

Minutes
City of Coatesville
Via – Virtual Meeting via Zoom and You Tube – COVID 19
Monday, September 28, 2020



Council Present: President Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Ms. Khadijah Al Amin, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, Ms. Nydea Graves, Mr. Donald Folks, Edward Simpson

Council Absent:

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 September 14, 2020 meeting minutes; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Graves made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to add action item 5) Fish Rodeo; Discussion item 2) City Colors and 3) SAM Act; Ms. Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. 2019 Independent Audit Review – Pam Baker and Richard Troutman

Mr. Troutman introduced Mr. Edmund and stated that after the presentation they will be available for questions. Mr. Edmund provided a screenshot of his PowerPoint presentation of the audit ending December 31, 2019. The most important part of order, is the unmodified opinion on the Annual Audit and Financial Report (the DCED report) and unmodified opinions on the City's basic financial statements. The audit reports followed the standards of the auditing standards generally accepted in the ID Government (yellow book) Auditing Standards. There were 7 deficiencies reported last year in the internal contracts. This year management was able to close out 6 of the deficiencies with no additional findings. There is one finding outstanding from last year. That is a great improvement in the internal controls that management has put a lot of effort in getting these findings done. These findings were open for five, six, seven years. There were no new findings for the year.

In 2019, the City's General Fund had \$479,000 in fund value compared to \$289,000 now. There was a \$190,000 increase in the General Fund. The other big fund is the Reserve Trust Fund that went from \$3.9million to \$3 million and it's decreased due to the fact that the capital reserve fund transferred \$1 million to the general fund to assist in operation during the year. That's why we have that dip in the Capital Reserve Fund. So next, let's talk about your revenues and expenditures. That's very important that as a city, you want to ensure you are

bringing enough revenue to cover your expenditures during the year. The general fund revenues for 2019 were \$9.4 million and the expenditures were \$9.8 million. The revenue succeeded the expenditures. For the General Fund there was a transfer of \$1 million from the Reserve Trust Fund. The City also has the Solid Waste Fund, which is a big fund for the City. The revenues decreased by \$320,000 and expenditures also decreased by \$40,000. In 2017-2018 the City put a lot of effort and started to collect a few penalties from citizens. Other highlights that I wanted to mention today was that the city revenues and expenditures, budget variance, meaning that your revenues and your expenditures were lower than your budget for 2019. Another notable mention here is that your pension payments for the fire, the police and the non-uniform were all paid based on this.

Lastly, a couple of things I wanted to mention here, just want to know that we have been doing the audit and unfortunately, the audit was done in the COVID-19, you know, when it just started, but management stood by us and we had the approval and cooperation to have it done and submitted in time. We didn't have any disagreements with management. The audit results, reviewed by management and submitted to DCED and issuing the final report.

Mr. Troutman explained that audit was provided with your packet. The pension finding are being addressed right now. The calculations were done by the City's actuaries. The required contributions were made into the pension plans. The funding level of the pensions continue to increase each year, so it's just going in the right direction. If the market is doing good, the funding level improves. The finding in the audit was due to a structural problem in the municipal code conflicting with the bargained language. We are hoping to have the finding result by next year.

2. Emergency Operation Report – Chief Alderman

Chief Alderman addressed the Coatesville emergency operation plan. This is just a formality that has to be done since we have a change of leadership with the new city manager. Previously there were no changes. All I had to do was review it with no changes and sign off and send it to the County. But, due to the change in management, we are tasked with making the changes and signing off and sending it back to the County.

3. Crosby Wood – Downtown Revival

Mr. Crosby explained he has been working with the County, Housing Authority, and Community Builders based out of Boston. It has been a three-year adventure. We are closing in on the final transfer date and I am here to discuss the enrichment of the half million-dollar department of community economic development grant that flowed through the city in the form of soft debt. I am recommending or requesting that the council consider a subordination this evening as a way to allow me to continue forward with the transfer of these assets and the stabilization of these assets. We have the folded financing in place.

