

Minutes
City of Coatesville
Via – Virtual Meeting via Zoom and You Tube – COVID 19
Monday November 9, 2020



Council Present: President Linda Lavender-Norris, Vice President Carmen Green, Ms. Khadijah Al Amin, Ms. Nydea Graves, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt, 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.

Vice President Green called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

Vice president Green called the meeting to order and announced an Executive Session was held earlier to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the October 26, 2020 meeting minutes; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to add action item 4) settlement of a non-work related for Mr. Ortiz; 5) Solar RFP for 120 Pratts Dam Road; 6) Solar RFP 201 South Mount Airy Road; 7) Draft for an ordinance for the Sam's Act; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Dude Solutions, INC. - Rich Troutman

Mr. Troutman explained to Council a few brief comments regarding action item 1, this regards a seeking of the approval to enhance change swap out the code software and to make it more comprehensive so that it will provide all stakeholders with better more expanded tools and services. The existing software is inadequate and has no ability to improve as needed. An extensive search was conducted over spring and through the summer. The software we are proposing was located and a significant amount of time was spent assessing its capabilities determining if it met the needs. We negotiated the terms subject to approval by counsel. Clearly, I wanted to mention Steve Dobson. Our code supervisor is on the call and will be available for answering any questions at the end of the comment. We can speak to all the problems and shortcomings of the software company that we have, but we prefer to highlight a few of the objectives that are going to be met and available. So first of all, it's a cloud-based software where the city gets to control the data and the ability to update it as needed. The data will be linked to Chesco Views parcel data. With the history of the permit vacancies, delinquencies, permits violations, and all those types of things. The software will be interconnected and available as One-Stop sourcing. It will be web-based so that the owners of property can both pay and schedule online. It is user friendly, so it will be accessible in the office, in the field and will allow for more spontaneous communication.

We're going to have the ability to track paid and unpaid licenses which as council is aware, there is hundreds of thousands of dollars annually that flows through. It will interface with the accounting software. The format is going to be essentially the same that we already use with our ADP feeds. There is an annual Savings of \$2,161 dollars per year. That's guaranteed for the first two years and then the initial transition costs are a little shy of \$49,000 to build the software, convert data, and there's no 2020 costs. I would just say there are references in your package. They're very complimentary and you can read through it and see the benefits that we can be looking forward to and we will make sure the transition allows for the owners and residents of the city to know what to expect and training would be provided.

Vice President Green asked Mr. Troutman. Are we absolutely positively sure that this is the software is compatible. I mean we've been spending, you know a lot of money over the years and we get the software that we're hearing that it's going to be able to work and communicate, that it's going to really be more efficient between Finance and Codes. I just want to ensure that this software is the software that we need to get because we just did an upgrade a couple of years ago, and heard the same thing and it did not work out that way.

Mr. Troutman responded, unfortunately, I don't have the history as to all the problems that might have happened or were happening in the past. I know that Codes is excited for the opportunity for that component. We're excited in the Finance area. We know that the current shortcomings with no interface for the public. The new program no longer requires customers to come to City Hall to pay invoices, customers schedule online, inspectors can view their workload the day prior, no additional internal reporting, GIS mapping and parcel data allows us to show business licenses where we are current or post code compliance violations. Mr. Dobson spoke to other clients. And so, I would suggest that we've done some due diligence and I've been involved in responsible for system swap out. So, we've kicked the tires and the references came back and we have been working on it for a couple of months.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

Laurie Shannon-Bailey

Ms. Shannon-Bailey offered her support for Chief Laufer and the request for the part-time police officers. Our City is safer. We all want to live in a safe and secure community.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider motion to purchase Codes Software from Dude Solutions, Inc., for City Codes Department, for a purchase price of \$48,980.10.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the purchase of Codes Software from Dudes Solutions, Inc for the City Codes Department, for a purchase price of \$48,980.10; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Receive and consider a motion to purchase a Tiller Truck for the Coatesville Fire Department, for a purchase price of \$52,000, which shall be fully funded by a grant submitted by Representative Dan Williams.

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the purchase a Tiller Truck for the Coatesville Fire Department for a purchase price of \$52,000, which shall be fully funded by a grant submitted

by Representative Dan Williams; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Simpson asked why we feel we need a rear steer tiller ladder truck which now we're going to have to have two Career firefighters in that station to operate that truck and it's going to add an additional firefighter to the daily schedule. We've got an email that says that our LaFrance ladder truck, which is newer than the one we're buying now, that because of its age we're going to have issues with repairs and now we're buying a used truck. That's a lot significantly older and we're going to have the same number of repairs for that that we're going to have for the truck, that is a lot newer. A lot newer, but the question is the main thing is why do we need to add another person to the schedule just to operate this truck?

Ms. Al Amin concur with Mr. Simpson. I don't know why we would add an older truck which is going to require more manpower. We have already had issues with the Manpower in the fire department and staying within the schedules and you know the extra over time.

Chief Alderman explained it actually doesn't add any more personnel to the schedule there currently is three people per the contract that are on 24 hours a day, as a three-person minimum. That's all we schedule is three people and two of them are at the Washington Hose Company and the other one at the West End. So, it's not going to change anything as far as Manpower occurs. As far as the truck goes the current piece of apparatus has been out of service. It has cost the city tens of thousands of dollars even since I've been here it was not a good piece of apparatus to buy when it bought back then. The truck just recently came back into service for after being out of service for over three weeks, and a cost of probably five thousand dollars in repairs. I understand this is an older truck and they just got rid of a truck. This tiller truck has been gone over by Fireline Fire Equipment and has been recertified with the ladder and there shouldn't be any issues. If we had a million dollars. I'd say forget about this truck buy a new one, but unfortunately, we don't have a million dollars of spending. The tiller truck would be accessible to all the streets whereas the current truck is too big for some of the streets in Coatesville. I was speaking to Mr. Campbell in the lobby one day and he asked if Coatesville Fire Department needed a grant for anything. The paperwork was sent to the Department of Economic and Community Development. I was surprised when I found out we got the grant because it was just something that was mentioned in the lobby of City Hall one day. The grant has to be used for repairs replace maintenance of the fire apparatus and other equipment is needed for it. The current truck is a 23-year-old truck. Mrs. Hunt asked what is the basic life of a truck like that? Chief Alderman explained the current piece we have that's newer is 17 years old. The maximum life on a ladder truck is probably 20 years unless you have it refurbished referred means it goes back to the to the company and they redo the apparatus and things of that nature. The only thing has been refurbished on the tiller truck is the aerial device. I believe two years ago and the main Part of the tractor draw part of it depart you drive up front is the original but it's been well maintained and completely gone over by Fireline Fire Equipment.

