



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, January 10, 2022

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilwoman C Arvilla Hunt, Councilwomen Charrisse Allen, Councilman Donald Folks, and Councilman Edward Simpson

Council Absent:

Staff Present James Logan, City Manager; Charles Huston, Assistant City Manager; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor; Richard Troutman, Finance Department; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

President Lavender Norris called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.

Approved Minutes

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021 meeting minutes; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Vice President Green and Mr. Simpson were not present for the vote.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-3. Ms. Al Amin, Mr. Folks and Mr. Simpson were the dissenting votes.

Ms. Al Amin questioned items in the Accounts Payables. Page 5 of 112, Paragon Business Gifts for \$875.04, miscellaneous promotional items. Chief explained that's for our community policing initiatives. It's for the kids, we have a line item budget for that. So, from the local company, we got the best deal though Amazon. We got some giveaways such as the plastic junior police badges; page 7 of 112, Power Pro Equipment \$1,196.45 and \$1,075.83 for winter services and repair. She asked Mr. Folks if that is standard. Mr. Folks replied no, they are ripping us off. Ms. Al Amin stated that her this is unacceptable. I mean, I think we have to be good stewards of the money because it is not our money. The City is run on the tax dollars that the residents pay taxes. And even if you rent, rest assure the landlord is in incorporating the taxes into that. And so just to have a lawn mower winterized, I mean, even when you go get your oil changed and some filters changed it in a park, it doesn't cost that much; page 9 of 112, US Bank Operations \$76,987.03 for the TIF Agreement. Mr. Troutman explained that they are the tax dollars that they pay us. And we pass 'em through to the bond company as part of the original agreement from 2008. The City School District and County passed it through from the settlement to the Bond Company; page 12 of 12 Chan Service in the amount of \$1,626.00 for Council Meeting, Parade, Pop-Up Shop and cover miscellaneous events. I know there was a time during COVID, we decided that the council meetings would be videoed, but we are completely back in person now. And so, the information only stays up on the website for two weeks. Once the meeting minutes are approved at the next meeting they're removed. And I don't think the cost that that's associated with that for video editing service, council meeting, parade, pop up of \$1,860, I think we should probably revisit if we still need the council meetings video, because it only stays on the website for two weeks. Anyway, as soon as we move to the next meeting and the

minutes are approved, that meeting is then removed from the website. I just think we could utilize that money elsewhere, better. I'm just saying, I think it's something that council should take a look at. I think, you know, wherever we can save some money, we save some money and, you know, if we go back to hybrid, then that's something different. Page 13 of 112 reimbursement of Covid Testing. So, most of our employees, all of our employees are entitled to medical insurance. If they haven't worked long enough to get it or they opt not to have it, I understand that, but I'm not understanding why the city has to reimburse a staff member for COVID testing. If you don't have insurance or you opt not for insurance, then you know, you're responsible and the County has places where you can get pre COVID testing. That's almost like, you know, let's say I come in contact with somebody that has Covid before I come to a council meeting, I wouldn't expect the, the taxpayers to pay for my COVID test. I personally, I'm just one person. I disagree with that because we do offer insurance to all of our employees. And so, if you opt out to take it or they haven't been here long enough, I, I don't know how we're responsible for their medical; Page 17 of 112 reimbursement for uniform items purchased for a public's work employee \$300. Now I know that that just rolled over because we're in January. So, I thought that their uniforms and stuff were payed out at the beginning of the year. I remember we had discussion on that last year. Mr. Troutman explained that as a point of clarification, this is one of our AFSCME employees. Employees who by contract are entitled to the \$300. He waited until the end of the year to submit his receipts. So, it was December submittals for the year. Ms. Al Amin asked if they provided receipts. Mr. Troutman replied yes; page 23 of 112, Codes Data migration in the amount of \$9,447.75. So, I know, several months ago. And I think it was supposed to take place in September or October. We were going to change from one system to another correct? Mr. Troutman replied yes, we are in the process of that and then there was an additional \$1,140.00 for merchant connector configurations as a part of that transfer; Ms. Al Amin stated I've asked this before, so we had an officer that retired from here, and we were paying as part of his retirement medical benefit \$200 a month. When that gentleman found other employment in a neighboring police force and then was receiving benefits, we stopped paying that \$200 a month. We are still paying medical benefits for a retired officer that is now employed full time at the Sheriff's department and has medical benefits. So, if we can look into that, please cause last time that occurred, once we confirm that the individual had medical coverage in another department, we stopped paying that \$200; page 32 of 112 Aflac, it does not have an invoice number for staff members that opt to have the Aflac via supplemental insurance. Do they pay for that or do we pay for that? Mr. Troutman explained the individuals pay for that. The City issues a check because it is withheld from their pay paychecks and then we accumulate it and pay it all. We remit it on their behalf. Ms. Al Amin stated okay, it's actually coming out of their paychecks. It's not coming out general fund; page 43 of 112 Temporary repair of sink hole on Lincoln Highway. Isn't Lincoln Highway a PennDOT route. The sinkhole was on the PennDOT route and it shows we did a very repair on it and we paid \$4,080. Why didn't PennDOT come repair it. Mr. Logan explained PennDOT and PAWC both came out and looked at the sink hole and they both deemed they were not responsible for the sink hole. It is a City problem. We went back and forth with PennDOT for several weeks. We didn't get anywhere with them after investigation with the sinkhole. We did not discover any pipes that were damaged. We didn't discover anything that, you know, that we thought could had caused the problem. We had our engineer out there and look, and as the time continued, as we entered into the colder months, PennDOT basically said that something needs to be done. Um, cause when they start putting their files out there, they would not be responsible for the damages. Uh, in addition to the sinkhole, their scope or public safety reasons. And many of you probably saw that

sinkhole and a pothole, the city had to, so we went out, it says temporary, but the actual patch work is not a full patch, it's something at a higher grade and, and that particular pole patch should stay in place after the winter.

