



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, December 13, 2021

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilwoman C Arvilla Hunt, Councilperson Nydea Graves and Councilman Donald Folks,
Council Absent: Councilman Edward Simpson
Staff Present: James Logan, City Manager; Charles Huston, Assistant City Manager; Anthony Verwey, Solicitor; Richard Troutman, Finance Department; Chief Jack Laufer, Police Department; Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

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

President Lavender-Norris announced Councilman Simpson would not be in attendance.

Approved Minutes

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the November 22, 2021 meeting minutes, Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-1. Councilperson Graves abstained due to her absence.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to approve the Accounts Payables; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Presentations

1. Police Department and Fire Department Commendations

Chief Laufer announced we have two citizen commendations to present tonight to Stacy Tshudy and Jason Henley, if they could come up please. I'll read each official commendation into the record. And this is for an event that happened on September 3rd, where we had a report of an employee theft that occurred at the Turkey Hill, located at 340 and 82 here in the City of Coatesville, where one of our officers was then assaulted. So this is the City of Coatesville Police Department citizen commendation for Stacy L Tshudy in recognition of action you took to assist an officer, you are officially commended. On September 3rd, 2021, police officers from the City of Coatesville Police Department responded to the Turkey Hill store located at PA route 82 and PA route 340, for a reported employee theft. Upon conclusion of the interview where the store employee admitted to the theft, Officer William Cahill was attacked and stabbed multiple times by the assailant. Turkey Hill District Manager Stacey Tshudy witnessed the attack and acted quickly to control the bleeding by applying direct pressure to Officer Cahill's wounds, Stacey Tshudy, without hesitation climbed into the rear of a marked patrol unit and remained with Officer Cahill during transport to the hospital, keeping direct pressure on his wounds and offering words of encouragement and comfort. Stacey Tshudy's quick response to Officer Cahill's need for first aid, her composure and her sense of care played a pivotal role in a positive medical outcome for Officer William Cahill. Actions such as yours demonstrate the importance of a true partnership between the police and the public they serve. Now I'll read the second commendation for Jason Nate Henley in recognition of the action you took to assist an officer, you are officially commended. And on

September 3rd, 2021, police officers from the City of Coatesville Police Department responded to the Turkey Hill store located at PA route 82 and PA route 340 for a reported employee theft. On conclusion of the interview where the store employee admitted to the theft, Officer William Cahill was attacked and stabbed multiple times by the assailant. Turkey Hill Store Manager, Jason Henley witnessed the attack and calmly followed Corporal Christopher McCarthy's order to hold the now handcuffed assailant in place on the floor until injured Officer William Cahill could be placed in a patrol car and be transported for emergency care. Jason Henley's willingness to assist our officers in securing the assailant allow for Officer Cahill to receive expedited medical treatment, reduce the potential of further injury to others and prevented the possibility of an attempt to escape. Actions such as yours demonstrate the importance of a true partnership between the police and the public they serve.

Chief Dobson wished everyone a good evening and thanked members of the Council, Mr. Logan, Mr. Houston. The Fire Department on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021, approximately 6:10 in the evening dispatched all water rescuers South 5th Avenue. Those responders operated in heavy rain and windy conditions and rescued over 20 trapped occupants of South 5th Avenue. Under the leadership of Battalion Chief Jim Lentz, the following are recognized for meritorious efforts and as a sectional response. Thanks Battalion Chief Jim Lentz, Captain Dan Brooks, Firefighter Mike Bodner who cannot be here with us tonight. Firefighter Brian Barret, Firefighter, Josh Tracy, Firefighter Jackson Tracy who could not be here with us tonight, Firefighter Dennis Roberts. Valor recommended by the Battalion Chief, Jim Lentz and myself. These individuals entered the hazardous flooding area to successfully rescue over 20 residents without hesitation calling a recognized four Valor Captain Dan Brooks, Firefighter Brian Barrett, Firefighter Josh Tracy, Firefighter Mike Bodner, who could not be here tonight. Two more. These two individuals responded to the City for reported house fire during the flooding incident, once a report was found to be unfounded, they covered a City while the department operated on South 5th Avenue, following a recognizing in this unit citation, Firefighter Josh Schreiber, Firefighter Tim Peters.

2. 300 East Lincoln Highway – Susan Springsteen

Ms. Springsteen thanked Council for their time. I know you have a packed agenda, so I am going to rush through this. Before we go into 303rd Lincoln, I just want to update you on 190 West Lincoln. We are 90% least. The 10% that is still available is under right of first refusal and we were able to bring a medical device company from Southern Chester County into the City. It's an early stage company and they were attracted because of the QOZ, the Keystone Innovative Zone and they've really come to love Coatesville, so I told them to tell all their friends coming out of here. So I thought you'd be happy to hear that. That's all. So onto 3rd Lincoln, I just want to take a couple minutes to talk to you about what our concepts are, the attractions we have and then later on in January, I can roll out a few more details, but I thought it was time to come before you and talk about what we're thinking about doing here at, at 3rd Lincoln. There's the site plan, as you may know, we're in the process of hopefully acquiring 3rd Lincoln. We acquired the lot below that, that's right across from Brandywine Valley Active Aging. So the entire site comprises of those 3 sites. The building itself is on the Northwest corner of 3rd Lincoln. It'll be 8000 square feet, per floor, 7400 square feet net rentable square feet inside. It is a four-story building. We've committed to going to four floors. We have 69 off-street parking spaces, so the building fits with off-street parking, according to the plan. Depending on what we do with the fourth floor, we may need a few

more, but I think it's going to fit. What we decided to do, if you look off to the right on the top half of the plot. A third of Lincoln space, as you can see, if you come in from Martin Luther King Boulevard, the access, you can see it kind of bows out to the right towards the right aid parking lot. That is actually a pull-off lane for deliveries, and so we made this special lane because we didn't want to have big trucks delivering product on the northbound lane of 3rd Avenue because we're sensitive to the fact that the Police Department is a block below us and we didn't want to block any of you guys, if you have to go to an emergency and you're running hot north on 3rd Avenue, and have to go into oncoming traffic to get around a truck. So we decided to put the delivery lane off onto the right side in the interior section. We also have a drive-through window. You can't quite see that on the right side for a retailer, that'll be on that floor. The lot below it is going to be on only parking. The use for the building first floor, retail. Second and third floor is office space and the top floor, we are really hoping to be able to put a rooftop/top floor restaurant. The numbers still have to work and I know a lot of people promised restaurants. So don't put me in that category. I'll tell you when it's when it's a go, but that's what we're trying to do here. So, we do have a restaurant tour that we are well into talks with, that's very interested in coming into town and he would be somebody who would be a big draw, to draw from outside the City to bring into Coatesville. So, the idea is that about 80% of the restaurant would be inside seating with 20% on the Lincoln highway side as open air, looking over Lincoln highway, watching the parade, watching the Grand Prix, really involved in the City. We are really excited. We're putting a kitchen that high up in the air, take some more support structure. We are really going through the cost to make sure that'll work, but we're hopeful. And then the traction we have secured our anchor tenant. They're taking 10 000 square feet, they're taking all of the third floor, part of the second floor and they have a retail space on the first floor on the Northwest quarter of the building. We have very strong interest from some other retailers and other people for office that I'm hoping I can talk about in the next time we're in front of you. That's kind of where we are. We're really excited to be acquiring this a lot. And the plan... You can go to the next slide... So the plan, it's the same team, Proudfoot Capital, same architects, same Iron Hill Construction that did 190 West. We're looking forward to closing, hopefully on the property in January, going right into land development approval, and then experiencing all that green tape that Coatesville is famous for so that we get through land development approval in second quarter and break ground before the end of June. And then hopefully we have occupancy depending on how quickly we can get steel and some of the other materials' occupancy 12 to 15 months afterwards. If there are any questions, I'm happy to answer them.