Upon the request for subordination of the new financing, which is in the amount of basically a million dollars, would be a net benefit to the city, relative to the city's current position, which is in fourth position, and basically by at least considering and accepting my request, you basically go to you second. He explained that subordination is when you buy a house and you get a mortgage you're a lender who wants to be in first position. That means that if anything goes wrong, they're the first to bite at the Apple. Now sometimes you can convince an investor to take a second position or third position. And what that means is you're

subordinating. You're agreeing to stand behind somebody in front of you, such as in this case, the redevelopment authority has a \$420,000 loan, and they are on first position, with the downtown revival. The loan was a 40-year loan initiated in 2002. When I underwrote this property, the financing and this property I basically started with the County and with the housing authority, which are responsible for the Hope VI monies and effectively, I said in order to stabilize these properties long term, we need to extinguish all of the debts that basically is assumed as soft debt. That's never, it's never expected to be repaid. So you had Department of Community Development money, Block grant money and Housing Authority money which was Hope Vi money and, effectively everybody understood that these properties are all bleeding money. Basically, in regards to Downtown Revival, Wells Fargo is a tax credit investor and they invested money into this project. And the only reason they invested money in this project is because they would get tax credits. It had nothing to do with the underlying assets.

Mr. Crosby, I'm sure so that we can get a better understanding as to why it was never intended for this money to be repaid.

Mr. Crosby explained the reason that it was never intended to be repaid is that it was a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development from the State, just like the Hope VI Grants or the Block Grants from the County. The reason they are recognized as debts is that for some reason, and I can't understand why, but basically the IRS recognizes grants coming into a project as income. So what happens is that it's what they call Phantom income. So, if that half a million dollars was directly injected into the downtown revival project, it would be an immediate tax event on Wells Fargo, the tax credit investor, which would basically compromise the deal. So just like all the other debt, it has to kind of flow through a local entity.

Ms. Graves asked are affordable housing like mixed income housing or is it all low-income housing? And then just like a clarification about what you meant by moving away from HUD? Mr. Crosby explained that what happens is that HUD is as called they've created a new program called RAD is called Rental Assistance Demonstration. HUD has been doing a terrible job at managing buildings across the nation. You go up to New York, they have hundreds of thousands of disastrous projects all over the place. So they've realized and they've looked themselves in the mirror and say, you know what we need to get out of this.

Mr. Verwey explained that an Ordinance is required with two readings to move forward. Council suggested having an executive meeting to discuss the real estate issues to help move this forward.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments on regular action items.

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

Vice President Green explained that if residents are making comments on the YouTube, those comments cannot be deleted. I know we had initially had an issue on those comments last time. The comments cannot be deleted if you're viewing YouTube at a later time or a

different day, the comments will not show until you get to the end of the video and you can push the button for live comments. I noticed that there was some, some things, that happened and it was said that we deleted the comments. The comments cannot be deleted. If someone is putting down, you know, writing a comment, they can delete their own comment, but we can't delete any of the comments. So just for FYI, if you're viewing this video at a later time, the comments do not show right away. They will show at the end of the video where you can click the button to view the live comments. I just wanted to put that out there. It's an FYI. Okay. Thank you.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider Resolution No. 2020-16 Appointing Tax Collection Committee Delegates

Vice President Green made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-16 appointing Tax Collection Committee Delegates; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Troutman explained this is an annual activity that designates who will be voting at the meeting for the County, principally for the earned income tax, which is collected on behalf of the city. Ms. Al Amin asked how the delegates are picked. Mr. Logan explained they are the staff or employees of the City such as Finance Director, Accountant and City Manager. There is no formal voting. Ms. Graves asked if the Tax Collection Committee Delegate just collect the income taxes. Mr. Troutman explained there is a prescribed agenda and, principally it is to approve the budget of the expenses related to collecting the earned income tax for the County. And so, each of the representing municipalities provides a delegate who votes on that, and then we get our fair share expense from that. It is principally so that we have representation on what we'll end up paying for our portion of the collection efforts.

2. Receive and consider 2020 Proposed Budget Calendar for year 2021

Vice President Green made a motion to approved the 2020 proposed budget calendar for year 2021; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan explained the calendar dates could change due to any natural disaster. He read the dates on the calendar. The dates are as follows: October 12th, the council authorized advertisement or advertisement of special meeting and work sessions for budget; October 12th, submission and presentation of proposed preliminary budget; October 14th, legal notice, special meetings and work session for budget; October 22nd, Budget Work Session; October 29, Budget Work Session; November 9, council adopts for Preliminary Budget Ordinance at first reading and authorizes advertising for preliminary budget; November 11, legal notice referring to the preliminary budget available for public inspection; November 25th, public hearing on preliminary budget and December 14, adoption of budget.