Vice President Green stated this tiller truck will allow us to be able to maneuver on more smaller streets though, right? Chief Alderman replied that's correct. Right now, the current ladder truck we have has issues going up in the New Street area, the back end of the truck will scrape going up there. That's why we purchased the other truck from Westchester because it was able to go up there. This truck here can go anywhere because the way you where you steer the rear end. The staff has started training on it and the consensus is,

everybody really likes it a lot. Mr. Simpson asked for the history of the sale. Am I correct when the Washington hose company bought it a few months ago for their own private use and then they wanted to sell it so we decided to buy it. Is that pretty much in a nutshell? Chief Alderman stated that's not quite correct. They did buy bought it, I think knowing that the city probably didn't have the money to do it and we wouldn't have the money if we didn't get this Grant from Mr. Williams. There's no way I could come up with the extra fifty thousand dollars in my budget to do this. We're lucky. We got this grant to be able to do something like this. Ms. Graves asked if we already have the grant for sure. Chief Alderman stated he filled out the information. When I when I talked to the people from the state, they've basically told me all we had to do was put in the application for the grant, that the money was set aside. Vice President Green explained this is not a situation that the city has to put out any money. It's not a match or anything like that. Chief Alderman stated with this grant there is no match. It is not costing the City. It's a free truck. If it costs us money later or it's gotten to expensive, it's a decision we can make and the original truck did not cost us anything. I'm appreciative and grateful because Lord knows if we have fires and some of these small streets. We're not making it through there. I tend to agree that it was very nice of them to offer this opportunity for us to get a grant like this and we couldn't do it without this. You know, we just could not do it with the money. Vice President Green asked what a new truck like this would costs. Chief Alderman stated \$1 million dollars. I think the one that they have now that was what eight or nine hundred thousand dollars years ago. Mr. Simpson asked Chief Alderman, in your professional opinion, how long do you think what kind of Life Span do you think this refurbished truck will have? Chief Alderman explained this is twofold. I think the lifespan will extend the current truck that we have. That's for sure because we won't have to run it all the time. We can run this one as much if not more and will save the Life Span on that truck maybe for another three or four or five years or more, you know, as well as I do that, you know, we're not going to find a million dollars just laying around our budget to be able to go out and buy a brand-new one to be nice. But I would say it has to allow the lifespan of the current 2003 to make it for five or more years.

Mr. Simpson's only concern is I just think it's You know, it's a neat new toy. I don't think it's going to be any more cost-effective than the truck we have right now. That's my biggest concern. President Lavender-Norris stated we don't we honestly don't have anything to lose because we're not putting anything out, right so we're can't take it. We don't want to take it for granted and then the other truck that's been out of service for three weeks breaks down again, and we're just down a truck. Mr. Simpson asked if they would wait for payment until the City receives the grant money. Chief Alderman replied yes. Vice President Green announced that's all we're doing right now is approving the Grant application. Mr. Logan explained our firefighters are the only ones that can actually use that truck. Vice President Green said the biggest thing with this truck is the fact that it is going to get on some of our small streets because we have some small Street and its free

3. Receive and consider conditional offers of employment for four part-time officers

President Lavender-Norris stated turning now to the appointment of the part-time Patrol officers. The Civil Service Commission has provided a certified list of applicants who have successfully completed the oral and written exams for appointment the Third-Class City Code requires that the Chief of Police nominate a candidate from among the highest rank applicants on the eligibility list.

These appointments are for the position of part-time patrol officer within the City of Coatesville Police Department. Any candidate who is eligible for Veterans Preference under the Third-Class City Code appearing on the list of candidates must be selected candidates appointed tonight by Council will be conditionally appointed subject.

To successful completion of a background check medical and psychological evaluation the first list of candidates for consideration by council are ranked by scores as follows Joseph F. Wehrer, Karlianne Eller, Jennifer Schreiber, Alexander Fleming.

From this list Chief Laufer nominated Joseph Wehrer for conditional appointment as a part-time patrol officer in the City Police Department. Is there a motion?

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve appointment of Joseph Wehrer as a part-time Police Officer on the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and psychological examination; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Ms. Graves and Ms. Al Amin were the dissenting votes.

From this list Chief Laufer nominated Karlianne Eller for conditional appointment as a part-time patrol officer in the City Police Department. Is there a motion?

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve appointment of Karlianne Eller as a part-time Police Officer on the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and psychological examination; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Graves was the dissenting votes.

From this list Chief Laufer nominated Jennifer Schreiber for conditional appointment as a part-time patrol officer in the City Police Department. Is there a motion?

Vice President Green made a motion to approve appointment of Jennifer Schreiber as a part-time Police Officer on the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and psychological examination; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Graves was the dissenting votes.

From this list Chief Laufer nominated Alexander Fleming for conditional appointment as a part-time patrol officer in the City Police Department. Is there a motion?

Vice President Green made a motion to approve appointment of Alexander Fleming as a part-time Police Officer on the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and psychological examination; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Graves was the dissenting votes.

Ms. Graves asked if there were questions on the motions. Mr. Folks stated Council has discussed this. Ms. Graves stated okay then I'm a no. Ms. Al Amin stated we did discuss it, but I thought we decided to wait until the new budget was approved to see where the money lies within the budget is what I thought. Vice President Green explained at the budget meeting that was the question that I put to Mr. Troutman and the officers were included in the salary line of the budget.

Vice President Green stated the positions are included in the budget. Ms. Al Amin stated that we have not approved the budget yet. President Lavender-Norris explained the salaries are actually for these part-time officers are basically already covered by the vacancies of a couple of full-time officers. That is why that's why the money was already in the budget to cover. But he also said that then full-time positions would have to be filled. Mr. Logan asked the

Chief for clarity here. Chief Laufer explained there are two full-time positions that are open now, I guess as we've accepted settlement on the Ortiz non-service-related disability question and then also it was made official last week with Corporal Michaels leaving the department for West Brandywine. So, there are two full-time vacancies at this point that we will look to fill. The part-time officers are paid for out of a line item, which is a fixed pot of money that is just there and spread out over on how many part-time officers we have. Currently. We have 5 as Mr. Troutman indicated at the budget meeting, we would like to be at ten or twelve and that's really just a mathematical formula to cover the number of hours that we need to cover from minimum manning versus our full-time compliment. Currently, we're at five, we are asking for permission to conditionally offer four off of this list which will exhaust the list so far. We've only been able to hire one off of this existing list. One of the first four is actually working for us as a part-time officer. There was 10 on the list, two are no longer interested which leaves us with the four that we're going to offer tonight. So, their salaries are covered under that line item. We have plenty of money in that line item in this year's budget that we haven't spent because we just haven't had any part-time officers to allocate that money towards. Once again, it's in the 2021 budget as Mr. Troutman spoke at the budget meeting, that line item is intact and in the 2021 budget, which will allow us, hopefully, at some point to get close to the 10 to 12 part-time officers that we would like to be at.