3. Andrea's Jazz Café – Bridget Dudley

Ms. Dudley wished everyone a good evening, Mr. Logan and Council present and City Council members and everyone else who is in attendance here. This evening, we're going to be presenting two items before Council, as you may recall, we were here before Council on November the 8th and briefly spoke to you and requested an amendment to article 13 off-street loading alternatives. That stated that an important service that we are offering to our patrons is the option of valet parking. As we do not have an adjacent parking lot. This benefit provides an added element of safety, security, and convenience. This benefit will accommodate those patrons who have special needs, who are unable to walk the distance, from a parking lot, or an alternate parking location, patrons who are not familiar with the City of Coatesville area and parking location, or patrons who just desire the convenience of use of a valet service, just to name a few. Valet parking is a parking service offered by or provided by a business, which an attendant will park and retrieve the patrons' vehicle. We are requesting tonight that a valet parking ordinance or article be written and adopted by City

Council so that we may provide the service to our patrons who will not only come from the Chester County region, but will come from other counties as well. In addition, we request that the designated valet parking pull in and pull out areas operate as a loading and unloading zone during the valet parking hours of operation. And this is in conjunction with the initial amendment that we requested for article 13. There are two nearby boroughs that have adopted such an ordinance and/or article. And that is the borough of Westchester and the borough of Doylestown. They both adopted valet parking ordinance and/or article in 2016. The placement of the load and unload signs in addition to the valet signage would be in front of 236 and 230 East Lincoln Highway, which would consist of two parking meter spaces being used. This allows the patrons to safely pull in and out of Lincoln Highway traffic to drop off and pick up their vehicles. As we know, Lincoln Highway is a very busy roadway, morning, noon, and evening. We respectfully ask the full support of City Council as we are entering a critical time for preparing to open Andrea's Jazz Cafe. We need to have all key operational components in place. The valet parking is a key and vital component to our successful opening. We are truly grateful for all of the support City Council has shown us along the way and we thank you so very much. Are there any questions? Mrs. Hunt asked with the valet parking, where would you be parking the cars? MS. Dudley explained that's actually going to segue right into our second topic. But we are also in the negotiation for an alternative location as well. It's still in negotiation phase. But it will be off-premise. Okay. Our second presentation request is for the drafting of a parking lot agreement for the district court 15-1-03, which is Judge Hines parking lot. We have had numerous discussions with both City Manager and Judge Hines to determine the viability of this. The overall consensus was that it is a workable option as long as we don't interfere with Judge Hines night court dates. Because this parking lot is owned by the City. We are requesting an agreement to be drafted. Our hours of operation at this time are Wednesday through Saturday, 5:00 PM to 2:00 AM and Sundays 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. So that kind of answered Mrs. Hunt's question. As I said, segue right into our next topic. Once again, we'd like to thank City Council for hearing our request and for your continued support of Andrea's Jazz Cafe. We're definitely eager and excited to our opening in 2022. We are on target at this point and we have a couple of big meetings, I would say coming up within the next few weeks so based on that we would like to say thank you, have a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday and if you have any questions. President Lavender Norris asked for the item to be placed on the January agenda.

4. Crosby Wood

Mr. Gill, Buckley Brion, wished everyone a good evening. We have much to report as we do each month to the RDA and to the City on the progress of the project over at the flats. I'm over here this evening specifically for City Council to pass on to the City planning commission and to the county planning commission, the proposed text amendment for the FRD Flats Redevelopment Overlay District, which we prepared and submitted several weeks back. It's an ordinance that includes definition for one of the potentials use at the NSCC Project, as well as other regulations, which would apply to that project and any other development that happens in the Flats Overlay District. Obviously, City Council is aware that there is an existing FRD Overlay District. We think that the regulations that are there now should be amended to facilitate this project and as I said, any other development which may happen in the FRD District. Again, we respectfully request that the action be to pass this on to both the City and the county planning commissions, and we will keep the ball rolling with those

Discussion Items

1 Minutes

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1. Meeting Minutes
There was no discussion on meeting minutes.
2. Free Holiday Parking December 20, 2021 to January 2, 2022
Councilperson Graves stated I feel like that sounds great. People need to save some money, some money for all of their holiday spending. Chief Laufer explained this is done annually the last two weeks of the year.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

Paul Evans

Mr. Evans stated he was here this evening to speak about the agenda item 6.1.2 regarding the fee schedule changes. I just wanted to state for the record that a fee should be measure it with the cost to produce the service and if not, then it should be allowed to be conducted by a private enterprise. If not, then it is considered an illegal tax. I hope that in consideration of that rule that we live under by the law in the state of Pennsylvania, that the fees have been marked up here without transparency because the old fees are not next to many of them. It's very difficult to know. Although, City manager was good enough to send me a fee schedule to take a look at today. I see some changes. I just hope that City Council keeps in mind that for stakeholders to come to the City and to invest that the fees need to be competitive and perhaps even on the lower side to be competitive to make sure they can catch up for the 20 years that we've left behind. We're now getting some momentum. I'm glad to see with the Council's help and the administration. I hope that good things will continue, but just to let you know that when this was increased back in 2013, the cost to replace a hot water heater was \$358. I was looking to see if I could figure it out what it was if there was still a flat fee. It had been reduced by the Council to \$75, but right now, if I'm unable to find that then on electrical hot water heater, one would have to get an electrical permit for \$100 and a plumbing permit for \$100, potentially. Then it's a \$50 permit fee. That's \$250 to replace a hot water heater. That would be about 30 to 40% of the cost of an electrical hot water heater in fees. Permit fees are supposed to be two to 4% of the cost of the job. Of course, the cost of the plumber too. Let's say it's \$1,000 job all in, and it's \$250 in fees. In the real world, I hope that Council will be open in the future. If there are problems with the fees as they are transmitted by the contractors. Also, I noticed that after the last increase, the cost of work went from \$15 per thousand to \$40 per thousand. I think that remains unchanged this time around, but that was almost a tripling. Thank you, Council.

