



Minutes  
City of Coatesville  
Regular Meeting – COVID 19-2020 – via ZOOM and YOU TUBE  
Monday February 8, 2021

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

Council Absent:

Staff Present James Logan, City Manager; Anthony Verwey, Solicitor; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Richard Troutman, Finance Director

President Lavender-Norris announced Council held and Executive Session earlier to discuss personal real estate legal matters.

Vice President Green made a motion to temporarily adjourn City Council’s Regular meeting and open a hearing on the liquor license application for 236 East Lincoln Highway; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Public Hearing on the Liquor License application of 236 East Lincoln Highway, LLC**

Mr. Verwey announced this is a public hearing to receive comments, recommendations of interested individuals residing within the city concerning the intent of 236 East Lincoln Highway, LLC. d/b/a Andrea’s Jazz Café to acquire an economic development license from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board regarding the property located at 236 East Lincoln Highway Coatesville, Pennsylvania. There are two exhibits that will be entered into evidence. The first is a letter dated January 24th, 2020, from attorney Skip Bryant, to city manager, James Logan, requesting that this hearing be held. Exhibit B are the notices of hearing published in the daily local news on January 20th, 2021, January 29th, 2021. Those are the only exhibits for the council.

A stenographer was present to transcribe the hearing.

Councilperson Graves made a motion to close the Public Hearing and resume the Regular Council Meeting; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

President Lavender-Norris announced this is the end of the hearing and we're ready to begin the regular meeting. Thank you so much. Thank you again, Mr. McGill and Mr. Dantzler and Richard, I'm sorry, I'm calling you by your first name. Cause I don't know your last it's no disrespect, but thank you all.

**Approved Minutes**

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

**Approval of Accounts Payables**

Ms. Al Amin asked about the notary fees and asked if they were free for all resident of Coatesville. There was no documentation provided for notary reimbursement expenses. Mr. Logan explained that there is no charge for the notary at this time. Ms. Al Amin questioned the January animal fees being over \$3,000 and there’s no supporting documentation in the packet to show what the fees are for. The last question is in regards to the lot across from Public Works. The City paid the 2021 Annual

taxes. Is there agreement that we have with them that we pay the annual taxes or do we pay a monthly rent and annual taxes?

Mr. Troutman explained it's a simple arrangement where the mill owns a lot that we rent for storing the trash totes. The lot is across the street from Public Works, and the only thing we pay is the real estate taxes that are represented here. There is no monthly rent or rent. And if one looks at page 55, they'll see that \$312 of the money is actually paying ourselves and release the city tax. Regarding the notary, the \$56 is the cost to get a notary officially signed on. The first question, the animal control fees on page 53 is the invoice. The documentation was 10-15 pages long. I will provide the back up to Council.

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Ms. Al-Amin was the dissenting vote.

### **Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda**

Vice President Green made a motion to add regular action item 3) Receive and consider Emergency Declaration extension; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

### **Presentations**

#### **1. Swearing in of Promoted Police Officers**

Chief Laufer explained at the last council meeting, when we had our discussion and approval of our most recent promotions, we had sidebar where we talked about bringing the recently promoted Officers before council for their official swearing in which is what we had routinely been doing until COVID hit last year. And I know our first round of promotions were to occur last March. And, uh, if you would have told any of us, I think last March, that a year from now, we still would have been in COVID restrictions. I don't think any of us would have believed it, but nonetheless, here we are a year later, with our COVID restrictions still in place. So, we felt it would be fair to go ahead and go back to March of last year and go ahead and have an official swearing in of our part-time Officers and promotions, starting from February of last year of 2020, through the current promotions that we discussed last council meeting. All the Officers are present tonight with Judge Hines in his courtroom upstairs here in City Hall. They are present with their family members to assist them with the swearing in. So, we're going to start with, the vacancies that were created for a corporal position and a full-time Officer position with the retirement of corporal Shannon Miller back in February of 2020. In filling those positions, we promoted part-time Officer Sam Snyder, the full-time and we promoted Officer Carmen Mollichella from Officer to Corporal. So at this time, we'll go ahead and have Judge Hines read the oath of office for our Officer Snyder and Corporal Mollichella.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Officer Samuel A. Snyder and Corporal Carmen P. Mollichella.