Mr. Simpson asked about the check for \$76,000 check for TIF. Ms. Al Amin stated Mr. Troutman explained this earlier that it was a pass through. Ms. Al Amin explained to Mr. Simpson that Mr. Folks explained the winterization of the mowers, I questioned two of the lawnmower winterizations. Mr. Folks stated they are taking advantage at this point. There's no way that a mower I've been running mower. I don't winterize mine because they don't need winterized. I just run gas out and, and put them all away. But every year, if you, if don't get a thousand dollars bill, look, I had mowers for years. They don't need spark clubs every year. They're they are ripping us off, ripping us off. They are look into what. Every year during the, during the year, you always clean your mower. At the end of the year, you run the gas out, put it away next year. Vice President Green asked Mr. Logan, Mr. Troutman and Mr. Folks to reach out to the company and see what's going on. Because you seem to be very well informed with regard to the equipment. President Lavender Norris asked Mr. Troutman, with regard to, to the finances and Mr. Logan, as the manager, few three come together and close the questions, comments, or what have you to the company? I sure would. I think that if we need to find a different company, we can, that'll be good.

Presentations

1. CYI Presentation

Mrs. McNeil thanked everyone for welcoming us. She announced Mr. Jarvis who will start the presentation. Mr. Jarvis wished everyone a good evening. My name is Charles and I'm Executive Director with the Coatesville Youth Initiative. And first and foremost, thank you all for allowing us to stand before you. We believe we have a great of opportunity here for the entire Coatesville Community. I'm start with a very, very, very quick walk. I remember lane and as many you all from fall a few years ago, CYI brought in some university and built form community center, feasibility study. And in essence with that study looked at was two primary things. Was there a need for community center in Coatesville and was CYI ready to actually go do the project such as community center. And obviously the data showed that there was absolutely need for community center. The data was gathered from community residents, youth, et cetera. The need was clear there at that time reading step back. So, that brings us and based on before proposing bring the new state square foot center located at the Coatesville Memorial Center on Ninth Avenue. Here are things we hope would be unique, and would help within the center. There's one, the center will bring along with we both, and that is position that a person within that they would do a few things, want to connect residents and youth to public service and agencies. And on reverse health agencies actually connect with participants and in youth so that they can provide their services. But one of the really neat things about the hope is that navigation piece. And so often, uh, we'll provide residents, people with services, but often what's missing is help navigating that. So that would be one of the roles here, excited about bring that position and form of the building. A few other quick things about the center we are excited about, the kitchen that would be available to organizations as well as residents, that would also hold area once again, available to you, other agencies, as well as, and residents, it would house very community spaces accessible to community accessible to other based agencies. It would also have court for Jim Mason, that we hope would open you community events as well as basketball tournaments and just be accessible once against community and large. In addition, the building itself would have, and within that to have a garden, a food garden, large, large vegetables to cafe, which can be host

within the building, but also hopefully, you know, work with other organizations such as the food bank where we could also provide some of those vegetables and things like that to large, obviously one of the final things that we're really excited about that the make this I unique is in say the word community, and that's what it upon based upon the offices space, but the buildings really center being accessible by the community. And one of the ways we hope to also further that is we do plan to hold multiple residential community meeting input, one empowers, ensure that continues have access. And even prior to, how do we make sure from the start that the utilities involved in the process, as well as once it's open, may evolve and participating in the building. So that's our, my quick overview. MS. McNeil presented a video for the Community Center remodel. Parking is available along both Chestnut Street and Ninth Avenue toward fronts by the window walls provide floor is the in, and this is where our community navigator will be located to left reception conference room behind the desk. The room on the left is a large room. That is the cafe. It has area with direct access to the commercial kitchen through both pass window and doors. We move into next to the training area. We view the basketball on the lower level on the wall in front. Then we go to the upper level and put in offices. The stairway led lightning provides use of the outdoors, a glass wall overlooks the lower level one basketball court and our recreation area. The elevator and stairs go down to interior doors that opens the basketball court. The hallway is lit by outdoor, right from the rooftop and bathroom are on the right. The first room on the left is room the second and third room be computer lab with interior, there are divided by a fold, by opening that wall, two rooms, one room, there will be a quiet, steady room and used for various activity. Natural, sun light has proven to promote and physical health. The offices have staff addiction, collaboration, and also extend to prevent privacy. I think that is it, but as you see by the video a great project to the community, and we seeking to purchase the property at Ninth and Chestnut Street. That's what we hope to make all of this happen and just make this great overall opportunity. Thank you all. Council asked when do you start this as when we can you get started Mrs. McNeil replied as soon as we buy the property

