired due to their background check. Council has not been apprised when an officer is not hired due their background checks. I think the information should be provided prior to Council accepting to hire. Chief Laufer and Mr. Verwey explained that a conditional offer of employment is offered to the applicant on the list before the background check can be given. The Department does a thorough pre-employment background investigation that includes prior job references previous employers, criminal background, driver's license information, credit check, interviews with neighbors, with roommates from college. The Civil Service Commission is in charge of the testing that is the written and the oral. Vice President Green asked that the Solicitor review what documentation can be submitted to Council and get back to them.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Verwey announced:

- worked on a couple of different litigation matters involving right to know issues Land use issues.
- worked on resolution, which were addressed this evening.
- worked on some pension issues with Mr. Troutman to clarify some matters with the fees that could be paid
- worked on issues related to real estate and grants regarding some of our grants that are going to be made for our park system for City's park system.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced:

- Business and Community Development
 - ECON Partners consulting agreement. Econ Partners will help secure much needed grant funding for several City projects ranging from infrastructure to community redevelopment.
 - In partnership with the City's RDA & ECON Partners, A RCAP grant was submitted August 12th as part of the Coatesville Train Garage Capital Stack.
 - RCAP update: 596 applications submitted statewide, for a total of \$2,011,650,220 in funding requested. There were 14 applications in Chester County.
 - Train Station action Items
 - Pennoni has completed 100% plans and presented to Amtrak and Septa for platforms
 - City will receive Amtrak's design approval letter
 - Construction bids anticipated to open this Fall**
 - Projected physical work to start in February 2021**
 - ***Amtrak has not reviewed or committed to any of these dates. These are tentative goals to advance the project.*
 - Mark Lane Properties closed on 204-206 east Lincoln Highway on August 3rd. They secured a economic development liquor license from PLCB and are working on developing a restaurant concept now.
 - RDA/City parcels – RDA has received three appraisals for two parcels in the Train Station Site and 3rd Avenue. Speaking with potential investors.
 - DEPG Gateway. The project will soon resume development activity once underground issue is resolved.
 - 30/82 Re alignment completion is targeted for Spring 2021. Delays were due to underground power lines and water issues that surfaced.
- Community Update/Awareness & Events
 - August 13th – Representative Chrissy Houlihan led panel discussion about economic recovery for our community, Commonwealth and country.
 - August 18th – Toured Second Chances Farm in Wilmington – Second Chances farm nurtures plants and people, and our planet by providing returning citizens with our mentorship programs and green collar jobs at hydroponic, indoor, vertical farms in economically distressed communities.
 - August 19th – met wit Mike Taylor, owner of Soul Fish Market located at 658 Chestnut. Opening date pending inspections and COVID - 19
- Palmer Park Project Summary
 - Phases 2&3 moving forward. Initial site survey completed August 14th.
 - A separate aspect of the project to build a large pavilion, new grills, new picnic tables, and litter receptacles., funded by Arcelor Mittal, is being pursued in

order to complete installation by November 2020

- Phases 2&3 were estimated at \$500,000. Currently, the Greening Coatesville Initiative Partners (City of Coatesville, Brandywine Health Foundation, and Natural Lands) have raised a total of \$385,000 from a combination of sources including DCED and DCNR, as well as private and corporate donors. *We will continue to seek funding during this process.*
- The upcoming schedule is anticipated as follows, but may be adjusted based on Cedarville's input:
 - August 2020 – Design Engineering Begins
 - September 2020 – Purchase and Installation of the Pavilion Structure (PA COSTARS Program)
 - October 2020 – RFP Issued
- Census Updates
 - Coatesville (City) 46.3 – 2010 rate 54.1 – National rate 64.1
 - Coatesville (City) 48.8 – 2010 rate 60.8 - 42.3 (internet) National Rate 64.1
- Community Public Awareness Events
 - Voter registration September 19th – Multiple locations throughout City
 - COVID testing at Gordon Elementary (Tuesday & Thursday 12:30-5:30pm)
 - Sunday September 6th, Labor Day Weekend Fireworks
 - Completed final week of partnership start-up business training with Kutztown University. All participants completing the program will have an opportunity to launch and showcase their businesses/organization on September 12th when the City co-hosts a Pop-Up 7 Shop outdoor marketplace.
- Municipal Updates
 - August 11th – testing availability and testing sites discussion featuring Bobby Kagel, County Administrator
 - Received update on county testing sites
 - PPE supplies discussed
 - Action steps to improve testing

