



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – COVID 19-2020 – via ZOOM and YOU TUBE
Monday March 22, 2021

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

President Lavender-Norris announced Mrs. C. Arvilla Hunt and Ms. Khadijah Al Amin would not be in attendance this evening.

Approved Minutes

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the March 8, 2021 meeting minutes. Councilperson Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the accounts payable; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

President Lavender- Norris made a motion to add action item 4) Police Department Promotions; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4–1. Councilperson Graves was the dissenting vote.

Presentations

1. Redevelopment Authority

Mr. DiSciullo presented Council with a refresher on the proposal which will be sent to City Council. We finally have completed the redevelopment agreement for the proposal for the flats. That's an Events Sports and family activity center projects, approximately 5000 ft.² total, with a possibility of a restaurant possibility of hotel, athletic performance center, retail business space, 2500 permanent seats and expandable to 4000 seats. There will be a velodrome, which is approximately 20% of the facility, the velodrome has an infield, which is suitable for concerts, sporting events, expos, whatever other activities they may be able to book in their arena structure. The structure will include a 40,000 square-foot, sports and activities Fieldhouse for court sports and hard-core sports. The sale price is 750,000 with a \$75,000 deposit be made by the developers. This redevelopment agreement has taken much longer than any in the past. And we tried to avoid some of the pitfalls, we had in previous agreements, much more detailed. For example, there will be monthly progress reports, which a developer will give to us, letting us know how they're making out with their permitting process, their predevelopment fundraising, the performer capital stack and that each month will give form that will update on the status of each of these things that they are pursuing. As a 12-month due diligence period, the due diligence will commence following should Council approve, the redevelopment agreement starts the clock. The clock does not start until there's approval from council for this. The buyer then has after the due diligence period, we've got a

closing, they purchase a property within 120 days. They need to begin construction within three years. They have to complete project. Now, when I say the possibility of a hotel, the hotel is mentioned in there, and it is mentioned as market conditions. If there's a demand for hotel, they can do it. They would certainly have to come to the City for all the approvals to do that. There is a stipulation in there that should they build a hotel, that'd be a medium-priced hotel, like would not be a motel six. The building is oriented towards the East because the facility should serve our community, the region and beyond. And we want this to assist us with the redevelopment of the downtown. One last thing here is the developers do have other properties in the downtown. So it's certainly in their best interest to see this facility feed into what we are trying to revitalize downtown. The developers are local and they are here and I believe they're going to make a presentation and give you much more detail. As I said the agreement is completed. We have included the City Solicitor, Mr. Verwey along the way in trying to put this agreement together so that his concerns were addressed prior to you seeing the final document. Councilperson Graves asked if the developer had discussed any of the community benefits agreement. Mr. DiSciullo stated that is a question for the developer. Councilperson Graves asked and would that be the same thing for like the sustainable initiatives. Are you able to say who the developer is? Mr. DiSciullo announced the developers are IDG Development, LLC and the contact persons are principles of the LLC are Crosby Wood and Josh Burrell. Council Person Graves asked why does this project want to come to Coatesville and be a part of our local economy. I just had some questions about, and I'm pretty sure this is probably for the developer too, a velodrome in what kind of, how much activity do they think about a drone would do for the community.

Mr. Logan thanked Zeke and the RDA for their work that they've put in hours on this project for several months now. We are just looking forward to our next steps. Many of you in the community have been aware of this particular project, it's changed hands previously a number of times as Zeke mentioned, now with Crosby Wood, Josh Burrell and the National Sports and Event Center came in and we've had several conversations with them about issues related to our youth in this community. I think they have a wonderful plan. And, uh, and one of the things that's important and to your point Mx. Graves is, you know, you know, questions like why are they coming to the community? Those are were some of the very same questions I had. And I think after tonight, Crosby and Josh kind of, uh, provide us with a snapshot of what this particular center will bring to the community, I think people will start getting their head around it and start embracing it a little bit more. So we're excited to have these gentlemen here tonight and I'm just going to kick it over to you guys so you can answer some of the questions and share with us your progress and what are some of the exciting things that you will be engaging our youth in as you come to Coatesville.

2. NSEC Presentation

Mr. Woods stated he is known as New Heritage Properties and has been investing in the City of Coatesville for nearly 15 years now. Um, I believe that this project just trimming Smith as far as, um, how we're approaching the, sorry. I wanted to, um, just give a quick, uh, over to our approach in this evening. Yes. One second. I'm sorry to interrupt, but you're freezing and then it's dragging. No. Um, okay. So if this continues and I apologize, and I'm just going to hand it off real quick, but basically, uh, Josh Burrell, I'm my partner at activated capital is going to follow me, uh, with the impact that we've made in the joint venture between new heritage activated capital. I've asked, Dave Chauner to step in and talk directly about the Veldrome and I've asked Dan Morton from Sports Facility Advisory to step in, and he's going to guide us through the presentation that we gave to the RDA earlier last year. I want to

thank, Michael Gill from Buckley Brion, and his tireless efforts, on the legal perspective, and we have Andrew Willis, who's a partner of Activated Capital. He's instrumental with Josh Burrell and bringing a material significant amount of capital that's already been deployed onto the streets of Coatesville, making both an economic impact and a social impact. And then many of you that have been very supportive of everything that we've been trying to do.

Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Wood and everyone. I've had the pleasure of getting to know quite a few of local Coatesville citizens and the community over the last two years. When we talk about being flexible and adapting, whether it be a screen or, you know, throughout COVID certainly that is something that we talk about a lot and, you know, I'm going to share my screen for you just to showcase some of the efforts on where we've been going or where we've been, and then, hand it over to David. As Crosby mentioned on to where this project will go from there. We have a few different presentations to share, but this is an example of a project that we have done throughout COVID. It is at Lincoln Highway and Church Street, and it's just an example of what we define as impact. And we will look to define impact in three pillars, and that's economic development, the literacy, financial literacy and particularly, and then also mental health. So that is very important for us to be able to create opportunities for jobs, a lot of local jobs as well. We will look as much local as we possibly can to, but, you know, looking at what we've done on St. Stanislaus, this is now the Performing Arts Academy with purpose. And so you can see the before and after photos looking at some of the, the work that we've already done in, in the, around the community and some of the buildings there as well. I'm very active in trying to make the community as a whole, not flats parcel, as Crosby mentioned, but I'm happy to answer any questions about any of our projects when it comes to our youth desk campaign, we've donated over 350 youth desks to the community as well, to help throughout COVID. And, that was just something, when we went through this pandemic to see how can we help and be involved. And so that is something that we will very much look forward to continuing and then expanding on. And I think, what Dave is going to speak about is going to be exactly that.

