



City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – COVID 19-2020 – via ZOOM and YOU TUBE
Monday, December 14, 2020

Council Present: Vice President Carmen Green, Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt,, Ms. Khadijah Al Amin, Ms. Nydea Graves, Mr. Donald Folks, Edward Simpson
Council Absent: President Linda Lavender-Norris,
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 opened the meeting at 7:40 pm. Vice President Green announced an executive session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel real estate and legal matters.

Vice President Green announced President Lavender-Norris would not be in attendance.

Approved Minutes

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the November 24, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and the December 9, 2020 Public Hearing Preliminary Budget Minutes; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve accounts payables; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Council Person Graves and Ms. Al Amin were the dissenting votes.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to ratify the emergency declaration as written; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Forte – Letter of Recognition
Vice President Green asked if the Forte Butler family were on the line. Mrs. Hunt read the letter of Recognition to the Family for Terrence Lamont Pete Forte.
2. DEPG – Jaime DePetris
Ms. DePetris provided an updated on their project. We believe and hope that the year 2021 will bring some great moments to the City of Coatesville, hopefully specifically with our project. I want to thank Mr. Logan for his communication with us in his leadership role these past couple of months. He has been working with me directly a lot on the matters we will be talking about. The first item I want to talk about is the Streetscape improvement project on Lincoln Highway. We are happy to announce the work is being completed on the South Side. The next thing is the restaurant progress, for phase one and phase two, which those buildings as everyone knows is the Cultural Society there on Lincoln highway and the old bank building on the corner of Lincoln and route 82. As we've discussed before, and as everybody has seen, the pandemic has had a real impact on the restaurant industry and our ability to attract and acquire financing for new restaurant opportunities and to attract restaurant operators has been quite difficult this year. We are working on some creative structures with some investors that can hopefully attract some

operators and investors in those opportunities as the year goes on. And 2021, brings some better news to that industry. As regards to our liquor license, due to the governor's emergency declaration, , because of the pandemic, our liquor license is protected from expiration. We did have a call with Mr. Logan and Sonia Huntzinger with our consultant, Michael Gill and his office and we just were able to provide some information to them regarding that. We were happy to do that. And, I think that was very informative. The last thing on the list we wanted to talk about, which has definitely gotten the most moment in the year 2021 for us, is the Coatesville gateway project that is on the corner of 1st Avenue and Route 82. This project was originally planned for 34,000 feet. We are now planning to do an initial phase of 20,000 feet, , a two story building 10,000 square feet on each floor, with the intent of finishing that 34,000 square feet in the future with a second phase of 14,000 feet when the 20,000 is leased up. We were successful in attracting Prosper Bank and Elite Therapy to join our tenant mix on that Coatesville Gateway project on the corner, that takes us to about 50% pre-leased right now. We are also very appreciative and excited that Prosper Bank is not only going to be a tenant in that building, but they are also looking to finance that, and I'm going to committee this week regarding a construction loan on that. We have been working very directly with him and we look forward to continuing that relationship and growing it more along with this project. The Department of Economic Development, Program Business in Our Sites as a piece of Phase three. We wish everyone a very happy holiday season. and a very happy new year. and, we really look forward to 2021. Thank you.

3. Andrea's Jazz café

Mr. Dantzler thanked City Council for the opportunity to present to our plans to open up Andrea's jazz cafe this evening. I have with me part of my team, my executive manager, Prichard Dudley, and we also have counsel, Mr. Skip Brian here also with us, and to expedite the time I'm going to turn it over to our executive manager so she can give your presentation. If there's any questions after she's completed, we'll be happy to answer them. Good evening, everyone. Hopefully everyone can hear me. Okay. great. We are presenting our venture, our business venture and Coatesville Economic Revitalization. Andrea's jazz café is going to bring a unique live music, entertainment and dining venue to the City of Coatesville. We are located at 236 East Lincoln highway. I will start by telling you that we have started this process in September of this year, 2020, and we were fortunate to apply for the Coatesville Second Century Alliance Facade matching grant. And we were awarded the matching grant. We have completed the facade. So I don't know if anyone has had an opportunity to ride down that sector of Coatesville to see that, it is completed. The only thing that is not unveiled is the name of the cafe. We're really excited. This has been a dream of Mr. Dantzler's, it's been a joy and a pleasure working with him. Our team that we have assembled to assist in this process. We embarked on this approximately the middle of September. And by the first week of December, we had completed the facade exterior renovations. Our next phase is going to be our interior renovations and City Council has received the diagram of what that layout is going to look like. Andrea's Jazz Cafe is going to bring a unique venue to the City and to the Tri-City area, I would say, because there's really no venue specifically designed like this. We're going to bring a smooth jazz bebop, Latin, contemporary country, blues down-home jazz, blues, fusion, you name it. We're going to have it. We're going to have a local artist as well as a headline artist as well., our capacity is seats right now for 60 people, 60 tables, 60 individuals, and our cuisine is American Creole cuisine. Most of you probably know Dennis, from the community. He's born and raised here in Coatesville, and you can always see him around and about doing his business and all interior. We're going to be gutting it out and then redesigning it with a performance stage, two new bathrooms, which will be of course, ADA compliant and accessible. We will have a full-service bar as well as a full kitchen. So that is what the interior is going to, is going to entail. As far as what we're offering in Andrea's jazz cafe, right now we're going to be operating Wednesday through Saturday. So those