Ms. Graves asked about the format for questions on motions. It just went right into the vote without questions or comments. President Lavender-Norris took full responsibility for not asking that and I will also let you know that I didn't just over look it I did not ask it as Mr. Councilman Folks said we've discussed this several times. I didn't know we needed more discussion, but I'm totally okay with more discussion if that's what you need. So, my apologies for not asking for discussion.

Ms. Graves explained I think with the budget meetings currently in place and we have not approved to 2021 budget yet, there are certainly things in the budget that we need to allocate funds for such as extra transportation for our community and prioritizing open in our community center. I think that we actually need to prioritize things in our budget items that actually reduce crime rather than just managing. The issue with crime that we have also Act 57 does not go into effect until July 2021 and because Act 57 was passed, we already know that it's not absurd to ask for separation record, criminal charges, ethical complaints are records of applying officers before we hire them. We know that we don't have a mandate to have those things until July 2021, but we do know those are not absurd to ask for and so I just would like to know anything about some officers before we hire them so we don't present a danger to our community. Chief Laufer stated I can assure you that our background is already in compliance with everything that will happen in next July in 2021. Ms. Graves stated that not everybody who is a part of the hiring process such as council members who are being asked to approve the conditional hires know anything about these backgrounds. So I feel uncomfortable voting to hire officers that we're going to put into our community without any background information on them. President Lavender-Norris stated duly noted, duly noted. Mr. Verwey explained as we discussed before that really this is the Civil Service Commission's obligation. That's what they are vested with the power to do all the work on behalf of Council, and then Council makes the final decision. But the way the Civil Service is and as I said at our last meeting, the Chief and I work to revise the Civil Service regulations to provide for even more information at the outset that the application process and for an investigative process and if there are any red flags in the initial background information is sought which is a Step Beyond what is even required by the Civil Service provisions of the

Third Class City Code. The way it is designed to work by Statute, is that Civil Service Commission handles all the vetting and processing and testing and then when they've determined who they find fit to serve as a police officer, they make a list in a recommendation, that recommendation goes to Council and the purpose for that process is to ensure that there's no outside influence on the hiring process of police officers. So, I don't think there's any more information available then what will be made available through the revised Civil Service regulations. At this point in time until Act 57 comes into effect next year and then that information will still go through the Civil Service process.

So, when the 25 full-time officers, we actually meet the requirement of officers with the contractual agreement right with the Union contract. Chief Laufer explained contractually, we are minimum is 25 with part-time officers. The number of officers per shift depends on the hour the day and day of the week, but it just depends. I don't want to get into our minimum Staffing just for safety. Ms. Al Amin stated We have not approved the budget. So if that line item decreased then it wouldn't necessarily be the payroll dollars needed. Would that be correct?

Mr. Troutman responded to that question and to a previous response. And that is that we would then if Council chose budget less dollars for part time. We would have to increase more overtime the overtime dollars. The function here is there are approximately 11,000 contracted hours that have to be backfilled because of vacations holidays military time etc. that have to be backfilled given the minimum compliment minimum Staffing required for the different shifts. So, whether we have four people to call and ask or we have 10 people to call and ask the odds of being able to get a part-timer are better if there's 10 on the list rather than four on the list. It won't cost any more money whether we have 10-part timers or four part-timers because it always is going to be a scale that balances hours between overtime hours and part-time hours to back fill vacancies, and we pay approximately 50% more for overtime, actually more than that because but it's more than 50% more to use an overtime hour than a part-time hour. And if I may one other comment Chief answered the question correctly that we have 25 full staff which is sworn officers, which is required by the April 2012 Contractual Amendment, we have another contract with the Department of Justice that requires 27 minimums, which is actually what we have so we can revisit certain parts of this for Budget clarification. There are reductions in force projected after the contract of the Department of Justice grants requirement expires but I would just add that for what I believe is a little bit of clarity if that helps. We're expecting that it will expire December 31st of 2021.

President Lavender-Norris stated I also want to acknowledge in our last meeting, we postponed the vote until this meeting which was discretionary, therefore we have to vote on this this evening.

Vice President Green explained that to clarify that the cops grant that we obtained, we have to maintain for a year after the expiration of the Grant and that Grant expires this year. So, we have to keep that officer those two officers until the end of the contract 2021. That's why it's 27.

4. Receive and consider settlement agreement with Miquel Ortiz

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the City of Coatesville agree to the terms of a settlement agreement and release with Miguel Ortiz to include a release of claim for a lump

sum payment of \$35,000 and receipt of other benefits under the Coatesville Police Pension Fund; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion Passed 6-0-1. Ms. Graves abstained due to the situation began before she was on Council.

5. Receive and consider proposal from Trina Solar to lease property located at 120 Pratts Dam Road

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the proposal from Trina Solar to lease property located at 120 Pratt's Dam road for purposes of installing and operating a solar power generation facility and authorizing the city manager and solicitor to take the steps necessary to prepare an ordinance authorizing the Trina Solar Lease; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Folks were the dissenting votes. (Motion reconsidered in action item 6)

Mr. Verwey explained the City put out a request for proposals for companies that might be interested in Leasing Property owned by the City that are currently vacant for purposes of installing Solar Power generating facilities. Trina Solar submitted RFP for this property at 120 Pratts Dam Road seeking the least approximately 35 acres per year. They will pay rent of approximately \$52,500 per year. Once they start construction. Their goal is to build a 10-megawatt facility for Renewable Energy. It will take an estimated year or two to get the approvals necessary to start that project.

6. Receive and consider proposal from Trina Solar to lease property at 201 Mount Airy Road

Mr. Simpson made a motion to table proposal from Trina Solar to lease property at 201 Mount Airy Road; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Mr. Folks was the dissenting vote.

Mr. Simpson's only question is the experience of dealing with PJM. I didn't necessarily sure that they have the experience, but that's it. Ms. Al Amin asked if Mr. Simpson worked on this with Mr. Logan. Mr. Simpson explained that it was totally based on numbers and not experience. I did not work on this as I was down and out with the Coronavirus. The biggest concern I had is that they have experienced on dealing with PJM on the interconnection. There are tons of people out there that are putting in solar farms and doing this and doing that but I'm not necessarily sure that they have because if you don't have any experience dealing with PJM it could take years to get the interconnection before it's up and running and that's my only concern.