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

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider for second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, Chapter 82, Building Construction, Section 82-21, Vacant premises registration; registration fee schedule; Chapter 84, Contractor Licensing and Insurance Registration Certificate, Section 84-3 License fee; expiration; Chapter 84 Contractor Licensing and Insurance Registration Certificate, Section 84-7, Regulation of all contractors; insurance registration certificate and Chapter 193 Streets and Sidewalks, Article V, Trash and Dumpsters on Streets, Roadways or sidewalks to provide for the setting of fees by Resolution of City Council.

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance amending the General Laws of the City of Coatesville, Chapter 82, Building Construction, Section 82-21, Vacant premises registration; registration fee schedule; Chapter 84, Contractor Licensing and Insurance Registration Certificate, Section 84-3 License fee; expiration; Chapter 84

Contractor Licensing and Insurance Registration Certificate, Section 84-7, Regulation of all contractors; insurance registration certificate and Chapter 193 Streets and Sidewalks, Article V, Trash and Dumpsters on Streets, Roadways or sidewalks to provide for the setting of fees by Resolution of City Council. Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Councilperson Graves asked the City Manager or Assistant City Manager to put this into more laymens terms for the public? Mr. Verwey explained the purpose of this ordinance is to make uniform due process for setting fees. Just by way of background, in the past, this was done by ordinance, which cost an extraordinary amount of money, both in legal fees and advertising fees each time you wanted to amend the fees schedule. Now this permits all fees to be uniformly set by resolution of City Council and they can be amended from time to time without that excessive cost. This just brings these sections of the General Laws of the City of Coatesville uniformity with the other fees.

2. Receive and consider a motion for adoption of a Resolution adopting the City of Coatesville Master Fee Schedule, as amended.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the City of Coatesville Master Fee Schedule, as amended; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Ms. Al Amin and Councilperson Graves were the dissenting votes.

Ms. Al Amin stated the first thing I'd to say when anything like this is put into our agenda, I think it would be appropriate to have the previous fee so that we have the ability to see what it's going from to what it's going to. I was able to get that information because I called Mr. Troutman and he was kind enough to share that with me. In my opinion. I also think it should be something that should be put on for discussion items so Council can have some input before we actually vote on it. There're a couple things in here that I think could be a little bit extreme for the resident. A conditional use hearing from zoning it previously was 750. It's now going to 1,000. If you need to ask for a continuance of a hearing, it's going from \$150 up to \$750. That's a pretty big jump. If you currently have a private hauler you pay a fee of \$150. Now you'll pay a fee of \$200 and of course that's on top of the fee that you're going to pay to the hauler. The traffic control I think is doable. It's going from 100 to 125, but they're doing that on the scale of the Fire Department. Contractors did have to pay \$50 for the contracting license, that's going to 100. The continuance fee and the Police fee is what I have the biggest issue with. Before, if you were having a private event and you want a police presence there, you paid \$155.48 cents an hour per officer. That is now going to go up to \$340 an hour per officer with a four-hour minimum. I just think for folks that are having private events, \$350 an hour for a four-hour minimum, that's a little bit steep. I think the continuance fee for the conditional use hearing going from \$150 an hour to \$750 an hour is just a little bit too much for me too. Mr. Folks asked if the prices are they conflicting with Westchester, Caln, Parkesburg, are their prices set right around them? Ms. Al Amin replied in Caln Township for Police at a special event is \$85 an hour. Valley Township it's right around the same. Mr. Logan stated that there are numbers in there that are not accurate. Mr. Troutman clarified the various fees. For not being clearer. The Police rate that you mentioned of \$340, is for four hours, but for all the police officers. It works out to be I think it's \$85 and hour. Ms. Al Amin explained that in your brackets you put \$340 an hour, four hours minimum per officer. Go back and look at the email you sent me. Mr. Troutman stated No, I understand, but that's per officer. That one officer would be \$340 for four hours. If there were two officers it would be \$680. It's not \$340 per hour. It works out to be same rate

as the other municipalities. As a point a clarification. Then the other point would be the Private Hauler fee is for the haulers that come into the City. It's not paid by any resident or any owner. It is the fee that is paid by each of the individual commercial haulers that come into the City for all of their clientele. There's one fee. Vice President Green stated we use Eagle, so this would be... What's another... Blosenski coming in and doing their customers that's the fee that Blosenski would pay? MR. Troutman replied right, and additional fee hasn't been addressed and changed for multiple years. It was not in changed for last year. It was felt to be addressed this year. Mrs. Hunt asked so it doesn't affect the residents? They're not paying that. This is the private hauler company themselves that are paying that fee. Mr. Troutman explained it is for commercial business. Mrs. Hunt asked like my medical waste person that comes to get my stuff. Mr. Troutman replied yes. Ms. Al Amin asked if there any other things that the numbers were accurate, the conditional use hearing, the continuance where hearing went from one \$150 to \$750. Mr. Troutman explained there's a paragraph that our zoning attorney recommended that those fees be address because of the cost that are incurred by the City when those events happen. Vice President Green explained that we have to keep in mind, this is strictly a fee for service. That's not department that we're here to make extra money. When we're going in a hole with LTL, but we're having zoning hearing and we're in a hole because of what is being charged. These fees have not gone up in quite some time and it is what it is. They have to be paid for having a hearing and I know that one hearing that we recently had cost a whole bunch of money. It cost us a lot. President Lavender Norris explained it would definitely come down to why would we use raise taxes to pay it or we hold the commercial companies accountable. It's just that simple. We chose commercial company as opposed to raising taxes on the presidents. Councilperson Graves said her comment is just that when this was made public, the rest of the proposition or the packet, that the old fee schedule wasn't in there. I think that Council should take this item and table it and put the comparison out and then take the vote on it after the public has had a chance to take a look at it. Mrs. Hunt explained the old fee schedule in on the website for the residents to see.

3. Receive and consider a motion for adoption of an Ordinance setting the Tax Rate for General Purposed for the tax year 2022.

Vice President Green made a motion to adopt an Ordinance setting the Tax Rate for General Purposes for the tax yare 2022; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Receive and consider a motion for adoption of an Ordinance providing the salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville.

Vice President Green made a motion to adopt an Ordinance providing the salaries and wages for personnel employed by the City of Coatesville; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Ms. Al Amin and Councilperson Graves were the dissenting votes.