Chief Laufer explained next we had, if everybody remembers the retirement of a Detective Kevin Campbell back in June of last year, with the retirement of Detective Campbell, that created a vacancy for a part-time Officer to full-time Officer promotion. And at that time, Officer Kevin Marvill was promoted from part-time to full-time.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Officer Kevin E. Marvill

Chief Laufer explained next we had the official retirement after a prolonged period of disability for a non-service related disability retirement, which was finally approved and made official for Officer Miguel Ortiz and with his official retirement from the department that created a vacancy, and at the same time last fall, Corporal Michaels announced his retirement from the department, as he took a position with the West Brandywine Township Police Department at the rank of Lieutenant. So those two things kind of occurred simultaneously and we promoted part-time to full-time Officer Alejandro Ortiz and Officer Timothy Kimberlee at the same time to fill those two vacancies.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Officer Alejandro Ortiz and Officer Timothy M. Kemmerle.

Chief Laufer announced that brings us to, the most recent round of promotions and a part-time to full-time Officer promotion that we had discussed at last council meeting. So that was brought about, as we all know, by the retirement of Sergeant Smith, that we had spoken about and congratulated him on his 20 years of service to the city. So, with his retirement, of course that created a Sergeant's vacancy, which we have filled with the promotion of Corporal Brenden Boyle to the rank of Sergeant, and then we back in November, when Officer Corporal Michael's retired, we never filled his Corporal position. So, we're filling his Corporal position and the Corporal position vacated by the promotion of Brenden Boyle to Sergeant. We have two corporal positions for Jared Davis and for Christopher McCarthy. And then we have the part-time Officer promotion, the full-time of Felicia DelliGatti.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Officer Felicia A. DelliGatti, Corporal Jared T. Davis, Corporal Christopher J. McCarthy and Sergeant Brendan M. Boyle.

Vice President Green congratulated those that were promoted, congratulated those that were new to the department. I listened very attentively as you took your oath of office and the Chief just said a mouthful, but you took your oath of office, and one of the things that Judge Hines was that you would, uh, do your job with fidelity. And that's very important because the word fidelity means that you would be faithful and supported. I'm very happy for all of you being promoted to these positions, but I do ask and desire us to all be mindful of our residents, to be respectful at all times in doing our jobs as a way of doing our jobs and being respectful. And, I just want to let you know that as the Chief said, as you're promoted, you're held to a higher standard. I just, again, want to congratulate you and let you know that protecting and serving in our community is a privilege. Coatesville is a very unique place and I know that you all know you've seen some things and been involved in some things, but, I do thank you for your service, but at the same time, I just wanted you to understand that when you are promoted to a higher position, the level of accountability is higher. And, I respect you all in what tasks that you're being given and trust that you will do your job with fidelity. Thank you very much.

Mr. Simpson congratulated the guys on your promotions. I'll say it one more time. This is the best Police Department in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in my opinion. And I appreciate everything you do for this community, and continue to do for this community. I really appreciate it. Congratulations guys. And I really mean when I say that you guys are the best. I appreciate it. Appreciate everything you do.

Mr. Folks stated he speaks to the guys all the time. You know, when I was on a civil service, I was there when you guys started a couple of years ago and I still got the pictures up in my office. I can remember every time when new Officers came in, you know, I was in the chambers with the judge and I used to say to him that this is not a black and white town. This is a red and black town of Coatesville. We might not have much, but what we have, we appreciate it. And we have your back, if you have ours. So, whatever you need that I can do for you I'll do it. But when it comes to being a cop, don't be a good cop, be an excellent cop because good is the failure of excellent. Show your colors. I know you're backed by the blue, but we are red and black and we love this town. It's not about I, or me. It's about we us. Treat this City like your home because we treat it like ours. Thank you. Congratulations. I'll be seeing you around.

Councilperson Graves stated I just want to say that civilian safety is of the utmost importance. I really think, when I think about keeping people safe, when we think about keeping people safe, that really means to mitigate all forms of violence, community-based violence and violence against people who are in the community and in order to mitigate that, that really takes investment in the community opportunities and resources. The safest communities and America have the most resources, the most opportunities and the most investments. So, Coatesville should be taking the model of investment opportunity and resources over the model of surveillance and punishment. So I would implore everybody that got a promotion today to consider what it means to truly systemically keep folks safe, because we all know that investment reduces crime and that everyone who has a promotion, everyone who is empowered, who makes decisions for the City, has to truly invest in the community for it to be a safer place for all of us and move with love and compassion for our civilians.

