



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – COVID 19-2020 – via ZOOM and YOU TUBE
Monday April 12, 2021

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

Council Absent:

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

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

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the March 22, 2021, meeting minutes; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Additions, Deletions or Modifications to the Agenda

There were no additions, deletions or modifications at this time.

Presentations

1. Swearing in of Promoted Officers

Chief Laufer explained in March, we approved the promotion of Sergeant Ollis to Lieutenant, Corporal Ingemie to Sergeant and part-time Officer Himmel to full-time Officer. Those moves were necessary due to the retirement of Lieutenant James Audette. If I could just have a minute and just speak about Lieutenant Audette retirement, he joined the Department on October 24th of 2000, promoted to Corporal on October 16th of 2007, Sergeant on September 7th of 2008 and Lieutenant on July 1, 2013, throughout his career, he served in many capacities, including Acting Chief prior to Lieutenant in 2013 and throughout all of his assignments and promotions, Lieutenant Audette served with honor and distinction. In the last eight years as Chief of the Department had the privilege of having Lieutenant Audette as second in command to the Department, upon announcement of his retirement Lieutenant Audette submitted correspondence. And I just like to take a quick minute to read the correspondence. Dear Chief Laufer, please accept this letter as notification to the City of Coatesville Police Department, that I will be retiring effective Friday, March 26th, 2021 being my last working day. It has been a great and memorable time working as a Police Officer in the City of Coatesville for the last 20 years. I must admit this was a tough decision, but I believe it's the best decision. I have decided the time has come for me to start my retirement here and begin my second career. I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve the Police Department in the many roles I was able to fill. May I take this opportunity to thank you most graciously for the help support and opportunities I've had under your leadership. It has been a remarkable experience and I have enjoyed all the time spent working for you these

last eight years, under your leadership, you have made the Coatesville Police Department, a professional organization, and a well-respected place to work. I have genuinely enjoyed my employment as a Police Officer, and will miss you and my coworkers. When my retirement day comes, I wish only the best for every Officer in the Coatesville Police Department as always be safe and make it home to your families. He has started his second career with the Chester County Sheriff's Department, as a Sheriff's deputy. And I'm sure he will enjoy the same level of success he has had with our Department, with his new Department. So if anybody would like to make any comments from council, this is our chance Lieutenant Audette is in attendance tonight with the other Officers are going to be promoted. President Lavender-Norris stated I would just tell that young man that he has to return back to the Police Department.

Mr. Simpson thanked Sheriff Audette for all the years. I feel like I've been here pretty much your whole, uh, pretty much most of your career. It wasn't too long after that. I want to thank you for your tireless commitment to the City of Coatesville and making this a better Police Department and the finest Police Department, I say in all Chester County and the Commonwealth. I want to thank you for everything you've done and good luck in the future and I appreciate everything.

Mr. Folks remembered 19 ½ years ago, I was in the Coatesville parade and I had a Corvette and we was in the parade and I was squealing tires. Audette pulled me over and gave me a ticket in the parade and said, go on son. So, we went to court, the court they're standing in now and, I didn't have to pay, but that's how me and Mr. Audette met, by him giving me a disorderly conduct. So man, I love you. I love your mom, she was involved in this City for a very long time. Your whole family was involved. So man, I'm so proud of you. Keep doing what you're doing, man.

Mrs. Hunt thanked Sheriff Audette for his service here in our community. Thank you for all of the extra things that you've done during your tenure here. You are very personable, always willing to come out and encourage, the Pastor at Ebenezer was just talking about you yesterday, how you came down to the church and shared with the youth there and even took time out to allow them to come out and see the vehicle and more or less, teach them, give them some encouragement, how to stay on the right side of the law. And that's how, that's the type of person that you were to me and to our community. And I thank you again so much, and I wish you nothing, but goodness and joy as you continue in the Sheriff's Department. But, I hope Chief will always keep your position open. If for some reason you decide that you want to come back to us.

Vice President Green thanked Sheriff Audette for all that he has been in the City, working with the community day at Jubilee ministries every summer when they would have it, bringing the Police vehicle down and showing the kids. I just appreciate your efforts and your time that you have given to our residents. I also, we talked about a project together one day and I just want to let you know that, that resonated so well with me. And I seen your concern and care for the people in this community and, we will be going forward with it. I just wish you well in your next chapter, I know that the Sheriff's Department is getting a Jewel and I just appreciate you so much. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin thanked Lieutenant Audette now Sheriff Audette for your tenure with the City, and I want to wish you well in your next venture with your next chapter as a Sheriff. I wish you and your family the best.

President Lavender-Norris reminded Sheriff Audette, December is coming by the grace of God and it'll be time for Shop with a Cop. And you're still going to have to bring your saxophone along. Sheriff Audette replied, I think we can make arrangements for that. President Lavender-Norris explained Mr. Newsuan asked me in the chat there saying he hopes the sax wasn't retired. Sheriff Audette said it is not retired will bring it out in December. President Lavender-Norris wished him, God bless you and much health, joy and safety to you and your new endeavor. Bless you. And bless your family. Coatesville is better for you.

Sheriff Audette explained the letter that you heard from the Chief, it wasn't easy to do. I meant every word that I said in there as far as it was an honor to work under Chief Laufer. He proposed many opportunities for me under positive leadership. He has really turned our Department around and from the time where I was in an acting role, to where it is today. And I can honestly say that it is definitely one of the near Revere Police Departments here in Chester County and it's a respectable professional Department. I was hopeful to take those skills that I've learned here, take them with me and hopefully elevate the next place to that as well. I am kind of finding out that they're a very professional organization as well, so I'm going to fit right in. But again, I want to thank the Chief and everything that you've done for me in the last eight years. And again, I genuinely enjoyed my career here working for the residents and the City officials. So thank you everyone.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Lieutenant Rodger Ollis as his wife held the bible.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore Sergeant Jeffrey Ingemie as his wife and daughters held the bible.

The Honorable Judge Gregory Hines swore in Officer Eric Himmel as full-time officer as his wife held the bible.

2. Mark Lane, LLC

Mr. Unis Lane introduced himself. I'm also partners with Mark Sharman of Mark Lane, LLC. We are discussing tonight the record building at 204-206 east Lincoln Highway. We came to the City and the end of 2018. We purchased the midway arts building, and since then there are now just about 35 mixed use commercial and artists tenants in there. We are finishing off a new passenger elevator adding, on some commercial space on our top fifth floor and finalizing our new entrance. We also have moved to starting to work on the record building. We wanted to bring to you what will be the Record Tap most likely the Record Tap Restaurant. This is our restaurant plan for the building. We have a restaurant side that can fit about 95 guests inside and a back deck. We expect to have between 20 to 25 positions open for hire. I spoke to our chef earlier today. He is moving along with us into Coatesville to open the Record Tap here, his specialty is pizza. He'll be doing some flatbreads here at this pizza oven, along with several other options. On our other side of the space, this would be Angry Jacks Ax Throwing Club coming in. We expect to be able to serve their patrons beverage and food through our joint kitchen here.