are our core evenings. And on Wednesdays, we're going to feature spoken word or some call it performance poetry, as well as jam sessions. So, if you know any musicians who just want to come and jam it out there, they're welcome to come in on Wednesdays and, and do that. It's a free open, first come first serve, sign up situation on Thursdays. We're going to feature a theme night and we're going to have different themes based on what we come up with. We're shooting to have at least one set on Thursdays, is the option to have two sets. But right now we're going to start with just one set. And on Friday and Saturday, we're going to feature two sets. And on Sunday, once a month for right now, once or possibly twice a month, we're going to feature a Sunday, jazz slash gospel brunch that will be available also. We wanted to include the youth of Coatesville because they were an important component to the development of the city and to the redevelopment of the city. And one night, a month, we are going to collaborate of course, with Coatesville Area School District. And we want to sponsor students from the local schools to come in and showcase their talent. So whether they play an instrument, they have a vocal, or they have poetry, they write poetry, whatever it is that they want to do, we will be able to feature them and showcase them one night, a week. They will be able to have a couple of tickets to invite family members. And we will also provide to them complimentary appetizers and soft drinks and water. So that we're very proud of that. And like I said, we're going to be reaching out to the school district to figure out what's the best way to do it. What comes to our mind is to randomly have the students, sign up and whether they are randomly drawn, you know, but we want to give each and every student, an opportunity from elementary up to high school. And there's some great jazz bands at the high schools as well. So, we definitely would like to have them featured on some of our evenings.

Our non-posted hours, other than the hours and days that I have mentioned to you, we will open that up for social organizations, social groups, businesses, if they want to come in and have a luncheon meeting or an early dinner meeting, but we will have those facilities available to them. And as well, we're going to offer takeout dining as well as outdoor dining weather permits. We do have a management team in place right now. Our management team consists of approximately 85 years of combined experience Dennis. h, he has the most experience with 50 years' experience and, myself, I come to you with 25 years of business management, financial management, experience, and Dennis and I both have food service management experience. In my part-time, I do, catering and event planning and things like that for private events. And Dennis has actually owned and operated a food service business for approximately eight years which was very successful for him here. And I think it was in Downingtown, in the Downingtown area. We also have an entertainment director and, Ramona, she brings 25 plus years. She is also a performer. she performs a solo. She also has a band as well she also will be assisting with booking of engagements for the jazz cafe. We are really excited to have her on board, she's awesome and a dynamic vocalist as well. And then we also have a social media liaison because that is really core and critical and communication and advertising of the business. So, we're excited to have Alexis as well. She comes to us with 10 years of social media experience, as far as some of the things in addition to the things that we've already addressed, we will be looking to initially hire 13 employees. And as we're going to, we want to employ, of course, as many qualified applicants as possible from Coatesville. We would like to have at least 50% local, that is our goal. So that is the goal that we will try to adhere to, to make sure that because as, as you know, with any economic redevelopment, you know, there has to be some benefits to the residents within the city and bringing employment opportunities, that's definitely, a way that we can capitalize and do that. And, we've actually had people during our exterior construction, just local residents walking by admiring the facade, and then asking, you know, can I get a job here or are you guys going to be hiring and so forth? So, so that is open. We'll be advertising through media, such as indeed a PA career link chesko.org. And my chesko.com just to name a few. We offer of course, a competitive salary incentives and bonuses. And that way we want to ensure that not only the

residents of Coatesville, but other, employees are committed to the business and becoming a part of the family. And that's how we view ourselves as a family and a team.