Councilperson Graves questioned and commented about the salaries. Some of these are not livable wages. Oh yeah. People can't live off of some of these wages. The area median income for an individual is about \$45,000 a year and for a family is about \$100,000 a year. We can't pay people less than the area median income if we're a municipality. We can't pay this low for people. Mr. Folks explained we can't afford it. We can't afford that. We can't afford raises. Vice President Green explained she is talking about laborer or part-time. She's talking about labor or part-time, parks part-time. Councilperson Graves stated these wages aren't livable. Some are part-time wages. Some are full-time wages for laborer and public

works. Full-time codes clerk, but some of them are part-time meter officers, but part-time people got to survive too.

5. Receive and consider a motion for adoption of an Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government as Herein set forth for the year 2022.

Vice President Green made a motion to adopt an Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government as herein set forth for the year 2022; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Councilperson Graves was the dissenting vote.

6. Receive and consider a motion for adoption to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an employment contract with James Logan, City Manager.

Mr. Folks made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into an employment contract with James Logan, City Manager; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2. Ms. Al Amin and Councilperson Graves were the dissenting votes.

Councilperson Graves stated the only thing that I have holding me up is just the residential clause. I do believe that the City manager should reside in the City. No, I don't know if we can... We haven't reached that negotiation so that's it. That's really the only thing. That I believe the City manager should reside in the City. Mrs. Hunt stated even though I know Mr. Logan does not physically reside in City he lives 16 minutes away, but I shadow everyone. Mr. Logan spends probably more time in the City than anybody that I know. He's here every day of the week, Monday through Sunday. He's here for every special event. He's here for any disaster, any problematic time, and he is 16 miles not 16 minutes. And I think also we have to consider... I think we have a unique situation that he's proven himself. We're looking at his contract now, but we can judge it based on what he has given to the City, his performances. And so I think that gives us a unique situation that we're not just going from the blind side hoping that this person we bring in is going to fulfill the duties because he does it over beyond and more. So, that's my feeling as far as him not having to move into the City because he is here. Vice President Green stated we've had them live here, had people move in and rent an apartment and never spend a day here. Mrs. Hunt said yeah. They just rent an apartment to say that they have residency here, but they don't live there. You're absolutely right. Ms. Al Amin stated I have a comment too. I've always been a firm believer that the City Manager should reside in the City. It isn't, for me, the person it's the position. So much so that a few years before I actually got on Council, I was going to have a referendum put on a ballot, but I brought the petition before Council because Council has the ability to adopt an Ordinance. And there were enough residents that more, it was like double or triple the amount of signatures needed for a referendum. And I brought it before Council as a courtesy. And even some of the current members that currently sit here unanimously agreed that the City Manager should live in the City, but they never put it into an ordinance. So, I too believe that the City Manager should live here. I think whether they own or rent, taxes are incorporated in your rent. I think they should have to pay the same Real Estate Taxes, School Real Estate, City Real Estate Taxes that we pay. So I am, and always will be a firm believer that the City manager should reside in the City. President Lavender Norris stated I would just like to say that I believe we hit jackpot when we hired Mr. Logan as our City manager and I'm ever grateful for him being here, whether he's a resident or not officially. As I stated a little earlier, his address is as good as one City Hall Place. That's how much time he spends here. There's no question, no doubt, as to whether he's here or whether he's getting the job

done because the City is in a forward motion. So, with that being said, Mr. Logan, I appreciate you. Thank you, sir.

7. Receive and consider a motion to approve the appointment of Barbacane, Thornton & Company as the independent auditors for the year 2021.

Vice President Green made a motion to appoint Barbacane, Thornton & Company as the independent Auditors for the year 2021; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Receive and consider a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three-year electric energy procurement contract with Constellation Energy, an Exelon Company, to procure electricity for fourteen City accounts at an energy price of use of \$ 0.05721 (\$KWH)

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three-year electric energy procurement contract with Constellation Energy, an Exelon Company, to procure electricity for fourteen City accounts at an energy price of use of \$ 0.05721 (\$KWH); Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Troutman explained that if we were to go without the rate is 0.062 cents. And the rate that we're locking in with, will be for three years and the lowest rate of five competitors that are broker resources. This is for fourteen accounts throughout the City. The largest is actually powering the street lights, and the traffic lights. City Hall, and Public Works. And then each of the parks that has electricity coming is because there's really three larger ones, and then everything else.

9. Receive and consider a motion to set time by which a quorum must be present for the conduct of the Reorganizational Meeting scheduled January 3, 2022 to 6:00 pm.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to set time by which a quorum must be present for the conduct of the Reorganizational Meeting scheduled for January 3, 2022 to 6:00 pm; Vice President seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

10. Receive and consider a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in a national opioid settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corporation

Vice President Green made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in a national opioid settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc. and AmerisourceBergen Corporation; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Verwey explained there is an ongoing opioid litigation nationally. The City is represented by the law firm, Wapner Newman. They have brought this proposal that, there's two this evening, there's 6.10 and 6.11. 6.10 would result in the City receiving approximately \$200,000 in funds to fund opioid related projects. This is an opt-in settlement. So the more municipalities that agreed to opt into this program, the better it is for everybody, because the payout will be sooner and get that in process. At this point, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will receive a total of \$851 million out of this settlement proceeds. That'll trickle down. The county will receive a portion of that as well. Then about \$200,000 of that would come to the City. Currently the payoff period about 18 years. But that's being negotiated to a shorter payout period, but this is in process and is a recommendation for the solicitor that the City opt into this settlement agreement.

11. Receive and consider a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in a national opioid settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc.

Vice President Green made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to participate in a national opioid settlement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Verwey announced he worked on land development issues related to the flats proposals, as well as the DEPG project on the Southwest corner... I'm sorry, Southwest corner of Lincoln and First Avenue. I worked with resolutions and ordinances related to the budget process for receiving, worked on real estate matters. I worked on personnel matters related to certain contracts, and also did some work related to the opioid litigation, which we counsel just voted on. This is my last meeting. I did want to say, I very much appreciate having the opportunity to work with all of you. It's been an honor and a privilege to do so. It's been great to see the growth of the City and the time I've had the opportunity to serve with you. Mr. Rob Jefferson is sitting to my left, will take the mantle and, lesser until Council decides to move to another law firm. But Mr. Jefferson and our entire municipal department are here to help ensure the City maintains a continuity of service until it decides whether it wants to move forward with a different firm or not, but I just want everyone to be assured both Council and the public that we will provide ensure continuity a service after I have left. So, I very much, again, thank you very much for the opportunity to work with you all.