Mr. Mitchell explained when ax throwing comes up, a lot of things run through people's mind. The first and foremost I promise it's safe. Angry Jacks Ax has our flagship facility in Pennsylvania. We have another location in Elkton, Maryland, and we will be opening on bridge street in Phoenixville. Coatesville will be our fourth location. What really excited us about the opportunity was the partnership was where Coatesville is now and what we see as the future plan. I've been here my whole life and I've watched it turn around. What we're really searching for is that experience, especially now coming out of everything we've all lived through in the last couple of years, as we really focus on that experience. We really try to blend the sport of ax throwing with the experience. We want people to walk into our clubs and not see what chips and plywood, but feel a club, feel an environment where you are comfortable, it's inviting and a place you see yourself coming back to. What is really important to us is one of the first things we try to do is establish a community, get league throwers. We tend to offer several nights a week. We get those, those throwers going and it grows. It grows from there. The other big focus for us are birthday parties, get togethers, but as well as your corporate events. A place for local businesses to come for team building. All great focuses for us.

Vice President Green asked Is it dangerous? Mr. Mitchell explained it is not. That's where I started. What is funny is that feeling you have is half the reason people come, they come in there, they're timid and they're hesitant. And what you'll see is it comes off as a very, you need strength in this masculine. You need to throw this really hard and it's not, it's actually a very gentle momentum based. And after about 10 to 20 minutes, you literally watch people relax. They relax, they calm down and you just see them take a breath.

Mr. Mitchell stated we are really excited about this, we expect this to be a family friendly atmosphere. The coaches that are at every lane are just there for your safety, or to entertain or they're there to teach you. They are the only Ax throwing Club club I've ever heard of that allows kids as young as nine to come in, just because of their super coaching. So, when you come to this ax throwing club, you can expect it to be a family friendly atmosphere with incredible coaching. We are really looking forward to it. I thought we were going to have a very specific demographic. And I will be honest with you and say that we don't have one. This is an event that I've had a 90-year-old woman come in and celebrate her birthday with us and there are two kids as young as 5 and 6 years old with their parents in the club. What it is, is people come for that novelty and they stay for that experience. We have juniors league leagues of over 30 kids, ages 9 to 16 throwing. We have adult leagues and our adult leagues range from late teens. All the way up to mid, early seventies, I think is, is, is where we're at right now for our Wednesday night leagues. And that is men and women. It is not overly dominant men. You see a lot of women in the sport, and it is just a great community. It's a great fun atmosphere. And I promise you, the alcohol is not an issue. We keep you busy enough.

Mr. Folks asked when do you see this coming together? When's the ribbon cutting? Mr. Lane replied, I've talked to Aja and we can see just in terms of everything with the food and licensing coming together, there possibly a little bit later than the ax throwing, be able to start up and open their doors. We are hoping that sometimes towards the end of the summer, that with the plans that I just showed you are being submitted now through permitting. It all depends on timeline, but we are actually ready. Our construction team is ready to come in there. We were pretty much finished at some other locations where we need those members

of our staff. They are ready to come in and hit the ground. And we would like to be open for you as soon as possible.

Councilperson Graves stated you mentioned 25 jobs coming as a result of the restaurant. I just had a question about the wages for the jobs. Do the jobs guarantee like living wage jobs. For a person living in Coatesville will they be able to have a third of their check, be able to pay for rent per month is what I mean by living wage.

Mr. Lane replied, I know the answer is yes. The restaurant, if you could think of it as, as I am building the restaurant, I've actually never done the restaurant myself. It's more on my partner and his chef that have done three or four, maybe five at this point together. While I'm doing these early phases, probably later on, they can answer the questions on the daily running of the restaurant. I can tell you the answer to that question is yes, I spoke to the chef earlier today and he is looking to recruit employees from the City of Coatesville. I believe actually five residents of Coatesville work for AAJ establishment. So that is definitely on the top of our agenda. I also saw another comment on here as I exited the shared screen, that questions about pricing, generally, uh, for our restaurant. It's very important to have a really good range that you could come in and it's an American fair, and that you can get something out of a really inexpensive price. If you're looking for a larger entree, you can go that way with a cocktail as well. That's possible. You can come in, get a very reasonably priced meal. I believe there were some pricing questions about ax throwing as well. I don't know if you have any answers there. Mr. Mitchell explained they offer several different packages. If it's a date night, couple people, one to three people would be all for one hour, a one hour typically ranges between \$20 and \$25. And more than four people, you're going to be looking at a two hour experience and that's going to be with a private coach and you get the whole, the whole experience and that ranges between \$30 and \$38 for the two hour experience. And we are also going to be running happy hour specials at work with Blaine in the restaurant to make it a destination spot. President Lavender-Norris said that one of our past ex council members goes both ax throwing, our future main street manager goes ax, throwing and they're both females. I would dare to say, you have the past, the present and the future throwing. Mr. Folks asked Mr. Lane if they have the money to finish this project? Mr. Lane replied Yes.

3. Friends Association

Ms. Lopez introduced herself. I'm the executive director at Friends Association. I asked the Sharpe's to join us and to speak first because it's their property that we're speaking about. Mrs. Renee Sharpe thanked the City for inviting them. It's certainly a long time coming, there's vision and that is not ours. We are very happy to be partnering well to be a part of the Friends' Association vision a few years, we've been in Coatesville for almost 20 years now, and the whole time we've been here working in human services and working with families and individuals, getting our hands really immersed in the history and culture of Coatesville. We've grown to love it, to love the City and to love the people in the City. We were thinking about how we wanted to contribute to the building of Coatesville and Coatesville rising, we knew that it was important that individuals were nourished and that families were nourished because that will build neighborhoods and that will build community and that never stopped. We were very excited when we found that Friends Association had the vision that Jennifer Lopez and the leadership and the Board at Friends' Association had the vision to develop a program which would offer that same kind of transformation and reunification to families that will help to build up this community that we all love so much. I did a lot of research into what works and what doesn't work and what we found is there are some public private

ventures that work, but the most successful ventures were ones that tended to be privately funded and also supported by the community and by a lot of volunteers, which friends has. We definitely understood that it had to be a holistic model, and we had no idea. We thought about doing it ourselves and realize it was way past the scope of two people, and way too important to our community and to the world, quite frankly, because one person can change the entire world and for Friend's Association to come and share their vision with us, we were very happy to be a part of that.