We do of course we're in the midst of COVID and that's a challenge to everyone. And, you know, we had thought about that from the onset because we don't know what the future holds. So, we have some, we have a continuity plan in place to ensure that we keep people safe, not only during the COVID periods, but beyond that as well. So the things that we are implementing for safety protocols will not just be during the COVID pandemic, but in any, you know, pandemic or any event that occurs, but basically just a standard practice, it's our standard operating procedure. and we want to make sure that we're keeping our staff, our performers and our customers safe. So just to give you a couple examples, we're going to Institute, what's called a safe space scanner, and upon entrance into the doors, you will be scanned to monitor your temperature. You don't have to do anything. You basically just stand there and it takes your reading. And if anyone has any type of temperature or does not meet the threshold, then they will not be permitted to enter the building at that time, also we're going to have contactless, as much as possible. So, for instance, hand sanitizers will be an entrance. So we'll ask that everyone sanitized as they come in, there'll be sanitizers outside of the restrooms inside of the restrooms. The restrooms will all be contactless, the lights, no touching lights, faucets, a toilet flushing, anything like that. So, no touch at all. We are also going to Institute a contactless of food and beverage ordering system via a smartphone. I don't know if any of you've had the opportunity to experience what that's like. But basically, you just scan your phone over a barcode and it will upload our menu, our food menu, as well as the bar menu. If you do not have a smartphone because not everyone does, then we will have the traditional laminated menus and of course they will be laminated. So that way they can be cleaned and disinfected after each term or a person. all of our flatware will be pre-packaged and we'll have disposable napkins, plexiglass will be available as a table and bar as dividers when required plexiglass will be a standard around the performance stage as well. When the public health department mandates mask wearing, masks are required, no mask, no entry, this basically going to be our procedure and our protocol staff will have PPE. And this will just be a standard protocol for them. They will wear a mask, they will also have the face shield and they will have gloves as well as the other sanitation items that are needed for them. So, and then with each turn of a table, the tables and chairs will be sanitized and disinfected wiped down after each customer. So we've tried to, you know, be very diligent in, making sure that everyone is safe, but yet still has a fun and enjoyable time.

We have received a letter of support thus far from, Gary Smith, who is the CEO of the Chester County economic development council and I believe that has, they're provided to you to council, for your reference. We are seeking the economic development dispenser license, and we have taken the steps to apply for that process. There is a process and we reached out to 223 licensees. That was a part of the process and of those 223 licensees that we sent contacts out to. We received 24 responses, seven were interested in selling their license. And then, just so you know, the minimum, price that they were asking was 500,000 and the maximum was as high as \$2 million. Dennis and I unfortunately can't afford 500,000 right now, it's just, it's just beyond our means, but we still have invested so much into the building so far and thus far, and we're eager and we have our business plan in place and that's been approved. Our business plan has been approved, and we are looking to make this a reality, this dream, a reality, and with the support of city council. We know that that, that's the one thing that we need to, to enable us to, to go forward. We are hopeful and asking with all sincerity, that you would support us in our bid for an economic development license, keep in mind that we are asking for this license now and our intent and our goal. And at this point, we don't see any obstacle to open our doors, July 1st, 2021. So, with that economic license, we are looking to implement right away very, very quickly. So, this is reminding well, say we're almost at January now. So, within six months of the new year, we, we want to be up

and running and, and that is our goal. So, we have everything is just moving according to plan, and we're very excited. Dennis is extremely excited. He's a native of Coatesville and he loves his city and I have grown to love the city too. I'm a Philadelphia native, but, I have embraced the city and the city has embraced me as well. , so with that, if anyone has any questions,

Mr. Verwey explained that an letter requesting the Resolution of support form City Council would be required to move forward.

4. Eagle Disposal – Andrew Casey

Mr. Casey provided an action plan of where they want to focus on. Customer service is the first issue. And then also, we want to start core meetings back up. We were doing them and then, we kind of got hit with the COVID. So we were unable to meet with customer service to garner the situation. Is that driver reports, any issues are emailed or reported to the city? Coatesville will report any issues handled as calls in or the next day. And we're at no fines right now in our service history. Customer service, step one, we want to establish a quarterly mood meanings to review service issues and concerns who can be there would be sitting members, City manager, public works, City Council members. limited to two, Eagle Disposal contact would be the contract manager, operations and customer service manager and also the site manager will be there. Step two: Eagle disposal will utilize gallery reporting logs, drivers identify issues on routes. I E over limit overweight issues. Daily logs would be compiled and emailed daily to Coatesville city representative. Customers are step three because we also issue you reports daily. As you received via emails to Eagle disposal, customer service issues reported before 12:00 PM handled the same day after 12:00 PM, 8:00 PM. They would be handled within 24 hours issues logged by Eagle personnel by day four of the Eagle disposal crews call in, in designated city representative to ensure all issues received prior to leaving the city. Step five, customer service, Eagle disposal tracks, all customer and daily reported issues, providing monthly summaries to Coatesville. Step six, violation and liquid date day two damages and resolved issues. Subjects who find an outline in sections 21 on page 12 of the contract. So in summary, we'll schedule the first quarterly meeting, meaning we'll figure a date that works for everybody, once a week will check-in with the municipal manager, James and Steve can call my cell at any time, if they ever have any issues, I'm available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, also in the past, we have donated roll-off dumpsters for a cleanup days. We'd like to continue that if you have another event that comes up, we can handle them on a case by case basis. And we have sponsored the Grand Prix in the past, we'd like to look to do that again with you guys. Also, we may have had service interruptions this year, due to COVID-19 has hit our industry pretty hard, this being that it was a worldwide pandemic that's caused delays in the waste industry across the country. It's not just Eagle that experiences, we have protocols that we have to follow, we're doing temperature testing for our employees, we also have contact quarantining that the police, our workforce that we have to overcome. And when we have people that are sick, we definitely stress that they don't come to work, even if it's just a cold, COVID or anything, you know, erring on the side of caution. And right now, we're doing like said we're doing temperature checks for them. And one thing we have changed for you that is nine years track that we started not too long ago, that the bulk pickup is now once a week for all your residents, where in the contract originally was for one item a month that we did. We will continue to do that. So we just look forward to continuing our relationship and that's where we're at.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