President Lavender-Norris stated I would just like to say, thank you first of all, to you Chief for your leadership and your direction. And I want to thank each and every Officer that was just promoted for your humility, to the extent that you can follow because as Chief leads and you follow we as a community are safer. I thank you gentlemen, because you are one of our first responders and while you're there putting your life on the line, I just want to right now pray and say that I praise that when you go out on your calls, everyone that you go out on, understand everyone recognizes that you're putting your life on the line for them. That way everybody's in a position to go home safely. I thank you, gentlemen. It was like Council Vice President Green said I was also listening as you were taking the oath. And I appreciate the fact that I heard the sincerity in your voice as you were taking the Oath. You gentlemen go forth and blessings and grace and safety. And thanks again for being a part of our community. Be blessed.

2. Brandywine View – Mike Kissinger, Pennoni

Mr. Kissinger announced the proposed development of the proposed property known as Brandywine View. A developer named John Duffy, he's a developer out of New York and has purchased what used to be called the Baker Tract. It was a 76-acre parcel. It's a rather large parcel. He provided an aerial view of the property. Mr. Duffy has purchased the property and we're coming to you today to give you a, like a little sneak peek at what we're hoping to do, um, which is develop, uh, cooperate a, uh, some multifamily buildings on that property. Coming off of Buchanan Drive, we'd have a parking lot through here and loop around the way the development is oriented is that if you look at Adams, Adams is actually about 490 is the elevation there. These first floors would be elevated at 490 and then there'd

be a lower level that is 480, from the street you would see about 20 feet of wall, which would be a two-story structure. But on the far side, when you're in the site, you would see it as a three-story structure. We would do the same thing again, working with the grade. Looking from one side would be a two-story structure. And again, from the opposite side, from the bottom, you would see a three-story structure. So what this allows us to do is to create a good amount of view shed from the different units over the structures, and then into the City, really utilizing those views from the City. If you look at these homes here, you have 490 of this elevation, these homes here, along that Ridge sit very high off the street. So you don't actually believe that those would, it would even block some of the residents views. There will be 240 market rate apartment units. We are not going to be changing the hill grade at all, we're well aware of the fact that you have a situation here with a very steep slope and keeping grass growing or Moss or any kind of vegetation growing on a steep slope is very hard. Right now, there is a pipe line. This pipe here goes down and goes under the railroad tracks hits the pipe that's around Fleetwood and then goes to the river. There is a City infrastructure pipeline that runs through this property right now, what we would do is propose basin and underground basin here, and what we're very aware of water running off the slope. So what we've done is we've graded these parking lots so that the curb will flow back through. And that way the inlets would be there. That way it keeps the water from running down that hill and causing a lot of problems. We can handle that with an engineering solution. There is a retaining wall on this side, but you can see it's not in this cliff type scenario. We've avoided that and really placed the wall over on the far side. The parking lot contaminants from the parking lot are all handled by the typical storm monitor system. We'll have rain gardens and underground basins that will provide BMPs for that. A previous traffic study for the development that was done. We have not done any traffic studies for this. Again, this system, you really see people going through Buchanan. The majority of the people here would be coming down Adams and towards the Train Station. And, you know, it is a steeper walk, but it is a walk. It is able, you can walk to the new station location from this area down on Adams. Again, it is a steeper walk, but that is part of our intention here to make this.

Coming in off of a separate entrance off of route 82. The property is zoned for multi-family apartments. Multi-family buildings. Maybe because of Elmwood gardens apartments, complex that area's zoned in that manner. Our goal here is to make it a market rate apartment and a very nice product. There would be 120 – 1-bedroom apartments and 120 – 2-bedroom apartments. We are talking anywhere from probably \$900 to \$1200, We are not concerned about water. The property is sustainable in my opinion is very much about life lifespan. If we want a great product, which we all do, then it's going to be sustainable and it's going to be easily maintainable for a long period of time. We develop systems like the stormwater basins through rain gardens so that you can see if there's a problem and you can fix them. Then we have larger underground basins that serve a function to reduce the water flow and so on, but we build them out as pipe and stone. So that way there is as durable and long lasting as possible. You mix both of the engineering sciences together in terms of the architecture, when we get into that, there'll be MEP systems for the buildings.