Mrs. Hunt asked if maybe we should have had table this until we have more information on it. Ms. Al Amin stated Council already voted on one of the leases and she did not realize Mr. Simpson had a concern until after the vote. Mr. Simpson stated he brought it up in executive session. Mrs. Hunt asked Mr. Simpson to explain the PJM interconnection. Mr. Simpson explained PJM is the company that is what's called The Grid. They control all of the electrical current in a certain area, which is Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland. They Control everything and they are a wholesale Market which is what you have to connect with PJM before you can sell that solar power on the market. And if you don't have a significant amount of experience, Solar are just starting to come on here in Pennsylvania because of the solar credits. They weren't they were it was an open market and the credits weren't worth anything and nobody wanted to invest in solar. So now they are closing the market solar credits are going up. Now. Everybody wants to do something in Pennsylvania. But at the same time if you pay, you know, the wrong one, I wasn't aware that this was going

to be put on the agenda tonight either. So that was the other thing. I mean until just recently I thought, you know, we were going to look at a little bit longer, but you know, and I guess it comes down to the rates that they want to pay. You know, they're going to pay more than the other companies, but at the same time if they may be paying more but you know, what if it takes three four years to get the interconnection to PJM. So that's my only concern.

Mr. Logan explained that he is not an expert on the PJM renewable energy integration. There is a study that GE energy has put out. It's a task force report. It's called review of Industry practice and experience in an integration of wind and solar generation. I'd be more than happy to send that to all of you. It's the November 2012 report. It doesn't indicate anything about Trina.

About three now, but to councilman's Simpsons comment on, you know, the processed and connection that information is in that we can also Circle back and Anthony. I don't know how much Deep dive you did, but we can certainly circle back with Trina and get more information on their experience in that particular space.

Mr. Verwey explained to Mr. Logan, they did respond to directly to a request regarding experience with PJM and or interconnecting in the public utility Distribution Systems including recent approved Pennsylvania Utility interconnections and represented that they have extensive experience developing projects within the PJM territory. There are currently developing multiple projects throughout Pennsylvania with majority of those projects located within the PECO territory and discuss the leads on those projects they also list, I believe at least four projects within Pennsylvania and Newlin Township, Lower Providence, a private company project, smaller megawatt size and number of commercial projects. So, it does appear that they have at least some experience in the PECO territory at least According to a representation in the information provided in their RFP which we have taken face value. Mr. Simpson explained on those projects it doesn't really list whether they were, you know, just building the solar farm and somebody else was doing the interconnection. Somebody else owned the actual solar, you know act. They just built a solar farm for somebody else. It doesn't. Whether or not they were the operator of that Solar Farm. And again, I think they also didn't they also list that they had an individual that work for them. Now that had done PJM interconnections before is that the same company. I think that's what it's saying and he experiences that but they had a guy on their staff that had experienced on that that's you know, again, like I say, I wasn't aware that it was going to be put on the agenda until recently so I didn't see it on the agenda when we got the packet on Friday. So that's You know, that's where I'm at.

Ms. Al Amin asked if we could table this until we're able to get further information because I do remember Mr. Simpson mentioning it, but it was not discussed in great length. Mr. Verwey explained for the most, you've already passed it, if a person who voted to approve that Motion makes a motion to reconsider its second to then you could reconsider it and vote it down and then revisit it at a later date. A subsidiary motion could be made with regard to the pending motion, if you seek to do so, to either postpone it to a future meeting or table the motion, but it would take a motion of motion to reconsider to essentially undo the prior motion. It's already been approved.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to reconsider vote on action item 5; Ms. Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

7. Receive and consider drafting an Ordinance for the SAM Act.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to draft an Ordinance for the SAM Act; MS. Graves seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-5. President Lavender-Norris, Vice President Green, Mrs. Hunt, Mr. Folks and Mr. Simpson were the dissenting votes.

Ms. Al Amin stated I just feel that we need to draft an ordinance to make it so that individuals not so that they smoke publicly but any individual that would be stopped and would have a small amount of marijuana on them. I think it's 30 or less grams that it would not be a criminal charge it would either be a traffic citation or a fine of \$25 dollars something that would not cause them to lose their license or hinder them from moving forward in their future and it wouldn't be a criminal charge.

Ms. Graves stated I think that is to me a no-brainer to decriminalized small amounts of marijuana. I think in the interest of keeping our community safe and moving forward, keeping people being able to get opportunities for jobs and not caught in the criminal justice system. We should just decriminalize Marijuana, so that won't be a hurdle for people who live in our community. The medicinal use of marijuana is already legal in Pennsylvania. It's not legal for recreational use but I think we can decriminalize marijuana to keep our constituents out of the criminal justice system as much as possible to facilitate that.

Vice President Green stated she had a few comments about it. I think that it's a good idea. But I think that we need to explore more information on it and having the conversation with the DA. I really think that the DA's office should take more of a lead, even though she did make it very clear that they are not, they are not prosecuting small amounts of marijuana that they are pleading them to a summary offense which is not a criminal record. I just think that our borders are so small that this is something that we need to work with the surrounding municipalities our borders are too tight. You know, that's one thing about this area, you know, Coatesville, South Coatesville, Caln, Valley, we're all very, very close and I think that it defeats the purpose to have it just in Coatesville and not the surrounding Community. I think that more discussion should be held and I did take it to the COG, which is the Community of Government, an organization that all the surrounding municipalities belong to and that we discuss it. It was brought up, but they are willing to talk and meet with the District Attorney to get more information. I just believe that you know communities that have done it. We should look a little bit more into it. I know one of the draw, the things that they had in York was the fact that arrests are down a little however, they twenty-two thousand arrests for marijuana last year and the thing was is that now when they when they decriminalized at the problem is that people take the law and they smoke on the street because they know that they're only going to get a \$50 fine or \$25 fine. I just think that we need to take everything into consideration before we do such a thing and I think that if we do this we need to be in conjunction with the surrounding municipalities because it does no good and these 1.3 Square of miles then someone steps their foot over into Cal, Township, Valley Township, or walking into South Coatesville because it's not that far away and they not have the same thing in place. So, and that's why I'm very concerned that the DA is not willing to take the stronger position because the previous deep DA's have done that reduced the marijuana to a summary offense and I think that it's everything within her power to do that. And once she does that that would be for the entire County, you know, just like Delaware County. Delaware County did it with the assistance of their district attorney. And then Delaware County. They're just like us they have different municipalities and one of the things

that Deb Ryan did mention was that she was not comfortable making that decision for police departments around other police departments in other communities. So she said she was open to talking to them. So we are going to invite her to the COG and have a discussion with her and I just think that we need to do that. We need to put a little effort into it as opposed to just approving it, you know because it needs to be a sold-out situation because again you go one from one issue to another issue.