Sue Springsteen

Ms. Springsteen commented on the budget. She thanked City Council and City Management staff and everyone involved in passing the balanced budget. This is a huge accomplishment.

Lauren Shannon Bailey

Ms. Shannon-Bailey will call back during non-agenda items as her items were not action items.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion for adoption of Ordinance 1539-2020 establishing the tax rate for General purposes for the year 2021, at the same rate as that set for tax year 2020.
Mr. Logan read the Ordinance.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adopt an Ordinance 1539-2020 establishing the tax rate for general purposes for the year 2021, at the same rate as 2020; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Hunt was not present for the vote.

2. Receive and consider a motion for adoption of Ordinance 1538-2020 appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government as herein set forth therein, for the year 2021.
Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adopt an Ordinance 1538-2020 appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government as herein set forth therein, for the year 2021; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Council person Graves was the dissenting vote.

3. Receive and consider a motion for adoption of Ordinance 1540-2020 providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville.
Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adopt an Ordinance 1540-2020 providing for salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Council person Graves was the dissenting vote.

4. Receive and consider a motion to retain Barbacane, Thornton and Company LLC for the independent audit of the 2020 fiscal year.
Mrs. Hunt made a motion to retain Barbacane Thornton and Company, LLC for the independent audit of the 2020 fiscal year; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Receive and consider a motion to set the Monday, January 4, 2020 Re-Organizational Meeting time.
Mr. Verwey explained last year there was some discussion over the time for the meeting, based upon the requirements of the charter. And I, I think the decision of council was set the meeting for the earliest time that everyone could meet. My recollection is 6:00 PM was the time that was set last year, to accommodate everyone's work schedule to make sure that the all of council could attend that meeting.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve setting the Monday, January 4, 2021, Reorganizational meeting time to 6:pm; Council person Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Hunt was not present for the vote,

6. Receive and consider a motion to approve the Food Bank moving to 3rd Avenue Parking Lot.
Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the Food Bank moving to 3rd Avenue Parking Lot; Council person Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Receive and consider a motion to appoint Bank Signatories for Malvern Bank

Mr. Logan explained when a new manager is in place, we have to get a document signed authorizing the signatories. We have to update all the documentation so that the checks and all the other documents can be signed by myself, Finance Director, President and Vice President. This is really kind of a formality to update the bank file with the required signatures for documents from the city.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to appoint Bank Signatories for Malvern Bank; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Receive and consider ratifying the Declaration of State of Emergency issued on December 11, 2020 related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic, with certain modifications

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to ratifying the Declaration of State of Emergency issued on December 11, 2020 related to the Coronavirus Covid-19 Pandemic, with certain modifications with mask mandates and no fines; Council Person Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

There was no solicitor report at this time.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced Ms. Depetris explained the work that they're completing on first Avenue and additional progress on the gateway building itself. Sue Springsteen's announced she is moving forward with her 190 West Innovation center. The target date for completion is the first quarter of 2021. We also have progress from the train station. I mentioned in the last meeting, the bids are going out for the new train station, and we hope that provided with the weather, and all of the stars aligning, we'll be able to have a shovel in the ground early next year. I would also like to take this time to thank the deputy secretary PA department of transportation as the representative Coatesville, Jen Granger, she has been fighting hard for the City to get to this train station, along with the garage project off the ground. We just really appreciate her help and her team along with the Amtrak team, making this come to fruition. So, we're very excited and we thank her for that. In addition to that we've had a meeting with the planning commission last week to review our urban center improvement inventory. That is the list of projects that are kind of on the wish list for the City. It includes infrastructure, to capital improvement projects, to storm water improvements as well. So, we are looking forward to kind of get some of these projects off the ground. Of course, many of these projects require grant funding, which the grants are pretty competitive, but we feel that the City of Coatesville will be able to submit a very strong proposals to get a number of our projects completed in coming years on the community update side. This past Saturday we had three lobbying events, like the thank Santa for coming out escorted by our Fire Department. Thanks to all the guys that participate in that. Josh Schreiber