Mr. Chauner introduced himself. I am very familiar with the projects in Coatesville, and certainly with the project that we're talking about now, in fact, about 10 years ago, Crosby and I tried to do this project before it didn't work out for a variety of reasons, which, you know, we don't need to get into right now, but the most important thing I think for, for everyone to think about is that this, the National Velodrome is going to be a world-class venue for local regional national and international cycling events. It's a major facility and it's going to be known worldwide, and it will be the first indoor velodrome in the East coast. Although there are many other velodromes around the country, this is the first indoor one and it has the support of the entire national cycling community, including USA cycling, which is track cycling as a number one focus for future Olympic development. But what I want to talk about tonight more importantly, is the velodrome development foundation. We've started this 501 nonprofit a couple of years ago, focused on developing an international velodrome, hopefully more to follow, but to develop the sport, but also to engage the community. In fact, our mission is enriching lives and positively changing communities through cycling. Our programming focuses to create and support cycling activities and events that serve young people. And these are persons with disabilities students and elite level athletes. Most importantly, we promote a cycling and sports community that embraces diversity and inclusion and teaches participants, that character building lessons of fair play cooperative learning team building and personal achievement. The honorary chair of the velodrome development foundation is Greg Lamond. We have a diverse board of national and regional

cycling supporters. We have most recently, and most importantly launched a \$5 million capital campaign, which is directed by wishing that strategies in Washington, DC, the cover of the brochure that we have is basically an informational piece about what the founder circle is, what it means to Coatesville and what our objectives are. Obviously, it's their admission, our mission, but also goes into detail about what we hope to do. The founder circle, it's called the founder circle because anyone who joins the founder circle has to contribute at least \$25,000. And we have even before we have site approval, even before we have renderings of the facility, we have four founder circle members, who have pledged more than at least \$25,000 each. And we plan to really gear up this campaign. Once we have the final, City council approval, and we have some facility renderings and we can really talk into the benefits and the opportunities that donors will have. But in addition to the program of a very robust program of major cycling events, and that's at every level from local competition to all the way up to the Olympic and international competition, including live-streamed, international needs all over the world, we will help develop. And this is a really important part of our mission here is to help develop the community, and particularly the youth of the community in programs that we think are really going to benefit the youth of Coatesville, future cyclists, and honestly, the society in general. Some of our activities and our goals are to secure a stable of track racing, bikes, track bicycles, which is a special bike you have to use on bank velodromes for use in all the development programs.

We want to reduce the cost as much as we can, in some cases, offer scholarships for kids and create a whole program that will make it very easy for kids in the community in particular to participate. another goal is to teach the cycling fundamentals for youth, families and local companies through a thing we call the, try to track. The try to track program and anybody who's been around in cycling knows that one of the most important things that kids have to learn when they learn how to ride a bike is how to ride it safely. And there's really no way that people are taught that in any with any real consistency. The program and learning how to ride on the track is where you really learn the fundamentals of how to peddle, how to ride, how to handle yourself and traffic and so on. We are looking forward to establishing local youth leagues through area recreation departments in schools. There's a lot of colleges in the area who have club teams in cycling, which is now a very big growing sport in cycling. Inter-collegiate cycling is governed by the Eastern collegiate cycling conference has 75 colleges between Pennsylvania and Maine. And most of them have cycling teams that travel. And the ability to bring them into a velodrome where they can learn to ride and race is another key component to it. Another major factor that's important for us is partnering with regional cycling associations. And we're talking about businesses and organizations and clubs, including the bicycle coalition of Philadelphia, which has a very active youth cycling program. I was involved in their cadence cycling foundation. It was first started and it's a way to get youth into a great program and leads to many kids getting in college and, and going beyond, and basically shaping their lives in a very positive way.

We hope to host some activities for cycling organizations around the country that can come here for, for meetings and so on. But most importantly, it's about the kids. It's about getting the kids from the community involved in a very interesting and exciting sport. We've run 40,000 kids through the program. It's produced about 150 national champions and over a dozen Olympians. And I think it's something that Coatesville will be very proud of and something that we want all of the kids to participate in. Not everybody knows a lot about cycling. Not everybody understands that cycling is a sport that could grow. Certainly, the COVID-19 situation we've been going through this past year has seen bike sales increased by

120%, the circuit trail usage in Philadelphia area. That's the Schuylkill river trail and the trails that are expected to the Chester Valley trail, which is going to be extended out towards Coatesville. We hope in the not too distant future, that trail usage is up over 150%. And it's, it's a growing and amazing sport. It's great for kids. It's a lifetime sport, but cycling is not the only thing that's going to make this facility successful. And very early on, we recognize that a bike racing program or cycling program, particularly since there's not a lot of precedent for this in the United States, we need multi-purpose and multi-use. And when we connected with sports facility advisory, that was the missing link for us and this group.

Mr. Dan Morton thanked everyone for the time to speak. I'm with a development advisor with the sports facilities advisory. One of the things I want to key in on, obviously a velodrome and multifunction event facility is, is at the core here, but really what we focus on and what we do in venues across the country is we look for dynamic flexible spaces that we can really diversify the offerings, both what we can do from a programming perspective, the services we can offer, which is helpful for us internally from an operation to create sustainable models, but also offers a wide range of activity to the communities we work with. So just for example, within the infield of that velodrome that's 20,000 square feet of in-field space that we can do non-sports events, concerts, graduation, public events, community, and civic events, but it will also be flat floor hardwood court space, where we can do things like basketball and volleyball for multi-generations from youth up to seniors, things like Pippa ball and silver sneakers programming. This is what we're doing in facilities across the country and taking assets to drive non-local visitation, but also creating community access. There's benefit throughout what's happening in those spaces. There is a lot of things happening within this facility, but the key is being dynamic, flexible, and diversified in the offerings that we have and keep going. The facility will become part of the SFM network operated by our company of professionals, which allows us to leverage our systems, our technologies, our resources, and our talent to bring what we've achieved in other communities to Coatesville.

We forecast in our pro forma about \$18.6 million in economic impact annually at new non-local spent Josh wall. And last thing I want to highlight is the job creation. If you want to go down to that, but we've also forecasted new jobs that will be brought to the community by this operation. We expect that to be about a hundred full-time equivalent jobs in year five, that's both full-time and part-time positions that equal full-time rates. So again, just want to share some of the impact, really excited to bring this to Coatesville and to continue the work there.