Vice President Green thanked Mr. Verwey and congratulated him. I appreciate all the legal advice, all the have to do with us to put us on the right track, so I'm really grateful for that. Congratulation. Ms. Al Amin congratulations Mr. Verwey on his new position, your honor, and the City will certainly miss you. You are certainly a very well informed from the time that I have been on Council and I appreciate you knowing that well and making sure that when there was a doubt, So I really appreciate that post that took together some trouble and good luck in your new position on the bench. Councilperson Graves thanked Mr. Verwey for his services and congratulations on your newest service. The City will really miss you. Mrs. Hunt congratulated Mr. Verwey. We are happy that you're able to fulfill your dreams and become a Common Pleas Judge. I like Carmen, hope I never have to sit in front of you, but I am grateful for the service that you have given to the City and the professionalism that you brought along with your position. And we are so grateful and forever indebted for the work and the professionalism that you have brought to us. It was a pleasure meeting you and getting to know you in this capacity. I pray that God blesses you in your position and that you find the fulfillment that you were so desiring in being of service to the public, to the community and to our county. Thank you. Mr. Folks stated I know when we first met you and why we hired you because every time we ask you a question, you answered it. You didn't say, "Well, I get back to you or let me call somebody." You answered it. And that's how I believe you got this job because you were straightforward with us. And I know you're going to be straightforward on the bench. On a personal note, Mr. Verwey, I had to tell him to go home during the flood because he came out of house and he was muck, dirty, and he was

hurting, but he was down in them, basements, helping them people on Fifth Avenue, helping them to clean out their house on his personal time. I told him to go home because he was hurting. Mr. Verwey, I'm talking about Tony, I'm sorry. I'm talking about Tony. And I told him to go home because he was hurting. So, what you did for me on a personal note was down there. You're going to be an excellent judge. Thank you for your service and thank you for helping this City. President Lavender Norris echoed her colleagues and on behalf of this City, you are going to be sorely missed, but we are proud to have you in the City. To sit as a judge. We appreciate you and thank you and God bless you as you go forward. And I know that families can have a fair shape, a fair deal, when they sit before you. Thank you for that, God bless you. Thank you much.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan wished everyone a good evening. evening, everyone, just want to share with you all before we came out to public meeting this evening, I provided information and updates to our Council members and executive on personnel and real estate projects and updates. Excuse me. Last week, many of you heard the news about Jennesville and Tower Health closing. And certainly, this news is a devastation to this community. We will no longer have a healthcare provider in this region, which is devastating at least right now. But I did last week, reached out to Senator's office, Congresswoman Houlahan office, State Representative Williams. Our County Commissioner is expressing our concern as the City and interest of what the next steps are going to be. Many of you know this is a fluid kind of story. We really don't know what's going to happen. Our state may step in to maybe prevent the closing. But right now, we really don't know. So, we will keep our residents informed as the news unfold. But again, we do have our Representatives, our local and elected officials working on this. So, we hope to continue bringing you an update on what's going.

Moving on to other projects. Good news. Last week, Econ partners, senator's office and state representative's office were all kind enough to inform us the City of Coatesville receive \$2 million in RP Award. \$2 million. Yes. This will bring the RDA and City capital stack to a non-med amount of \$7.5 million. I say non-med because we're still working on additional dollars that we want to make sure that we, we get our numbers right. But right now we have projected capital stack of \$7.5 million toward the garage construction. Certainly, you all know that this will complement the new train station that's scheduled to come online by 2024, 2025. And just as a side note, they will be staging on the Fleetwood and Fourth Avenue location next month. And following that staging would be the complete closure of Fourth Avenue. Fourth Avenue will become a pedestrian walkway, once the train station is completed. I want to give a special thanks to our elected officials that I mentioned earlier, that push and continue to push Coatesville to have a state-of-the-art commuter and community parking garage. And I also want to thank the members of the RDA for their outstanding work in leadership to ensure that the City does have a functional parking garage for our commuters' center of residents. Onto the new train station, as I mentioned, the fourth avenue closure will go into effect in February. Excuse me. Second Century Alliance in the City will work together to inform residents. We'll do door to door, as well as flyers. There will be some language that will come out from the lead contractors to alert our citizens. And we'll be working with Amtrak and PennDOT on road signage and staging. So again, someone said earlier, the City is moving forward. We have a number of projects in a previous report in email. I had mentioned that we have more than 17 projects active right now in the City of Coatesville. You all should be very proud of your wonderful City and thanks to all of our Council members that support and really help push some of these things forward. A lot of

things do go on behind the scenes. We have to work within the framework of the law and RDA laws and ordinances and things like that. But at the end of the day, we seem to get a lot of things done here. I also want to just briefly stop and Sue Springsteen, thank you for showing us your third avenue plan. And you did recently hear that we have two officers that participated in a kind of like urban planning and design program, and hopefully you'll be able to share your designs with them. We're all about security and making sure that people are welcome in this community and working with our police department and what chief is doing with surveillance and safety is going to be really critical for that new building. So please feel free to share with them at your leisure.

Onto a community update, the past weekend, we had a number of events here in the City and we had a number of events here in the City, and we successfully completed three weeks of Pop Up and Shop, which is an extension of our program partnership with Kutztown University, if you see the banner right behind you there. The City of Coatesville puts on an entrepreneur in a startup program for small businesses here in the City of Coatesville. We've been doing it for a couple years now with the University and I'm proud to say that one of our participants, hopefully will be moving into a brand-new building in the coming years, that's a local bookstore. And we're very excited that someone who actually participated in the program is going to actually launch their business here. Other participants, they did participate during the summer in the Pop Up. We had the Army Navy store that was opened, it was donated to us for the three weeks by Crosby Wood and New Heritage Properties. A lot of folks came out to support that, I see some of the shoppers in this room today. I know your pockets are a little light, but thank you all for coming out. And we do plan on doing this next year, because I think this year was a wonderful kickoff and it's very excited to see the small businesses here in Coatesville get their launch. In addition to that, I'm looking out in the audience, I see a Ajene Livingston who is going to be leading our Parks and Rec next year. Ajene along with Patrick Kinsler, the Director of Elite Therapy and their team. They put on a great show in the park this year for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Congratulations to you Ajene, and to Patrick. Once again, Elite Therapy, they sponsored the event, they pulled everything together along with Ajene. Bill Pierce, Second Century Alliance, City of Coatesville volunteers, some in this room. Mr. Folks, thank you for your thunderous voice the other night and our Council members, thank you all for showing up. It was a cold evening, but you all held together and it was wonderful to see you all out there. I'm sorry? Oh yeah that's right, Scott Field project? They were the winners. The last thing I just want to share with you, you all know that Christmas or the holiday spirit is upon us and in addition to that, as we click over to the new year, we are looking to have fireworks this year. Last year we didn't have them for the New Year's we had them for, I think we had them for. It was Labor Day. So, this year we're looking to have them for the New Year's. We're currently working with two organizations to see if they will be available and hopefully they will be available or one of them and we'll be able to share those fireworks with everyone. Thank you, all Council members, for my contract, I really appreciate it.

3. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Huston announced COVID, unfortunately Chester County is rocketing. Two weeks ago, when I reported to you all, we had 633 positives, this past week we had over 1600 positives. Chester County is rising tremendously. The incident rate is now 307 per 100,000 residents, a couple weeks ago it was only 120. So, as you can tell tonight, we are all masking up, we're all being extra cautious. The good news is that vaccination rates are rising a little bit more

quickly now that Omicron is out there. The vaccination rate over 19 years old is 91% for at least one shot. The under nineteens have come up to 54%. So actually, we're seeing some nice progress in some of the vaccination rates.

Quickly under public works, we are now looking for two staff additions, we are losing another staff member here before the holidays so we still have positions for public work staff as the team happens to be gearing up for cold and possibly snow season, so we'll see where that goes. Coast department, we are still looking for two part-time positions for the quality of life and we have now added on with our budget, a full and clerical individual which we'll be taking resumes for as well. As normal positions can be found on our government website, Cityofcoatsville.org. and you can go and click through and find out the job descriptions there.

James mentioned the holiday wrap up, besides the Pop Up and Shops, the Parade was a tremendous success, we had a great turnout for that day, it was nice to be back after a year of not having it. It did very, very well and I think a lot of people got some great enthusiasm from it. Shop a Cop, Chief I know you're talking about it so I won't give too much information on that. The historic building tour on First Avenue is sponsored by the Lukens Office Historic District, went very well, they had very nice attendance there. Grand finale for now on the Gateway Park with the Pavilion of Trees, we mentioned already, the winners were Scott Fields, CKR that benefited the Scott Field Project. Second was the Coatesville Football moms and grandmoms benefiting the Coatesville Football Boosters Club and third place went to Wentz Funeral Home who was benefiting the Coatesville Public Library. Mr. Livingston gave me the things to go through real quick. \$2,200 in prize money was committed to the nonprofits. 125 people came out through the day yesterday. 1500 voters, that's a nice turnout for the voters for our first-time event, so nice job Ajene, Pavilion of Trees will hopefully be going on in the future, that's what we're looking for to have. One last thing on the parks, two things, like the night, something that the parks is looking at having going through the future like we see down at Herr's in Nottingham is something that would become an aesthetic evening here in Coatesville a week. And then also the Parks and Rec had a clean City initiative a couple weeks ago, seven of the nine parks were cleaned up of trash, leaves and of the debris, 40 volunteers including State Representative Dan Williams, Dr. Miles, and son Vincent, I think Vincenzo had to go, but I know Dr. Miles, I don't think Vince had a choice. And other dignitaries helped with the cleaning up of the parks. So this Friday, if you see United States Air Force personnel, there are 30 volunteers from the United States Air Force helping clean up some blight in Coatesville this Friday from 10 to two, so thank them as you see them. Last thing for all of us, the holiday hours for the coming next couple of weeks, we are open this week, all normal hours. Christmas week next week, Monday through Wednesday will be normal. Thursday will be a half day closing around noon to 12:30, Friday Christmas Eve the offices are closed. For the new year's week. Normal Monday through Thursday, the office will be closed for New Year's Eve, on Friday the 31st. January 3rd we will begin normal hours of the City for 2022.

Mr. Logan apologized for overlooking an item. It's in your packet, it's the first page on my report. Anthony Martin? Anthony's not here, right? Do you mind stepping up? And I will say your name, but can you just officially state your name. Mr. Stuart Dickson introduced himself, Tower Direct Medic 93. Mr. Dickson explained the impact of the closure of Brandywine Hospital to the City of Coatesville. As far as advanced life support coverage, there will not be really much impact at all. The only thing that's going to affect is our travel times because we're going to be traveling further to other hospitals. And being said, we are

looking at the option of actually putting in another medic unit on, within the area, so that would be five units in the area to help with coverage. Right now we're covering 15 municipalities within Chester county and Lancaster with those five units. And also normally when I'm here during the day, I'll have a unit up also so that's actually six units that we'll have to help with the protection. Our main office and my office at the Houston building, just outside the Graystone, also be we have a unit here in the City during the day, so we'll have two, two units up there, one unit in the City, and then we have the unit in Parkesburg and we have a unit up in Albertson. The closing of Brandywine hurts everybody. Hurts the community, it hurts us as far as what we do, we have a lot of friends that work there, we don't want to see anything happening to them. It was a big shock for us and I'm hoping that this is a short-term thing and something is going to happen. I'm not privy to all that is going on, but anything that we can do to help, we're here to help. Mr. Logan has my contact information, you ever need to reach out, ask questions, complain or just general information, feel free. Mr. Folks asked how's your work load? How's far as getting employment. How are you doing with your workers? Mr. Dickson replied We are, right now, almost fully staffed. We are down two medics within our area, the 93-coverage area, we are down two medics. Now we also have a unit up in Perkins county also but for the most part we're doing well in comparison to some of the other units.

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced the full statistical package is in your report tonight, but just some key highlights, our total number of 911 calls for service was down from the previous month. We had 1372 for the month of November down from 1748 for October, which is consistent typically as we get into the colder months. Also, our total calls for service including our front desk, went down to 1839 from 2584 the month before so that, once again is not unexpected given moving into the colder months of the season. Just some other highlights, just building off of the action items that we're talking about, the settlements with Big Pharma, we actually had known no Narcan saves in the month of November and that's the first and quite some time, if you follow our monthly reporting, we always unfortunately present our monthly Narcan saves. But for the month of November we had zero, which is the first in a long, long time. We would like to see that trend continue, we'll just have to wait and see. We did do six car seat checks for November, five seats were provided through the PA Traffic Injury Prevention Program and one seat was owned by the caregiver who requested a installation and instructional on how to properly use the seat. We administered the written portion of our civil service promotional exam for the department in November and actually had the second phase or the oral phase that was conducted today, so we will wait for our final promotion list to be generated by our testing company. We also had the continued involvement in DA's task force on race and justice, which is now referred to as pact 19320. We do have another zoom meeting tomorrow night for that. We also had another training class for our Youth Aid Panel, our YAP panel for planning training coordination run by Corporal Paul Antonucci in the District Attorney's Office and we are still set to go live with our Youth Aid Panel in January. So, we're excited about that. Diversionary program that we're hopeful will impact favorably on the lives of some of our youthful offenders here in the City officer. Officer Cahill still recovering from his OJI, who is present here tonight when we recognized our two civilians for assisting in his care and the apprehension of the subject that attacked him, so it was good to see Officer Cahill up and about, still recovering. As was mentioned, we did have a shop with a cop, typically we would cover that and we will in our January report, which is for December, but we did have another Cecil shop with a cop and appreciate all the effort that

goes into making that a success and we'll have a summary of that in our January report for December.