3. Receive and consider Halloween Trick or Treat

Vice President Green made a motion to approve Halloween Trick or Treat on October 31, 2020 from 4 pm to 6 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan explained this discussion is based on a number of calls requesting what the city going to do for Halloween. After looking at other emails from other municipalities, this is pretty much a trial and error situation. Some are going to be putting out tables for the kids just to grab something in a bowls (sealed candy of course), some are going to have parades,

having costumes on their blocks. I think everyone is doing something a little bit different, but residents were just calling here to see if the city was supporting trick or treat this year or not. I just wanted to bring it to your attention that the residents are looking for some direction. And, I think certainly with Covid being the way it is, you want to be protected if you're going to do something where people are out and about. I still think they should wear a mask. I mean their Halloween masks.

Ms. Graves suggested a car parade or put bowls of candy on the porch where the trick or treaters get their own candy. Whatever the City does it should be contactless. Mrs. Hunt suggested closing side streets on Lincoln Highway from 1st Avenue to 13th Avenue to have children be able to walk down the streets. Mr. Logan stated that would involve planning which would include the Fire Department, Police Department, just to make sure people are safe.

Council agreed that trick or treat should be held but suggested at an earlier time than previous years. The main thing is the safety of everybody, masks should be worn and social distancing. Mr. Logan asked for comments from the public, send us your comments. We can't answer them tonight, but at least we can have some of your comments and bring them back for October 12th meeting.

4. Receive and consider agreement between the City of Coatesville and Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the agreement between the City and Coatesville and the Utility Services Partners Private Labels, Inc with the use of the City logo; Vice President Carmen Green seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-4. MS. Graves, Ms. Al Amin, Mr. Folks and Mr. Simpson were the dissenting votes.

Mr. Logan explained this is a marketing agreement with a company called HomeServe USA, and basically this is promoted by the National League of Cities to provide services or opportunities for residents to look at. Mr. Logan read a portion of the agreement. Whereas the city desires to offer property owners have the opportunity, but not obligation to purchase a service plan and other similar products set forth in exhibit a. Exhibit A read, whereas the company, a subsidiary of home serve USA is the administrator of National League of Cities, service line warranty, and as a good and as agreed to make the products available to property owners, subject to the terms and conditions contained. It is not so much that we are supporting or endorsing these particular products under this program. Municipalities throughout the state, what they do is they add their logo and support for the particular services. It's really up to the homeowner if they want to look at the services and the services include production and utility services and that includes water, sewer and water lines or anything that would be a reduction in a homeowner's property. It is just to make residents aware that there are options when it comes to their utility. This is endorsed by the National League of Cities and strategic partners with the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

Council agreed that with the Coatesville seal/logo, that people would believe the City was a partner of it. The participant may think that the City is offering the insurance and come after the City. All points were very valid but next time provide a side by side and place under discussions before adding as an action item.

5. Receive and consider the F.I.S.H. Rodeo

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the F.I.S.H Rodeo on October 24, 2020 with the proper COVID safety guidelines; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan explained that Mr. Terry, who is the promoter and the founder of the fish rodeo. The event has been rescheduled to October 24, 2020. They will be following the CDC guideline Instead of a full-blown rodeo we would like to a fall festival including fishing, pumpkins and a movie night. This is a family-oriented event.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes at this time.

2. City Colors

Mrs. Hunt stated she has asked several times about changing the City colors to the Alma mater which is the noble red and black. As the colors stand know, our city colors are blue and yellow or blue and gold, which represents Downingtown. Can we make some action or make some moves into getting our city colors to be the red and black like our Alma mater? What steps need to be taken or even if council as a whole even agrees with it? But I would like to see us discuss it further, put it into action. This has been discussed this before but never gone any further with it of how we would go about it, if we need an Ordinance, if we need this or that. What is the process or procedure to move forward.

Mr. Verwey explained the official colors for the city of Coatesville are in the city code. It's section 119-1, setting the colors as Royal blue and gold and the flag in section 119-2. If Council wants to change the City Colors and Flag this can be done by Ordinance. It would be a fairly easy ordinance to draft and change to amend both city colors, description of the official flag.

Council suggested asking the residents via a survey/social media their thoughts on changing the City colors. Council asked Mr. Logan to put together an analysis of the costs to make the changes such as branding, flags, decals, etc...