Ms. Al Amin asked Vice President Green if there is only one representative from each municipality. I myself have spoken to a few from South Coatesville and they already had discussion on it. And the ones that I spoke to didn't seem that seemed to think that it was going to be a problem to get it passed. I spoke to a Caln Commissioner that's actually going to present it to their board. So on the COG, it is only one member they cannot speak for their and they're not and they were not and that's what is to have the da come in and speak to. To this speak to the organization itself now, I don't know who you spoken to, but I'm only saying what happened with my experience was when I presented it to the organization. And again, I also think that it's a situation that we need to talk to her residence to see if that's something that they're looking for, you know, because when we first had the discussion on YouTube the first night the conversations and the notes that were taken there or the comments that were left there. Not favorable. So that's something that I think that we need to do a survey in the community to see because like I said, it's not you know, the DA has already stated that they are not prosecuting small quantities of marijuana that they are reducing them to a summary offense. Okay. So she's already said that she's done. She's doing that. They're not wasting the court time. They're not wasting the money. They're already doing that. So we need to talk to our residents because when this came to the floor. Comments on YouTube were not favorable people were not saying yes, we need to do this people were saying why do we need to do this? Marijuana is still illegal and my whole thing I think me personally believe that it should be legalized but this is something that we need to petition the state about because we need to make sure that we're not opening ourselves up for you know, all kinds of nuisance stuff like people smoking on the street, you know, because it's only going to be a \$25 fine because I looked into some stuff and some instances in your car looked into some incidences in Lancaster. And that's the two kinds of things quality of life things that are a result of and that's all I'm saying. I just think we need more discussion. We need to involve our surrounding municipalities. We also need to involve our residents. Our borders are too small.

Mrs. Hunt concurred with Vice President Green was saying and I to believe that we have to survey our surroundings and I do think that our community needs to be involved. If South Coatesville doesn't have it in place, Caln doesn't have it in place, Valley doesn't have it in place as of now, then why not take the time and try to have a Roundtable discussion. However, it goesto see where they really are with this. You know, this is something that they're going to do. Who are we go ahead and we step out on it. And then now all of a sudden, we can't smoke it here, but let's go to Coatesville. Let's go to Coatesville. So now you have them coming in from Caln, coming in from South Coatesville coming in from Valley Township all into the city. Let's get a consensus from our residents to see if this is something they would want. Let's talk with the controlling governments of each area see if this is something that they would want and then we come to a collective decision about it. And I mean, I'm fully aware that marijuana has really helped illnesses and aches and pain so I'm not naive to that but I also know that the social part of it. We don't need that a negative vibe in our city and you're not having it in your connecting cities. You're connecting municipalities. I'm sorry. I realized you are the only city you guys you smoking Coatesville. You don't get

anything but a \$25 fine or whatever, but then you go right over the bridge to Caln and boom Gets that you want to jail, but whatever offense is that they're going to give us that just think it's something that we need to explore more. It sounds good off-the-cuff for those that want it, but you have to weigh the pros and the cons and see what comes up on top.

Mr. Simpson asked if I could add my two cents on this, you know, we might as well get ready for because the wave is coming, you know, it started out on the west coast and now New Jersey is legalized it but at the same time my biggest concern was for the young people that partake and you know, they get arrested for small amounts of marijuana. Well their life is ruined and that was my biggest concern. It's like we got us a bone that because their life has been ruined forever. But if the DA. I thought this DA was more Progressive and I thought she may have even campaigned on it. I'm not sure. I don't want to say that she did but if they are just giving summary offences and there's not going to be any kind of misdemeanor. Well, then the problem solves that right. I mean like you say that the nuisance portion of it is, if we if we decriminalize it. it's only going bring more people in that are going to try and say hey screw you I'm going to smoke pot in front of you and it's only \$25 or fine, which is going on and I think Vice President Green said it's going on in York now. I mean if it's already a summary offense and not a misdemeanor then that portion of it's been taken care of.

President Lavender-Norris asked the Chief the fact that your guys are not just charging for small amount on a stop, it could be an add-on but it isn't an initial is that right early? Chief Laufer explained when we ran our statistics and year-to-date for 2020. We had I believe 13 arrests for small amount. Only 13 years to date and as the district attorney indicated they would have been pled down at the preliminary hearing to a summary offense. If the subject is arrested for other criminal charges at the same time, you know such as an outstanding warrant or a DUI arrest where there's a small amount found, you know, those charges may get disposed of over in Westchester at that time. But currently the way the law is written the officer only has the option to arrest and charge on a misdemeanor. If he's going to affect an arrest now, there is also a statistic there are a lot more than 13 for incidents where there was no arrest made and drugs were confiscated and there were simply no arrests made. So, 13 year to date this year. I don't think it's necessarily a huge number for what we're dealing with here in the City of Coatesville. I would I would just caution that any we're really not decriminalizing it because it's still against, you know, it's still illegal Statewide and federally and the officer still has the discretion to you know to arrest for the misdemeanor instead of an ordinance violation. So, it's always you know, it's always up to the officer's discretion and just as if the state police were in the city and made a traffic stop they don't enforce local ordinances. So therefore, any arrests by the state police is always going to be a misdemeanor arrest for small amount of marijuana. So just some things to consider. I'm not opposed to continuing to study the issue and its impact on our community. I just think it might be a little premature to have this as an action item here tonight.

President Lavender-Norris stated I also want to acknowledge the fact that because we're Representatives, we need to speak with the people we represent and not just our inner circles. I represent the Fifth Ward and before I can say yes to this. I need the people in the Fifth Ward say how do you feel about it? Do you think it should be passed before I can say yes or no? I need to see how they feel where they stand. I have no problem with it. If the DA did a blanket, I fully I'll write her a letter myself of support, but I will not put the city out in front to get this ball rolling while we're trying to revitalize, redevelop and re-establish with the

rebranding. I can't support doing this stepping out first too much negativity tied to this whole scene.