Councilperson Graves asked what are the community benefits, is there a community benefits agreement with the people who live in our community that live closest to this National Sports and Events and how does this project with the interests of the community that it seeks to serve and by interest, I mean, things that they are interested in doing and participating in? Mr. Wood replied I think how the community benefits is coming back to how we certainly define impact and economic development. So being able to have job opportunities for one is certainly a community impact we've already showcased that we will always look local first. With SFM, the operation, we work with every community to not only look at what can we operate for sports and activities, but also what's needed in the community and what, and creating what we call the SFN access program, which is something we have in every facility that we operate and is unique to every community, but the Genesis and the benefit of it is, taking what we can achieve in corporate sponsorship and other relationships and using those

funds and using, leveraging those to create access to the community to have the facility in those programs, regardless of the ability to pay for those. Councilperson Graves asked just because there isn't a, not that I see anyway, a Olympic cycling or speed, speed cycling culture that already exists. A lot of kids on speed bikes, just kind of outdoor bikes or mountain bikes sometimes. I was just wondering why Coatesville, why was it so important that this be in Coatesville for this like regional draw here? Mr. Chauner replied I know that a lot of people don't know a lot about cycling, but there are thousands, if not millions of people that ride bikes and that are interested in cycling and in all of its different organizational forms. And I think that cycling is an underserved community. I mean, most cyclists don't really have a place to go where they can really enjoy a facility and whatnot, and what I've found in my career of organizing cycling events and being involved as they're huge community supporters, kids get excited about riding bikes. There haven't been many programs for them to get involved in which consequently is why you don't see as many organized programs. But I think that's what we, that's what we want to bring to this. I think it's a huge opportunity and Coatesville is a great place. There's a lot of athletic talent in Coatesville, and you don't find that kind of athletic talent everywhere. And I know that for a fact, and we all know because so many great athletes have come out of Coatesville. And I think it's a, it's an opportunity for disadvantaged kids that maybe don't have an opportunity to do some other things. And that's a big part of what we want to do is get these community kids involved, and then we'll be doing clinics. We'll be doing presentations, we'll invite the kids down to watch some of the racing, we'll get them involved and in every aspect of the program. And I think you'll see that it's going to end up being a very exciting thing for the kids. But what I want to remind you of is this, this is a National Sports Event Center, and the cycling program represents about 20% of the revenue streams. So while the cycling is prime, so a higher profile user of this facility, this facility is about creating opportunity for the next generation of Coatesville.

Mr. Folks stated that every time somebody came into this thing, they would give all this stuff and then don't have the money, or they were going to have their hand out saying, we need money. I don't want you to come in here and say good things and we give you work. And then you turn around and say, well, we need money. We're out of it. We can't finish it. I don't want you to come in here and start something and don't finish it. I want you to come in here, put a shovel in the ground and finish this day. If you're going to start it. But if you don't have the money, say it upfront, don't wait to a year later and say, Hey, we're done. I'm tired of that. And we've been, we've been so bad in this town of bringing in developers and they just on us, excuse me. But that's what they do. And I'm a hundred percent behind you, but I want you to be upfront with us right off the gate. Hey, we're going out. There's so much money. We need this, we need that. But don't come in here and say, I got it because we got a hole in the ground down there on 82 to 30. We don't want that on the flash is the last piece of lamb we have most, and we want it right. So, no, if you got along behind you, I'll be your biggest cheerleader, but if you don't have it, that's what I got to say. Thank you.

Mr. Simpson stated I don't really have any, any questions for a team, but what I do want to say is that I think you can see from the investment that New Heritage and Activated Capital has made in this City in the last couple of years. They are not getting into this. They are going to have some skin in the game. They are the only ones I think that said that they would put up a deposit. They were the only ones that said that they would pay \$750,000 for the property. Everybody else wanted it for nothing. I think that their actions speak louder than words and once we approve this and they put that deposit down, we'll see what happens because, I think they have an investment in this City. I think without this, it doesn't help enter

any of the other investments. And I think they're committed to this. I think now's the time is right. I've been part of listening to this velodrome, for actually i can say rhetoric for the last 10 years. I was very enthused about it then, and very enthused about it now, you don't get the people that have been involved in this and like Greg Lamond and some of the Olympic cyclist. What we have to do is, you know, every time somebody wants to bring something to Coatesville, everybody says, well, how's that going to benefit the community? Like, it's not all, it's like, the community is the City of Coatesville and the surrounding communities. So, you know, we have to look at the economic impact of all the people. We want to bring people into the City to make this a better City. And I think this is one of the first steps to do it. And I want to thank you gentlemen for being persistent and staying with us and hanging in there.

3. Brandywine Health Foundation

Ms. Kimberly Daye Hardy thanked the City for the opportunity to share what I'll be sharing with you this evening. I'm really excited to be here tonight and appreciate all of the familiar faces and joining with some new faces for, for myself. I am the strategy officer with the Brandywine health foundation. We are a greater Coatesville base funder, and we fund around the social determinants of health, which allows us to stretch our coverage, if you will, across all of the non-municipalities in the area. And so we are excited not only about all of the things in the movement that we see happening, not only in the City of Coatesville, but the surrounding area, but we're excited to talk about this new initiative that we have them working behind the scenes with many of our partners throughout the City. I do have a short presentation, which will just help me stay on track. We are the Brandywine Health Foundation and the initiative that we have been working behind the scenes on, if you will, is known as the Coatesville Black Media Renaissance Initiative. Vanessa Briggs (CEO) and Mr. Logan had a conversation really talking about some of the things that the community had been sharing about what they wanted to see in Coatesville. Many of us began to kind of brainstorm and just talk about a creative way, a creative approach that we could really convene folks together and really begin to lift up the arts a little more in the community. And so, born was the Coatesville Black Media Renaissance initiative. The initiative really was just burst and sparked out of just the evidence of what we have been seeing around racial and equity and our communities, social injustice and equality. And this idea really, kind of came out of this conversation again, that just sparked out of the need for just some, some creative ways to do something a little bit different amongst the arts community and really these conversations kind of stemmed out of what was happening in our region. We have seen a lot of other things happening in the pandemic, as many of us know, lifted up a lot of the disparities that we've already known to be true in our communities across the board. On top of that, we experienced a lot of injustice really. And people began to speak out and cry out and say that something different needed to be done. And so as a funder, in the public health space, one of the things that we recognize is that racial inequity and racism are all components of what impacts us around the social determinants of health, where you live, how you spend your dollars, access to education, access to food, all of those components go into the health of a community. With the Corona virus among us, the economic downturn that resulted, or that came forward, in light of COVID and really just uncovering of some of the injustices that we've seen in our criminal justice system, this voice, this idea, this way to channel energy and talk about and have the hard conversations, and then talk about how we could plan some really innovative and creative programming in our community came about. A lot of the things that have disproportionately impacted African Americans in our community. The biggest misfortunes and biggest travesties to our society of course, was the death of George Floyd and also the death of Brianna Taylor and many other names that we