2. Parks and Recreation

Mr. Bookman wished everyone a good evening. I'm unprepared as I got Mr. Logan's text this afternoon. It's been a long day at work with the kids today, you know, Monday coming back, you know, the days they had off. So, they had long weekends, so they kind of wore me out today. I guess, you know, we can say that I will be changing hands as the Chairman for the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the new hand that will be stepping in that place is Mr. Ajene Livingston. And I believe we are in good hands with having Mr. Ajene actually taking that position, he has a lot of innovative and bright ideas and I think that he's the person that can lead this Parks and Recreation, but also just working a community period. So, I would just like to say, thank you. I really appreciate you. And I would just like to thank Council and for the time that I had, you know, also I would like to thank Lieutenant Ollis for all his hard work also with helping out Parks and Recreation. It was a great time but now the time has to change. So along with change, I think this guy is the right person for the job. Vice President Green thanked Mr. Bookman. You bought back our Parks and Recreation Department. We none and you bought it back and you created our winter Wonderland. One of my fondest memories was the Santa house. We had not had that and it took mentioning it and you and your wife, and you both really made that a reality for our children in the area. So, I thank you for all your hard work and all your dedication and commitment that you've given over the years. Mr. Bookman stated he can't leave out Mr. Logan, Logan is behind the scenes. He is not always wanting to be recognized for the type of thing, but he needs a handle that too.

Cause he, he was there for don't forget out two Santa Clauses over here. Oh yes. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Folks. Thank you. Mr. Livingston thanked Mr. Bookman, who like Council said, carried this torch for so long, a lot of times single handedly, just, you know, with his family and friends and people calling on him on his volunteers to bring the events to the city for the youth. He and I have been talking about this transition for about a year. Which, what, how is the best way to do it to not only smoothly carry things over, but how to move things forward. So, now we're ready to do it. We have some great things coming down the pipe. I'm not letting him go, but I am taking some of the weight that he's been carrying for us off of his shoulders so that he can become more of volunteer to do it, to just volunteer when his time allows, because he is a very busy man. His family is extremely busy, so I just want to thank him once again. On behalf of the new crew that will be coming up because we have a few people that's going to be coming before you. The pancake thing, Mr. Logan, gave me permission to plug our book reading that's happening next month. We do have a date and everything for it. I probably will send out the information about that. Like everything that we are doing it's going to be better. We are taking it up a notch. I hope that everybody's ready. Fasten your seat belts because you're going to be on for a while. The reading is going to be virtual again this year. Sorry, One last thing. We had a successful cleanup of Third Avenue. We had volunteers from the United States Air Force come in, close to 30 volunteers and they cleaned up everything under the bridge on Third Avenue, all of the rubble from the storms over the summer, all of the trash bagged, everything up, put it on the sidewalk and that same afternoon, it was picked up from Julius and, and his team. That was successful. Mr. Folks came out, Councilman Folks came out and you know, he's very photogenic. So, he took a few pictures with our crew and I think he posted something on social media, but I just wanted to let you know that that was a success. and Mr. Huston, we are going to do more of that this year. Thank you.

3. Lauren Shannon-Bailey

Ms. Shannon Bailey wished everyone a good evening and Happy New Year. Thank you, Madam President, City Council, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Chief, audience and Community Neighbors. Robin would come, please. Thank you for the opportunity to present. You all know I'm longwinded, but I'll keep it short. I'm pleased to introduce, Robin. Robin and I have been working with each other for, I guess the last four years. She is a parent, she has two boys, young men, three young men in the high school and she is one of the administrators for Coatesville Community Area parents and she's with me tonight, as a means of support for the resolution regarding the education funding lawsuit. So, Robin, thank you so much for being here. Please. Just stand on us. You have to edge me. The Resolution is in reference to the education funding lawsuit, the resolution that I sent you all in an email. The resolution is in support of the reasons behind the lawsuit, which basically speaks to our community being a low wealth community. And we short each student short in excess of \$3,000 per funding from Harrisburg. We are short \$3,435 per student annually with funds from the state. On December the 23rd, I emailed Mr. Logan asking to be put on the agenda. And I basically asked on behalf of my nonprofit, which is Coatesville Area Juvenile Alliance. We are requesting to present this resolution for your approval. The support of the Resolution will be a demonstration of support for the Coatesville Area School District students, students constitutional guarantee of a thorough and efficient system of public education and the resolution, your support of the resolution will urge the PA general assembly to provide a fair, adequate and predictable funding system enables all children to meet the state academic standards and does not discriminate against low wealth school districts. The Resolution can

be passed by any organization, any church. There are really no limitations as to who can sign or who can pass a resolution. Whereas education in Pennsylvania is a constitutional right articulated in article three, section 14 of the constitution of the common wealth of Pennsylvania. It states that the general assembly shall provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the needs of the Commonwealth. And whereas there is substantial evidence that both individual health and economic all being are tied to educational outcomes. Whereas there is ample evidence that community prosperity is related to the, to quality, to the quality of education. Whereas when the state fails to adequately fund education, it puts an unfair responsibility on the local tax payers, which cannot be met in low wealth districts, even when paying higher tax rates. Ms. Shannon Bailey read a letter sent to the Coatesville Area School District Board President, Ralph Fisher on December 28, 2021 asking for support of the Resolution; and an email from Mr. Simpson stating unfortunately until the school board requests our assistance, I cannot support this resolution. I would feel more comfortable if the majority of school board supported this resolution and asked us to support it until then I will not be on board. This request involves the school board and it isn't in our wheel house. Ms. Shannon Bailey stated that she hopes the school board is on board. I'm not sure I asked them for a response and I have not gotten a response yet. I would be shocked if they're not on board. I have not reached out to the State Representatives yet. I have not spoken to Representative Williams but I spoke with his office a couple of months ago about the lawsuit, but I have not at, at this point it's, it's been a tedious initiative, but I do intend to follow up with him specifically and our other elected officials as well. I have not spoken in front of the School Board, I have not asked for a presentation. I simply wrote a letter. I was told by President Fisher that in order to get a response from the board, I had to actually write a letter and sign it and then they would get a response. So, at this point, if they need me to do a presentation, y'all know, I can talk to the cows, come home. I'd be happy to do that. But, we want them to support this initiative. I mean, this is a huge issue here. We need their support. So, I'm hoping that they will, but I'd be happy to go talk and make the presentation to the board if necessary.