Mr. Logan explained in the packets also, Chief did provide a year-end police department activity summary. Chief, I just wanted to thank you for that, this gives us a wonderful snapshot of what you've been doing, outstanding work. And Lieutenant Allis, again thank you for your outstanding service this year and beyond. You guys have put a tremendous amount of work into the City, this summary reflects a lot of that, but just like a lot of things here in the City, you guys do so much behind the scenes and we just really appreciate you and thank you for your service. Thank you.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Lisa Segers

Ms. Segers wished everyone a good evening. I'm here because I read recently there was some Cedarville Engineering was working with the City regarding the flooding in the area. I live on the other side of town and have major flooding in my area at my house as well and it's a combination of a lot of things. One being Hillview at the top of me that's coming down, prior to them being there I didn't have that type of flooding. My stepfather was a veteran, built the house, we've lived there for years, it's just been exacerbated when they moved in and we've been fighting it ever since. Pennsylvania American Water, also discharges water from their tanks through my yard, which is also eroding my yard and it's coming through the combination of that. The uphill from Valley Township, the rains, the floods it's made it a ongoing situation I want to say, for the past 20 years and the recent floods have only made it worse. It's getting worse and worse every year. The last rain event that we had when we called 911, because there was so much going on the 5th Avenue section of the City, no one even responded to us so we're home alone. Its extreme anxiety, I can never go on a vacation because we never know what's going to happen with the house. And I have records going back from contacting various people and previous administrations here and them trying to work with Valley, but nothing has ever come about. The Pennsylvania American Water said they would pay a portion of the cost and City and Valley would pay but no one's going to get together to do this for me. So, I know I'm asking what I need to do to get help, to resolve this situation, which what used to be a stream in 1976, that was like this, is now like an eight-foot gully in my yard. It continues., It's not getting any better. The last time it happened, the last couple of times, my husband literally had to get him backhoe and bring it in himself to dig the stream out. So, it's worse, my anxiety is through the roof. And I'm just asking for assistance. Mr. Huston asked Ms. Seders to give him a call and he will assist her. Mr. Folks explained his sister lives over on 600 Coast street and every time it rains, she gets flooded too, but she actually got flood insurance years ago. I don't know how but I'm just saying, but it started with the building up on the top and now every time it rains, she gets flooded out. MS. Seders explained that she has been to PAWC and Valley Township in times to try to affect some change, but it's at the point where literally my house is eroding.

Wendy Whitaker

Ms. Whitaker wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving everybody, and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, Merry Christmas and all that good stuff. Trash removal, Community Lane had three weeks of trash, it almost looked like Philadelphia, it was that bad. They finally picked for the month of November and then they finally picked up on the 26th of November. And we understand you have your holidays; however, I was one who called in proxy for a couple of their neighbors and then a lot of the other ones and then they finally picked up, but this was three weeks of trash. The recycle got picked up, but the trash did not. Now, you'd rather have the trash picked up as opposed to recycle, but you have to understand that's pretty bad and they've been inconsistent. I

understand they might have a lack of personnel, but even within the past couple weeks, couple neighbors, 4th Avenue at the alleys, what you call streets, they've been hitting and missing. I mean, they'll go halfway down Fourth on Walnut Street, pick up some, and then the next block... It hasn't been very good for the month of November. So I don't know whether Eagle is going to be contracted next year or whatever the case may be, it really does need to be rectified. To you sir, about the stop signs, I don't know what politics has to do with those streets because it's not a state street. This is 30, it is a school right there, so it is a school zone. I don't know if you all have change, do it moving forward with the petition that I had. I know you all don't seem to be able to answer questions when we are doing what we're doing now. So I'm just coming to you again, about the stop signs. Now you had mentioned about Fourth Avenue being cut off, or with the... Going on. Now Hill, is that Black Horse Hill? Or is that considered Coates street? Will that be repaved? Because it is on the other side and that'll be a through way now to get the 3rd Avenue. Is it want to be repaved because I believe a lot of you may go down Black Horse Hill to come through 4th at the top right now. And it is lumpy and bumpy and it's hard on the vehicles. So within all that reconstruction, I hope that's done. Thank you for your time.

Ajene Livingston

Mr. Livingston stated I just want to echo a few things that were said earlier. I know that I was spanked and given some praise for the success of the pavilion of trees, but really all of the praise goes to Patrick, it was his labor of love that made it such a success and I just followed his lead and supported him on behalf of the City and parks and whoever, and also as a community member. So just for the record, I'd really like him to know how much we appreciated him and I also know that he greatly appreciated the presence of Council and City Manager down there as well. I know it'll be in next month's report, but Lieutenant Ollis had reached out to me some point last month and asked me to be a chaperone for Shop with a Cop and I reluctantly agreed, but his insight in having me be a part of that, I know me as a young black man growing up in a City, had a lot of tension with law enforcement, but to be able to provide for the 19th year an opportunity for our young youth and community members to have some something positive happen without any of the drama, without any of the politics. And in addition to something positive happened to be involving our law enforcement, I think is a great deal and is something worth mentioning. So the last thing I want to say is, and this is a plea to Council and the rest of our community members is, in these colder months coming up, we are trying to put together a caring movement for our elderly residents, a community wide caring where we put together a support system to do anything that's needed for our elderly citizens, whether it's snow removal, whether it's bringing in groceries, whether it's just checking on them to see if the heat is working. So, it's still in the works, but I want to put that out to you as our Council members, to help us to identify our individuals in your wards that might need that assistance and also to help us find volunteers that will be willing to join in that effort with us. So, thank you. Happy new Year.

Ms. Al Amin made a motion to close citizens hearing on non-agenda items only; Councilperson Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Events

There were no special Events at this time.