### **Discussion Items**

1. Meeting Minutes
2. COVID Emergency Declaration

### **Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)**

1 Minutes

There were no citizens' comments on regular action items at this time.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close regular action items only; Mr. Folks seconded the Motion passed 7-0.

*Mr. Simpson excused himself from the meeting at 9:25 pm.*

### **Regular Action Items**

1. Receive and consider Resolution approving Liquor License Application of 236 East Lincoln Highway, LLC d/b/a Andrea's Jazz Café

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Liquor License application of 236 East Lincoln Highway, LLC d/b/a Andrea's Jazz Café; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Receive and consider a motion to accept the transfer of \$200,000 in grant monies from MCDC to the City of Coatesville to be used for a water feature project.

Vice President Green made a motion to accept the transfer of \$200,000 in grant monies from MCDC to the City of Coatesville to be used for a water feature project; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Logan explained this particular letter of transfer is a so generous donation from the, uh, movement community development corporation, known as MCDC, uh, as chairperson, Mr. Fonz Newsuan, and members of the MCDC organization had an opportunity to enter into a grant agreement with Keystone for the Center for community enhancement. They were awarded with the assistance of Senator Dinniman and a grant in the amount of \$200,000, to go into the Ash Park redesign for a water feature. For many years, as you all know that, MCDC has been raising money for a pool at Ash park. They have been doing some heavy lifting for a number of years, in partnership with the City. The feasibility study for Ash bar continues. One aspect of that feasibility study came back, what they changed in the pool or from a pool to coming up with a water feature for the park. So, this particular grant, as I mentioned, was awarded to MCDC. They are transferring the grant over to the City of Coatesville to become the management and the recipient of the \$200,000 that will go toward the water feature in Ash park. So, we're very excited to have this opportunity to accept it. Again, I just want to thank all the members of MCDC and its chairperson, Fonz, as we call him for all of his support and generosity from the Organization.

3. Receive and consider Emergency Declaration extension

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve an Ordinance reenacting the Declaration of State of Emergency Ordinance, No. 1541-2020, related to the Coronavirus – COVID 19 Pandemic; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Verwey explained the key provisions for the public are as follows, all assemblies for gatherings of more than four unrelated persons, other than Police, fire, or rescue personnel on public streets, public parks or any other public place are prohibited. All persons standing, walking, or otherwise located in any public street, public park or other public place in the City of Coatesville, must wear a face covering as directed by a subject to the limited exception set forth the order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health effective November 18, 2020. Those are the two key elements of the Emergency Declaration of face cover wearing and limitations on gatherings. And those provisions are subject to

enforcement by the, the Coatesville Police department. Council person Graves asked what are the numbers for the governor? And can we amend this to fit the governor's numbers for people gathering? Mr. Verwey replied the Commonwealth's number on groups is 25 inside and up to 100 outside. Ms. Al Amin asked so that, would mean if somebody had a party outside, they could have a hundred people present. Am I understanding that correct? It was correct. I would have to wear a mask. Me personally. I think that that number is too high. That's just me though.

Mrs. Hunt stated I'd like to say that I'm encouraged of the fact that the numbers are going down, but I think the numbers are going down because of the precautions that have been put in place. I would like to see us stay with the numbers and follow what we have in place for at least another 30 days to see if it helps to continue to bring the numbers down before we consider trying to raise the numbers. And then in raising you have the ability to of course start increasing numbers, especially with this new variant of COVID on the rise. I just think that because, I think where we make our mistake and even as far as the statewide, as soon as we see the numbers start going down, then we want to make changes as opposed to saying, Hey, the numbers have gone down because we are doing these things. I would like to see us keep it as is, for no more than four, and they have to be family members. And then of course for the insight gatherings, no more than the 25, like we have now, at least for another 30 days,

Al Amin stated I agree. I think lifting the restrictions too soon. As soon as that happens, then the numbers start to go back up. And if you look at the dashboard, not as many tests are being done as were done before. And so, I think we need to keep it how we have it so that we can continue to keep control of this because our numbers, even though they're not going up as much as they were before, they still do continue to go up every day. You already have where they're gather outside and they're not wearing masks. I too think we should keep it in place for another 30 days.