3. SAM Act

Ms. Graves asked to create an ordinance to decriminalize marijuana within the city limits. The legislation has been adopted in Philadelphia and I would like us to talk about considering what it means to decriminalize marijuana here. I think it'll be great because it will reduce the amount of arrests made and marijuana related instances, for nonviolent marijuana related issues. But also, it will possibly bring some revenue in the form of maybe a dispensary coming to Coatesville because it's decriminalized here.

Council suggested meeting with the District Attorney to discuss the possibility of decriminalizing marijuana. Decriminalization would mitigate arrest, mitigate at least some arrest. The Chief should be included in any discussions to make sure that the criminalizing, if you do, were to be criminalized, that it doesn't impact our ability to get local and state funding for police services within the city. A small working group of a couple council members can sit down with the DA and discuss what they would like to do. Ms. Grave, Ms. Al Amin and Vice President Green agreed to be in the group. Council asked Mr. Logan to set up a meeting.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Verwey announced he:

- worked on a couple of issues with the RDA regarding proposals for development within the city, certain debt issues, and clarification of certain existing agreements with regard to, debt issued by the RDA and repayment of that debt.
- worked on some grant matters involving our parks, the city's park system, and identifying certain property owners for purposes of modifying existing, restrictions on that property to ensure that those parks always remain parks.
- worked on a Right to Knows with my colleague, Rob Jefferson, regarding a certain information requested from our police, the city police department.
- worked on a number of zoning and development issues with Mr. Logan for properties within the city

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced:

Mr. Logan announced a new part of the managers' report. We had a number of comments that came in at a previous meeting, and I just wanted to address the ones that actually required response more directly than others.

We have a comment that came in from Lisa Friday. Can someone address the traffic issue and the lumber street alley between fifth and sixth? Lisa, we did have our Codes supervisor and Public Works and they did report that particular issue was resolved. Ms. Whitaker, your question was would there be a date for the round table discussion? we actually had a date that was scheduled for tomorrow evening for the community round table top, and that was going to take place in the visitor's lot of our Police Department. Due to weather and predicted thunderstorms. We are going to be moving that to Thursday, this Thursday from six to seven 30, so not tomorrow night. You also asked about the Ash Park renovation. We are working with our Natural Lands Trust to resume our meetings. We have existing advisory committee made up of about 10 residents. They were meeting before COVID to talk about the feasibility study with Natural Lands Trust and our other partners. The meetings will resume next month. If you are interested in joining that particular advisory committee, I'd be more than happy to connect you with the dates moving forward. The last was a comment about the Fourth Avenue to Coates Street about trash and bushes and things like that. Our public works did go out and they cleaned up those areas. Chief, there was a question for you. A few folks wanted to know when Coffee with the Chief would start back up. Chief replied that they have thought about that working under the current COVID restrictions, but were a little concerned, obviously working through those concerns, typically we suspended for the holidays, December through February, holidays and the weather. So probably we're looking at hopefully if COVID still begins to sort of mitigate and we will be looking to resume in the spring,

We will be taking tonight's comments, suggestions, recommendations, and we'll bring those to the October 12th meeting. Thank you to the community.

Business & Community Development

- Update: On Monday, September 14, 2020, the Coatesville Redevelopment Authority (RDA) voted to enter into an agreement with National Sports and Event Center to develop the 20+ acre parcel located on the northwest corner of Routes 82 and 30, known

as the Flats. Combined with the recent \$5million projected construction of 190 West, headquarters for H2O Connected directly across the street from the Flats, this proposed \$54 million-project could set in motion a new economic development watershed in the City of Coatesville not seen in over 20 years. This project will generate new jobs, and opportunities for Coatesville and regional residents. Members of the RDA Board have worked tirelessly for the past several months to identify the best commercial use and socially impactful project for this community. We look forward to the next steps.

- Still in progress: Train Station Action Items
 - ECON Partners is assisting the City with the capital stack for the new Coatesville Train station garage. A 3.5million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project (RCAP) application was submitted (8-11- 2020) to round out the projected 14-million-dollar project
 - *Construction bids anticipated to open in November (NTP)
 - *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.*

- Still in Progress:
 - Gateway Project: Construction work continues on Diamond Street which includes a new PECO conduit, new sidewalks and streetscaping.
 - 30/82 Re-alignment completion is targeted for spring 2021. We are currently working with MECO and PECO to resume the construction work. A new construction schedule will be drafted in result of weather related issues and underground power lines and water issues.
 - Existing Train Station extension was requested to resume work and completion by 2021.
 - Mark Lane, continues to make progress on his recent acquisition of the old RECORDS building -204, 206 E. Lincoln Highway. Mark plans to add a new restaurant in the building.

