

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



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

Mr. Simpson opened the meeting at 7:40 pm. Mr. Simpson announced an executive session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel real estate and legal matters.

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the minutes for November 4th, 2020, a budget workshop; November 9th, 2020, council meeting; November 11th, 2020 for a budget workshop; November 16th, 2020 for council meeting; and November 16th, 2020 budget workshop; Ms. Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 5—0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Graves made a motion to add discussion item 3) Signage on 1st Avenue for vision impaired; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations

1. LTL City Update – Issues with Developers

Mr. Logan introduced Mr. Latshaw from LTL Consultants. They have been working with the City of Coatesville for better part of a year. The inspections that are being done in both our rental and commercial properties are being done in a safe way and proper way

Mr. Latshaw thanked Council for the opportunity to talk to everybody. A little bit of background about LTL consultants. We've been in business for 25 years, we are a municipal consulting firm. We only work for municipalities. That would be like cities, such as yourself, boroughs or townships. We have two business areas that we do code enforcement, which is like James said, what we do for Coatesville, is building inspections. We also do zoning officer work and a multitude of other codes that municipalities adopt. We also do engineering work. So that's municipal engineering, whether it's stormwater, roads structures and everything and anything. So, for some of our clients, we do both of those disciplines, others. We just do one as we do in Coatesville, and we've been the city building inspector for two years. We appreciate the city's business. When we started with Coatesville. One of the first things that was shared with us is the goals for the city, and we kept hearing the word green tape, instead of red tape. So that was kind of a new term to us, but we quickly understood the city wants to redevelop and have codes, but also move forward through those,

you know, reasonably and quickly, the city wanted good customer service and the city wanted to have a code program that was reasonable user-friendly and provided for public health, safety, and welfare. So that's what LTL is all about is taking your codes and your regulations, working with your staff and your structure and implementing a code program that tries to do all those things. It not easy, but we partner with the city and the city staff and, and are trying hard to do what the city wants. The service to Coatesville was customized. We took what the city wanted to do with code staff and how you wanted to apply it, and we have molded our staff and our work to blend into the city framework. The city wanted dedicated code officers to do different things. So, we have met that and exceed it. The way we operate as the city requested, we really have like four things going on. We have office hours at the city office three days a week, and Matt, is our person who attends those office hours and works closely with Steve Dobson, Stacy and James. We have rental and resale inspections that are done two days a week. So many days there's like 10 to 15 inspections that go on with rental units at resales. Bill Horn does that work. David Wallace and assorted commercial inspectors handle do the residential and commercial building inspections. so again, we've tailored our program to meet the time demands and the framework that the city wants There is still some challenges in front of us as with any community that wants to redevelop. We have done a lot of improvements with the things that we've been told to do. However, there are still some developers, some applicants, some contractors that don't always follow the proper steps. We work closely with Mr. Dobson and Mrs. James and the team to work with those, those entities. At times there's some construction that's done without permits, some applicants may come in and say, I want a certificate of occupancy and we've discovered they haven't called in for inspections. We have to work with those people and try to educate them, get them up to speed so that moving forward, there are aware of the city's framework and herding program. LTL cannot inspect walls that are finished, or we can't inspect concrete that's poured. It makes our job difficult to certify, issue certificates of occupancy and get people into their structures if they're not following the steps of the program. So again, we're working closely with Mr. Dobson and Mrs. James to overcome those hurdles, to educate developers and communicate. Um, but again, it's, it's all in the name of the city's redevelopment and the health, safety, and welfare. We continue to work with the city to improve services. And I know the city has a new software program for code enforcement, other things that's going to be implemented. There are team meetings with applicants that are held and every effort is made to let that applicant know upfront as soon as possible. What are the steps with the city regulations that have to be stepped through? And we're the code official. But many times, we see that, you know, it's not just the code work, it starts with the zoning ordinance, the building code, maybe subdivision and land development regulations, there's streets and sidewalks that might have to be improved, maybe there's historic resources, a stormwater flood, plain regulations. So many times, when we have these team meetings with applicants, there's some of these other items other than building codes that the applicants have to tackle first and, and to come into compliance with.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on the minutes.