President Lavender-Norris stated I am all for maintaining the status quo with the declaration, but at the same time, not just here in the City, not just in the County, but for the most part, the numbers seem to be slowing down and that's encouraging, but we don't want to take those numbers slowing down for granted and act all freely and stuff. So, I think maintaining this for another 30 days, what kind of keep us ahead of the curve a little bit.

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

## **Reports**

### **1. Solicitor**

Mr. Verwey announced he worked on land development issues related to property on Merchant Street; worked on an Economic Liquor License application, which was addressed this evening; worked on an Emergency Declaration Ordinance, which is also addressed this evening; and worked on real estate issues related to city properties, regarding both easement rights and other interests.

### **2. Assistant City Manager**

Mr. Houston announced the COVID Updates. As far as our declaration, the County remains in phase 1A, which is 65 and over as well as age of 16 to 65 who had health issues, it's also

our healthcare workers and long-term care residents and workers. It is estimated there are 154,000 eligible residents in 1A category to date. The County has requested 41,000 doses, but has only received 18,700 doses to date. 12,700 doses have been administered with 2000 of them were including the second dose. Total vaccines provided by all protested County partners, and this comes from Commissioner Maxwell's Facebook page. So not necessarily an official document, but it's from the Commissioner 24,768 first doses, 6,569 second doses. There are 25 to 30 private partners, including the CVS Walgreens and other locations that are giving the vaccines out. According to Commissioner Maxwell, Coatesville specific, we now have 874 positive cases and increase the 55 over our last meeting two weeks ago. And according to the County statistics, we have 11 deaths up from seven. There are, I think one or two that are contested as far as where the locations were, but the official document today says 11 deaths in Coatesville.

The Fire Department had five call-outs this week, two for fires, three for malfunctioning alarms. While we visited those alarms, we found there were several code violations, the landlords have been given warnings and will be checked for correction. Engine 431 was involved in a hit and run accident after the last snow storm, it is minor damage and the engine is still in service without a problem. And Ladder 41-1 was in repair due to a bad starter.

In Public Works, the guys who have been working hard the last week and a half last week, snowstorm resulted in three days, about 52 hours straight over that period of time. We used over 80 tons of salt. In addition to the plowing operations, there was some ticketing along the emergency snow routes that were performed by the Police department, that was after however, they did do some door to door warnings to move cars from the snow routes. I would like to thank a number of churches, who allowed their parking lots to be used for residents to get their cars off the roads, and talking with those churches, they indicated that that is a pleasure for them to let the people come into the parking lots for that period of time. It's a great little partnership with some of the local churches. This past weekend, the crew was in early on Sunday. The surprise, 3-4 inches became almost 8 inches. So, they came in to get ahead of the recent event. Luckily it was much shorter duration, only lasted maybe 12 hours. Again, a lot of salt was used. We are waiting for new delivery to come in. Hopefully by Wednesday or Thursday. They also helped out at the Benner building to support the URBN Outfitters job fair this past weekend, because it was a joint event with the city and urban. We told our guys to come over and help Mr. Logan out and there, it was over there for both days. The forecast for this week, it looks pretty, pretty ugly. I guess, if you want to call it that maybe 1-2 inches every day for the next three days. It could be very interesting. It's not a cloud will snow, but certainly might be a salting snow. So, we'll keep an eye on where we're going with the weather forecast.

Onto the Codes Department, making sure things aren't slowing down with respect to department activity. An addition to the department, Mary Kyle, who will help in the office but also take on inspections throughout the city. Mary is a city resident. She lives in Coatesville, in Mrs. Hunts ward, and comes with a strong background in the legal field as a paralegal and legal assistant for last 30 years. We have some catch-ups on inspections. We had a couple of fire inspections this past week. We processed 23 rental licenses, 2 vacant property registrations, 108 rental inspections, which is where we're trying to catch up. If you didn't know, we have a license for amusement games, video games, poker games, 15 amusement licenses rescued this week. And the end of my report on a light note, because I know it's been a long night. We got a call this morning from a concerned citizen regarding a

living in the West End. As you may know, farm animals are not permitted in the city limits. We sent codes out to be verified. There is a goat living in the West end, no one answered the door, but the premises were served a notice and we will follow up.

3. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced there are just a few items on the business and economic development side. There are three items just to remind everyone we're still in progress. The first one is the 30 and 82 realignment construction scheduled to resume in the spring, as I mentioned in last meeting. So, that continues as well as the box being worked on 82. Certainly, with the snow being the way it is, not much is being done in both of those areas, but, as soon as the weather breaks will resume. The construction bids for the train station itself. We are anticipating the bid packets to go out this month and set construction later this year.

We are excited that also in progress with Cedarville engineering, our contractor, has received multiple bids for the Coatesville historic train station, exterior improvements. They are in the process of reviewing and the selection process, is being conducted as we speak. The most exciting thing that happened this in spite of the snow, many of you are aware of was the URBN Outfitters hiring event, which was held at the Benner Building, 545 East Lincoln Highway. We had a tremendous turnout and I just want to say thank you to all of our council members, those that were here, and one in particular was out of town traveling. We had a great time in your ward and I know that you and Mr. Folks have a few comments, but I just want to say that the folks that came out this past weekend, all of the commissioners from our County, and Representative Williams was there. We had a number of our local residents and I should say are ready for prime-time players. It was just a real nice, supportive event and that there's a lot of names that I haven't, you know, it's late. I can't even run them off, but you all know who you are. I appreciate your support, URBN Outfitters, appreciate your support.

Mr. Folks stated, first of all, that this was Mrs. Hunt's ward, and if you don't know, she had lost her brother and she was down South, but she called in on Saturday to see how it was going. So, to represent her ward over death, she still took time out to come here, to call, to see what was going on. I'm not going to be long. I wish I had more time. It was late, but overall it was a success. They did in the two days, they took in 89 applications and they hired 80 on the spot. It was so awesome down there. I love Coatesville and I love the residents. Yeah. One of the stories was I'm off of welfare. Wow, Holly, I want to know the story as well as I can buy food for my family. So that's what the residents was given us and thanking us for having that. So, I'm not going to go on because it's so late, but next meeting, I was telling you more and I want to thank the school district, James Bookman for coming out. I'm going to thank the YWCA for coming out. I'm going to thank MX. Graves for stopping by, Chip was there. So, we are coming together if you like it or not. The train is coming, so if you want to stay on the tracks, you're going to get ran over, but the train is coming. Thank you.

Mrs. Hunt thanked Mr. Folks your choice of words is always amazing. Thank you. I am going to be brief and I will consider these as my counsel comments. So, I don't have to speak again tonight. I just want to thank, first of all, Mr. Logan, for the work, the effort, the energy that you put into providing and making things happen for our city, we are ever so grateful for all that you do, and I don't ever want that to go unnoticed. Thanks so much. And I know you have a working team, but the leader often trickles down and that shows you the outcome, when the people working with you and for you have confidence in you, it makes it that much easier to get the job done. So, I'm not going to echo the numbers. Mr. Folks gave those to

you, but I do want to thank all of you and I'm just excited for those people that have gained employment through this job fair. And I want to thank all of my colleagues for your love, for your support, for the beautiful flower arrangements that you sent in acknowledging the passing of my oldest brother. So, I do thank you for all of your prayers. And I just pray that we continue to work together as a council so that we could keep moving things along. Chip, thank you so much for your report, and that will be considered as my comments for tonight. Thank you so much.

Mr. Logan stated I just want to let everyone know who's listening. the URBN outfitter team. They're still working on inputting applications into the system. We should have a final count including the online applications this week. Today was the first official start of orientation for many of those individuals that received the job. The shuttle service started thanks to Tim Phillips and his team over at TMACC and PennDOT for bringing us together. The first shuttle was this morning at five in the morning, that was for shift one, followed later by the second shift, which left Coatesville around 3:00 PM this afternoon. There were approximately 29 bus reservations to start this week and some applicants, of course, they decided to just drive to gap themselves. But, this was a great start, for what we hope is a good relationship with URBN. And if I could just add one last thing to this, those individuals that didn't get a chance to come out, you still can apply for the jobs, just go online to URBN, or you be in a careers.com and you can still submit an application. There is still plenty of jobs. The nice thing about this is you got free shuttle service for one year. And once you get that, all that information, they'll link you to the shuttle service hours, but you know, you can get transportation for one year. So again, thank you for your support. Thanks everyone for coming out.