Ms. Lopez thanked Mrs. Sharpe for her beautiful words and appreciate their support. Friends Association is a 200 year old nonprofit serving Chester County, that is focused on solutions to family homelessness. Over hundreds of families each year experienced the trauma of homelessness in the wealthiest County, in Pennsylvania, 23rd wealthiest in the nation. And we have a really bold vision for change. And we believe in the power of our neighbors coming together to create more equitable change for families. Our innovative programs focus on four key areas preventing homelessness, providing emergency shelter, partnering with families to support stabilization and promote systemic change. And it was part of that vision and those bold ideas that drew us to the Sharpe's and we're in partnership with them and the vision for Nia house, which is at their home at 572 East Lincoln highway, where we intend to keep it as a, a family dwelling, to support women who are returning from incarceration with their children.

We hope to restore women to themselves, quite frankly, after the trauma of incarceration, rebuild them as members of our community and reunify them with their children and restore the bonds of motherhood, we'll be providing safe cost-free stable environment for women and their children to reunite. They will live as a family unit together in the residence. Right now, there are 56 women incarcerated at Chester County prison. The numbers are quite low because of COVID-19, 16 of them hail from the Coatesville area and will be returning to Coatesville. There were over 300 paroles from Chester County prison in 2019. If we look at about 29% of the women in the system, being from the Coatesville area, that's almost a hundred women that would return to Coatesville after their parole. You may not see us a lot in Coatesville, but 85% of the families that we serve reside in the City of Coatesville. Our case managers do most of their work in their home. We really see this as part of aligning the social capital with the physical asset revitalization of the City. It's the human infrastructure and really promoting the social cohesion and mutual support as the City revitalizes and really strengthening the civic infrastructure. There's a leadership component of Nia house and where we hope that women will be the voices for the systems that have impacted their lives and the voices of change. And with that being said, we invited Alicia Buchanan.

Ms. Buchanan stated she born and raised in Coatesville and I am a mother of two boys. Like, you know, hearing about the Nia house is bittersweet because it's so much needed, but I also wish that it existed four years ago when I was released from prison. Some of the conditions that led me to incarceration years ago, are like the same conditions that I'm still going through today, and it still impacts my life every day. And my life can be, you know, a struggle when it comes to housing and employment. The major problem that I have with, you know, my, my life right now. And I feel like the Nia house would be a good experience for the girls to come out and actually have that there are some people that don't have family and there some that does, but it will really work for to be on your own. I feel like that would be a good support for people. It would be nice. Thank you.

Vice President Green asked what is the relationship with the Police and the communities? Ms. Lopez stated we will certainly work in cooperation with the Police. We have a relationship with the Chester County Adult Probation and Parole Department. At one point, Lieutenant Ollis had reached out about doing some work at the house and helping us restore the building.

Mr. Folks asked what were the poor City and the County. And I hear what you're saying. I just got on City Council three years ago. We was in almost chapter 47. Nobody wanted to help us, State was going to come in and take it. We voted on this well, two years ago, I am not changing my vote. I hear what you're saying, but the City needs income. These residents are starving for businesses, not want a nonprofit, everybody wants to come to Coatesville and you know why it's cheap. That's what they got in their head. It stops here. We're not cheap anymore. Right now, we can't afford, we can't afford it. Maybe they can. But I know from what I saw three years ago to the day we can't afford it. I have to say, you go on with your program, what this City needs is a tax base, or we ain't going to grow.

Ms. Lopez said that's understood. We are not moving our operations. We're just running the program. We are leasing from the Sharpe's, it remains on the tax rolls. We also hope that the residents there will be part of the income. We had a meeting with the owners of St. Cecilia's to talk to them about employment opportunities. We are looking at the key areas that affect women's return from incarceration, and we're hoping to help them with safe and stable housing, economic empowerment, jobs, building skills, healing from their trauma and reunifying with their children. This is a different vision. It is not another nonprofit coming into the City. It is running a program, restoring citizens to their community and just providing the support that they need with that very much in mind. Mrs. Folks stated it is a great idea. Don't get me wrong on that, but we're broke. Can somebody help us out there? Cause we're broke. Come on people.

Councilperson Graves disclosed that she is employed by Friends Association. um, for, for, for, and ethical disclosure. Um, I do think that transformative justice is coming to this community and I'm really excited to, um, about the work that's being done in this City. And the most important part of revitalization for me is the opportunity to revitalize our people and how we treat our unhoused are incarcerated, are addicted and are unemployed is really an indictment on the way. Um, and on our ability to revitalize our community in a way that is sustainable, not only for buildings, um, and businesses, but for the members of this community who have poured into this community to make it what it is. I will ask you guys the same questions that I ask. Every entity that comes to Coatesville is what is your community benefit of being in Coatesville and also why Coatesville?

Ms. Lopez replied, just based on the numbers of the women that are incarcerated and on community supervision and being paroled, there's a need. 30 years of me being in the system on one end of it, I saw it over and over again. I saw the struggle of family reunification and the shame around not being there for your kids and not being a mother to them, and then trying to reunify. Most would come out to nothing. You know, there's not an apartment in their name. There's not a job. Someone else has been caring for your kids. So, you know, the numbers, the stories, that's the why we're making capital investments in the property at 572 East Lincoln highway. We've gotten support to do that. So it's the structure, it's the, the human beings inside of it. It's the neighbors. It's, you know, we see this as expanding out, we're putting the investment into Coatesville into that property that will be there forever. We

are going to support the women in economic empowerment so that they can find jobs with livable wages so that they can pay their rent. And we really hope that this spreads throughout the community and we hope to serve other communities as well with a similar model.

President Lavender-Norris asked what the zoning is? Ms. Kemps is, the attorney who has you dealt with the zoning and codes. Ms. Kemps stated when we first started this, when it was first presented to us as an opportunity to work together last year, back in October is when we started to present a project plan and ask questions and we're very transparent and open and did everything, anything that was asked of us to do from then up into this point. This is our contribution to the project. What is it zoned as that, is that a residential district? It is zoned neighborhood. It's covered by, as I, as I was told by codes, it's covered by a neighborhood commercial. It is neighborhood commercial, one zone, and anything that would be available there is also available will be available on an RN for zoning district.

Mrs. Hunt asked if they asked the neighbors and informed them of their plans. Mrs. Sharpe replied Absolutely, absolutely. Unfortunately, there are not enough homeowners in this City and there are only five homeowners on this block. And so it was very important to us that we share with our neighbors and, and some of the tenants, even though, you know, they come and go, what was going to happen because for one thing, we wanted their feedback. You don't start any venture without asking and getting data, you know, from the people who live around you and they were extremely supportive, because they know that there's a lot of building going up, going on. Coatesville is rising, but there needs to be investment, not only in the infrastructure, but in the people, because there's not been enough. And that's why we're such a poor City and we should not be. And that is what we heard resoundingly and what resonated with the, with the neighbors that we spoke to not just on the block, but around the block. And we also talked to influencers and people in the surrounding townships as well, just to get feedback because we don't want to hurt our City that we love.