Discussion Items

1. Meeting Minutes

There was no discussion on meeting minutes.

2. Solid Waste Bid Packet

Ms. Al Amin asked if this could be tabled until another meeting as work is still being completed in the packets. Council agreed.

3. Tower Direct

Mr. Simpson stated that when medic 93 was around Brandywine Hospital, they were never included in these resolutions. And now we're including Tower Health for Tower Health, paramedic and EMS services. Yes. But as far as an ambulance service, which is what they do have an ambulance service as well. I don't think that, you know, we have ambulances all over the, the county. We have ambulances everywhere that are, we have it's called Mutual Aid. We have all those I'm in favor of Tower paramedic. I can't see them running ambulance, just the way that they treated us. They have no regard for us. Vice President Green stated I feel the same way about Washington's the way that they treat us and they disregard our community. Mr. Simpson stated I'm in favor of that too. I mean, I couldn't agree more with you, you and I have had some discussions. Vice President Green stated that. I agree Mr.

Simpson and I hope that we can move. I had more sooner than later on those things. I think adding Tower Health is just another assurance that, in light of everything that is going on, I don't want to bite off my nose, to spite my face. I'm upset that Tower Health is leaving, but at the same time, I want to make sure that if we can add another service, that's going to be able to provide transportation for our residents because we're talking Paoli and Chester County and who can get them there the quickest. Mr. Simpson explained that Westwood right now is doing a lot of runs in the City, Modena has been doing a lot of runs in the City of Coatesville helping out because Washies had been busy with doing routine transport from hospital to hospital. Vice President Green stated that was prior. They're not going to be busy doing that now because they don't have it. But my other concern is, is that with Washies, you know, we, I had information stating that they would deliberately take their time, where if they got a call to a house that they thought they knew where they knew the people in it, you know, that they would take their time about going that they would or an area they would just take their time. Well, I don't, I don't like that. I don't appreciate that. How, you know, a medical emergency is a medical emergency. So I would, I don't even want them to be called first. You know what I mean? Because of the stuff that is under investigation right now, I think that if Tower Health is wanting to provide the service for us and assuring us, you know, that that's a top priority for them. Why not include them on the list? You know? Cause it's about safety. It's about us providing a transport service for people in emergency situations. It's is, you know, whoever it is, I don't care who it is, you know, if we want to add all of the people on there, but I think that we should not single them out and say that we don't want them. I think adding them to the list, because this is the first time that they submitted. Right. As far as being a part of it. Mr. Logan explained that the last three years the Resolution has been Brandywine Hospital. Mr. Simpson stated it was not Brandywine ambulances as it is stated Tower Direct. Which is Tower Health. President Lavender Norris explained that Tower Health with Tower Direct. They have services that the ambulance services do not have paramedic. They, the services that they provide could sustain a life where an ambulance could not, well, that's what I'm saying. The paramedic services are all favor that, so I, I, I just think the more the barrier and it won't come at a cost to us, so let's move forward. Let's like we don't have the hospital anymore. So let's make available all of whatever we can to the residents help that let's help. Anyway, we can like we're, I don't think there's anybody in the room that is okay with what Tower Health is doing with regard to the hospital, right? Mm-hmm, none of us, however, with Tower Direct, stepping up and say, listen, we have these services and we we're willing to stick and stayed with you to the extent that they added more vehicles to their fleet to ensure we had more coverage. What more can we ask for from them? It's the hospital. That's leaving us, not the transport. Mr. Simpson stated I understand that. But at the same time, we have surrounding, well that have the ambulance services that are doing the same things. And I don't want Tower Health ahead of the Other service. Now, these other services from these other ambulances don't offer some of the services that tower health life sustaining service. You're referring to the paramedic service that's included in their ambulance service though.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments 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 7-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to acknowledge promotional Civil Service Listing
Mr. Folks made a motion to acknowledge the promotional Civil Service listing for the Police Department; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Chief Laufer explained this was asking counsel to adopt these civil service applicants administered for the police department to the civil service commission. They were signed off by the civil service commission and have Council to recognize and adopt it. And then we'll in the future. Make promotions off that list administered by a third party and develop oral questions. Our oral board readers were from outside the department and came in and sat as our Raiders. And then the combined scores were tabulate by the testing company and the final rankings were provided and the civil commission presented to them. They adopted it and signed for future consideration.