4. Police Chief

Chief Laufer announced the Police responded to 1,429, Chester County 911 Center Calls for January of this year, along with 2,306 general calls for service from the Police department phones here at the station. In addition, the rest of the statistics are included in your packets, for additional statistical analysis, but just a few brief notes here. We did two Narcan saves administered by the Police department. We had six car seat installations, five seats provided by these Coatesville Police Departments Car Seat Donation Program, and then one that was installed through our seatbelt technicians, uh, that was provided by the owner itself. We also participate in our annual MLK day of service, where we do a sort of a tire and TV cleanup for the city. This is something that we started back about six or seven years ago. There's a strong connection between trash and crime. Trash breeds crime is one of the sayings. So, a while ago we identified a need for the Police Department to get involved, and we thought, what better way to do it then when MLK day? So, we've been doing that for about the last seven or eight years. We repurposed an old, tandem axle trailer from public works, that was in disrepair. We got solicited donations, got it, totally refurbished, back in service, and state inspected and we've been using that ever since to go around the city and do cleanups. The great thing about this year's cleanup was what a difference this year was in regard to past years. Now, some of that's a credit to our public works guys that are out there doing the job every day and when they see it, they're picking it up. But I think some of it also is maybe a change in hopefully the way that residents are viewing the city, and viewing and taking pride in what's happening here in the city. Because this year we had to scrounge around to find tires we used to collect, and that's a good thing. So, we were heartened by that and we're excited by it. We will still stay on top of it. But I think we have turned a corner here with regard to at least that issue. And we strongly do believe that it does tie in to the crime also, because if

you take pride in your neighborhood, then chances are, you're not going to tolerate crime in a neighborhood either. We are excited about what we saw for this year.

*Mrs. Hunt excused herself from the meeting at 10:00 pm.*

### **Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)**

There were no citizen's hearings on non-agenda items.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close citizens' hearings on non-agenda items only; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

### **Special Events**

There were no special events at this time.

### **Council Comments**

Council person Graves thanked everyone for coming to our meeting. Thank you all who are watching and commenting along on YouTube and on Facebook. Thank you for everybody. Who's going to rewatch this meeting when it's not live. And in honor of black history month, I just wanted to do a reading from Assata Shakur. This is the 20 and she is, she's one of our ancestors who was an activist, , and a pivotal person in the civil rights movement. For those who do not know, Assata Shakur, "this is the 21st century and we need to redefine r/evolution. this planet needs a people's r/evolution. a humanist r/evolution. r/evolution is not about bloodshed or about going to the mountains and fighting. we will fight if we are forced to but the fundamental goal of r/evolution must be peace. we need a r/evolution of the mind. we need a r/evolution of the heart. we need a r/evolution of the spirit. the power of the people is stronger than any weapon. a people's r/evolution can't be stopped. we need to be weapons of mass construction. weapons of mass love. it's not enough just to change the system. we need to change ourselves. we have got to make this world user-friendly. are you ready to sacrifice to end world hunger? to sacrifice to end colonialism. to end neo-colonialism. to end racism. to end sexism? r/evolution means the end of exploitation. r/evolution means respecting people from other cultures. r/evolution is creative. r/evolution means treating your mate as a friend and an equal. r/evolution is sexy. r/evolution means respecting and learning from your children. r/evolution is beautiful. r/evolution means protecting the people. the plants. the animals. the air. the water. r/evolution means saving this planet. r/evolution is love." And once again, that is from Assata Shakur, activist who was coverall during the civil rights movement. And so, I leave you with that happy black history month, and thank you for all who participated in our job fair. It happened in me, councilwoman Hunt and Councilwoman Al Amin ward. I went, and the person I was with got the job so was amazing. It sounds like a great opportunity for folks who take advantage of it. So, thank you all for participating in that with us and have a great weekend and a great work week.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out. All those that attended via zoom, all those that are on YouTube. Congratulations again, Mr. Dantzler. I looked so forward to your ribbon cutting. I'm so grateful that you decided to open your business, have your business in Coatesville being a resident in Coatesville, but I so appreciate that you give back to the residents. So again, I really look forward to your ribbon cutting, so I can attend that, so thank you again. And I just wanted to address something really quick because in the last six months I've been getting a lot of calls from residents, and I just want the residents to understand how things work. So, when it comes to the Police department, council does not oversee the Police department, that the Officer's answer to the Chief, and the Chief answers to Mr. Logan and Mr. Huston. So, when a resident call myself or any other council member from a particular ward or myself and MX. Graves as covering the entire city, that does not constitute