continue to lift up. And again, it, we saw in a midst of the Corona virus taking place and in the form of an impact, we also saw the community responding through marches through so many different platforms. The idea really burst out of this, out of everything to say, what can we do together, the community together, and really began to lift up community voice in a new and unique way. In March of 2020, the Brandywine Health Foundation, in immediate response to the pandemic launched, what we refer to as our healthcare and economic relief fund. And really what that enabled us to do is really respond quickly, not only to our grant partners and the community, but respond to some individual requests, in phases, the first phase being the emergent responses and emergency response, if you will, the second phase being more of a how can we then begin to sustain and talk about long-term application of how we can keep everything moving forward. And so, we released a general operating fund and in our phase three, which we are preparing for at this time, we are looking at continuing to look at ways to again, be responsive, but also support the community. And so what came out of that again, is this continual focus on our strategic plan, if you will. And one of the components of our strategic plan was really again, talking about the lifting up of community voice, the lifting up of creating an equitable opportunity for all voices to be heard. When we wrote the strategic plan in 2018, 2019, we didn't know of course that everything in our society would transpire as it has. And so again, it really feels timely in a sense that this community voice project happening at this time when we really have an opportunity to shift the narrative, the timing of it couldn't have been better. The community voice initiative under the Brandywine Health Foundation, one arm of it is the Coatesville Black Media Renaissance Initiative. And this project is funded by the Independence Media Foundation in the Philadelphia Foundation. We wanted to create an opportunity where we could influence media influence policy influence system, and really work and partner with residents and the Arts Community.

We wanted to do this through three platforms. One is the advocacy platform. I have an opportunity to share with you, as the council and residents who are watching, there's also a greater advocacy platform that we're building to, again, to be able to say, these are our issues, this is how we will lift them up. These are ways in which we desire to lift them up and create a new narrative. Again, that allows some of the issues that are most pressing to our community to be heard. The second way that we would implement this is through Arts and Culture. We wanted to promote and build and come together around a Black Expo. A Black Expo would be almost like an ongoing expo, if you will. That again, enables the arts community to have a voice, but also enables the youth and opportunity to have a voice, through what we're creating. One of our community partners is, Fonz, Newsuan, and his amazing show City talk live with streams on Facebook. He is already connecting and engaging with the community. We partnered with Fonz to just continue to support and talk about issues that are most pressing to the community, but also create long-term conversations and build that up more. What this project does, it engages artists. And right now, there are local artists, and community partners that meet twice a month and collectively basically plan and implement this community driven strategy to change the media narrative, and to build a sustainable platform for ongoing community, voice and inclusion. This group is actually building it out. There is no specific format or plan if you will, to how this would be done, but with this funding stream it enables us to really creatively come together and build it. And that's a little bit different. Normally when you are funded for specific projects, you are required to say, here is my specific formula. Here is a, B, C, D. This is exactly how I'm going to do it, this funding opportunity, and enables us to build that structure and lift it together, as a group, as community. And so that's the essence of what community voice and the black

media project is all about. And so that's a little snapshot of what we've done thus far. Again, the partners are meeting monthly and we will continue to meet throughout the summer and early fall. You'll continue to hear more about the expo that is, that is coming together. And then there are other projects that the group is interested in launching as well. They are planning and really creating. It's a unique opportunity to have representation from your Arts Community from business owners to photographers to your storytellers to your artists who are in not just media arts, but graphic arts, media design, and also television.

It's just amazing that when we come together, there are amazing things that we can create. And this is a model that has been used in other cities, but really regionally. What's happening in Coatesville is amazing things happening in Coatesville. And so, this project really is about lifting up that voice and lifting up Coatesville. We are really grateful to be in partnership with the independence media foundation, who was creatively looking for opportunities to lift up communities in this region. And so there are a lot of community voice projects throughout the area, because of just the unique, and it's just something unique happening in Coatesville, happening in the arts community. We are really excited about this project and continuing to look forward to building it out. And so that's the overview, certainly for more information. We are always available at the Brandywine Health Foundation as far as conversation and inclusion, but if you're interested in how to get more involved with this project and interested in learning more about this project, you will continue to hear more, but of course we are, I'm always available.

Councilperson Graves stated I have people working on a directory of a podcast or artists, the local artists that are in Coatesville or initiative to like, be challenged to find folks because they have a time, taskers and Coatesville. My next question was I see that there is opportunity to have an event on event square, like a roots picnic or carefree possibly over a section. That sounds really good. It sounds like you consider some of the interests of the community, because we do have a big podcast of people doing podcasting. Do you have people from Coatesville who are community members working on this initiative with you?

Ms. Hardy said all of the partners of this initiative are native Coatesville. We actually just, I mean, couldn't be done, couldn't be done any other way to be ought, to be forthright with you because the people who live here and work here and embrace just the arts community, know where the resources are and really know, um, again, what, what are some of the, when we talk even about the historical kind of implications, just some of the things that have been here for a period of time, you know, how we lift up those stories as well. So everyone that is a partner are, are definitely from Coatesville. Um, the other thing I want to just share really quickly too, you mentioned the pod-casters community. So I think that if there is an opportunity for us to speak offline, there is one of the pieces for sustainability that this group has interest in is connecting this and talking about not just not to get too much into the details of it all, but in terms of when we talk about how to sustain this over a period of time, because everything is this podcasting just has exploded in general. There are some ideas on the table about how we can connect this long-term. I mean, currently now, and then long-term, so if there's an opportunity for us to speak outside of this meeting, we will, I would very much love to connect so that we can draw those. There are some mentioned on the table, but I don't know if it's inclusive of, you know, the different arenas and one of the artists is actually building out a network. I want to definitely make sure that we connect so that we not only don't duplicate, but we don't leave anybody out if you will, as well. I also love the roots picnic idea. That's just, that's on a whole other level. I always say, you build people ask and

make many make, mention and say, well, it can't be done. It can't be done. This group is saying, why can't it be done? It's just a matter of pulling together our resources.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes at this time.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

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

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on regular action items only; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 0

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion for first reading and authorization to advertise, an ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to lease the City's property located at 120 Pratts Dam Road, West Brandywine Township, County of Chester, UPI No. 29-8-5.5, to Pro-Tech Energy Solutions, LLC, for purposes of constructing and operating a solar energy generation facility for a twenty year term, with options for two five year extension, with an annual rental payment of not less than forty thousand dollars for the first three years of the term, an annual one percent escalation of rents in each subsequent year beginning in year four, and payment of rents commencing at the start of construction of the Solar Facility with a lump sum payment of the first three years of rent, and continuing annually thereafter beginning in year four, on the anniversary date thereof, for the remaining term of the lease, including any extensions.