2. Receive and consider a motion to reappoint Michael Zurratt to the Civil Service Commission for the term 2022-2025; Diane Brownfield to the Historical Commission for the term 2021-2023; Paul Trizonis to the Historical Commission for the term 2022-2024; Mark Kahler to the Planning Commission for the term 2022-2025; Joseph Kandler to the Redevelopment Authority for the term 2022-2026; Joseph Hamrick to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term 2022-2024

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to reappoint Michael Zurratt to the Civil Service Commission for the term 2022-2025; Diane Brownfield to the Historical Commission for the term 2021-2023; Paul Trizonis to the Historical Commission for the term 2022-2024; Mark Kahler to the Planning Commission for the term 2022-2025; Joseph Kandler to the Redevelopment Authority for the term 2022-2026; Joseph Hamrick to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term 2022-2024; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3. Receive and consider a motion to accept the RACP Grant in the amount of \$2 million dollars

Vice President Green made a motion to accept the RACP Grant in the amount of \$2 million dollars; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan announce the City of Coatesville received a letter of acknowledging the award from governor's office in the amount of 2 million dollars. This is a Redevelopment Assistance Council Program, that are known as RACP, for funding of the Coatesville Train Station Parking Garage This is something the City of Coatesville has been submitting for at least three years now. We are very happy and pleased, and thankful that's Commonwealth Pennsylvania, but continues to support the City. In addition to that, you'll see, on the right side of left side of the sent the letter to Director of program policy, acknowledging of the award for this particular gratitude to this partner. Coleen Terry, Econ Partners and the RDA have done a good job. We currently have close to 5 million now, but, all of its it's ending right now because we don't actually have it shovel ready. It seems like there's a new shift in projects where they would like to full design project. So, so yeah, we're approaching 5 million.

4. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution closing out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project (BRC-TAG-24-255)

Vice President Green made a motion to approve a Resolution closing out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project (BRC-TAG-24-255); Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Hutchinson thanked everyone for their support of this project and especially staff. Many of you are in the room. Who've helped so much time from Council and the Advisory Group as a consultant. It's all of our job to do this work, but you have a really dedicated Advisory Group. You all approved the actual site plan back in June, but we had to pull the report together. I hope you were able to look over the report earlier. If you have any question, I'd be happy to answer them. I did get good news late Friday that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will not be asking for any changes. So, if any of you want edits, I'm happy to make them, but the state will reimburse you. Mr. Logan announced that Ms. Hutchinson took over for Karen Clancy. She has also thrown herself into Palmer our project as well. She is going to be assisting us in completing that phase project, which I think, is very close. We have the contractor out there now and the Cedarville Engineer managing construction. We have one more piece of paperwork to fill out, which I think we can do this week with the purchasing of the last, the furnishings for the park, the picnic tables, trash cans, and the new mulch. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and the contractor can keep going.

5. Receive and consider a Resolution designating Emergency Response Service

Vice President Green made a motion to approve a Resolution designating Emergency Response Service; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

6. Receive and consider Jazz Café request for Valet Parking and Parking Lot agreement

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to consider Jazz Café's request for valet parking and parking lot agreement; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion failed 0-7. Council unanimously voted no.

Mr. Logan explained these are two separate proposals; one is an ordinance for loading and unloading; and the second is proposal for parking at the District Court lot. Vice President Green asked if we have received these yet. Mr. Logan explained that we have talked about the fees and we would look at having a key structure similar to the existing kiosk parking but it's very difficult to kind of set up me because some nights they may have more you know traffic or less traffic. I guess the question would be what would that monthly fee be to make it fair to everyone? Vice President Green could it be a flat fee as opposed to, I mean you can't charge by the stall because somebody is there, they leave, somebody else comes, like you would have to charge like a rental of the lot. Can we vote on these separately? Mr. Jefferson explained that is what you are doing at this point, is just authorizing City staff to work on this because as it stands the off-street parking and loading article 13 is within the zoning ordinance. You would have to prepare a zoning ordinance amendment to use amends that article which requires time reviews by City Planning Commissions, County Planning Commission and other members to the extent that there's an agreement for a parking lot. I would have to look at that separately but right now, I think the sole purpose is just to authorize city officials to start the process of potentially amending the zoning ordinance or even coming about with that process. Vice

President Green asked for right now, for the valet parking is that the only way of doing it like in the evening there is no fee right now. President Lavender Norris stated there is no enforcement after 5:00 pm. Vice President Green asked it could just as simple as putting a valet sign that's a temporary something in the evening as opposed to amending. I'm just saying amending the zoning because you're going to be doing this for others. Mr. Folks asked how much does it cost to amend an Ordinance. How much does it cost to make an ordinance if we had to go to what they wanted? How much would it cost the city? Vice President Green replied we would have to have a hearing to amend an Ordinance. Mr. Jefferson explained you have to have a hearing to amend a zoning ordinance; and has to go to the County Planning Commission, It has to be reviewed by the City Engineer, Zoning Officer and Solicitor to make sure it's compliant. It's a process to amend the zoning ordinance. In general, there's advertisement costs as well. There is no set number. It can cost money to depend on zoning ordinance. Running the notices can be very expensive. Mrs. Hunt asked since what they're asking for is maybe after-hours parking as Vice President Green was saying since there are no fees after five, could it be as simple as them having Valet parking signs that they put out and then they take up at the end of their day as opposed to going through all of these other steps or is it a must that we do that. Mr. Jefferson replied that's a creative solution that would have to be reviewed and spoken with the city manager. If you wanted it to be more city-wide and applicable to all city businesses it would have to be a zoning ordinance amendment. In general, you just want to maintain consistency throughout the city so that's something that we would have to discuss regarding that. Vice President Green stated we would have to have a hearing, hire a stenographer, have the engineer review. We would be talking thousands of dollars and that's just not feasible. It's just not viable for us to spend that much money. Mr. Jefferson stated I understand and maybe when speaking with Mr. Logan and with the idea presented maybe there's some creative solutions because as it's written right now it appears to be a request to amend a section of the zoning ordinance which as you mentioned that the stenographer, hearing, County Planning Commission, City Planning Commission. Vice President Green said you also have the opportunity for other businesses to object and for other businesses to want this or want that. I'm just not really wanting to open up that can of worms if it's not necessary.