Vice President Green asked if Friends Association is going to be running it as a rental property or a business property. Ms. Lopez replied it will certainly be a rental property, not a business property. Ms. Al Amin asked about rental properties. When you have non-relatives living together, does not that require a boarding house license, or I guess I'm not understanding the whole demographics of, because it is a rental property. Is it going to be run as a business? Is it going to be run as a boarding house and Boarding house? Would it not need a variance and would they not be required to have certain things like, as a business, the sprinkler system? Mr. Logan stated this is just a presentation to get information. I think questions need to be answered offline, I'd be happy to do that along with Jennifer, but Anthony, do you want to just comment on the potential, um, zoning variance? Mr. Verwey replied I think there's a couple of issues that that's going to ultimately be the call of the zoning Officer. That's, who's responsible for making those determinations, because he or she will have some kind of what the use is. If it's, for example, a group home, that would probably require a variance, because it requires a single detached structure as opposed to one that's attached or a duplex. There may be issues. When there's a change in use under the building codes, that'd be something for the code officials to address whether you require fire suppression systems and those kinds of things. So those are going to be things that we have to rely on the City's codes and zoning Officers to make determinations on. Whether for instance, they will be required for zoning.

President Lavender-Norris asked Ms. Lopez, how many halfway houses does Friends Association currently run and where are they located? Ms. Lopez stated this isn't a halfway house. It's more considered a group quarters where if you were to look up a new way of life reentry, that's the model that we're following. The women live together supporting one another as one family unit. President Lavender-Norris explained I understand that. I just want to know how many are you currently running and where are they located? Ms. Lopez replied we run an emergency family shelter in Westchester in the Borough (not a group home).

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 citizens comments on regular action items only at this time.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion for second reading and adoption of 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.

Ms. Al Amin made motion to approve for second reading and adoption of 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 Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2. Receive and consider motion to approve a Resolution Approving the Sale of Property Owned by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville to IDG Development, LLC, Pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law.

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve a Resolution approving the sale of property owned by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville to IDG Development, LLC, pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Councilperson Graves was the dissenting vote.

Mr. Verwey explained under the Urban Redevelopment Law the Redevelopment Authority has proposed a sale to IDG Development and that sale involves the development of the property known as the Flats. Under the Urban Redevelopment Law, the City of Coatesville has to authorize that sale. And the City's role in that process is to review the agreement, to make sure that it is in the economic interests of the City. Now for the RDA to have that sale and redevelopment proposal, both in the form of whether they're able to generate tax revenue for the City, ultimately create jobs and be an economic driver within the City of Coatesville and also eliminate blight. In this case, the elimination of an empty and vacant plot, the City Council has had an opportunity to review the agreements that were prepared and drafted between the RDA and the IDG development with the input of their City solicitor. Now, before the Council can choose whether to approve those agreements in that sale. Mr. Folks thanked the RDA for sitting down, I was one of that is one of the things I'm the RDA or I'm down and out and making this right this right, because of the pressures we went through that now they, tighten up the screws on these guys and I'm very proud of that team to bring this to our table.

Mr. DiSciullo stated wish we could have had this to the City Council earlier, but, as you just said, we learned our lesson with what happened there on First Avenue. DePetris lot longer to negotiate and to memorialize. We wanted to include Mr. Verwey from the beginning so that he could make comments as the agreement went forward so that all parties were comfortable before we moved forward with this thing. I appreciate Council taking the time to review it and consider it. President Lavender-Norris replied thank you, I think I've read these agreements until my eyes crossed over. I'm grateful because it also showed that you did your due diligence and, you know, like was mentioned earlier, we've had some experiences and they brought up, I don't even want to call them a mistake because we learned from them. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you for your due diligence and we just look forward to the next big project.

Mr. DiSciullo explained this is the biggest piece of property that the RDA owns. We would certainly like to see this go the route of 190, absolutely, versus what happened on First Avenue. From First Avenue we learned some things and 190 is moving along very nicely. We would like to the flats follow the same path. We certainly like to see as, Mr. Folks says an economic generator, but also as a benefit to the community because these felons intend on programs for the children and it's something for them to do and get the kids off the street and give them a place to go and see some things that they may have never seen before. Like the bicycling and things like that. The RDA consists of five people, Jack Burkholder, Tyrone Harley, Ricky Campbell, Joe Kandler and myself. We have been working and kicking this thing around since last fall to try and get it right. We had three attorneys involved, also the solicitor for the RDA, the solicitor for the developer and the solicitor for the City. So, you know, everybody had to feel comfortable, but I really, I really look forward to this, this moving forward.

3. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution Adopting a Policy for its Recording of Public Meetings.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve a Resolution adopting a Policy for its recording of public meeting; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1. Councilperson Graves was the dissenting vote.

Mr. Verwey Explained the resolution is designed to address an issue with the use zoom and YouTube, for council meetings. There's a large number of recordings made, and there really was nothing in place to handle the retention policy for these recordings. This resolution addresses that, it places the responsibility on the manager to handle the retention of these recordings. And what will happen is they're going to need to be made available once they're recorded on the City website, which they currently are. They will be maintained for a period. That's the end two weeks after the adoption of the minutes of a meeting. So for example, tonight's meeting is being recorded. The next council meeting, you'll approve tonight's minutes, two weeks from the next meeting that meeting in two weeks, the recording will be deleted and removed from the files that frees up a space on the servers that the City uses, it also decreases the challenges that may be facing, for example, right to know request where you might have to sift through a lot of recording. So, this is going to address all that, that record retention issues for the City. Councilperson commented as it is for these recorded meetings, individuals, they'll still be able to watch it for up to two weeks versus if we were in City hall in public, they'd be at the meeting and then that would be it. So folks will still have the ability to view the meetings until the meeting minutes from the particular meeting are approved. Mr. Verwey explained they will be able to view them for two weeks after the minutes are adopted. So, you'll have about a four-week period to watch the meeting. Councilperson Graves asked if someone else recorded the meeting that wasn't an entity of the City, would we be responsible for addressing like the recordings and Right to Knows or anything like that? RM. Verwey explained not if they're an individual out of the City or a contractor with the City or if a citizen comes in and films, a meeting that's their property. The City has no role or control in the retention of that recording. Councilperson Graves stated cause I do know that folks like to go back and like, look at the recording, it's a little bit more assessable for folks then the meeting minutes, especially with people with like literacy and things like that. If someone just happened to take over recording the meeting, so they would stay recorded, we wouldn't have like the legal issue of retaining if the individual came in and recorded the meeting.

4. Receive and consider a motion to approve the Vision Partnership Program grant Contract.

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the Vision Partnership grant contract; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan explained the purpose of the vision partnership grants is to provide funding for the City of Coatesville planning projects and implement goals and objectives recommended, or recommendations and map the landscape. The City received funding to work with our City engineer in Coatesville and LTL Consultants to amend our zoning ordinance. This is something that municipalities and cities do in townships from time to time. In addition to our City engineer and LTL consultants, our solicitor will also be involved in this. And the intention is to update the City of Coatesville zoning ordinance in accordance with the current funding practices. We began this endeavor, well the application process started probably almost a year ago. There are a lot of things that we need to do to update in our zoning ordinances. This is the first step in that direction.