Vice President Green reiterated what the Chief said, the state police will not honor it regardless any other questions or comment. Ms. Graves stated I would just like to say I'm happy to pull constituents to know what they need from us what they want from our City and what kind of action they would like us to take. I do think that we should strongly think about the people who are criminalized as a result of having a small amount of marijuana in the impact that something like a misdemeanor can have on them. I just don't, a DA is a elected position, we don't know that if we elect a District Attorney that doesn't see if the way Deb sees it then. Then that's why I think having an ordinance in our city protects people while they're here. We do have surrounding municipalities and I think you know, it is our job to work with them. But I also think that we are responsible for the city that we have been elected to stay in charge of and so for me making sure that people are not criminalized is not a hard decision, but you can I think you know if you want to pull folks, I think that's reasonable as well.

Vice President Green stated she did like the idea that she would not prosecute these cases. And the thing about it is that the police Oath that they take into the State of Pennsylvania and right now marijuana is still illegal. So, when we use the terminology of decriminalizing, we're not decriminalizing, you know, we're doing just with the DA is doing now she's reducing them to summaries, you know. I just think that we need to talk to the residents to see if that's something that they want because there are other repercussions to go along with it. That's all. Because I don't like the fact that people who receive records and stuff like that to you know, I think that that's something that we could do we label is if we could, you know by legalizing it in the State of Pennsylvania. Ms. Graves stated I've been advocating for that as well. I think certainly we should Legalize It in the state of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close action items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes
There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

Reports

1. Solicitor
Mr. Verwey announced he:
 - worked on a number of issues on behalf of the city.
 - completed a rather substantial right to know request response. We worked on those with the Chief and his folks in the police department. We helped with responding to some document requests as well
 - worked on real estate matters involving City interests on zoning and code matters following properties within the city limits
 - worked on transactional matters with regard to certain debts owed to the city.
2. City Manager
Mr. Logan announced just a few items on the business and Community Development. We are we continue working with DPG to complete the streetscape project on First Avenue to

approximately half block east, as you can see if you've been out there lately the top side of the sidewalk has been cleared for construction. They're plowing through it pretty quickly and they will be pouring the concrete schedule for tomorrow. So, we hope that this weather continues so they can complete that project over there. The overall completion is scheduled for November 20th, and that'll be a nice little stretch of these streetscape whose Diamond Avenue is 99% done. The Gateway project, It's going to new phase, proposal phase one will consist of construction of 20,000 square feet, Phase 2 will consist of construction of 14,000 square feet. The Legends Property Team have gone out and they have so far at least 8,000 square feet for a financial institution, 2,500 square feet for physical therapist and potential sandwich shop will lease another 2,500 square feet. Once the completion of phase one is done construction on Phase 2 will begin thereafter. Legends Property is also working on the Arooga's project. They are in talks with banks refinancing it. The project looks promising and the City continues to support them in their efforts to make this restaurant an asset to the community. In addition to that, across the street, the Bank building, they are working on a tenant for that local restaurant and we're very excited to meet with the proprietor of that restaurant and look at this menu. As I said Legend Properties are working very diligently to secure that tenants. We are going to welcome him with open arms. So, there's several projects going on as you all know 190 West Lincoln continues to move forward. If you headed up West Lincoln you can see that the two huge concrete walls that are being erected, Sue Springsteen who is the President and CEO. Sounds like the Ambassador of Coatesville, built one of the First Opportunities Zone Minority-owned businesses here and he continues to progress with that project. About a week ago, we had a grand opening of the Revival of Performing Arts Theater. Great turnout, Councilman Folks, our council member was there to help cut the ribbon. Thanks for coming out. Mr. Folks along with other community stakeholders. A lot of good things are happening up on the West End. We are also looking to bring in a Keystone Innovation Zone in that particular part of the community, which will attract small companies as well as stimulated companies. So, we're working with a number of people who have the interest of Coatesville and we're very excited to be moving forward. On November 17th, I'm working with Sonny Huntzinger with 2nd Century Alliance. We are bringing back our successful series of the Opportunity Zone that we launched almost a year and a half ago. We are going to be updating our stakeholders, community residents as well as potential investors on where we are with the opportunity Zone and let's get them to come, so we're very excited about that. That will be of course on Zoom, if you will and hopefully you all will be able to attend this. Well, the last time I have is on Covid as you all know, you've had a number of celebrations, you know, when the recent election on both sides and the thing is that with all these celebrations on the numbers for Covid continue to increase the county itself has had an uptick in the number of cases and I know that you guys hear it all the time because I say it all the time but we got to get control of this, you know, it's wonderful to see people out distancing and you know wearing masks but we just got to take it to a new level right now. Our numbers are getting way up city of clothes feel. We are at 297 cases right now. Well, we are we are jumping almost eight to ten cases per day though, you know folks just be aware. You know, you're seeing your friends or neighbors or strangers wear masks, keep your distance, stay inside. If you have to shop early in the morning, if you have to do whatever you can to minimize your risk, and as I said before a 15-cent mask can save your life. Testing sites are here in Coatesville on Thursday still held that Good Shepherd. That's 107 out 17th Avenue between the hours of 10:00 and 3:00 p.m.

3. Chief of Police Report

Chief Laufer announced he would include going forward or back up of statistics and force activities for the Police Department in the packet. To highlight a few things last month, October was Domestic Violence Awareness month, and as always, we partner with the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County for our Purple Ribbon Campaign. Here in the city as well as highlighting different events throughout the month of October on our social media site. So that was a success. Once again partnering with the DV CCC. Also, on October 22nd. We had our escalation implicit bias and advanced leadership ethics training for our supervisors here in a police department that was held down at the training center with Spotify. Dr. Greg Warren, who's a retired Captain for the Delaware State Police who I've known for a number of years and worked with him throughout my career in the State Police. It was very well received, and was so popular that they had to schedule a second session. We did have two members of the department that couldn't because they were had other commitments for other training so they will be going to the second session which is later on this month of November. So, at that point all of our supervisory personnel within the department will undergo on the train. Any which is a plus for us and they'll be able to push these concepts down to the officers that they directly supervised. So, we're excited about that. Also, on October 24th. we had our DEA take back. We turned in combination from the surrounding municipalities to participate. We are sort of the Hub or when we submit the drugs to be disposed of through DEA for participating surrounding municipalities. We turned in just under a thousand pounds of discarded medication medications. So that's a lot to think about what an individual pill how much it weighs and you think about how much it would take to get to a thousand pounds, you know, that's a lot of medication that's not sitting in somebody's medicine cabinet, you know waiting to be, perhaps, you know stolen or taken by a family member and either ending up on the street or ending up, you know being ingested by that family member. This is an important program that we partner with and are excited that we were able to do that the month of October with the DEA. Also, we had continued participation DA Ryan's Task Force on race relations. We continue to partner with the District Attorney's office and the surrounding police departments initiative. We did have one Narcan save in October bringing our total of 23 year to date. Once again, that's Narcan saves by the police department. That's not doesn't include numbers for the ambulances. We installed 9 car seats, provided 9 car seats for residents who need a car seat. And then also with that car seat being provided, we provide professional installation by one of our car seat installation officers who are certified to make sure that the people that we give these car seats know how to properly install them and utilize them to keep our kids safe. Also, we had our statistics for October, 1247 incidents that were tracked through the 911 Center - County police radio. We also want our station log handled 2126 calls for service here at the station. One last thing, we did successfully complete our transition for our records management system over to Cody. We are excited about that. It's going to present us with a great opportunity to generate some good statistics out of our instances that we handle here in the city. We believe it's going to be more user-friendly for the officers and just an overall all-around better system. I would like to compliment Sergeant Smith and Officer Boyle. They were sort of our project managers on this effort and it was it was indeed quite a project to migrate all the existing data that's in our current records management system for about the last 20 years. If you think about all the instances the police department handles all that data had to be converted and then loaded into the new records management system. So, I would just like special recognition to go out to the Sergeant for being a project manager and seeing that through.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Lauren Shannon-Bailey