Ms. Dudley clarified a couple of things, the primary recall and goal was to get the load and unload sign established in front of the cafe, so that we can have those areas for people to pull in for valet parking. That was for consideration of safety and security because you can't just double park on Lincoln highway without there being a catastrophe. We wanted people to pull in safely and when I did my research and found other boroughs, they had a load and unload sign. I established a pull in, pull out area. So that's how we came to that conclusion that that would be needed. I'm not an attorney and Dennis isn't either. So, we tried to come up with what was like a template. We used the other boroughs as a template to present our request to you. That's why we were asking and are asking for the load and unload sign in, in the front of the establishment. The parking lot agreement is something totally separate. With load and unload sign, what that allows is to have enforcement of that. So for instance, if we have that established, that means that, and we're able to put up our valet sign. As Councilwoman Hunt said, put our valet partitions out there so people can pull in and pull out to retrieve their vehicles. Then if someone else were to come in and take that spot and upon our requests would not move, we did not want to be faced with any altercations. And so, if it came to that

where we could, you know, contact 911 or the police department to say, you know, we have a situation here, basically it makes it enforceable. It makes those spaces enforceable during our hours of operation, which is not an all-day period of time. It's just from 5:00 PM at this time to 1:00 AM. Vice President Green stated I think what he's saying in order for us to make that happen, to do it, how you're asking we have to change the zoning. We have to amend the zoning or, and in order to do that, we have to hold a, a hearing. And that hearing allows any other business who wants to come and object or say whatever. Mrs. Hunt stated there are a lot of steps involved, which there is fees that are associated with that because you could have. Because you can have, once the other businesses see that, then you're almost guaranteed that they're going to come and they are going to want a loading and unloading sign put in front of their door. And then that takes away from people just wanting to do every day parking, or shopping, or parking for apartments overtop. That's why I suggest that, that if, um, you just do the temporary signs that you put out for the time of business and then you'll have your gentleman or ladies that will be doing the parking of the cars. They should be ready to be outside at the time that your establishment is open, then you should, you know, have them outside, along with the valet parking sign. And then that way that should secure those couple spots that you need during that time. So, right. I'm just trying to think of something a creative way, right. To get what you need done without having the expenses, restaurants that the City would have to go through, as well as having the other business owners object. And then when to come to council and possibly get the same things up in front of their store. Ms. Dudley stated we appreciate that. And we've talked to them, there are several load and unload signs, right on that portion stretch of East Lincoln Highway. Vice President Green stated for us to do that it's going to cost a lot of taxpayer money to do that we're not trying to cost the taxpayer dollars. If we could do it with the signage if we could work out something like he was being creative.

Mr. Jefferson explained as the amendment is presented to council, it says amendment to article 13 off street loading alternatives that's within the zoning Ordinances, that would require the hearings and notices and all the processes and reviews, the West Chester Borough, Valet Parking Ordinances are not within zoning. There are other examples where you could potentially implement an Ordinance outside of zoning, as long as it doesn't conflict with zoning. But again, you have to get kind of creative. And then at that point you don't necessarily have to go through the formal zoning processes, just have to go through the normal Ordinance amendment process. I'm thinking most recently of a Food Truck Ordinance sort of thing where it's not within zoning, it's a separate Ordinance. And then you go through your other Ordinance procedures. Again, there's no formal text being presented tonight, I think. And I don't want to put words in your mouth, but as it's written, it says an amendment to the Ordinance, no Ordinance language has been presented, but if you want to get creative so that you can avoid some of the costs. Yeah. Maybe that's a possibility. And I think Mr. Logan and officials could start working on something if that's what you want.

Ms. Dudley explained that wasn't our intent, because we just really, you know, I'm just going off the best that I know and how I interpreted know and thinking that that was the only way to, to achieve that. We have been advised that kind of similar to what you were saying, that it doesn't have to be that complex, but I didn't know that it was outside of a zoning and inside of a zoning and you know, within the boroughs and all of that, I, I just read it for what it was pretty much straightforward. So, you figure it out, trying to make it simple, as simple as

possible. We don't want to incur any expense on the City whatsoever. And I think you all know that, that we would never ever, you know, want to do that.