2. Food Bank

Mr. Logan informed Council of the request from the Food Bank to move to the Third Avenue lot. The City of Coatesville has partnered with the food bank for a number of years. The food

bank has a variety of offerings here in the city, some of the cup boards, as well as the fresh to you truck, beginning in January. The letter from the food bank is included in your packets. Beginning In January, from January 25th to April 2nd, the food bank is requesting to relocate their truck from the current location, which is the library right off of Lincoln Highway down to Third Avenue parking lot. The reason for this request is during the winter months, it gets a little tougher for them to be out on Lincoln Highway. We have that available space after third Avenue lot and they have made a request to be positioned there for the winter months. The letter is requesting the relocation for the winter months. I would recommend that we accept the request and allow them to share the space at the Third Avenue Lot.

Mrs. Hunt asked if the days will still be the same. Mr. Logan replied yes. Mrs. Graves stated I think will be good for us to approve the food truck is moving so people can know because it's right down the street from my house. And I see that it's usually really busy when it is here. So just so people can know that it's around and I think otherwise that's great. I thought we had offered them that on third Avenue. Mr. Simpson stated his concern is that we have a business, you have people that own a business businesses and Coatesville, but they are competing against, and these people were paying rent and taxes and everything and we are just going to allow them to come in. That's the issue I have with them coming into the downtown business area, is that they're competing with one of the markets that's there on Lincoln highway. Ms. Al Amin stated I think it's a good idea and, you know, they bring a lot more variety and the seniors also get vouchers to spend there. I think if they want to move to third Avenue, I think we should accommodate them. Ms. Graves stated there is a lot of senior housing. There is the clock towers and Ash Park terrace on 2nd Avenue. They are provided with a certain amount of cultures and a lot of those folks don't drive and it's very hard for them to get healthy food. I think this is a, a well-needed program. Mrs. Hunt agreed, absolutely, because there is a lot of also people, other people that can walk easier down to Third Avenue, then seniors can walk to the library in general.

Council asked Mr. Logan to add this item to the next agenda for approval/denial.

3. 1st Avenue caution signage for hearing impaired

Ms. Graves stated she ran into a member of the vision impaired community. On Third Avenue, we have something that beeps to let folks who are vision impaired, know that it's generally safe to cross the street. Of course, they can listen to see if a car's going to run the light off stuff that does happen, but First Avenue, because we're doing construction on First Avenue and have recently changed the way people cross the road there, it's been hard for this person to cross the street and they are feeling pretty unsafe crossing on First Avenue, but they walk that way frequently. I was just concerned about what we can do to help. I don't know if it's installing another one of those things that make noise or what we can do to help.

Mr. Logan stated he will contact PennDOT on how do they plan to address this because if it's not under the ADA act. I think that it's in the completion plan of 30 and 82 realignment. Right now, because it is under construction, we are unable to install those types of signals for the vision care. But certainly, I'll double check with our civil engineering, consultant to see if those will be installed as the completion of 30 and 82, for next year. Ms. Graves asked if there was anything we can do temporarily to help while the construction's going on, just so that they can safely cross the street. Mr. Logan stated that he would be happy to reach out to the engineer.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