Community Update/Awareness & Events:

- Update: On September 19th, the Rock-the-Vote, voter registration and Census awareness events were a huge success. Coordinators, Chaya Scott, Mrs. Hunt, and Alphonso Newsuan brought together over 100 volunteers (including our youth) to provide census and voter registration assistance and information. At the end of the day they registered over 100 community residents.
- Bon Fire Market: - On Saturday, September 26th, Downtown Manager, Charles Green along with five food vendors braved the Saturday rain to launch an outdoor open market. In spite of the rain and some minor hiccups a few vendors sold out of their food.
- **Peaceful Protest:** On Sunday, September 27th, protesters from a local and Lancaster organization gathered to demonstrate, dialogue and take steps toward community policing, BLM, and a host of other community base issues. The rally was attended by approximately 50.

We have seen many protest throughout the country and Coatesville has had several since June this year. In order to manage and provide coverage for these events, planning and sometimes additional manpower is required. This is part of City's and Police obligation to

provide safety. We welcome peaceful demonstrations in our community and pledge to provide a safe environment for all attending residents and neighbors.

- **Coatesville’s REAL STEEL TALK:** The City of Coatesville will host the first city-community-roundtable on Tuesday, September 29th at 6pm. The event will be coordinated by the City of Coatesville and the Coatesville Police Department. Our residents and city leaders will engage in 90 minutes of meaning conversation focusing on community, youth, and policing. Event moderators - Councilmember Nydea Graves and Councilwoman Al-Amin. Guest speakers include, Police Chief John Laufer, Jarvis Berry (Executive Director) CYI, Javonna Wylie (OIC Program Director). We look forward to positive, peaceful and REAL open dialogue.
- **Renewal: Coatesville Area Public Library**
 - o As part of the City Council’s and the City of Coatesville’s ongoing support for literacy and education, I am pleased to inform the Board and Staff of the Coatesville Area Public Library of our annual pledge of \$7,500 for your on-going literacy mission in the City. We hope this contribution will help support new reading programs throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to COVID we were not able to present the check in a traditional public setting, but we hope you will accept via Zoom.
- **COVID-Testing & Cases: 228 cases - 1.74% of Population**

3. Finance Director

There was no Finance Director report at this time.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizen’s comments on non-agenda items at this time.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearing on non-agenda items; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Vice President Green thank everyone for attending. I know we had talked earlier about this committee for SAM, to meet with the DA, and one of the things, and I don't know how the others feel, but I think that we need to make sure that we include the chief is involved in this discussion. Chief stated he would be happy to join that discussion. Vice President Green stated we do have to keep in mind that it is still an illegal substance. I just want to thank everyone for tuning in. Put your comments up and we will get back to you, the administration or individual council members, I’m just excited for everything that was talked about tonight. The City is moving forward. The Flats project, I’m excited to hear more information on that. The Train Station, the train station has been something that's been long and coming, to know that we're going to be on their construction schedule is just phenomenal. And, it just shows how fast, the things are beginning to move. So again, you know, the affordable housing, that Crosby Woods was talking about, these are all good things and I just want to just let everyone know that Coatesville is moving. Coatesville is rising. I thank everyone for

attending. Thank you all. See you all council members, goodnight, President Lavender-Norris, glad to have you tonight. I'm glad that you're feeling better and continuing to pray. Thank you.

Mrs. Hunt stated it's good to have everybody joining us again. Great dialogue tonight. Mr. Logan, thank you for such a detailed report to everyone. Just be safe, continue to do the things that we do. I'm excited about the things that are going on around and in the city. I'm excited to be part of such a great council. Chief, again, thank you for all that you do to help navigate through the city, just all of our staff, thank you. Thank you everyone and have a good night. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin thanked all of those that joined us tonight. I think we talked about a lot of exciting things tonight. Mr. Verwey, thank you for all the research that you did on the Crosby project for us. Mr. Logan, thank you for all that you are doing and the reports and being transparent with us. Chief, thank you, and your staff for what you guys continue to do and all the staff as a whole. I just look forward to continuing to move things forward in Coatesville and being able to continue to work with the residents to see what their desires are as well. And I just hope everybody has a good night.