was one of the guys leading the way along with Chief Alderman. We appreciate you guys' time. In addition to that the tree lighting ceremony was sponsored by Elite Therapy Solutions, this is their second year that they have donated the tree to the City of Coatesville. We'd like to thank him for that, Patrick Kensler, he's the director of administration over there in the marketing representative on the co-op, did a great job along with James Bachman, with the parks and rec commission and, other community volunteers that just did a great job. They were out there. I actually went out there, there was about 12 people there. We wanted to have a much larger event, but of course with the spike of COVID in Coatesville, they doubled back a lot. If you went by, you were able to see a live performance by our Coatesville High School in choir. It was beautiful and they just made it very festive in the part. So my hats off, my hat goes off to the Parks and Recreation and all the folks that are leads and our volunteers and, James Kauffman and the wrestling team. So thank you guys again, along with Second Century Alliance was involved in that the Coatesville Senior Center, Harrison, seniors, senior living, Synergy Chesco holistic care hospice, and the Coatesville area senior center, as well as the school district. A lot of people were involved in this and we were just happy that some of the holiday spirit continues in the City of Coatesville. One more note, we have reached 595 cases to date in the City of Coatesville and it worries me, we are trying to through our ordinance as well as just informing people our community, that we really have to change our behavior, wear masks. I know it's going to be a problem, but we have upped 197 cases in about 20 days. I know that other communities are spiking as well. Coatesville is a very dense community, as you all know, and these numbers are just, you know, I mean, we just have to kind of, you know, get better. You have to wear your masks. We have to distance ourselves. Hey, if you have to shop rarely, we get your groceries, do that and get back inside. Young people. I know that you guys are out there. There's not a whole lot to do, but wear a mask when you guys are getting together. You know, I was just out shooting around this weekend. About 10 of you guys out there not wearing masks. you had to just wear a mask and I know it's hard on the basketball court, but you know, this is what we have to do right now. I want to see you guys out there this summer. So, you know, everyone, please, please just try to get better at this. The vaccine is on the way. Unfortunately, a testing site in Coatesville has closed. We will be reaching out to the County to see if we can get it reopened., but right now we do not have an open testing site. So, you would have to go to a Westchester to get any COVID tests.

3. Police Chief

Chief Laufer review the statistical report for November included in the packet. There were 1,527 calls generated through the Chester County 911 Center for November. That's up from 1247 in October, and we had 2,232 total calls for service from 2126 in October. So, a little uptake in our call pole for November and just some other highlights for November. And the first part of December, District Attorney Ryan has continued to support the department and announced tonight that they have decided to continue to reimburse the City for our detective who was assigned to the drug task force for the County. This salary will, once again, as it was in 2020 will continue for 2021 to be 100% reimbursed through the District Attorney's Office, that assists us with the City budget for the police department. We're excited about that. A part-time officer update, we are down to three part-time officers, that are actually working for the City of Coatesville. As you remember, several meetings ago, we did conditional offers of employment for four additional part-time officers of those four, two are no longer interested in a position and to have successfully completed their background investigations. So, I wanted to update council at this point on our part-time officer hiring. With the two, there were absolutely no red flags raised in their background investigation, and they background investigation was competed through the new MOPEC guidelines which aren't in effect until next July. Our background investigation process already complies with those new regulations, which will be effective. So we have two