Mr. Crosby stated he just wanted to make myself available if there was any further questions regarding the second vote on the DTR debt payoff, based on again, the moving target here, which is three years in the making here. We are scheduled to basically make transfer at the end of the year and the funds would be dispersed to the city on the 31st of December. So just wanted to share that news with you, assuming that the vote would be affirmative again this evening.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close citizens' hearings on regular action items only; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1186-2002, authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a commitment agreement to lend up to \$500,000.00 to the Downtown Revival Limited Partnership for an Urban Renewal project subject to a promissory note and mortgage and security agreement and conditional assignment of leases and rents to the City providing for the repayment of same in forty (40) years, to authorize the City of Coatesville to enter an agreement to accept a lump sum payment of \$250,000 to satisfy the Downtown Revival Limited Partnership's debt obligation to the City of Coatesville due in 2042.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1186-2002, authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter into a commitment agreement to lend up to \$500,000 to the Downtown Revival Limited Partnership for an Urban Renewal project subject to a promissory note and mortgage and security agreement and conditional assignment of leases and rents to the City providing for a repayment of same in forty (40) years, to authorize the City of Coatesville to enter an agreement to accept a lump sum payment of \$250,000 to satisfy the Downtown Revival Limited Partnership's debt obligation to the City of Coatesville due in 2042; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Verwey explained the \$250,000 will be paid prior to or at closing.

2. Receive and consider 2021 Caselle Annual Maintenance and upgrade agreement

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the 2021 Caselle Annual Maintenance and upgrade agreement; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Troutman explained this is a renewal for the finance software with no increase in price.

3. Receive and consider approval of the 2021 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the 2021 Preliminary Budget; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Ms. Graves was the dissenting vote.

Ms. Al Amin stated she was very happy with this year's budget. There is a balanced budget in every sense of the way, there was no money anticipated needed being pulled from the trust fund/rainy day fund. There is no tax increase. There were some departments that we were able to cut the budget some. And so overall, I have to say I'm very happy with it.

4. Receive and consider to accept the Chester County Economic Development Study

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to accept the Chester County Economic Development Study; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Logan explained there is a letter in your packet that he will be forwarding to the planning commission, this letter is part of the acceptance space of the vision partnership program, which the City of Coatesville, South Coatesville and Valley, all 20 participated in to identifying revitalization opportunities and assets in our respective municipalities. There was a great effort that was brought together, by our project manager, and this was Sonny Huntzinger from Second Century Alliance. She put in countless hours to coordinate meetings and follow-ups, to ensure this particular study will yield some great ideas, some recommendations to each of our municipalities, on how to move forward identifying commercial opportunities or residential opportunities and to drive traffic to our communities as well. A requirement is that we adopt the final plan. And once the plan is adopted, the next step would just be a completion of particular project and then we move toward the implementation. So, this is, kind of a formality, to signify to the planning commission that we have adopted and accepted the plan. I actually sent this out to you all a couple of weeks ago. If you recall, it's in your packet, it gave you all with an overview of a lot of different areas throughout the three months of holidays. If you remember, we had a wonderful presentation on the VPP program. So, I hope you will accept and allow me to submit this letter to the Chester County planning commission

5. Receive and consider TMACC contribution

Ms. Graves made a motion to approve the TMACC Contribution; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Logan announced in the packet is a letter from the TMACC Executive Director, Tim Phelps. Mr. Phelps has been working with the City of Coatesville along with Kraft buses and SEPTA to provide transportation for our residents as far as up to parts into the West Chester borough. Just like anything there are expenses tied to transportation, TMACC, is not insulated from any of the increases in those of fees or maintenance. This year, they have requested support from a number of municipalities, including Coatesville, and they are requesting a support in the amount of \$5,000. The monies would go towards their annual operating costs. If you look on, the third paragraph, it shows you that they received \$180,000 a year from the Chester County commissioners. Some of their advertising on the buses covers some of the shortfalls, but it really isn't enough. So this is a small drop in the bucket. I would consider in terms of supporting our transportation network here in the city of Coatesville. Just one additional comment is moving forward. We already had a meeting with Council person Graves, Vice President Green and, you know, we really are trying to identify and improve the service here in Coatesville, as we continue to grow, there's going to be a greater need for transportation, but right now, when it boils down to is ridership and, our ridership is not at the place where we can, let's say, for example, add another bus. It is something to really consider, and we are going to be going back and looking at what those expenses would be if we add an additional bus, to the routes here in Coatesville. So again, this is a, a letter request for donation of \$5,000. And, I hope Council would take this under consideration and et cetera. Ms. Graves stated anything to support our transportation system is always going to be a good thing for us to continue to support the folks, who rely on transportation to get around for opportunities for work. I think it's always good for us to support that as Mr. Logan said, it is a small, a small drop in the hat and coming up, you know, after research is done and we look