Mrs. Hunt explained we voted giving the City team, the authority to work with you, to iron it out without it having to be an amendment to our zoning. The second part, there was no clarification on what the agreement would be for the parking lot. We have to get that squared away. And that's two separate, they're two things. One for the Valet thing we're doing to work that out. And then the other one, there was nothing in here regarding what the agreement was with the parking lot at district court. Not that it can't happen. Just has to have specifics. You have to sit down and iron it out with the that's all. Because if we would've voted yes. To what you have here, if we would've voted yes. To what you have here, then it would've to go through a zoning hearing. So, we voted no in order to give you a chance to work with the City administration and get it, find out exactly how temporary, like we were saying with just things and all that. It's going to be fine It's not a setback. It's just the clarification so that we don't have to go the route that the way that this was written, that we have to go through having a zoning hearing and all of that kind of stuff.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close action items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he provided a more detailed attorney client from report to council executive session. Since last session, our meeting, I reviewed and advised the city on certain labor matters. I provided legal advice and guidance and pending litigation matters. I worked on an appeal to the Commonwealth court. I reviewed and advised the city on certain emergency preparedness matters. Additionally, I worked on real estate matters for the city. I provided guidance on that as well.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan wished everyone a Happy New Year. In executive I discussed with council personnel, and real estate. One of the biggest things that everyone's thought is the closure of Tower Health. We have been in conversation with the state officials, local officials. There has been a lot of discussion going about various groups, some discussion particular. It does look like there's hope out there. There is a lot of folks that are working hard behind the scenes to ensure the health and safety of this community in this region. And, once that's all revealed, I think that we're going to have another provider, with Health and Behavioral Services for residents in the Western region. There have been some leaders working hard, in convening small groups to identify future policy to issues like this from happening in the future or at least an interruption of service. So there's a lot of folks, all hands on deck for this. And we know that there's a tremendous concern in our community. I would say that hearing all of the discussions and the meetings, there are a lot of people working on this particular issue. I think that comfort in terms of where to go emergency service boards are aligning up. Individuals will have to start looking at alternatives. Some folks are going as far as Christianity Hospital, as well as West Chester. And, we just hope to find a solution for that and those individuals who will be needing those services onto the train station, trailers will begin rolling in this Wednesday as the station begins on to Fourth Avenue. As I mentioned in previous meetings, Fourth Avenue closure will go into effect in February. We are very excited that the trailers

will be coming on site. And that's a sign that we're making progress on the train station, Michael Baker and up the construction team will work closely with the city to provide quarterly updates on the train station process. As a matter of fact, Michael Baker representative has attended the meeting to provide counsel, update on what's going on with and project moving forward. Windham was also seeking to hire local contractors, carpenters, and other services over the next two and a half, three years. Those trailers will be out there for two and a half to three years. They want to offer opportunities for people in this community, to come and work on the train station project. As you know, this is one of many projects underway here in the City of Coatesville. We are very excited. The Second Century Alliance will be assisting the city in sharing information to local residents that live in that particular area, the Fourth Avenue area. And as I mentioned earlier, we'll be working in the spring. We are looking forward to the Rt 30 and Rt 82 realignment to be completed. We kind of hit some bad weather or cold weather, where MECO was unable to get out and complete. And there was also a, a minor issue with PennDOT, looking at curb lines and some inlets in that area. But moving forward, we're very excited that that's going to be completed in early spring on community update. I just want welcome once again Ajene Livingston, and even though James Bookman is not here, just say thank him for years' of service in the Parks and Recreation Commission.

3. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Huston announced it has been a month since our last meeting on probably least favorite subject. And if you're not paying attention to the news, my report should not be a stranger to you. COVID has hard in Chester county. We continue in a high-status range here. In fact, we had over 6,000 positives in the last, uh, month since our meeting process. So, Chester county is running very high and, uh, you know, so what we'll do is let's simply say, take all precautions necessary. We have a 20% positivity rate based on tests that are being performed. So, as you can tell, when you came in the city, city council today, we all have masks. We meet here. The city has even among staff with masks on. So just in your own personal life, please take care. If you have not been vaccinated, the county has announced opening a couple new, additional places to go simply go to Chester County Health Department's website, and they will give you directions on where to go and how to get it done. Same for the testing methodologies going on. So, short sweet on that end of it. But, please make sure that you're covered from a vaccination standpoint or at least even getting a booster.

Public Works, as you can tell about this past week, winter has begun. Couple inches of snow can really make some fun going around town. Please be aware of some things we just posted on Facebook today. There's 24 hours snow warning on your sidewalks, salt, making sure that you're keeping your own property safe. We are doing our best with our two and a half guys to get out there ourselves. We ask that ours do the same thing. Public works staffing. We have two possible new hires. We have made offers to them. We're waiting for final clearances and paperwork on them. We will move back to full staff shortly and get them working. In the Codes Department, we've talked about this for a while. We also have offers out two positions as part-time codes officers. We hope to get them started soon to be out on the road in the city as well. As far as Codes, you heard James mention all the projects going on all projects that come into the city, come through that office downstairs. So, think about, I have a list of 22 separate projects from large and small that are being handled by downstairs and codes. Kudos to the Codes guys and ladies, there's lot work coming through the door right now, a lot of small projects like home repair all the way up to the entertainment support center. So, things

are happening. Things are going on really well before just the future projects coming to the table. Soon as I look over at Susan, we saw the plans tonight for the community center that has to come to the land planning as well. So, lots of work to do for the department.