Mr. Simpson excused himself from the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close action items; Mr. Folk seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Verwey announced he worked on zoning and land development issues on behalf of the City; addressed personnel and pension issues; provided guidance on certain permitting issues and worked on leasing and real estate matters on behalf of the City. They have been addressed more fully in our executive session and are subject to attorney privilege.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced there are a couple of items on the business and economic development of the City of Coatesville Train Station. The project is moving forward. We are awaiting updates from PennDOT, and Amtrak on the construction bid packet. There was a slight delay in the process due to some onsite planning, reviews and approvals. So, you know, the stops and starts have put back the project. Now we're looking at the bid package, the rollout, probably it will hopefully roll out in June. So, we've suffered some setbacks. We were looking or anticipating as staff and first quarter, it looks like it's not going to happen. So, the second quarter, and that's not instruction or anything like that. So, we anticipated June.

You heard a little bit earlier this evening, that process will begin on the Flats. Thank you, council for your vote of confidence to move forward with this. If completed without any barriers, we hope to see some construction movement on the flats, hopefully in late 20, 22.

Onto the community update, on April 10th, many of you know that we have a second job fair in the City of Coatesville, that was with Morgan Truck Company out of Morgantown. The event was held here at City Hall. I want to tip my hat to Brady and his team. Um, they came out, they set everything up. We had 28 interviews, out of the 28 interviews, 24 offers or made. Again, I just want to thank their team and include that came out also, thanks to the members of the City Council that attended. It was great seeing President Lavender-Norris, Vice President Green and a special, thanks to Mr. Folks for helping me throughout the day. He came in early, he set it up with me and we hung in there after three o'clock, I think the barbecue truck parked in front that's something nice to have him. State Representative Dan Williams came by to say, hello, and I just want to give a shout out to the man that was doing onsite, kind of broadcast, and that's Fonz Newsuan. He came out, he gave us his time, which he often does helping us get this information out about getting jobs to individuals here in Coatesville. I just want to mention that Morgan provided this opportunity for individuals to not only get training, but also when you start there, the advancement sequence, it's just tremendously fast. Within six months, you can be bumped up to the next level. Their starting salary with some of you may have heard is 14.95 an hour. That's right at the livable wage. You're a single person and it's very competitive in the market that we live in today. So, they came right out the bat, with wonderful benefits and perks, to get people into the Morgan Company organization. They are still accepting applications go to our website. I think we still have the information up there. You can just look at the jobs, the types of jobs that are available or manufacturing, welders, machine operators, material handlers, and service technicians. Again, if you're listening, if you know someone that can use a great job, go to our website and get more information on that.

We have a couple of things coming up for the City of Coatesville. We are pleased to announce that we are reuniting with Kutztown University, to launch this year as ones in your program plan for the summer. We have also partnered with SCORE to provide mentor and practical tools for individuals and participants in this program. This program will run

between six and nine weeks followed by a series of community pop-ups like we did last year. If you came out last year, you know, that the pop-up was incredible, was received very well from my community. We are very excited that we will be able to offer that again this year. As an added feature, what we like to do is partner with our other local small businesses that may want to join other pop-ups. Last year, I didn't really get a chance to incorporate some the existing entrepreneurs in the City. Many of them are in Midway Arts, but also we have a number of them that are just maybe working out of their kitchens or their churches or their garage. So, we would certainly invite them to be part of our pop-ups, I know it's a little bit tricky to talk about outdoor gatherings because we still have a concern about COVID, our numbers are rising, and that's because we're not out of the woods yet. It may be some time before COVID is fully behind us, but in the meantime, the City will continue to encourage residents, to social distance themselves, take precautions by wearing masks and washing hands and using sanitizers. When we're looking at what the Governor is asking us to do in terms of our outdoor numbers, the City of Coatesville is adhering to those policies and practices. And that's why the outdoor gatherings, when we have them, we're going to ensure that we are following the proper guidelines. As I said, it's a little tricky, but I think if we follow the guidelines, stay tuned to the course of these outdoor events, later this year. We hope to post a number of outdoor events, including food festivals, pop-ups, music festivals, and more, and we recognize you guys all want to get out especially our young people. Soon we will be able to get out there and be back to normal to Coatesville. I, along with council will continue to push for change and steps to improve the quality of life in the City, but we have to do this together. I think we can. The last thing I just want to share with everyone, this office, the City hall is always open to hear your thoughts, ideas, and issues.

Often times we hear just kind of the negative, but, I just want to tell everyone that's listening. This is the wonderful City. There's a lot of positive things going on and not just on the economic development side, you know, there are new programs coming in or youth initiatives that are being launched. And I just thought that people be gravitated into certain things, whatever your passion is, we're there for you, we're there to support you. My role is to help and bring the best and the brightest ideas to our City Council members. I can only do that for support.

I do want to just plant a seed for council, beginning in, June, uh, the Food Bank is going to be extending their services. It will come to you at the next City council meeting, but I just wanted to share with you because of their success here in the City of Coatesville, by popular demand, they've been asked to come in for another day and even a weekend. So, they're going to be extending their hours, not only at the library, which right now is from on Wednesdays from 10 to 12, but, they will be moving to our gravel lot, which we've already discussed that from 2:30 to 4:30, but they're looking to maybe add a day, which will be a weekend for the first time. And, we will get more details for that on the April 26th meeting.

3. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Houston explained the email from Health Department on Friday. The County has received its first shipment of Johnson and Johnson, the vaccine along with first and second doses of Moderna. And Pfizer specifically, they received Johnson and Johnson, 21,000 doses, 500 1st and second doses of Moderna and 2,340 doses of Pfizers. More doses according to the County means more vaccine clinics and expanded clinic hours. And more doses also mean more opportunities to schedule an appointment. So because of this, the County Health Department has opened vaccine eligibility to all phases, everyone age 16 and over who lives

or works in Chester County. So now where we're wide open for kids over 16. There isn't a County notice that's out in their website. If you want to see more of the information that they got for it, as far as Covid numbers, we were up 47 new cases since our last meeting. That was about three weeks of time. But we had no new deaths. So we are holding it 15, where we were back in March. The County as a whole is reporting 32,700 cases up 2,900 with an increase 13 deaths. So that's the quick COVID report from the County.

This Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Ash Park will be a run over by the Natural Lands Trust as they are unveiling the proposal for the park renovations and for feedback from the community. So if you do have an opportunity to get out there from one to three, there will be a QR code. You'll be able to click on your phone and do feedback that way, where you can go in, and their website and do feedback as well. A concern that we've addressed is beginning the 25th, which is the week after next. We had contracted with Veterans Construction to repair sidewalks around the park, specifically Third, Fourth, and Kersey streets. So that work will begin in two weeks.