3. Finance Director

Mr. Troutman announced:

- Continue to track Covid Expenses especially key revenues
 - Received over 6k reimbursed from our health plan
 - Key revenues, real estate, earned income tax and solid waste are all about 35% ahead of last year.
- Financial Status – One-page format. Quarterly we have been providing comprehensive packages, and now will provide in the second meeting of the month a report including year to date Actual, budgeted and variances as well as total budget and total variance for the year.
- The four major funds
 - Continue to be positive. Major revenues are positive
 - We are 58% of year with expenses being better
 - Favorable revenues and favorable expenses resulting in better than budget.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments at this time.

Special Events

1 Minutes

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Folks congratulated Mr. Hanna and asked to meet him sometime to have some coffee or something. Thank you, to the District Attorney coming on. A shout out to, Sherman, Mark Sherman. I give him a shout out, I am very pleased with him coming to Coatesville, and his projects just took off without even asking for anything. So, I appreciate that from him and that he's believing in our town. To our new head man, Mr. Logan, man, I'm pleased. I don't think you're going to let us down. Nobody's perfect, but, I'm just pleased to see what you're going to do with this City. Cause I know you have a lot of ideas in your head. Thank you. Have a good night.

Ms. Graves thanked everybody at home for watching and everyone who watches on YouTube. Thank you guys so much for being able to take the time out of your day to be invested in your City and to hear about what's going on here. Thank you so much, Mr. Tomas, all students, regardless of their income deserve a excellent access to education and us being a working-class community. I'm so glad that you are committed to spreading the full level of education to our students and thinking of ways that working-class students can have charter level education through the public-school system. So, thank you so much. Ms. Beth, thank you for your presentation, even our storm water and water systems are so important. Our water cycle is just so important to how humans live and experience everything that lives needs water. And so, we live right with the environment and not against this. So, thank you for holding us accountable to do our part, to make sure we keep our storm water clean and our clinic clean. I just actually over the weekend, took a swim in the West Brandywine Creek. And I would love for my descendants and their descendants to be able to do the same things and keeping it clean, and green is so important. And I'm thinking Ms. Ryan on your presentation, if you could follow up with me to let me know if your innocence application is retroactive, because EEG, we have a person actually from Coatesville who was charged with a serious case in Chester County and remains innocent. I would love to have a conversation about that innocent application Mr. Logan congratulations for your new appointment as City Manager, you are a very charismatic and passionate man. I think that you will do very well by our City. I am excited to continue working with you and please fill out your Census. Coatesville is full of historically under counted populations, such as renters, homeless people, low income people, people of color, undocumented people. We need to make sure that we do get counted in the census to make sure that we are, we are counted for funding. It, there cannot be retribution from any other government agency. So, if you are low income person who say, for instance, receiving public housing and are afraid to count extra person that you have living in your house. You can't get for that. If you're undocumented person, you can't get any retribution for that. So please, please get registered to vote.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for coming and watching the meeting. I want to say thank you to all of our special guests for your presentations, District Attorney Debra Ryan, thank you for the work that you did with the Coatesville Police Department; Dr. Hannah, welcome to the School District in the City of Coatesville, we look forward to working with you; Mr. Logan, congratulations on your appointment tonight as City Manager, it is well-deserved, I look forward to continuing to work with you. I love the passion that you have for our City and for our residents. , I'm going to echo councilperson Graves, the Census Is very important guys, please, please, please, , fill your Census out so we can get our fair share of grant money. Please remember that COVID is still very active and alive. Everybody needs to wear their mask and safe distance. Chief, if you could just thank, I want you to thank all of your officers for their hard work, but if you could please remind them that when they're doing their stops and things, you know, they have contact, probably more contact than anybody with our residents. They need to please where their masks. Everybody, please, please, please register to vote. And I just hope that everybody has a wonderful week. Thank you all again.