over things, I, at peak times, it'll be a great idea to consider, to have an additional bus route too. And I think for a lot of the people who rely on the bus as their main method of transportation, as I do having a bus come at every, half an hour will be changing, you know, game changing for a lot of people who, who either go to work an hour and a half early because they have to catch the early bus, or if they miss the bus are hourly to work or I'll have to wait an hour in the cold for a bus coming home from work or have to ride a crowded bus, especially in the time of COVID. I know we're not voting on that right now, but I do think that that's a great idea to consider and was very happy with the call we had with TMACC. I do think it's a great idea to pay some dues towards our public transportation. I will hope the County, will help us out and do the same if we do need an additional bus. Mr. Simpson added that he was also on that phone call and if you know the public transportation in Chester County, particularly on this end of the County is a nightmare. We have surrounding counties, Lancaster County has their own authority. Berks County has authority, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester County. We use SEPTA and SEPTA refuses to bring the bus service out here. And I think what we need to do is we need to really have a longer and lengthier discussions with our County commissioners, because, we're the wealthiest County in Pennsylvania, and we probably have the most insignificant public transportation of any other County with our citizenship and the amount of money that we have in this County. And it's a shame, but, I support that we give, I think it's a good idea that we give them some money if they're asking for a donation. So, I also support it.

6. Receive and consider promotion of two part time officers to full time

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the promotion of Officers Timothy Kimmerle and Alejandro Ortiz from part time to full time; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Ms. Graves was the dissenting vote.

Ms. Al Amin asked this is actually replacing two full-time officers, one that went to another police department, and the one that went out permanently on a non-work related injury, is that correct? Mr. Logan replied that's correct. This is not increasing our compliment. Just maintaining our compliment with the two existing vacancies. As you mentioned, one was created by a non-service-related disability, retirement, and the other vacancy was created when an officer accepted a position with a neighboring department. So this will allow us to maintain our current staffing, no increase to our budget for this year or for 2021, in effect it will reduce our budget because we're replacing senior officers with first year officers, which will lower or overall costs for manpower. And we are obligated by the cops grant and by the union contract to maintain the number of officers. That's why you are promoting these two part-time officers. Yes, that is correct. Chief announced the two officers that we are recommending to be promoted tonight are Timothy and Kemmerle, who was hired on March 5, 2019, as a part-time officer and Alejandro Ortiz who was hired on August 6, 2019 as a part-time officer. They both were hired through the Civil Service process, passed a rigorous background, have served well as part-time officers for the city. We make our recommendations from part-time to full-time. We sit down and discuss it with all of our supervisors. And both of these officers were unanimous recommendations to fill the two existing, uh, full-time vacancies.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close action items only; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Verwey announced he:

- Working on issues related to city improvements
- Working on contracting issues related to those doing work for the City
- Worked on addressing Zoning issues with the City Manager
- Worked on Real Estate issues on behalf of the City

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced everyone is seeing the growth happening, in spite of COVID, there's a lot of growth that's happening out in the Western region, Chester County, just a couple of numbers to remind everyone, Chester County population right now is nearly 530,000. It has a growth rate of about 0.59%, which means more than 150,000 people will be added to our population in less than 25 years. That is pretty significant. Most of that population is situated in Eastern section of the County, but the Western region is poised and we'll get ready for a tremendous kind of move in this direction. I said it before, I'll continue to say a lot of things are going to be heading West.