Vice President Graves made a motion to approve first reading and authorization to advertise, an ordinance authorizing the City of Coatesville to lease the City's property located at 120 Pratts Dam Road, West Brandywine Township, County of Chester, UPI No. 29-8-5.5, to Pro-Tech Energy Solutions, LLC, for purposes of constructing and operating a solar energy generation facility for a twenty year term, with options for two five year extension, with an annual rental payment of not less than forty thousand dollars for the first three years of the term, an annual one percent escalation of rents in each subsequent year beginning in year four, and payment of rents commencing at the start of construction of the Solar Facility with a lump sum payment of the first three years of rent, and continuing annually thereafter beginning in year four, on the anniversary date thereof, for the remaining term of the lease, including any extensions; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Verwey explained the City put out a request for proposal for two of its vacant properties. This is the second one and is located in West Brandywine township, for purposes of leasing it for the installation and use as a solar energy generation facility or cause renewable source of energy. ProTech submitted a proposal that provides for essentially the terms set forth in the Ordinance, which would be a 30-year term or a 20-year term with two extensions of five years. The initial rent will be 40,000 a year for the first three years to be paid in a lump sum of \$120,000 upon initiation of construction. Then each year the rent will be increased by 1% over the prior year for the duration of the lease of that property. The lease entered into will provide for construction timelines, decommissioning at the end of the life of the project, proper removal at the end of its useful life. And of course, they'll prototype, we'll have to go through all the development procedures required by West Brandywine township. It's my

understanding they have in fact reached out and talked to the township and they're receptive to this concept of being located in the township.

2. Receive and consider a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission Police Department Eligibility List and approve conditional offers from the Eligibility List.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the Civil Service Commission Police Department Eligibility List; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Council Person Graves was the dissenting vote.

President Lavender-Norris announced the appointment of part-time patrol officers, the Civil Service Commission has provided us with the certified list of applicants who have successfully completed the oral and written exams for appointment. The City has adopted and incorporated the civil service provisions of the Third-Class City Code for purposes of appointing police officers. These civil service provisions require that the Chief of Police nominate a candidate from among the three highest ranked applicants on the eligibility list. These appointments are for the position of part-time Patrol Officer within the Coatesville Police Department. Any candidate who is eligible for veterans' preference under the City's civil service provisions, appearing on the list of three candidates must be selected. Candidates appointed tonight by council will be conditionally appointed subject to successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological evaluation.

There are currently four vacancies for the position of part-time Patrol Officer within the City of Coatesville Police Department. The list of the four highest scoring candidates eligible for appointment to those four positions, ranked in order by score, for Council's consideration, are as follows: William F. Cahill; Eric M. Petrucci; Devrim Gencer; and Andrew F. DiPaolo.

From this list, Chief Laufer has nominated William F. Cahill, Eric M. Petrucci, Devrim Gencer, and Andrew F. DiPaolo, for conditional appointment as a part-time Patrol Officers in the City Police Department.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve that William F. Cahill, Eric M. Petrucci, Devrim Gencer, and Andrew F. DiPaolo, be appointed as a part-time Patrol Officers in the City Police Department subject to successful completion of a background check, physical and psychological examination; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Councilperson Graves was the dissenting vote.

The motion carries and William F. Cahill Eric M. Petrucci, Devrim Gencer, and Andrew F. DiPaolo, are appointed as a Patrol Officer on a part-time basis, subject to successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological exam.

Councilperson Graves stated every time this comes out and I don't feel comfortable approving for conditional hire, with hiring people who are armed and put them in our community, you should have some sort of background information about them. I have said this before and I am saying it again. Vice President Green stated the officers that are part time are filling in the backlog. The benefit is to help keep down overtime and the other thing is that they are conditional, the Chief will do a thorough background check, unfortunately, according to our Charter and the Third-Class City code, that's not a requirement for council to review the backgrounds of the officers. They are reviewed by the Civil Service Commission and by our Chief. And as you guys remember, I think that the last batch, there were guys that

did not make it through the conditional background. When you have hired the Chief and the Chief is our go-to and we have to trust his judgment, because that's not a realm that we're entitled to be in as far as looking at a review, doing backgrounds of the police officers. So, the Chief has a very straightforward, and like I said, the last group, they were officers that did not meet it. They did not meet the standard and were not able to be hired. So conditional offer does not mean that they're hired conditional offer means that they have been placed in background is essentially what it's saying. That is my comments to clarify.

3. Receive and consider a motion to reject all bids for the exterior work on the Historic Train Station

Mr. Folks made a motion to reject all bids for the exterior work on the Historic Train Station bids; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Verwey explained the City received a number of bids for this particular project after discussions with our City engineer, a number of questions arose regarding experience requirements for this particular project and also the amounts of the bids. The project is funded by grant dollars and there is a limit to the amount that can be spent. The purpose of rejecting all business to allow for rebid to be issued with the requirement regarding experience as well as clarifying the amount, the maximum amount that's available for this project.

4. Receive and consider a motion to approve promotions within the Police Department

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the promotions within the Police Department of Sergeant Rodger Ollis to Lieutenant Ollis; Corporal Jeffrey Ingemie to Sergeant Ingemie; and Officer Eric Himmel from part time Patrol Offer to Fulltime Patrol Officer; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1. Councilperson Graves was the dissenting vote.

Chief Laufer explained these promotions are brought about by the retirement of a long-term time, Lieutenant Jim Audette, who has served the department well for 20 years, he has elected to retire after about 20 and a half years. We wish him well in his new endeavor with the Chester County Sheriff's Department. So with his retirement, that creates the opportunity to promote Sergeant Roger Ollis from Sergeant to Lieutenant. Sergeant Ollis is well known in the community and well-known by those on council. He is the only candidate on the Civil Service Promotional list for the rank of Lieutenant. The next promotion would be to fill Sergeant Ollis's position, created by his promotion to Lieutenant. And that would be my recommendation to promote Corporal Jeffery Ingemie, who is the highest scoring member on the Sergeant list. We do not have an eligible candidate for officer to corporal because we have exhausted that list. So there'll be no recommendation for promotion corporal. I will make a recommendation to promote part-time Officer Himmel from part-time to full-time fill all the vacancies created by the retirement of Lieutenant Audette and that would be the unanimous selection, the part-time officer selection from all the supervisors, when the police department we've had an opportunity to observe the work of Himmel in a part-time capacity and it was unanimous recommendation that he be selected to fill the full-time position. The swearing in for the Officers will be at the next Council meeting in April. We will have them all present before the Judge upstairs and have a similar swearing in ceremony as we had several meetings ago for the other officers.

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

Mr. Simpson excused himself from the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Verwey announced he reviewed and considered documents related to the proposed developments of the flats; worked on real estate matters related to City property and easements; attended meetings regarding pet projects pending within the City of Coatesville; drafted an Ordinance for the leasing of City property; and provided advice and direction on personnel matters related to hiring.

Regarding the Flats, I represent council. So, I'm trying to ensure that documents are addresses with Councils issues as, as we've discussed in prior developments, I don't control how those agreements ultimately flush out, but we have addressed a number of issues I think are important to Council. I think overall, it's progressed nicely. And I thank, counsel for their RDA, they work very hard. He and I have had a number of discussions, telephone calls and correspondence exchanges to discuss and address and flush out issues related to the proposed development. And I think you've done a really good job of addressing the concerns to make sure that this project is one that stays on track, has benchmarks that ensures that there's revenue, there's tax revenue that comes to the City, and there's job creation, and that it's an economic driver.

2. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Houston provided a COVID update. We always start off with lately. Coatesville is now at 975 positive cases. It's up 26 from two weeks ago. Unfortunately, I do have to report that we have three lost lives. This last two-week period of time. We are now at 15 in the City of Coatesville, County wide, just under 30,000 positive cases, 739 deaths, 218 tests have been performed out of a population of 500,000. The county's most recent update was they requested 51,000 vaccination kits, but have only received 24,000 to date. They have instituted the education staff vaccines. The program has 94,000 doses for our teachers and education staff. I will give you one announcement, just came out a little while ago. The Chester County commissioners have announced this weekend, March 27th and 28th, there will be memorials held in honor of those families, a one-year anniversary. Now of those lives. We've lost in Chester County at Warwick park, Springton Manor farm and Nottingham park on Saturday and Sunday, March 27th and 28th, giving visitors a chance to remember and reflect upon the lives that we've lost to the coronavirus. So those will be at those parks. I will have this up on our website tomorrow. Just for that sake last week, you asked about whether the health department is tracking where the vaccines are being done by zip code, and they are not tracking by zip code. They thought it was very interesting idea, but at this point in time, they're not tracking vaccinations by community.

The Millview Basin, we have talked about that now for a couple of meetings, the match letter parameters have been completed. It is now in the hands of our point person through Cedarville, Beth Uhler and Valley Townships engineers to coordinate with the scope of work with the DEP as that moves forward. I know you're all looking forward to the draft plan from Ash park. That will be actually on April 17th. It will be unveiled at Ash park. It will be by the Natural Lands Trust. It will be from one o'clock in the afternoon, till three o'clock in the afternoon. Weather permitting. All Coatesville residents are welcome to come see the drawing, see the plans, and also have an opportunity to comment on the plan and for City

council, since you saw a preview for the plan and gave me some feedback, I pass that on to the National Lands Trust, and they have included some of those changes already in that plan. The route 82 paving and guard rail should be done this week, early next week, again, weather permitting, but whether it looks pretty good here coming forward, and those of you in town this week noticed that route 82 and 30 intersection has begun and will continue on until September.

The Fire department had four call-outs in the last two weeks. We had a small rash of Trash cans set on Fire last week on Lincoln Highway – 3rd to 5th Avenue, our Fire Department did respond and put them out. In the Public Works Department, obviously we're planning for spring cutting season flowers are starting to come out. The outdoor equipment's been checked and ready to go. You've also noticed that the team has been painting new lines around town as far as crosswalks and also cold patching potholes, and also cleaning out stormwater inlets after a very rough winter that needed to be done and get those inlets cleaned out before we get into really heavy rainy season. My last thing is on the Codes Department, the zoning appeal has been filed that is now set for March. There were 31 quality of life warnings issued five for abandoned vehicles, 22 grills in violation of the porch ordinance and several trash and upholstered furniture violations. And I do have to say this cause, you know, I like finding these things. We had three chickens loose in the West end. So, two weeks ago it was the goats today. It's chickens, who knows what I'm going to find out next time around. As per permits, we had one sign permit, one electrical, two vacant residency permits were filed. 24 rental licenses were applied for by landlords to telecommunications, contractors, and 15 plumbing contractors submitted for their annual licenses in the City.

3. Finance Director

Mr. Troutman announced the February financials were included in the packet. I would simply say that we're in a favorable status and it's still early. There're still some timing issues happening, settling out, but we are trending well, especially in the area of early collections on the taxes, so still early, but it's trending the right way that will conclude my report for the evening.

4. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced the City is moving forward. We have a lot of activity here, a lot of great, great things are happening. Number of new businesses that are emerging. Just a quick note, the City of Coatesville will continue its partnership this year, with Kutztown University and SCORE. We will be launching a new entrepreneur program for startup businesses as well as businesses that are in their second, maybe third phase. So, we're excited about the return of that program, and hopefully we can get some of these businesses in some of the storefronts here in the City. In addition to that, Mr. Houston mentioned the 30 and 82 realignment that actually resumed today. And we're very excited to see, the MECO team back out there. It's a much-anticipated project and again, we're very excited that those guys are out there supporting the City. And of course, the County, as well as supporting the City on this particular project. You all heard about the Flats in the land development, the recommendation is this evening, of course Council will deliberate on that and respond in the coming weeks. And I think that news and putting all of these things together in the community as it's a great sign of us moving forward. We did receive the PA American Water future projects, just to give the community a quick update. The two of the projects this year will include Harlan and Adams drive. There's going to be some sewer replacement in that area. So for those of you who live in those areas or that community, or that neighborhood

there will be work this year from PA American Water. In addition to that, if you live on Harmony street from 6th to Modena Alley, PA American Water will also be working on the sewer replacement lines there. So, a lot of activity, a lot of construction. This is to improve our sewer systems. PA American Water, we were on a call with them about a week ago. They are very dedicated to this community and of course the community benefits from the work that they do here, in our infrastructure and street repairs. So, we look forward to their work and of course we look even more for it when they're done and out of here, but I mean that in a good way.

On the community update, in your packet council members, and you, you see the flyer from Morgan corporation based in Morgantown. They were founded in 1952. They started out as a small welding company. The Economic Development Council, and the Workforce Investment Board introduced Morgan to the City of Coatesville, their HR vice president came out and we met with them. We did a walkthrough of City Hall and they just thought City Hall would be a great place to, to host their next job fair, which is going to be held on April 10th, and that's going to be here at City Hall, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The thing about this one, this particular job fair, which is much different from the URBN Outfitters event is this job fair is by appointment only. So, what you're going to have to do is you're going to have to go onto our website and that's going to be posted tomorrow morning on how to link and make that appointment. And the reason why we're doing appointment only is because, you know, of course of COVID, but we want to ensure that the individuals that are lining up for these positions, are going to be a successful candidate because the jobs that are available include manufacturing, assemblers, welders, machine operators, material handlers, and service technicians. So, these are well respected jobs in the industry. For those of you who will be able to get an opportunity to work with Morgan, they will provide you with training, not only will you be trained to do some of this work, but you'll also have an opportunity to work for a company, that is probably one of the leading industries and commercial truck bodies. We are very excited to have Morgan, to look at Coatesville as a prospect to host a job fair. We are also excited to partner with a higher one program, led by Jim Lochner over at the Economic Development Council. We are poised to have an exciting event on April 10th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. That information, as I said, will be posted on our website, which is www.coatesville.org.