successful candidates that are through the background. They will now go to meds, the psychological exam and to medical for physical and drug testing. So that's our update with regard to our part time officers, just some additional highlights for November. We continue participation in Chester County, a FOP and district attorney's office task force on race relations. We had two Narcan saves in November, one Narcan save the first part of December bringing 26 total year to date for the Police Department. We installed 11 car seats in November and 5 car seats in the first two weeks in December. We also trained a new officer, Felicia Del Gotti, one of our part-time officers, obtained her child passenger safety technician certification. This allows us to continue to provide that service to our community not only being able to provide the car seats and free of charge, but make sure that they're professionally installed. The individuals that received the car seats are trained, on how to make sure that they're utilizing them properly for their children. We also participated in click it or ticket from 11/23 to 12/12 with grant funding from Penn dot and Chester County highway safety project, trying to make sure that everybody's properly buckled, and that's also just adult safety restraints and child also. And our annual Shop with a Cop program took place on this past Saturday. Once again, we partnered with Coatesville kids to college and hope beyond borders, due to our COVID situation, we adjusted the program and opted for more of a family-oriented shopping experience. Thank you, Councilman Folks for once again, supporting us and supporting our Shop with a Cop Program. We were out at the Walmart on Saturday and just made sure that the families were there and we continued to be supportive of the community. We felt it was important that even though it was definitely a modified program this year for a Shop with a Cop, we didn't want to miss a year and we felt it was important. So we met the families out there. We provided them with the gift cards, and then we let them go ahead and have their Christmas shopping without the officer escorting on this year and assisting, because of the COVID restrictions, but I still believe it was throughout well-received and supports our community. So once again, Mr. Folks, thanks for, assisting on that Saturday. I mentioned Officer Felicia DelGotti, she received recognition from the Chief for "you made a difference award" this past month. She was recognized for even as a part-time officer for her commitment to the community that she serves and in particular, a young lady who she's mentoring and, you know, as identified as somebody that actually reached out to the department and asked if we had a female officer, that could come out and introduce her to what it means to be a police officer today and in particularly what it means to be a female police officer in today's time. So, we appreciate her service to the City and wanted to make sure that she got recognized for that. I should have mentioned that our parking enforcement officer, PEO Smith, Robin Smith, recently completed 20 years of service to the army reserve. She is happily retired now. I think her husband is probably happier than we are, but we thank her for her service for 20 plus years of service to the army and for doing what sometimes we take for granted. but that's a lot of time to invest. even if it is one weekend, a month and two weeks a year, it still is a lot of commitment. Keep it up for 20 years used to be commended for that. She is happy to still be in service here to the City of Coatesville. So I thank you, Mr. Logan for reminding me to recognize PEO Robin Smith.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens' hearings at this time.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close citizens hearings non-agenda items only; Mr. Folk seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

1 Minutes

Mr. Folks announced it's been a long week from signing the steel beam, from Shop with a Cop, and they had the nerve to put me up on a fire truck to be Santa Claus. That's an experience with Shop with a Cop. It was a busy week and it was a good week, but I just want to tell you what I saw when I was on that fire truck and what I didn't say. I didn't see the buildings burning down. I didn't see marches. I didn't see racism what I saw was kids and adults, even to a man in a red suit. Tears was coming down my eyes while the kids are waving and hollering at Santa Claus. Coatesville is a great place. Coatesville is a place where everybody is somebody. So, don't matter if you're black, white, Spanish, Mexican, Jewish, or Gentile, you are somebody. I know it's tough around this time of the year, because some people lost their mother or father or brother. This is real serious for Coatesville. Our numbers are going up. What that ride around the city. If you could've done it, you didn't see racism. You saw tears of joy, a man in a suit. I wish I could ride around Coatesville for every day because them kids were hanging out windows and they were running out on the sidewalk just to get a glimpse of a man in a red suit, Merry Christmas to everybody. Be safe, wear a mask.

Council person Graves started off by saying, because I know we're meeting again in the New Year, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Solstice, and Happy all of anything that anyone celebrates, Happy Yule, coming up in the next few weeks. Cause I know that there's a lot of celebrations, and Happy New Year. Of course. I know that through all of the celebrations that we are going to want to gather with friends and family, because those are usually our traditions. I would ask that you refrain from gathering, maybe try new ways to gather like over zoom meeting, FaceTime friends and family, try cooking dinner at your house with the people who live there, because these next few weeks of COVID is just going to end up getting really dark. We've already lost so many people and we're going to continue to keep losing people. There's a ton of people here in Coatesville who are sick. We just want to keep everybody safe, right. Reducing our traveling and gathering. So, yep. Just asking everybody to stay safe, make sure you wear a mask. We now have, we've just ratified a mask mandate. So, whenever you're in public, you have to wear a mask indoors and outdoors. Otherwise I am really excited to see the jazz cafe. I'm always excited for businesses to come to Coatesville, especially businesses who are focused on doing things like hiring 50% of their staff from qualified Coatesville community members. That's really important to make sure that folks here can become employed so that they don't get this place. So, thank you for thinking about that when you thought about bringing a business to Coatesville and otherwise everybody just have a good weekend, a good night and a happy new year.