One of the things that is great for the City to be in a position of having, is the Federal Opportunity Zone Program, that program has sparked and launched a number of projects throughout the City. The City has for qualified opportunities on tracks and some of the individuals have landed here on site here. I'm just going to kind of give you a quick rundown of who they are. Many of you have heard about the one 190 projects on West Lincoln Highway, Sue Springsteen is the managing partner and co-founder and has basically kicked off the Opportunity Zone. I think targeted for a Q1 completion and then rooting for her to make it a deadline. We call it the innovation center and it will offer entrepreneurs, and others like an environment to grow their businesses from concept to commercialization. Sue Springsteen's also working with our school district to help young people in system related activity, as well as identify job pipelines for those individuals who are interested in like manufacturing and technology. So, we're very excited about that project.

Mark Sherman, some of you may know him, he is the owner of the midway, which is a 68,000 square foot, which used to be a warehouse at 139 East Chestnut Street. Mr. Sherman, works with individuals that are looking to acquire space and he builds to spec, he is really coming into the City investing in it. Matter of fact, I saw him this past weekend, working on the roof, with permits and he was just, he's all in. So, we're very excited to have him here working with this partner Lane and developing the City and adding their vision to a new economy here in the City of Coatesville. DEPG is moving on East Lincoln highway.

The Streetscape project is underway for approximately half a block on East Lincoln Highway on the South side, starting at first Avenue right up to maybe 132 East Lincoln Highway, which used to be the old YMCA, so that's the first phase of our streetscape. The concrete has already been poured, with weather permitting, we should see a full complete, completion of that particular project by December. I'm going to say December 11th.

And then moving on to the train station, The City of Coatesville has been waiting for new train station for more than 20 years. It's finally coming. We have, in addition to the train station plans for 480 parking space garages, that will provide plenty of parking spaces for our

commuters, as well as some commercial residential parking spaces for plan development that will be adjacent to the garage itself. I want to just say, the individuals that are working on this project include, the Redevelopment Authority, Sonny Huntzinger, once again, has been really lending a helping hand in bringing sometimes a unruly group of individuals together to have these meetings along with Amtrak, Pennoni, Bernard, and a host of other stakeholders that are really supporting this project and making sure that it happens.

3. I also want to just mention, our new grant consultant, Colleen Terry who is responsible for helping us secure more than \$15 million in projected cost for the garage. We haven't achieved it yet. We are getting closer with our outreach and engagement on the state and federal level. So, we're very excited as we move forward on the development of the garage. We recently completed the VPP study in partnership with Valley, and South Coatesville. This is to coordinate a strategy to attract businesses and generate jobs. Thanks to Valley and South Coatesville for their leadership and completing this process.
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5. I mentioned at our last meeting that United Safety launched an educational program, with some of the students or many of the students here in Coatesville. On November 17th, we had an opportunity zone, a zoom, which provided an update of what's going on in the opportunities. In spite of COVID, we hosted 68 viewers, with a diverse panel of investors, stakeholders, and City leaders sharing recent updates on the activity. If you missed it, you can watch it on the City's, YouTube channel. And all you do is you go on YouTube and you type in a City of Coatesville
- 6.
7. The Episcopal Church of Trinity will be hosting a holiday breakfast on December 12th from 9 am to noon. On December 12th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, the City will have a tree in Gateway Park. This is the "Light of the Night", Coatesville tree lighting event sponsored by Elite Therapy Solutions and their friends, including CYI, Parks and Recreation Commission, Second Century Alliance, Coatesville Senior Center, Harrison Senior Center, Synergy, Chesco Holistic Care Hospitals, Coatesville Area School District and last but not least the City of Coatesville. Once again, social Distance events. They are all taking precautions necessary to ensure that people are six feet apart, wearing masks, but it promises to be a nice event. And we hope those individuals who are here in the community will be able to see a wonderful tree lighting event on December 12th.
- 8.
9. The last thing, that's COVID, the City of Coatesville, as well as surrounding communities. We are spiking at a rate that is very, very alarming. We've all heard the news that families are kind of reevaluating, rethinking how they're spending the holidays. You know, as much as we all want to be with our loved ones, we just got to think about this one. This is only one day out of the year that we may have to do this. Be careful, we may not see each other until next year. Please wear a mask. If you're going to visit relatives, you know, you may have to cut your visits for 30 minutes, you know, and that's unfortunate, but that that's the reality of our cases and the City Codes, but we are at 398, less than a week ago. We were at maybe 340. I think that was my last report. So, we have spiked, and less than a week to 398. So please, if you can wear a mask and that you don't like to, but you know, it just, it saves lives. It reduces the risk and it keeps us all around so we can see each other next year. There are some testing sites. Unfortunately, the testing site here in Coatesville has closed. I hope it's just a temporary close, but now all of the sites for the rest of this week are at the government service building. That's 601 Westtown Road in West Chester. And that's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, again, that's Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday only. You can go and get tested. You should register