The last three items I have left, the first is I want to thank all those in our community over the last week. And especially this weekend for volunteering to register and transport many of our residents, seniors to get their COVID vaccinations, as you all know, we've been challenged in this community as well as other parts of the County, but in particular here in Coatesville. We can't seem to get enough vaccination centers, and I know that the Commissioners are trying but, sometimes we have to take things into our own hands. So, I want to thank those individuals who have stepped forward to volunteer some of our seniors. Thank you, Rick Campbell. I know that he transported a number of seniors this weekend out to some locations. We appreciate you all for taking the lead in that area. And, we do anticipate now the County to pretty much, follow up with their, I don't want to say promise, but with their initiative and they're focus on, on bringing these vaccination centers to Coatesville. In addition to that, I hope those are listening to see being recognized and are reminded that Coatesville is a cultural, and economically sound force to be reckoned with. As you know, one of the things that Kimberly was talking about in terms of the Renaissance, it's just not about African-Americans in the community. It's about people coming together, you know, whether you're black, white, Hispanic, or Asian of Asian descent, this is a very rich community here

and these particular initiatives that are taking place by the Brandywine Health Foundation or the City of Coatesville, or any of these organizations that are emerging from this, this is important, it's restoring our community. In addition to the Black Renaissance initiative, there are a group of entrepreneurs putting together an exciting event that's going to happen in May. It's going to happen over at midway arts. This is just a springboard to more cultural, artistic events that are happening, that will be happening in Coatesville. So my hats off to those guys and to those volunteers that are putting that together. The last thing I just want to make a note is, we were talking about, you know, the velodrome and in that particular program, and a lot of great questions came out of it. And one in particular that stood out for me was, you know, why the velodrome here and in our kids interested. And it made me think about the program in Philly, but some of you may have heard about maybe familiar with, because it's been around for a long time now, it's, it's the work to ride program. If you recall, this was on 60 minutes, it was on a number of a news magazines. And this was a program that took a lot of our black kids in Philadelphia, put them into an equestrian program and taught people how to ride horses. And some of those individuals went on and they made it into, or they're making it onto some polo teams that are recognized throughout this country. So, I guess I want to say that because, you know, oftentimes we may assume what kids may not be interested in until they're exposed to it. And if we have a number of diverse kids who got interested in horseback riding or a question or follow that, I'm sure we have a number of them that might be interested in cycling.

5. Police Chief

Chief Laufer asked to speak on two different investigations. Just recognize some outstanding investigative effort on behalf on the part of Coatesville officers and also South Coatesville Borough officers and County detectives. We had two different cases involving shootings. One was back in February, where a young male was shot on South Sixth Avenue, and unfortunately will be paralyzed for life. Our officers through our investigative efforts, between our detectives led by detective Sergeant Brandon Harris, and Corporal Shawn Dowds, and County detectives put a lot of hours into solving this case. And this past week, we're able to successfully identify, taking an arrest warrant and pick up the individual that was responsible for shooting this young man on South Sixth Avenue back in February, and causing him to in all likelihood be paralyzed for the rest of his life. The sad part about this, is it was all over a gambling debt. This young man will now be in a wheelchair, so sad case, but I just want to recognize the investigative efforts of our City detectives, patrol officers and also cooperation with the County detectives and at least being able to bring some closure to that shooting. And then also we had another shooting last week, involving a resident of South Coatesville, where that resident was entering the City on Woodland, just South of Oak street when his vehicle was struck multiple times by handgun, nine-millimeter rounds. And, once again, through some great investigative work by the detectives here and the operation with Chief Pierce out of South Coatesville and his officers and the County detectives within 24 hours, we had our suspect identified and had an arrest warrant issued and had him picked up, he has been charged with attempted homicide and aggravated assault. There is two cases that think the officers really did an outstanding job, went above and beyond, put in a lot of hours, I felt it was important for the community to try to bring closure to both of those shooting incidents and how disruptive that type of gun violence is to our community. It is to our efforts and revitalization and everything that we talked about earlier tonight on how important it is for the community to feel a sense of security. It can't be overlooked in the, in the whole revitalization process. So, I want to just take a minute to recognize that outstanding effort on

behalf of our detectives, and our patrol officers to in cooperation with South Coatesville and with the County detectives. Thank you.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Wendy Whitaker

Ms. Whitaker asked if the part-time officers are Coatesville residents. Chief Laufer replied there were no Coatesville residents who applied for the positions. President Lavender-Norris stated, but please Ms. Whitaker, by all means, if you're aware of any Coatesville residents that are in police enforcement, we would love for them to apply here in the City and be a part of our team. So please inform them, you know, if they're interested to submit to the Chief. Chief Laufer explained we do have a rolling enrollment for a part-time officer. We don't have a closed application period. We accept applications year-round, and we simply keep them in our file until such time as we offer a part-time officer, a civil service exam. And, we would be, as Madam president said, we're happy to entertain all applications from those in the City and outside. We actively promote and advertise on the PA Chiefs website, which is the go-to site. Everybody knows if you want a job, we can police in Pennsylvania. You go to the Pennsylvania Chiefs of police website, and that's the central repository for all open positions part-time and full-time in the entire state. So, we have no closed application period, and we would be happy to accept anybody's application.

Mr. Logan announced there were a few other questions. One question was in reference to the partners on the velodrome. Are these the same men that work with Mr. Morgan first? To answer that question, I think one of the investors was part of Mr. Morgan's investment team in the beginning. Another question is, can velodrome tracks be used for more than bikes? That I don't know. We would have to get that answer from the velodrome experts. I don't think particular track though is especially designed for a type of speed racing. Another question that came in, will programs be offered for free for community members to learn about the velodrome and cycling programs? I don't know if the programs will be free, but we can check in for you to better answer that question. He did say that they would be inviting and bringing in the youth to learn about the velodrome. He did mention that in the presentation.

Chief Laufer asked to add one additional thing with regard to our police department. There is with regard to hiring and I believe I did send it around to council, to be pushed out to the community, but there is an opportunity for several scholarships that are being offered to residents of Chester County, specifically only Chester County, for minority scholarships for actual Act 120 training at the Delaware County Police Academy. So, if those that are interested can certainly contact the police tomorrow. We have the contact information of how to go about applying for those a couple of scholarship opportunities. They are open for five minority candidates only in Chester County only that have an interest in law enforcement. So that is another opportunity to not only get into policing, but to have the schooling paid for and a stipend. I believe also with that scholarship while you attended Delaware County community college. So for those out there who might be interested, we can certainly make that happen. The minimum age is 21 years old in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items only; Councilperson Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

1 Minutes

Mr. Folks thanked everybody. I'm going to go back to what I said before Oprah, Tracy, Beyonce, Taylor Swift, Jeffery Laurie rebound within and say in this City we have no place for these kids to go. If you would consider in helping out this City, give me a call. I'll come with you. I'm fully vaccinated. To the residents of Coatesville. You have a good night. Thank you for doing this. You can check around. I'll come to you.