Ms. Shannon-Bailey announced this coming Friday evening at 5 p.m. the Pennsylvania Speaker of the House, will be doing a Facebook live presentation updating the public on the Juvenile Justice task force. The task force has been busy. They've done a lot but there's a lot to be done. Council asked Ms. Shannon-Bailey to provide the information on her Facebook page for the presentation.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items only; Ms., Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson thanked everybody that is on here tonight and for reaching out to me when I tested positive for the coronavirus wishing me well. You know prayers and everything and I know, almost everybody on here reached out. I want to thank each and every one of you and for those that are watching on YouTube, some of the people out there, I just want to thank everybody. As Mr. Logan, you know, he's constantly preaching about the mask. We unfortunately got it through the family, and you know it just took one member and it went through our family pretty quick, and it was not a good time. I can tell you that I don't go anywhere without my mask anymore. I never did. We're very careful about it, but even so you never know who you're going to come in contact with that may have been with somebody else or just spoke to somebody. Everybody, I want to thank you.

Mr. Folks stated that he is glad Mr. Simpson is alright. It's just it's a wonderful time to be a here in Coatesville. There's a lot happening like Mr. Logan said. I just wanted to thank our State Rep, he didn't have to do this, but he is committed to our city and he's committed to our people. So, I give a big shout-out on his win and I hope he just keeps on doing what he's doing. Wear your mask, people are dying. Literally there dying. It just takes a mask. That's it. Please wear a mask. Have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for spending the evening with us. Ed, I'm so glad to see that you're on the road to recovery and I pray for you and your family that you get the strength that you need. This is an unprecedented territory. So, I just ask that all of us continue safe practicing when we are together, when you're with your family. You're exactly right. This is something your family can go out or we go somewhere. You don't know who they're in contact with so we have to be safe. I know the holiday seasons are coming and we like to have our Mass Gatherings and all of that. But I've already served notice to my family. We're not doing it. We're not doing it this year. So I just encourage you to use wisdom. As we try to navigate through this thing called the coronavirus. I want to thank all of our staff for the excellent job that you're doing. To all of my colleagues it is always a pleasure just to work with all of you. I just want to give one shout out to my woman's organization "Women Destined for Change" throughout the spring and summer we had our hot meal giveaway and then we did our clothing Drive the third weekend of each month from April to October. This month of November, we will be giving away turkeys. I'm so grateful to be able to say that we have been co-sponsored by MCDC and Mr. Fonz Newsuan. He's been doing an excellent job with organizations, companies and individuals. My goal was to get 200 turkeys that we could give away too families, and I believe we have exceeded that number. If you know of anyone, and I'm talking to everyone that's on the line. Everyone is on YouTube, if you know of anyone or if you yourself need a turkey for Thanksgiving, please come by my office on Thursday, November the 19th. We requested that the turkeys be no less than 15 pounds. So, come by and receive your turkey or even if you want

to pick up one to someone else we will be here starting at 12 noon. Yeah, I think office, you know where we located did 5th Avenue and Lincoln Highway. We will be outside so that they're still have safe distancing. Please wear your mask and gloves. Please stop by and get a turkey. I just wanted to thank everyone for all that you're doing for our city and for our community. Have a good night.

Ms. Graves just wanted to say to Mr. Simpson, I'm happy that you're recovering well, and I wish you and your family a continue in speedy recovery. A lot of Americans including people from Coatesville participated in celebrations and in protests across the country over this weekend, and we all know that these events can be super attended events. So, if you did if you did participate in one of those events, please make sure you quarantine and get tested until your test results come back. That's how we become responsible. I know that 2020's a long year and if you wanted to celebrate, you know, I get it, but make sure you're just responsible, make sure your quarantining and get tested as soon as possible. So, if you are positive for covid-19, you're not spreading it to anybody else and especially folks who are more vulnerable than yourself and you know, I think there's you know, I think everything has already been told to continue to wear your masks. We are going to be in a second wave from what we know about last year. The colder months bring worst numbers, so

make sure you take care of that. And also make sure you get a flu shot because we don't want to get ourselves all worked up and confused about something that has similar symptoms to covid-19. So, just go ahead and get a flu shot. So, you have to think about that. That's good, too. So, yeah, thank you all for watching. Thank you for being here and you have a blessed evening and good night.

Ms. Al Amin stated I'd like to say Ed, I'm happy that you're starting to feel better. I know that things can linger for a very long time with Covid. I saw it with my brother-in-law. So, I will continue to keep you and your family in prayer that you don't have any residual effects from it that you know hinder you down the road you're looking well sounding good. I hope you get rest and I hope the rest of your family is doing better and feeling better. All those that had it. I'd like to thank everybody that has attended this meeting tonight. I want to very quickly address a matter. I have received several phone calls from residents and it might not be the most pleasant matter, but I really do think it needs to be addressed. I have had several phone calls after a few of the meetings that we've had and I would just like to say everybody knows that council is a body, you know as a whole, but there are seven of us and we do not always agree on all matters. Sometimes we vote unanimously and sometimes we don't and that's okay, but I really do think that we need to respect each other and if we have an issue with each other, we're all entitled to our rights and Freedom of Speech and the First Amendment, but I think when it comes to our closing comments, I think we should be mindful and respectful of our colleagues and not try to disrespect or berate any one of the other council members and any of our staff members. I don't think that serves a purpose. I don't think it's good for the public or residents to see it. I don't think it's good for our investors that are interested in coming to Coatesville to see it. We all have each other's phone numbers. We are all adults. I think we should be able to pick the phone up and call each other and work things out like that or discuss matters in executive session. I don't always agree with everybody. I don't always agree with the City Manager. If I don't I call the individual and discuss it with them. I think we have a good team overall. I just do think sometimes we need to be a little bit more respectful of one another and I'd also like to share something with the residents. So, since we have had our new City Manager, Mr. Logan, I would like everybody to know how hard he works since he accepted his new position. Yes, he works seven days a week tirelessly. Sometimes he's in office till 8:00 at night. He's there every Saturday. He's there every Sunday. It is not just the job and a paycheck. It is a passion for him and there too. I don't always agree with him, but when I don't, I call and discuss it with him. Mr. Logan., I would like to thank you so much for all of your efforts and all of your hard work and trying to move Coatesville forward. To our city