online and the hours are from 9 am to 3:30 pm. If you haven't been tested, if you're home suffering from the flu, you're not sure what you have, please go get tested, protect your family, protect your friends, protect yourself. And with that, thank you, council members.

10. Finance Director

Mr. Troutman announced there are two topics for this evening.

- The first is the actual financials through the first 10 months as a year we have completed. Each of the four major funds is favorable to budget for the expenditures. Three of the four have net surpluses. The only one that isn't is the capital reserve, which I've commented on throughout the year, that it has an intentional deficit, because of the stoppage of all the projects citywide, and we're able to pay for those expenditures that are continuing within that fund out of cash reserves. That's intentional deficit, if you will.
- The second comment, I would make is as a reminder for regarding unpaid real estate taxes or solid waste fees, any of them that are not paid by December 31 will roll over and become delinquent on January one. And typically, there's an influx of people paying their taxes or their fees in late December. We would encourage everybody to the extent possible to factor in potential postal delays so that they can in fact make sure they get to Keystone collections earlier in December so that they are able to be treated as paid in the current year with that.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments at this time.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Ms. Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Ms. Graves thanked everybody for tuning in on YouTube and of everyone who rewatched it. And now everyone who joined into meeting to take care of city business tonight. I just want to say for everyone who celebrates, a happy holiday weekend and to make sure that everybody is being safe, make sure you wear your mask, make sure that you are adhering to social distance, saying if you absolutely do have to see your family in person, make sure you're just being safe. There are some alternative ways that I've seen popping up, like people having Thanksgiving over zoom and cooking in their own home, spreading infectious disease during an epidemic is a tradition, basically as old as Thanksgiving itself. I think it's a tradition that we should leave in the 17th century, quite frankly, because since then, we've learned more about how disease is spread and we are in the middle of a global pandemic. So, I would just implore everyone to be careful because it's going to be a nationwide, super spreader of it. So, if you do go out and even if you do go out and responsibly, spend time with family, I would suggest that when you're finished to come home quarantine and then try to get tested as soon as possible to make sure that if you did get sick, you didn't spread it. And of course, talk to your doctor about that because, I'm no doctor. Bye everyone, have a great weekend, have a great holiday weekend, you know, just enjoy time off. I know that's one thing is people, people who are working class, people just like enjoy your time off that's few and far between for

retail workers, I'm sure that you guys are going to be super busy on black Friday. So, yeah, lots of our solidarity with retail workers this year at work in black Friday during a global pandemic, probably a lot of people without hazard pay. Thank you guys, and have a great night.