a complaint. So, if you have an issue with a Police Officer or with the Chief, you have to file a complaint and then it will be investigated. And then it goes to the civil service. And then if there's an appeal, it comes to council. And when you follow your complaint, you should make sure that all members of council get a copy of that complaint, because if you don't formally file a complaint, calling a council member, doesn't put anything on the record, it doesn't make it become a complaint. There is a protocol to file. And so, I just want to make sure that the, the residents understand that, although I'm always happy to take any call from any resident in the city. I just want them to understand that there is a protocol for that. And again, I just want to thank everybody that came tonight. I hope everybody stays safe this week. Please continue to wear your mask and social distance. For those that are looking for vaccines, you can apply on the County website, the drug stores, a certain drug stores, Rite aid in town, Rite aid at Airport Plaza, Walgreens, CVS, but you have to go to their particular site and register. So, the County did not get as many doses as they anticipated, but for those that are desiring to get it, please don't give up. You know, please continue to go to the sites and register because folks are getting it. I know a couple people that got it at Airport Plaza. So just please continue to be diligent in trying to register. Happy Black History month to everybody. And I hope with all the snow and stuff that we're supposed to get, my understanding more nuisance than anything, but everybody please stay safe and have a great night. Thanks,

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. A lot was discussed tonight. I'm excited for Mr. Dantzler and looking forward to his club. I am wishing it to be a great success in the city and the start of many more good things. I'm excited to Mark some interest. I would like to, I can't wait to talk to them more and set up some town halls for the residents. I think in hearing it on the call, I don't want anyone to get alarmed. You know, like you said, this is just the beginning stages and because Mike has worked with us on many, many projects, I think that's why, like Mr. Logan said that he just wanted to come and present. The idea, even though the developer could not be here. I don't think that the developer not being here is saying, is not saying something. I'm just excited for everything that is going on and I'm just, I'm glad everybody made it through the storm, through the snow and just get prepared for Thursday for more snow and take care and have a great night.

President Lavender-Norris thanked everyone for attending the meeting. I want to echo my colleagues in my appreciation. I want to say congratulations to all the Officers that were sworn in this evening. I also want to acknowledge Fonz, I want to do it because Fonz has been working diligently to promote and support the city and he has several different outlets. And I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you and let him know that his work isn't going without notice. And it definitely isn't unappreciated. Thank you so much for all you're doing for our community. Yes, yes, yes. Also regarding, URBN Outfitters. Thank you for having our community on the move. This is awesome. And to my colleagues, Mr. Logan, thank you, thank you, Thank you. I couldn't be there unfortunately, but if I were able, I would have loved to have been there. That was awesome. That whole event was awesome, and to the ones that were hired, congratulations. God bless you. Be encouraged and grow. Thank you for coming out, stepping up. All the dignitaries that came out. Thank you. We appreciate you, and this only allows us to bond our relationships with you, thank you all for coming out. Mike Phelps, thanks for insuring along with the rest with everyone else that worked on this event, that the applicants, the new hires could get back and forth to work without stressing about getting to URBAN Outfitters. You were amazing. You're amazing. Thank you, Mr. Dantzler, I'm coming to Andrea's jazz cafe. The day it opens. I'll be there. I've been thinking on the lines of always wanting things to change and change is good, but we also have to acknowledge that if God doesn't change your situation, he'll change you. So take your time. Be careful what you ask for, know that, you know, before you step out, everybody be blessed. Thank you so much for your attendance. And stay safe, wear your mask, socially distance and do not lose the thought of washing

your hands or carrying your hand sanitizer. We want you to enjoy the fruits of all of our labor. So stay set, stay safe and stay well.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Folks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 pm; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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