Ms. Graves thanked everyone for coming out and watching on YouTube. Thank you to Mr. Logan and Charles Green for the bonfire event this weekend. I love small and local businesses, so I'm so, so excited that our residents have the opportunity to have, and start entrepreneurship here in Coatesville. I think that that is an excellent initiative for the people from the city to really rise up, decide to create a small, small business initiatives. I love that we can help facilitate getting that off the ground. And so just making sure that to remind everybody, even though we said it a whole bunch of times, the Roundtable is not tomorrow anymore, it's moved to Thursday because of the expected inclement weather. Everybody makes sure that you go vote and make sure you fill out your Census. Chester County stands up is having a nonpartisan initiative to mobilize people to come out and vote across Chester County. That initiative is called "Remember in November". So, if you're interested in that check out their page, they're having their launch on Friday. The first week of October is Juvenile Justice week. So, make sure you are keeping up with Ms. Laurie Shannon-Bailey and the Juvenile Justice Alliance, a nonprofit that she has for updates on Juvenile Justice week. I'm just very excited to see bypass Coatesville. I am so excited to see the fruits of our artists labor here and see their artistic vision for what Coatesville really means to her and what Coatesville means to us as a community. Thank you all for once again, for viewing and thank you for continuing the initiatives to make our city work for all of us together. Thank you,

Mr. Folks wished everyone a good evening to everybody. I'm going to thank you for joining us. There's a lot going on in the city. Every time, I look at 190 up there they're laying blocks. They're doing a real good job up there. I mean, that's more jobs for the city, which is good. I know the dollar tree is getting ready to be open. Assume there's a job. There's a signup down for hiring. So, people who are looking for jobs and you got jobs right here in the city and more jobs coming. Just be safe. You know, we overlooked last meeting, we overlooked 9/11. Don't forget. Don't, just don't forget! Have a good night.

Mr. Simpson thanked everybody for tuning in and watching us tonight. There're some exciting things going on in Coatesville like Mr. Logan said we have 190 on coming under construction and coming along very nicely. We also have the exciting news about the flats and the train station, all good thing. But, I got to take issue with our city manager tonight and recommending and encouraging protesters from outside of the city coming in here, because whether we like it or not, they have the right to protest, but at the same time, there's additional cost. How many police officers were on overtime for

that protest last week, Mr. Logan, do you know? Mr. Logan stated, I can get that information for you. I am excited about this movie and they want to have an outdoor showing, but yet, your next breath, you said, Oh, the COVID cases are on the rise. So, now what are we going to do? We are going to have an outdoor showing or we're going to practice social practice, social distancing. We need to figure out what we're going to do on that one there. I want to thank all of our emergency responders, the first responders, out there for doing the job that they do. And with the governor talking about legalizing marijuana, Coffee with the Chief, we can also have now a Marijuana with a Manager. Everybody have a good night.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for hanging out with us and being open and willing to listen and see exactly what's going on with the City and wanting to be involved and be informed. I had an opportunity, I don't know if it was last Friday, Friday before, one of those Fridays, there was a showing of Black Panther in Abdala Park. It was awesome. It was done by Parks and Recreation. It was awesome because the way it was set up was like a drive-in movie theater. You know, the cars were parked angled properly and the volume was up on the speaker system and the movie played very well. It was a really nice event. It was cold outside, but it was a really nice event. So, I just want to say kudos to James Bookman in the Parks and Recreation Commission. I just want to say that as a council, leadership is based on service, not power, service, and we have to lead by example and the mere fact that our residents chose us to represent them. I just implore all seven of us to ensure that we lead by example, we do what we expect of our residents. When we want our residents to respect us, let's show them respect. When we want our employees, our administration, one another to respect us. Let's first show respect, it's easy, and it makes life easier for everyone included. I thank you again for coming out. I'm grateful, that I'm in the healing process. So, I'll be able to by the grace of God, be a little more involved, but while I am in the situation I'm in, I want my colleagues and the administration to know how much I appreciate and respect the job that you're doing. We hired you all because of your skills and abilities, your wisdom and knowledge, and we're trusting you with all you brought to the table to ensure that our city is safe, secure, and growing. So, thank you. To each and every one of you for that and to my colleagues, thank you. And please understand and know that I respect the fact that we won't agree on everything, but I do want you to consider agreeing to not agree, but keep moving the city forward because that's what we're here for. And with that being said, God Bless, be safe and have a good night.

Adjournment

Ms. Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.