The Codes Department. I think you'll notice that with our kind of beefed up staff was Stacia, Mary, Andrew and Steve. We are getting out more. We are trying to meet the people. We're trying to have conversations with where our codes, our lead contractor interface is. Obviously, they see Stacia and she meets the Contractors when they come in for plans and paying their contractor fees. Mary and Andrew are Quality of Life, and they are out looking down the streets, looking for Codes Violations, and tagging them if they need to. One quick FAQ that kind of came up and to Mary, the event of an abandoned vehicle, the property owner is the first point of contact. We don't necessarily know who owns the car and to who's renting from that house. So, the property owner is the one that we put the first tag on, and then they may be able to come back to the City and say, it's not my car, you know, and we'll go from there. Public Works is on spring cleanup, as the weather is warming up quickly. Well, it wasn't today. That's okay. We have already had a one-yard waste pickup and planning for another in May. Eagle disposal has reminded us that they will pick up on bulk item per residence. And you may also put an extra bag out so long as you keep it up against your tote. Don't put it in grass, don't put it in the sidewalk or the alley, put it with your tote. Eagle will not pick up random bags of trash.

On parking, we had some questions from some of our residents, according to the code, metered parking begins at 8:00 AM and runs until 6:00 PM. If you park after 6:00 PM, you can basically stay in your spot until eight in the morning. You just need to be out by the time. Our Parking Enforcement Officer gets out there and will ticket you. There are also parking permits available at \$25 a month. If you're so inclined, you just go ahead and pay for a permanent parking spot. On the 17th, holding Hands and Hearts is having a Coatesville community cleanup. The rain date will be on Sunday. It will run from 1-3 pm meeting at Coatesville Community Gardens at 3rd and Lincoln Highway. They will scatter along Lincoln highway to clean up litter. They have about 25 people scheduled to come out.

Mr. Logan asked to share two more items. I'm sorry that I forgot to share with everyone. The first one is URBN Outfitters. They are hosting another hiring event, Wednesday, April 21st from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. As kind of bonus for this particular program, they have a new starting wage, which is up to \$16.12 an hour for various shifts and warehouse associates. You can apply online. We will have this posted tomorrow morning. I just got this today, so we'll have it posted on our website. Once again, that's the URBN Outfitters, Wednesday, April 21st

from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. The other item is something that chief and I received about a week or so ago. This is something that some of you may have seen them in town. Some of you may not have seen them in town. It's a group of motorcyclists they're called the "Tour of Honor." This is an organization that they tour various monuments throughout the country and they tour our nations, recognizing our heroes and contribute to a few of the charities. Well, this year, in the State of Pennsylvania, our very own steel mill location that has the Tridents, is designated as one of those Memorial sites. And so throughout the summer, we will have visitors coming in from all over stopping to see those tridents. It's a wonderful program to go online, to Tour of Honor, to work with some of the things that they do. We weren't notified that the tour started this month and last year there was over 1000 riders registered for this year's tour. So just want to let you all know that. So, if you see some motorcycles coming to town, stopping over at the gateway area, they are part of the Tour of Honor program. Thank you.

4. Chief of Police

Chief Laufer reviewed a couple highlights for the monthly statistics for March. The 911 calls for service for the month of March we're 1,773. And that was up from 1,197 and February being a shorter month and still up from January where we had 1429 calls for service through just County 911 and then total calls for service, which includes everything that is received here at the Police Department front desk, we were at 2,551, calls for service for the month of March, up from 1955 in February and 2306 in January. Also, for the month of March, we had three Narcan saves by our Officers. We had three car seats, provided with the installation and education on how to properly, install the car seats and utilize them. We participated in three birthday parades here in the City and support our residents. We mentioned previously, but it was, was in the month of March that we received our congressional commendation, from Chrissy Houlihan's office, on March 5th, just recognizing our commitment to the community as a Police Department, also in March, we had the second phase of our ID escalation and implicit bias training over the Chester County Training Center. And then our second wave of that is coming up on April 20th after which the entire Police Department will have been through that training, except for two Officers that we'll have to catch up because they've been unavailable. That was a training afforded through Dr. Warren, a retired captain with the Delaware state Police who puts on an excellent presentation. Also, we had our second Q and A provided to our Officers at the opposite shift change by our assumed to be a Department chaplain, Jamal from our Merchant Street Mosque. He not only provided our second Q and A at shift change, but, he has committed to becoming one of our Department Chaplains. So along with Rob Marshall from New Life in Christ, we'll have two additional chaplains that are going to go through the training in June at the Chester County training center for new chaplain. So, we are excited about that to have two additional chaplains working with our Department and our Community,

The DEA prescription drug take-back is scheduled for April 24th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. And our Police Department will be a designated collection site for DEA Drug Take back. We have our DEA drug take back boxes here. One down in our lobby here in the Police Department, and also one upstairs in the lobby for main lobby for City Hall. This is a specific weekend designated with DEA, for a prescription take back on April 24th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Also, we attended an additional race and justice task force, with the district attorney's office and the FOP and the month of March continuing and support that and the district attorneys, wish to keep us all involved in that task force. And then also, as we observed earlier tonight in March, we had the retirement of Lieutenant Audette, and of course

the promotion of our new Officers generated by Lieutenant Audette's retirement. And we, once again, congratulating Lieutenant on 20 years of service, our new newly promoted Officers. So once again, thank council for their support, and recognizing with Lieutenant Audette's retirement, and also for their support and promoting our Officers and, and keeping our Department properly staffed.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

President Lavender-Norris read comments submitted by Fran Scamuffa. She said, I have a few questions. I have a question or two regarding the Friends Association for tonight. Do they support the local Police Department? And are we not sufficiently inundated with non-profit and homeless shelters in the City? And why was our already struggling City selected? President Lavender-Norris stated unfortunately, Ms. Lopez, I think has left the meeting. We will pose the question to Ms. Lopez and respond or reply to Ms. Scamuffa.

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans spoke of the Quality of Life, Codes person encouraging everybody to participate and to help out. I assumed that that would be to notify the City. If we saw any codes, violations, or things that were impairing the quality of life. He discussed the requirement for groups homes as per the Code. He asked about transparency and accountability and sending emails about a home with 14 people living there.

Jontel Toland

Mr. Toland stated there are some pretty promising things happening and he is staunch supporter of helping the youth who are plagued with many pressing issues. He attended the end cash bail rally.