Mr. Simpson thanked everyone for tuning in, It's been a long year despite COVID. I still think that the city has made a lot of progress towards turning around and being revitalized and we're well on our way. And hopefully when we return next year, it's going to be a much better year, you know, with the vaccines and everything that are coming out now and all the people that are going to be vaccinated. I think that next year is going to be a promising year and we're really looking forward to it. Everyone, have a nice holiday.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for joining us and sharing this evening with us. I want to thank those that came with your great presentations tonight. It's really encouraging to see new businesses coming into the city. It was an awesome celebration with Sue last week of that 190. It's just awesome seeing this city being vibrant and even through the pandemic that we're dealing with the COVID, we're not at a standstill. We're not being slow, full and things that we're doing. We're continuing to move ahead. So I just want to thank all of you, and what you're doing to maintain it, to make our city grow. I want to wish everyone a blessed holiday season, whichever way you celebrate. I just pray that with caution and do it with care. I want to thank again, Mr. Logan and our administrative staff for the for the awesome job that you're doing in our city moving. I do have a little dilemma and with my

women's ministry, we talk about often we've provided food and clothes for the city residents over the last few months, and we've been poised to distribute toys and it's scheduled for this Saturday, but I'm concerned about how we can really do it and still keep everybody's safe. I implemented a plan to maybe take appointments so people could come and we have no more than three or four parents at a time probably get the toys. But I'm still not sure if that's a safe thing to do right now. So listen, Mr. Logan, I'll give you a call tomorrow with some thoughts on that, but in any event, it is scheduled for Saturday at 12 noon where parents can come and get toys for their children. I believe they're going to give us 300 to 350 toys for infants up to the age of 13. So, I would love to be able to be a distributor for that. However, I still need to maintain safety. So, I'll call tomorrow and see if we think that it would be wise to do that again. I just thank everyone for all that you're doing for the city.

Ms. Al Amin thanked all those that attended. Sue, I want to thank you for your event. Thank you for inviting all of us to be able to sign the final beam that goes in your building. It was very, very exciting. I was happy to be a part of that, Mr. Dantzler again, I want to thank you for deciding to bring your business to your hometown and not take it somewhere else. I'm looking forward to both of your grand openings and preferably COVID will have settled down by then. So, they be big to dos. Um, I'd also reiterate what Mr. Logan said, we do have 595 cases in the city of Coatesville, and we also have five deaths. So, with the deaths, those five, their first cause of death was COVID. So, if someone passes and COVID is an attributing factor, but not the number one cause that doesn't necessarily hit the dashboard. So, you know, there's been cases of folks that had underlining conditions and unfortunately, they got COVID and they weren't able to fight it through. There is a mask mandate in effect by the governor, please, everybody, please wear your mask, social distance, whatever your holiday may be this year. You may have to forgo the big family gatherings, but please forgo it. So that next year you can have the gatherings with your family. We can all be safe, whatever holiday, the different individuals, celebrate. I'd like to say happy holidays to everybody. Hanukkah started at sundown on Friday and goes through the 18th of December, which is then followed by Christmas. And the day after Christmas is Kwanzaa, and then you have New Year's. So whatever holiday you may celebrate, I hope it's filled with a lot of joy and, you can all enjoy yourself. I'd like to say a happy and a blessed new year to everybody and preferably next year, we'll be a little better than this year. A lot better actually with the COVID, but please everybody stay safe, wear your mask. It's not forever, it's temporary. And I think if we would all do our part and do what we need to do, now we could get over the hump and you know, if you're sick, stay home, please don't come out in public. And if by chance you get COVID, please stay home for your quarantine again, you know, don't come out in public Coatesville. Everybody is very close knit. If somebody needs something, you can always inbox me, you can always call me. I'd be glad to go to the store and do a porch drop a door drop, and please, just everybody stay safe. Thank you all.

Mr. Logan asked Vice President Green to say a few words, I just want to just say thank you to a group of people that rarely get thanked. I know that council members, you guys do thank them, but I don't get a chance to thank them that much. And that's to the, the City hall staff and all the people that kind of do the things to make the city run. That's our finance department, our Finance Director, Rich Troutman, who may or may not be on the line tonight, but he has a very, uh, dedicated staff, that they did some hard work. They crunch numbers, they service our customers, our residents, as they come in. They are our frontline because, uh, they're here almost every day, uh, because the community is here every day. So I wanted to thank Rich and his team for the outstanding work that they do. And in addition to that, I want to thank Steve Dobson, who is our code supervisor and his team, Stacy, along with LTL for doing outstanding work that they do in our Codes Department. I'd also like to thank our Chiefs, our Fire Chief, Mr. Garry Alderman, and our Chief of Police, Jack

Laufer. Thank you, guys, for the outstanding work that you do each day and keeping me motivated from time to time. I also want to give a big shout out to our public works. The guys that are out there on the ground, 24/7 sometimes in all types of weather, like the post office, they're out there every day. Thank you, guys, for your outstanding work and leadership. The last person, but not least. I think the last person, when I leave as the lady that sits next door to me, Ms. Mowday, that has been here for a lot longer than, many of us, she seen seven managers come and go, I hope I'm not jinxing myself. Thank you for all of the work that you do, all of the requests that you fill, along with her partner in crime, downstairs, Kelly, you guys do some work that, I mean, without you guys, I probably couldn't find anything here in city hall, so thank you. I appreciate you. I wish Happy Holidays. And I'm looking forward to working with you all next year. Thank you.