solicitor, Mr. Verwey, I would like to thank you, you work with all seven of us. And as I said, we don't always agree, one might want this and one might want that but you always make sure that we have the knowledge that we need to adhere to our Charter and the Sunshine Law, which are both very important because those become legal matters. So, thank you so much for always giving us the best legal advice so that we can represent the residents that put us in the seats and there's over 13,000 of them. They may not have all voted for us, but collectively they put us in the seats that were in and we have a very big responsibility on our shoulders. So, thank you so much for all of the work that you do. I'd like to thank all of our staff, the department heads and the individuals under them for all the hard work that they do and me personally, I think Coatesville is moving in the right direction. We have a lot of positive things for the first time and I can't say how many years but it's not 1, 2, 3 or 4 in several years. We will be presenting a budget to our residents that will be a true balanced budget not balanced because we are withdrawing money from the trust fund / rainy day fund. I think that in itself is a great accomplishment. It will also come without a tax increase. Mr. Logan is working on a five-year plan, which has not been done in several years and that plan prayerfully will keep us moving in the right direction. We have new businesses here that when they're done with their remodels and you know fixing their buildings up will open up. So, I just look forward and last but not least all of my colleagues. I like to thank all of you for all your hard work. I just look forward to working to make Coatesville a better place overall, a better place to live a place where people want to come and live, for the businesses that are here and will be opening for the future investors, for the jobs that will become available and a better place to work. I do want everybody to please be mindful of Covid because our numbers are rising as Mr. Logan said Pennsylvania as a whole is having higher numbers now than we did at the beginning of the pandemic. We went up seven cases today. We went up seven cases Friday and as Mr. Simpson said that he has had first-hand experience, you know, sometimes we think oh, that's a family member. It's okay, you know, we can have a family function. But if they don't live in your household, you still have to wear a mask. You still have to be very careful. You have to social distance. You have to wash your hands and Thanksgiving is coming. So there's a lot of people that do have family gatherings. Please just be careful because we have to do the best that we can to keep ourselves safe and each other safe. So, I just want to thank everybody for coming and I hope you have a good night and a great week.

Vice President Green provided a COG update. I joined the animal task force. The surrounding municipalities are looking for a way to curb the cost of stray animals such as cats and dogs. We all know what the cost is with the SPCA. A couple of them, some agencies, just pick up the animals and spay them and then put them back out, to me that doesn't really help the situation. So, I think we have our first scheduled meeting on Thursday. So, I did join to represent the city on that. Thank you. Mr. Logan for getting our dues paid for the COG. We do need to turn in an equipment list, a sharing list for equipment that we are willing to share. Every municipality has a list of equipment in the event that we would need to borrow something or they would need to borrow. So, we would need to specify which equipment we would be willing to share with some of the municipalities. I know Caln Township and they're sharing they will share the employee. They're not willing to just share the equipment. They want their own employee to operate that equipment, If we were to need it, so we were one of the last ones that we need to put together a sharing lists. I wanted to speak to Garry Alderman when he was on here about that because I don't know if he was involved in that. So, we just need to get on top of that and put together a list that we are willing to share. I just want to thank everyone for coming out to our council meeting tonight. Sorry for the delay. We had some technical difficulties, but we'll get this Zoom thing down pack sooner or later, but I still appreciate the audience and so appreciate the residents to take the time out because the city is moving forward. I know in the last couple meetings, there's not that many projects have been discussed. But if you're still on and you hear the manager's report, he kind of gives an overview. We're really moving. We

have a lot of great things going on and a lot of, just a lot of excitement. You know, I just want to continually send thanks to Sue Springsteen at 190 West Lincoln Highway, their project is coming along beautifully every time I ride past, I get excited for her and for the city, you know, everyone tonight has thanked, you know the staff and I tell you we're really blessed to have what we have, you know, we operate on Bare Bones at City Hall. So a lot of times everyone is doing multi, you know multitask in doing more than one job. And Mr. Mr. Logan. We know your Jamaican, you probably have seven or eight jobs you're doing and we so appreciate everything. I appreciate Mr. Verwey, who's been such an outstanding solicitor to us keeping us on the straight and narrow for many times in many issues that we were just not aware of and he has truly educated us. I'm hopeful that he will do an election one class for our council members. There's a few of us, who are few members, who have not had that class and I think it's very beneficial that we all go through election 101 and election 102, with this, it gives us an idea as an elected official with our expectations should be and you know, where we lie and what our roles are in local government. Chief, I thank you for taking the time to put together your report, you know, when I look at the numbers and stuff, you know, I'm not saying that there's not room for improvement in some things but I do appreciate the leadership that you give to our department. I appreciate the leadership that Mr. Troutman gives to our Finance Department. He makes it easy to do the budget. Yeah, really and you know, he really lays it out there and makes it really self-explanatory. So, I think that we as a city and I'm speaking to the residents. We as a city are truly blessed because like I said we operate on Bare Bones, you know, and we're getting the most bang for our buck with the people that we have and we just truly grateful for that and I just thank everyone again for just for coming out and sharing. I hope that we can do this survey as soon as possible that we can talk to the residents, whether it's a paper survey or a setting up some type of survey whatever it takes because we represent you. I represent the members of the fourth ward and again like Council President Lavender-Norris says my decisions have to be based on what the resident said. So, I thank you all and I look forward to speaking to you all and thank you again. Good night.

President Lavender-Norris concurred with everything her colleagues said. I just pray that everybody has a blessed night. Stay safe, and I want to Congratulate our State Representative on his re-election. I am so proud of him. I have I can call him my pastor, I can call him my State Representative, I can call him my friend, I can call him my brother, four titles for that young man, and he is awesome in every one of those categories. So again, congratulations. I bid you Godspeed all of you. Have a blessed night and be safe. Thank you.

Adjournment

Vice President Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.