Shykera

Ms. Shykera voiced her concerns about an incident that happened in her neighborhood the previous week. She and sons felt harassed and discriminated against by Mr. Ed Simpson. Her sons have not been home since the incident. President Lavender-Norris stated this is a matter between neighbors, civil matter but offered to sit in during the conversation as the parties try to come to a resolution. Ms. Shykera agreed to meet and try to come to a resolution.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time/

Council Comments

Mr. Folks stated it was a very good meeting. I look at the screen and see how many participants was on here tonight? And we got up to almost 60, plus I'm just going on here. I don't know what was on YouTube or whatever, but thanks for coming in tonight. There's a lot of questions. There's still a lot of questions and about our council and about our City. I'm for the City, I work with everybody in this City. My heart is in the City. I've been talking about activities for children and having the community center, which we don't have in the last 20, 25 years. And it's a shame I can see why they want to put a, a group home here because, um, there's nothing here right now. This City is moving straight ahead. We have hiccups in our council, from the residents, to the ones who talked about it tonight. I assume over the Police Department, I have friends that are in the Police Department. I have

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cousins that are Police. They are people just like me. They got a job to do. It's a job. I got a job to do. It's to work for the citizens of this City, especially the second ward. I pledge to you right now. I would do everything in my power and my physical power to move this City forward and not look behind, what happened yesterday and the day before is gone. If it happens again, it's trouble, we don't want trouble. We want to move this City. If the City moves the resident's move, if this City stays stagnant, the way it is now, we're not going to move. So if people down this City, look at me, I've taken on my back to promote this City and do what I can do for the City. I'm not a politician. I'm a resident and to the residents out there. You are somebody. So have a good night and please be careful where your masks and get your COVID shot. Thank you. And have a good night.

Councilperson Graves wished everyone a good evening. Everybody who's watching, who came tonight and we were so well attended with so much support for our endeavors and different endeavors coming in to the City. Thank you so much for that. I know that we, as a country are in deep mourning, um, for Dante Wright and the Derek Chauvin trial has been tough on all of us. I oblige everybody to participate in self-care and make sure you're keeping yourself well. And don't unravel, of sounds of opposal because transformative justice is coming, making a way for people who have always been left behind, I got a chance to attend a rally, speaking against injustice. There was folks there with mutual aid programs, giving COVID supplies that they have collected to local people in the community, which I thought was really awesome. And I can't wait to see more mutual aid programs. It builds tough and it feels like tension and it feels risky. But as the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr said that "Peace is not the absence of tension, Peace is the absence of injustice." And one of those is definitely much easier than the other. And so I advise everybody to self-care because the work of transforming your community into a community where everyone is well healed and whole, is extremely, extremely important work and it's tiring work. And so just wanting everybody to, to be well, and to speak truth to power in the strongest terms possible because all the people who have made way for you to be as comfortable as we are, have spoken truth, like, you know, the founders of our countries speaking against monarchy, like people abolitionists speaking against slavery, like the civil rights movement speaking against Jim Crow speak just as loudly and powerfully, and determined against everything you stand for and continue for self-care. So thank you. And good night.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming. It was really wonderful tonight to see so many people between here and a lot of people attend it. I hope that individuals keep attending. I hope people will share with us their visions for Coatesville, what they want, what they don't want. We have a lot of great things happening in Coatesville. We have new investors come in new businesses coming. There's a lot of growth happening. It doesn't happen overnight. It does take time. And I just look forward to continuing to work with council to make this happen because we all play a part in it. We all have to work together. We are not perfect. So, as Mr. folks said, there are some times hiccups, sometimes we have to do better, but, we are here for the residents and we are here to help this City grow, to make it a better place where folks want to come to live and with time there'll be jobs for people to apply for. Hopefully that will attract people to come here too. But we, as a council, we just have to continue to work together to move the City forward. So again, thank you everybody for coming. And I hope everybody has a great night. And for all of those that celebrate Ramadan started tonight. Ramadan Mubarak.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for being with us this evening via zoom, via YouTube. It's just great, I did scroll through, and I saw a lot of people on here tonight, and it's exciting. It's encouraging to see you. I want to thank our staff at City hall. We have a staff led by our manager who just does a remarkable job thinking out of the box, thinking out of the norm, bringing industry and opportunities

into our City, Mr. Logan, I thank you so much for the hard work, the tireless energy that you put into the job, the hours that you spend at City hall and filtering because even once you're off duty. So thank you so much. To our Chief, again, we thank you for leading our Police force and the men and women that you have around you, working with and for you, it shows in the community, I want to congratulate Lieutenant Audette and as well as the promotion of the other Officers to their different positions. I just wanted to remind us, as a body that we all live in this community together and we have to acknowledge our differences as well as our similarities, not only acknowledge them, but we have to respect each other for where we are, but even as we respect each other, in the same token, it may not involve us directly as individuals, but it incorporates us directly as a body. Therefore, we should always be mindful of how we talk, how we present and how we carry ourselves and council people. We took it Oath to respect, to defend and to protect the constitution, our citizens and our City. We have a right to free speech. We have a right to demonstrate just as we wish, but I also believe that in the position that we are in, we have to be mindful of what we portray to our citizens, to our community, because they put us here to represent them, to look out for their welfare, to look out for their wellbeing. And I just think that we need to do it as a wholeness, as more rounded individuals and just to be able to be reachable, to be approachable and being able to sit down and reason and talk with each other, to each other and have a better solution than some of what we saw over this past weekend. I just encourage all of us as Council persons to join each other, to listen, just because I may not view things the way you view them, or you may not view things the way I view them, doesn't mean that we can't sit down and have a conversation. And I listened to you and you listened to me and see if we can come together for what is the betterment of our City of our residents. And to make sure that we are involved with the upcoming rising of the City of Coatesville, because I do believe wholeheartedly that we are on an an upcline now, it has always been a decline, but I believe that we are in the mode of upcline and we have our Commissioners with us. We have those that are in positions looking at Coatesville. So we have to position ourselves respectful. We have to present ourselves as confident in the programs that are coming to us and just take them and just grab a hold and lead them. I want to give our respect again to our President of our council, as well as our Vice President. You're involved deeply in everything that's going on and you filter it back to us. So I thank you for the job that you're doing, and I just continue to pray for all of us. Your religions may be different, but I just pray that God keeps us, surrounds us and allow us to continue to do what we're doing for the City. Everyone, please have a good evening, continue to be safe, continue to wear your mask and continue to remember that COVID is very present and we need to make sure that we are being safe and that we're doing things that we can do. I am fully vaccinated, our family. I'm excited about that. Thank you all so much and please have a good evening. God bless you. Thank you for all your prayers.