Mr. Folks sent a shout out to prosper bank. They had a Ribbon Cutting. I just want to give them a shout out. Um, very nice over there. Shout out to the Western Chamber, their luncheon, very nice, very good job. Thanks for inviting me. To the residents, the holidays, don't relax yourself. The County has, "simply just wear it' masks. You know, you get cold with, by being in and around your family. So, zoom Thanksgiving instead of being in the ICU on Christmas. So, this is real, take care of yourself and happy holidays. Thank you. Have a good night. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for joining us tonight. I want to thank all of the city staff for all their hard work. There're some exciting things happening in Coatesville. I know it seems like it's been forever, but things take time and we are moving forward. I want to concur with Mr. Folks, the County has a very simple phrase, "simple wear a mask." I think we all need to do that over the weekend. Like Mr. Logan said, now today we stand at 398 cases over the weekend. We went up 31 cases, and I'm sure it's going to go higher. Like the folks that were tested yesterday, their tests won't be back for a few days. And so when their tests comes back, if they're positive, that will be added to today's or yesterday's date, whatever date they got tested on and the folks that are asymptomatic, they're not doing it intentionally, but they're passing it to others. The others that are getting it may not necessarily be asymptomatic and may become very sick. I have loved ones as we speak right now that have it. There's a lot of folks in Coatesville that have it. And so, you know, if you have to forgo one particular day or one event that I think it's a very small price to pay, to continue to have your loved ones around you. I just hope everybody has a very safe and happy Thanksgiving, cook at home and celebrate it with those that reside in the household with you and everybody else, FaceTime them, call them, do a zoom, whatever it is that you need to do, but let's keep ourselves safe and everybody else. Thanks everybody and have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening and thanked everyone for joining in and hanging out with us a little bit tonight. I want to thank our city staff as well, Mr. Logan, Mr. Troutman, and your team for the awesome job you did with presenting us such a great budget for this year. Mr. Verwey always for your legal advice, we thank you. Chief, I just thank you for the job with our department and they represent you and I'm just thankful for all that you put into it. No one is perfect. You're going to have ups and downs regardless, but thank you for all that you do. I want to encourage everyone to please, please, please stay safe, wear your mask because we do not know how this virus just filters in, but believe me, it's real. So, please wear your mask. Please keep your distances. And if at all possible adhere to the guidelines that are being set forth. It is not always good for any business to have to say, we have to close at this time of day. We can only have 10 people. We can only have 25 people, but if it means saving a life and keeping people safe in the end, it is worth it. So please just be careful, be safe this holiday, share love, share love daily with your family, with your friends. We always target certain days, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas to show an abundance of love and that's all great, but let's do it every day. And then if we have to skip one day because of something like this to keep us safe, it's not quite as bad again. I just want to thank everyone. Thank you for hanging out. Love to you all be safe and God bless you all. Thank you. Last Thursday, my women's group, along with MCDC, we sponsored the Turkey giveaway for the city and I just want to thank all of you, my colleagues, you came by, you donated turkeys and we were able to donate over 300 turkeys to different families in the community. And it's because of, I put the plea out, but you responded and we thank you so much for all that you've done to help families. And then today I came

in and here someone had dropped the whole Turkey meal, a big giant Turkey and all the trimmings off for me and my family. And I was, it was just wonderful. You people, it's just, it's just nice to be nice. And so, I don't even know who did it because there was no name on it, but whoever did it, if you're listening tonight, thank you so much. God bless you have a good evening.

Mr. Simpson thanked everybody for tuning in whether it's YouTube or zoom. It's that time of year again, but the budget and, you know, this was the first time in I don't know how many years I can tell you that the 17 years I've been on council, this is one of the easiest and most informative budget processes that I've gone through. I want to thank our staff for putting all this together. It was a collaborative effort between every department, and Mr. Logan, please pass on my regards to everybody that worked on this budget process. I also would like to give a shout out to Sue Springsteen at 190 West Lincoln Highway, that building is moving along. I saw some, uh, aerial shots today. It is amazing, you know, what a little persistence and people can do. There are people out there that actually do believe in the city of Coatesville. And I can tell you, she's one of the biggest cheerleaders we have for the City of Coatesville and all the hard work that everybody that's helped her accomplish all this. I know that all the different agencies and everybody that helps Second Century Alliance. I also want to give a shout out to the production company that we have in the West End now, and the old St. Stanislaus school and the progress that they're moving along with, you know, Josh Burrow and Crosby woods on the Church, and everything up there, they're moving right along. Everybody thanks for coming out. Thank you everybody, we appreciate it.

Adjournment

Mr. Folks made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm; Ms. Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.