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced there is information in your packet, and I will provide a few highlights. president. The package is in your, just a few highlights. We had 1521 calls for service in December. That was up from 1372 in November, and also total calls handled by the department, including Walk ins and another various that outside the 911 Center, for December was 2128 up from 1839 for the month of November other highlights for the month of November. We had three Narcan saves. I had mentioned my previous report that we only had three. We had zero for November. We had three for December, which our total for the year of 30. And they're just Police only. We had one car seat provided and installed in December that brought our total for 2021 to 47 total car seats, your booster seats, that were provided and professionally installed by our certified car seat technicians. Also, I would like to recognize retired Sergeant Smith, Dan, our records clerk, and Sergeant Boyle, they have successfully transit transitioned us in our new reporting system over to NIS reporting, which is replacing the UCR reporting system to the Federal Government. We are one of the first departments in Chester county. Yes. So, a lot of hard work on their part to get that done. And it just simply means that we'll be reporting our detailed prime information to the federal government, much more so than what was provided in the UCR. Lot of hard on that. We have continued involvement in the DH task force on race and justice, which is now referred to ASPAC three. We have another meeting, next Wednesday, the 19th zoom meeting on that. We are excited to say that our youth panel planning, training and coordination is in fruition. We have our first panel meeting tomorrow night here in this room, where the panel will be hearing the first case, diversionary program justice. And so we're excited to finally have that in place through the district attorney's office, the first program for county Deb Ryan's office for our development of the YAP panel. And we're excited to have that finally happen tomorrow. This is not open to the public because there will be things discussed in there that, are specific to a criminal case. So therefore, it's not open. Some of you may have seen in Sunday's Daily Local, there was a nice front page, a color picture of three of our officers downstairs, providing in the picture, holding up hats and gloves, hats and gloves, that the officers went out to the school bus stops last week, during the cold snap and had an opportunity to give away hat gloves to kids at school bus stops, an opportunity to engage with them, discuss the importance of education, staying in school, doing well in school and what that means, you know, for their future, just what that means for them. So it was an opportunity to generate some positive contacts and have some positive conversations that daily local news picked up on from our web, from our Facebook page. They called and did a phone interview with me, provided some comment and we out to nice picture over front of the edit.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Ajene Livingston

Mr. Livingston stated that he wanted to circle back and say that February 12th will be the virtual book reading at 10 am. Also, in addition to the packet that you've received with the CYI presentation, there are two images here of the potential mural in the basketball court, for you to review after the meeting.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

There were no special events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Simpson stated he has a lot of questions that he's going to ask for our next meeting. If we can add on the discussion item referencing the fireworks display. It's late and I don't want to hold us here any longer. I'll ask discussion, which is a request right now. So, to discuss the fireworks, but I want to thank everybody for coming out happy new year.

Mr. Folks stated it's going to be a good year. The Eagles made it for the finals. Yes, everybody's happy. Yes. That's it. We're back on track.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a good night. Be extremely careful tomorrow, cause the temperatures are going down, please stay warm. As long as you can stay in, if you can. As always, I thank our staff for a job well done. I want to say again, I am looking forward to working with you. Chief, I'm not sure if you received the notice that one of your retired officers that passed away. Officer Cooper. He was truck driving and he was on a truck run, right? He was on a truck running in Nebraska, in Nebraska, unfortunately was found to deceased in the cab with his truck of natural causes. I'm working family to bring him home and I'll get the information. I want to keep that family in our prayers. Have a good night.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming out. I am happy to be seated here and hope I'm doing a good job.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for coming out. And, I look forward to my new tenure on council. My second term, I look forward to working with my colleagues and you know, I know I, I ask a lot of questions during account payables, but I just wanted to make, you know, I always want to make sure that the city checkbook is my checkbook, your checkbook, and I just want to make sure that we are spending money wisely and that we're great.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. Happy New Year to those that are viewing on YouTube. Just excited. Still. Can't wait for some of these things to start rolling here in the city. This one to share a little something. We had fireworks on the New Year's Eve and, I was on social media and a young lady put a post-up, that she was stricken with COVID and sick in the hospital for a whole month and she was so blessed. And so, the fireworks just kind of ignited her. She was so happy. She said she had just come home from the hospital and to see the fireworks just blessed her so much. It made her feel so good. She was so grateful because she felt as though that she was not going to be here. You know, she was very, very sick with Covid and she put that post up and she even had pictures where they took pictures from the window, you know, from watching and she put pictures of the fireworks and how they just encouraged her to celebrate, you know, where God had bought her from. That just really stuck with me when I've seen that. I, I think I've called and told you Linda how just really blessed me and, and, um, to be, you know, at the thinking that your prop, maybe at the end of your life, you know, because that's how sick she was with the Covid. And, she just talked about how showed the picture. So, I just wanted to share that. I'm just excited to serve my third term. Just excited because, you know, I see the city moving in the right direction. When Mr. Logan was talking

about the trailers coming for the train station that just excited me because we've been fighting this fight for over 20 years. I mean, I know they, some people say 10, 15, but this has been going on for over 20 years, because it originally started at the old train station that we were trying to get that train station rehab. So, I'm just excited for everyone. I just thank my colleagues each and every month. We pray for each other all the time and let's continue to move forward. Thank you to the staff and all that you do, Rob, thank I thank you. I was very happy and impressed with you tonight. You know, this is our first full meeting, having you sitting as a solicitor. And, I just thank you so much, but everyone have a great night.

President Lavender Norris echoed her colleagues and I just employ you to not be so focus on our opinions that we missed the move of God in our city. There's a lot of good things happening and we can count them as blessings and hold on to them and allow them to move us forward. Allow the things that have occurred to motivate us and move us to the next. Let's just like, I think Ms. Green just said, keep one another in prayer and give people a reason to smile. Even if you can't see it behind the mask. If you give him a reason, you can feel the smile. Everybody have a blessed evening, be safe and God willing we'll see you in two weeks.

Adjournment

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

This meeting was conducted live via zoom and posted on YouTube the following day on the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1u3VUIQr4r0xII0xv1HmvA>