Councilperson Graves thanked everyone for attending training and for tuning in and being engaged. We will continue to make sure we are trying to bring across here with living wages, making sure that we always advocate for affordability and community. Thank you once again.

Vice President Green thanked Mr. Logan. Mr. Logan said that some people had gone, came together and volunteer to take some seniors to get COVID vaccinated. He mentioned the name of Ricky Campbell, and I just want to thank him and anyone else who assisted in that. This is a little frustrating with this vaccination process. I implore the Commissioners to bring some walk in or walk up test vaccination sites to the City. There's been a few different organizations and churches that have volunteered their spaces. I just hope that they could take that into consideration. You know, Mr. Houston mentioned today that there were 26 new cases in Coatesville, but the way that they're doing a dashboard now, they're just doing it by 19320. Oh. So, if you look at 19320, you'll see it's only a 1% increase. Not very much, but when you look at individual municipalities throughout Chester County, Coatesville is about 7.4%, which is one of the highest. So we truly need a walkup site for people to go and get vaccinated. You know, the places where they're vaccinating now, you have to go to Westchester. A lot of our residents are not affording that transportation. You know, thank God for people like Ricky Campbell and others who are volunteering. So, imagine how much more or how many more people could be vaccinated. I mean, 20, 26 may not seem like a lot, but when you look overall, that's a lot, the County numbers are going down, but we're steadily increasing. So I implore them to bring a walkup site. And again, there's many churches that have volunteered their spaces. Many nonprofits have volunteered their spaces. We need to make a way, you know, we want this and I understand that you don't have quite enough, but I just think that our, our little City needs to be a priority. We came into the game late, but we're up over. Mr. Houston, correct me about 984 cases, 984 cases. That's a lot. So again, you know, the dashboard, the way that you're doing the dashboard, they're not doing it the way that they did it in the beginning. They're lumping all 19320 together. So, it doesn't seem like a lot when you're looking at 62,000 people, but when you're looking at 13,000 people, it's a lot. Yes, I just implore them to bring a walkup testing site into the City of Coatesville. You know, people are going to Allentown. People are going to Philadelphia. People are traveling so far trying to get the shot because they want to get the shots. And if we had a walk-up testing site, we would see people want to be vaccinated. So, I just implore them to do that as soon as possible to, to bring us in, to bring, you know, they're testing out throughout the County, include Coatesville. You know, I know that they do it in the Senior Center. You know what I mean? And they're using that one a and one B, we got to get beyond that. We got to get our teachers vaccinated. We got to get the other people in the schools. We got to get people in the healthcare of the group homes and things like that in nature. We got to get them vaccinated. People want to be vaccinated. Thank you very much.

President Lavender-Norris echoed her colleagues and say that I'm grateful for that. I also want to first say thank you to the City for acknowledging my brother's passing. The arrangement was beautiful and I am ever grateful and thankful for it. I just want to highlight again, the fact that my brother, was in the fire department, he was a member, an active member for 53 years. And within those 53 years, he became the First Black Fire Chief in Chester County, the first in Chester County. And he's been fighting fires for 53 years, that speaks volumes. And then we move into congratulating, Vice President Green for being honored on Sunday for women's month. Congratulations very well in our

community. And you know, it's no small feat to be honored within your home community. So congratulations to you for that. Thank you. When I said my brother being the First Black Fire Chief speaks volumes, it made, it takes me to the COVID situation. Speaking volumes. We hear a lot about the black community not being vaccinated well, from my point of view, it isn't as much they don't want to be. Is that more? They don't have access to the vaccine. So whether they wanted to or not, they couldn't do it. And it still goes marked as they're not being vaccinated. That's not okay. That's not good. And it needs to be drilled down into them. I also have been made aware that April, I'm going to say Tabernacle Baptist church will have 325 vaccines, but they didn't go to the County commissioners for this. They went through Brandywine hospital and Penn medicine. So, since we've been asking for the vaccine sites in the City, and we were told from the beginning, we needed 5,000 square feet, but I know that Rite aid and CVS have nowhere near that. Um, you know, that's just a side note. We have facilities that can house. We've had three, three churches that wanted to be walk up site. We've also had one of our nonprofit organizations offer their facilities. None of the facilities have been good enough for us to have a vaccine site. I don't understand why there's no real excuse for it. I just implore our County Commissioner's kind of throw your weight around a little bit and get the City of Coatesville some recognition because we need it. Not only do we need it, we want it. And you know, when you want things, you'll go for them. A lot of times when you say you need something, you wait for somebody to supply it, but when you want it, you'll go get it yourself. Where there are people here in the City of Coatesville that want the vaccine. They don't have transportation and Ricky Campbell and the people that were given that was providing transportation before, but they can't transport everybody in the City. And they shouldn't have to, there should be sites right here, not just vaccinating, but also testing the right. It isn't enough. The Senior Center isn't enough. And they're only a block away from one another. How about we put a site in West End and a site in the East End and ensure that people have the accessibility. You have over 700 cases that are not appointed to any particular municipality. I think you need to look into those numbers and attribute them to the proper location. Then you'll have a better understanding as to the fact that we in the City, County, too, we want help. We need help. And we're standing at your door, knocking, answer us. We need the vaccine. And it's time that we're taking seriously, because our numbers are rising. Not only in cases, but also in deaths, we were considered a hot spot. And it seems to me, it would only be right that you addressed the hot spot. Cool that down. I'm not a fireman. My brother was, but I know they go to the hottest point first and work their way away from it. Come to the City of Coatesville, talk to our residents if you need to, but just know we want and need a vaccine testing and vaccination site in the City. I'm not fussing, but I want to make it plain and clear the fact that it's necessary. Um, I thank you. I thank you for listening, entertaining the thought. And I'm not even saying, you're not trying, I'm just saying there's an urgency here that you may not be aware of.

Mr. Logan announced there is something he wanted to share from your colleagues. It says: Dear Lavender Family: It is with great sympathy and sorrow to hear about the passing of John Lee Lavender-former Fire Chief of the Modena Fire Company. John came to us on March 31, 1953, and will now live in eternity. He was a graduate of the great class of 1972 at CASH and the Chester County Vocational Technical School with a certificate in Horticulture. John loved to be of service to his community which he expressed through his commitment to the Modena Fire Company where he served since 1968. When John was promoted to the position of Fire Chief, he became the first African-American Fire Chief in Chester County. John was known for his generosity, wisdom, and knowledge. Always wearing a welcoming smile, he would often make himself available to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. On behalf of the entire City Council, please accept our deepest condolences. May the Lord bless you and your family with fond memories of his life, dedication and enduring family love. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. With love and appreciation, City of Coatesville City Council.

President Lavender-Norris wished everyone a good night and God Bless.

Adjournment

Mr. Folks made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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