Vice President Green thanked everyone who tuned in tonight. Tonight, was a great meeting. We had many, many great presentations. I want to thank Mr. DePetris and his team, hang in there, work hard, get this together. I do appreciate you staying on the call with us tonight. You know, the City is moving. It is, you know, the slogan out there now is "Coatesville is Rising" and we really, truly are. And I just, I'm so grateful for council for coming in, gather and acknowledging, Mr. Logan and positioning him and putting him as our new City Manager. Mr. Logan, I have full confidence in you. I've been telling you that for a long time, I knew you should have been our manager and I'm glad that you are. so, regardless of what I said, when you first came, I changed my mind. We heard a lot, and I'm so grateful for our new District Attorney and her innovation in the programs and the initiatives that, that office has taken in the midst of this climate that we're in. I'm just grateful for her being open, coming and doing that presentation tonight. Chief Laufer, your guys, I'm so grateful that you continue to keep it safe. The big drug bust that you had, the neighborhood is grateful and they appreciate all your hard work and all the effort that went into making that neighborhood safe again. I would like to just echo the same, you know, the Census, I share on my Facebook page. Yeah. Every single day regarding the census, and one of the statistics that I got is surrounding communities or in the house nineties, in their completion of the census, and we're still hovering around 46, which is not good. Councilwoman Graves stated we are always significantly under counted and it's just so important. Not only just for the things that we do, you know, housing and grant money and all of that. Yeah. But the fact that our representation in government is all based on the Census. You know, they use those numbers at the end of the year when they do redistricting and things like that. And then we find ourselves, you know, not getting the proper representation, but we're not being counted if we don't fill out the census. So, it's real important. You know, we have a community that has a lot of very diverse people and very diverse needs. So, we need to be counted, not going to be held in retribution for, you know, section eight housing and having someone live with you. You're not going to face a penalty because you're illegal. We need to know that you're here. You have to be counted. Our community depends on it. So please fill out the census, unfortunately, with the COVID, I'm not sure if they're doing the door to door to door or are they doing the door to door. Mr. Logan stated they are not at this time. Vice President Green stated it's really important that we get it done and we get on top of it because I mean, there was some talk of ending the Census early, you know, and that would be devastating to us if they were to end the Census any time soon and we're not counting, so please fill it out, get it done. It takes five, not even five minutes online, it's a very short survey. And, again, I just thank everyone. I'm just appreciative for all the hard work that everyone puts in.. Ms. Beth, I thank you for your presentation on the storm water again, you know, these things are important. Thank you everyone, and have a great night. Thank you.

President Lavender-Norris echoed her colleagues with gratitude for all of the presenters. ,I just, I'm excited about the direction we're moving in and the fact that we're moving. I want all of our residents to know and understand that we don't, we as a council, we don't know it all. We can't do it all. But what we do is expect for you to inform us where there's an issue and lock arms with us when we fall short and manpower, if you see something wrong, and if you can't write it, let somebody else know and ask them to help you make it right. I'm available. I'm not out much but I'm available and I can make connections and communicate for you. I'm willing to do it. Our City right now is like on the moon and we, for a long time, we were stuck and everybody knows we were stuck and we had a bad reputation and the whole nine, but by the grace of God, we're moving forward now. We stand tall and proud of the City of Coatesville. We just celebrated a Centurion in the City of Coatesville. Miss Annie Eggleston, she turned 100 years and has been here the entire time. Like, can you imagine how she feels having been here all this time and seeing the change in our City? Like, we want to honor these people and we can honor them by showing how much we care, stepping up to the plate and saying, when you see somebody doing something wrong, that's not okay. Just tell them it's not okay, but you don't have to fight them. You don't have to argue with

them. Just let them know you see, that's all it takes some time. If, there's trash in front of your house, the street sweeper. When I was a child, I was a street sweeper in front of my house. My mom told me, get the broom and go sweep. That was it. There are things we can do with regard to our Census. I think the amount per person that comes in with the Census is like \$2,300 per person. So, if you have five people in your household, that's \$10,000 that could come into our community. We've seen Mr. Newsuan's pool project. Every year, they want the pool, fill out those Census, so the money can come into the community. We have to do part and don't think anything you do is minor or small because it's covering what someone else couldn't do. We're here for each other. We're going to get this job done together. I am certainly grateful for all our presenters. That was amazing, not that anybody's less than anybody else, but I'm so excited about our District Attorney's trajectory. That's amazing to me because that speaks to real life issues. Like some people can write, some people can sing, other people can swing a sickle, other people can use a hammer, but when we come together, we can get the job done. All we have to do is support one another. I just need y'all to know that I love you. God bless you. And I pray that everybody has a blessed evening. And thanks for hanging out with us.

Adjournment

Ms. Graves made a motion to adjourn the at 10:12 meeting; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.