Vice President Green thanked Mr. Logan for his comments. We have a lot going on and I'll tell you during the course of this year, we've heard so much stuff, ow, thrown out of what the quality is, homelessness, this and that, and this and that. And I'll tell you, I'm so grateful that we hired the manager that we hired and, you know, Mr. Logan utilizing his skills and his position to bring jobs in teams. You know, we are on the uprise. We are attracting developers that we're not even waiting for. That he's attracting existing companies want to come into our area and hire our residents. And I'm just so grateful because that's nothing to sneeze at. That's a lot of work. That's a lot of communication because see, when you're trying to affect change, you have to be effective. And this is the issues that I have that, and you know, anyone can, we can hold protests, but in order to be effective, we're to effect the change, you gotta be effective. You know, F the Police, our residents were appalled. The Police Department is here to protect and service. And I know, listen, there's so much going on nationally. That is horrible. And I stand and I, I pray, and I stand with those folks and I know that there's change has to come, change will come. But right now, I'm so grateful for the community that

we have. I'm so grateful for the Chief of Police that we have, that he is open and willing to talk, but you can't affect change if you're not willing to communicate and sit down and talk with him, I'm not understanding what the issue is. How do you say F the Police, but you are not willing to come to the table, what is it all for? What's the end game? What's the purpose? You stand in our home saying F the Police, so they don't take, we can't take that as you talking to Police in Minnesota, you talking to Police here. But we won't sit down to be effective in our change. People want to know that we're here representing them. That's why they put us in office. They didn't put us in office to do our own personal agenda. They put us here to represent them. They put us here to make life and the quality of life, better for them and ourselves. And I'm speaking to those people that were so upset earlier today. So upset yesterday. So upset Saturday. As for me, I support our Police Department. As for me, I support our City manager and I know that our City manager is not trying to violate anyone's constitutional rights to protest. And I'm sorry, but I just needed to make these comments because the silence, when you, when you're silent, it seems like you, you go along with it. I don't go along with it. I'm sorry. And I just think that the people need to know I'm here. I represent the Fourth Ward in Coatesville. I represent those people. Even when, if someone comes to me about something that I'm not quite on board with, if the majority of the residents in this area, if this is what they want, then guess what? The majority rules I represent them. People want to know that they have sound people in the government doing the things that are needed to move this City. We've been in the hole. We've been down for how many years we've been trying for the last 25 years. And we're finally on the upswing. I will not allow anything within my power to come and destroy what we're trying so hard to build. We're trying to change the image of the City, Mr. Logan and the team have worked hard in trying to re image the City. We have developers coming in. We've heard from teams of people today about the restaurants that they're putting in our City. They're coming in, investing their money. That's their money, not money that we're giving them. That's their money. And I just need the people to know that we support what's going on here. We support moving Coatesville rising. It has nothing to do with not wanting to provide shelter, not wanting to provide services, because see, that's going to be the takeaway guys that people are going to hear, or they ask so many questions or they don't want to provide for the halfway house or the shelter house. This is about our residents and whatever it's going to take to help build up our community. But we can't build up our community, looking at our protector, saying F you, to their face. We don't need you. What are we going to do self-Police, what are we going to do? Is there a plan we don't know, because nobody comes to the table. What is the end game? What is the purpose? There has to be a purpose. And I'm sorry. I'm done. Thank you very much. You know, I've, I've lived here all my life and I'll tell you, I've served two terms of council. I'm not doing this volunteering my time for nothing. You know, maybe I'm not aspirational that I want to go and become a Senator or State Representative. I just want to build up my community.

President Lavender-Norris said that the Bible says be slow to speak. I understand that who know that there's a way that seems right, but the end leads to destruction. And if you would just indulge me for a minute, If I get in my vehicle, go say, I'm going to work. I don't have a driver's license and I don't have insurance, but I'm going to work. I get to work and I'm instructed by my employer to transport a package, a valuable package. I don't tell my employer. I don't have a license. I don't tell them I don't have insurance. I just say, okay. And take the package. And I'm off on my merry way. Lo and behold, I get stopped by a Police Officer, and I can't produce the credentials necessary. Do I get a citation? Do I get drug out of my car and incarcerated? Well, first of all, I would dare to say it would be a citation because I don't know anybody to this very day that was arrested and incarcerated for driving without insurance or a license. I know that driving without insurance could cause you to exit your vehicle and leave it there until the tow truck comes to get it. I'm aware of that situation. However, the Police Officer's doing his job, I'm doing my job. Remember I said, there's a way that seems right, because I got in my car wrong, knew I was wrong, but did it anyway, the Police Officer

does his job, right? And I know he's right, but I have an attitude with the Police Officer. He could have caused me to lose my job. I had got a citation for it. He was wrong. No, he was not wrong. I was, we have to learn how to take responsibility for our own mess. Learn how to own your mess. Because if you learn how to own your mess, you'll stop making so much. Trust me, been there and done that. I learned how to own mine. And once I took ownership of it, I was Whoa. I got to back up. This is a bit much, we're a small community here. We need to stand still and say, I ran for City council and people put their trust in me. What have I done, positive, productive? What have I done with the trust that the residents placed in me? Have I built anything up or have a torn? The majority of everything I touched down and I'm not talking about any one individual I'm talking to all of us, both council people and residents. What is the standard that we want to live by? What is the standard that we will not allow anyone else to violate? There's a lot of people coming in the City, there was a lot of people in that park, Saturday, chanting, along with F the Police, but you know what they did. They got in their car with their driver's license and their insurance. And they left the City and went home. They went home. They left. We're still here. How long will we allow people to come in here, tear us down and just happily ride back off, out to wherever they're from. At what point do we own our mess and protect what we own? I didn't join a club here. I did not join a club. I ran for City Council. I asked the residents to support me. They supported me in this. And by the grace of God, I will not allow one day to go by that. I don't do what I can for this City, whether I'm out and about, or sitting here at the table, I have the best interests of the City at heart. I would love to tell you all of my council members do my colleagues do too, but I can't speak for them. At this point. I have to tell you where I am. I am Coatesville. I am not because of a type, but because of my heart. I am Coatesville. I'm not standing here telling you I'm the toughest one on the block. I'm not telling you I dare anything. I'm telling you. I'm Coatesville. And I'm willing to protect Coatesville at any cost, at any cost. I am ever grateful for this opportunity to represent the City of Coatesville. I've heard all the negative things that have been said, At this point. They don't even matter. Cause if you see for yourself, you know, Coatesville, isn't what people are saying. It is. We are much better than what you're here. You have to see for yourself. I extend the invitation to the people that were in the park Saturday. Give me opportunity to represent Coatesville to you. I want to tell you who, what and why? I want you to know what it is currently. Because apparently, you've been misled. Thank you for the opportunity to address you. Please don't be offended. And if it sounds like I'm fussing, it's not that I'm fussing, I'm passionate. I'm extremely passionate about my community. So, with that being said, God bless you all. I thank you all to our staff, our administration, and congratulations to our new newly promoted Officers. We're grateful. We're safe and thank you, thank you. Thank you, Chief you're doing an awesome job. I support the Police. I support the Coatesville Police Department. If there's anything I can do, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. It'll be my pleasure to help. That's what I'm here for.

Adjournment

Mr. Folks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 pm; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion with statement of supporting the Police Department. Motion passed 6-0.

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