Chief Alderman stated that this will be probably this meeting except a reorganizational meeting, but I actually, enjoyed Saturday night escorting at fire truck around city of Coatesville. I did that probably 47 years ago what Councilman Folks did on the fire apparatus and not a lot has changed. I will tell you that kids back then versus kids nowadays, they love that guy in red. And I will tell you that the, the hour and a half or two hours do we run around the City of Coatesville. He honestly didn't shut up the whole time. He was so jolly full up there that I could hear him from in front of my truck, that he did an excellent job and, and I commend him for that. Unfortunately, this'll be the last year. I'll be around to enjoy the Coatesville Fire Department, the taking firetrucks around town, but I'm glad that was suggested. And I think it was great for those kids to see that and to hear him out there, even though we had a couple of strange people out there, but we found some, adults that were quite funny, but everybody seemed to enjoy them. And I could see the, the parents running back inside to get the kids to come out there, to wave to him and thank him and believe me, he did a very good job and I would thank the City of Coatesville for allowing me to have worked for him for the last five and a half years. And I will gratefully miss not working for the City of Coatesville. I've done it for many years off and on. Just keep up the good work and I hope things can improve and things can come back around and the City Coatesville can be a nice place for people to visit. So, thank you very much. Appreciate it. Merry Christmas to all of you.

Vice President Green thanked Mr. Alderman I so appreciate you and your community. We just thank you. You know, when you're talking about the firetruck with the Mr. Folks, I can only imagine not being there, but I know Mr. Folks and his comments that he made, during his council comments were awesome, you know, because that's what it's about. In the climate that we're in and so much sadness with the COVID, something like that to, to touch people's hearts. You know, it's not about racism, it's not about protest. It's not about all these other things that we get so bogged down with. And I thank you, Mr. Brooks. I told you that on Saturday, how much I appreciated you being out, um, being distilled committed and dedicated to the city of Coatesville and it's those kinds of things that make it all worthwhile. It's those kinds of things that move the people and sometimes we get so caught up in, so many other things and I know, even earlier in our meeting, when we did the letter of condolence for the forte family, you know, that was so touching for them. And sometimes, you know, in the midst of your sadness, that you can make somebody feel good and brighten your day and brighten their moments. As council people, we represent our different wards and things like that, but, we legislate and we do things. We have difference of opinion, but when it all comes down, it's about our residents. It's about the people that have elected us to be here. It's about making them feel good and doing things that make them feel good. I just want to say, to the department heads and all the employees of the city, we appreciate you this holiday season. You know, we wish you all a safe and a safe holiday and a happy new year, the police department, I just need you to know and hear from me. I support you guys a hundred percent. It's about keeping our residency. It's about doing the things

that you have to come across each and every day. Things that we don't know anything about, things that we don't know, and there's always room for improvement. And I just thank you for your leadership because you're right there to say, okay, you know, this is where we're going to go. We're going to do this, with everything coming up with the new trainings and stuff that our officers are going to undergo. I thank you for, for having the foresight to see that, you know, Hey, this is what we provide them, the tools that they need, because it's about our resonance. It's about the people, you know, we hear so much going on. And I think sometimes we get caught up in the national news, but I'm grateful and thankful that here in the city of Coatesville, you know, we have a chief that is willing to listen and willing to talk. So I so appreciate you law for, for that. You know, we had a lot going on in this meeting today, we had a lot of action items and some really good stuff that the best one was no tax increase for 2020. Not only did we not have a tax increase, but we did not have to take from the rainy-day fund. And that's a long time coming. It just makes my heart glad that I didn't feel that we're hitting that fund. We're coming right across that curve. And there are so many things that are going on in the city. We are progressing, the train station is coming. We have new businesses coming. Mr. Danzler presentation was awesome. His vision is awesome. You know, DEPG, grateful they're hanging in there and they missed the COVID, things get delayed, things get tied up/I'm grateful right now. And I just hope that we all hang in there, that we do our part, that we support the city that we support the staff that we make way for new development and new people to want to come into the city. We found a jewel in Sue Springsteen and her company coming here and doing the things and, and just being excited about Coatesville and bringing their industry into the city. So, I'm grateful today. And I just want to say to everyone who is tuned in tonight, we thank you for coming out. We thank you for spending the time. I hope you heard some things that encouraged you. I hope you heard some things that created excitement in you. And we ask that you come back again the first of the year and start all over again for another full year. God bless you all. And I just thank you all. Goodnight.

Adjournment

Mr. Folk made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.