Council Comments

Mr. Folks stated it's our last meaning of the year. Congratulations James on your new contract. When people do stuff, they don't remember what you did, they remember what you didn't do. I can sit here and probably take me all night at what I did in that first term. You don't hear no more about, I need a job because Mr. Logan and myself. Because Mr. Logan and myself fixed that problem. I wasn't going
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to run next year. I wasn't. I had told some people that I wasn't, but my wife came to me and said that I help too many people. You need to stay there. I'm doing it for her, because she's the people. And any man would tell you a happy wife is a happy life. There're three things I didn't do. First of all, miss Whitaker, I apologize. No, I take full blame, because you came to this Council two months ago and it fell on deaf ears. I take full responsibility for that because it's my ward. The sign up on Walnut street, my cousin lives there. She came to me two years ago about that sign. I went to the administration. I didn't follow up. I thought it was done. That stops now. I will not let anything go in my district. I am the second ward leader. I thank Council for letting me ride through this town and do what I did. But it's time to concentrate on my ward, my roads. We have three roads in my ward that my street, eight years I've been trying to get it done. I'm still going to fight for it. I got four more years to get it done. I'm running one more year. This is my last term. I'm the oldest person sitting here. You hear me? I'm the oldest person sitting on this board and I'm the most active. Council replied Wait a minute, wait a minute. Wait a minute. Mr. Folks stated let me get my thing out. Oh my God. They won't let me talk. Council does their job. I'm extra. Always been, always going to be. I can't sit still. I took this town; this town took off 60 pounds of my weight because I was so worried about this town that I took it upon myself to pull it my way. My heart's here. I can't stop what He gives me. So, I'm proud to represent the City of Coatesville. Give me four more years. I got stopped. I wanted to clean up my ward. I got stopped cleaning it up. I tried to clean my ward up and I got stopped. That's why I look out my back door, there's cars sitting there, no stickers, trash all over the place, and I wanted to clean it up and I got stopped. So why my Ward is the way it is, because I got stopped cleaning it up. On that note. You have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and pray for this City.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening and thanked everyone for coming and spending the evening with us. I just want to wish everyone a blessed holiday season, pray that you're all filled with joy and happiness. I want to especially thank our staff for a year of just great, tremendous work and efforts and results that have come from your hard work. We want to thank all of you, the investors in our City. Thank you for what you've done again to Mr. Verwey, we congratulate you. We're going to miss you, but we congratulate you. And I want to especially thank Ruthann. We don't always mention her name, but Ruthann keeps it going. And we want to thank you personally, for all that you've done. I just pray again that you have a blessed holiday season, and also real quick, many of you know, I have a women's ministry, Women Destined for Change. And this Saturday we'll be having a toy giveaway. It's going to be at my chapel on Fifth Avenue. If you know of any youth or any parents that need toys or bicycles for their children, please have them give me a call so we can sign them up. We have over a thousand toys that will be given away and more is coming in. So please have them give me a call so we can sign them up for an appointment to come in, to receive toys for their young people. Again, thank you, God bless you and see you in the New Year. Thank you.

Councilperson Graves thanked everybody for coming out and people who are going to be watching this on YouTube, thank you for tuning in. This is my last Council meeting, so a very bittersweet moment, but I would just like to thank the City for this experience and give the warmest welcome to Cherise for City Council. Yeah. It's been an experience, but it's been a great experience. So I'm very happy to have served on City Council and just gained all that I have from each and every one of you. Thank you so much.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everybody for coming out for all those that celebrate, I hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family. That's the most important thing, family. So enjoy your family. Stay safe. I really look forward to the jazz cafe. I will come to the ribbon cutting. Susan, thank you for everything and all that you do not just at 190, not just what you're going to do at 300. You're very

active, you participate you know, most every City event that I know of. This is my second year working with you on the Thanksgiving, serving the community with David and Amisha. And so thank you so much for everything and all you do. Chief, I know your officers were rewarded for their going over and above, but thank them again for me, they left so I cannot, and to the Fire Department too, for everything and everything that you guys did for the flooding, because that was really something different. It was an experience being down there every day. And Tony, thank you for shoveling mud down there. You were dirt from head to toe. And so I really appreciate that. And the best of blessings to you and your new endeavor. I'm sure you'll make a wonderful Common Pleas Judge, and I hope that you enjoy it. Thank you for your service here on with the City. And I just hope everybody has a good night. Thank you all.

Vice President Green thanked everyone for coming out. This is our final meeting of year and I'm just so grateful for 2021 and all the progress and all the many different projects that we have going on in the City. So, none of that would be possible without the administration that we had. Mr. Logan, I thank you so much for working without a contract, especially at this moment. I thank you Chip for joining our team. I was so excited when we hired you. You know, I thank you, Tony, for all the legal advice and how you guided us through all these many different projects and you know, it's something and keeping things straight. Because there's so many moving pieces going on at the same time, and I'm just grateful for our Department, our Police Department, and keeping the City safe and the officers being so active our community. The wonderful way that yourself and Lieutenant Ollis portray and, and how you work and your officers imitate what they see and you guys, and I'm just very grateful for that. I'm just so thankful for our finance team. We put together a very balanced budget again this year, the second year in a row that we did not have to raise taxes. And I'm just grateful, and thank you. A lot of times, I remember last year and I was reading some comments on Facebook, Council had no nickel in that dime. Council played no role in us having a balanced budget, none whatsoever. When they sat down and they put that budget together, that was their finance team and our City Manager and our department head, because that's his role is to deliver to us a balanced budget. So, I'm not going to try to take credit and I'm not going to let anybody else take credit for something that we played no role in. All we did was review it and vote on it. So, I'm so grateful for the hard work and dedication and commitment that you guys have shown our City. So, when you talk about the City manager contract and you talk about him paying taxes or him not living here, or him being... He balanced the budget, he provided us two years since he's been here, two years in a row, a balanced budget that we did not have to increase taxes. And that's important to me, it's the quality of the work that's important. Sometimes you got to be able to see the forest for the trees. Sometimes we're so caught up that we want to bite off our nose to spite our face. We have a blessing and I, and I'm just so grateful and grateful for the many developers who have come in and decided to invest like the Danzlers. You know, that you invest in our community and you're putting in a lot of hard work to make this thing happen. You know, I know Mr. Folks meant well, but I just want to say it did not fall on deaf ears. Maybe his ears were deaf, but mine weren't. And I want to say that because a study has to be done, making stop signs uphill is a very difficult process and you don't want to cause people more problems than you're trying to help. So, it didn't fall on deaf ears, but it does take some looking at and trying to figure out what the best way is to curb the speeding. But I'm just grateful for 2021, again, and I just thank everyone, and Mr. Livingston for your role you played in the City, you got up and tried to minimize yourself, but you're awesome. You had a lot to do with the Pavilion of Trees. You had a lot to do with our Parks and Rec and representing the City. So, don't minimize your role when we gave you props, we meant those props. So just Merry Christmas to all, everyone has a wonderful, beautiful holiday season. This is the time that you get to spend with your family and you get the love up on your grandchildren. And I'm just looking forward to that time. So, I just thank you, everyone. And I just appreciate you all. God Bless.

Mr. Folks explained that there are two things he forgot to say about this sign. Yeah, just miss Whitaker, the sign was ordered, and we did have a meeting with Mr. Logan and the chief about the stop sign. Right now, it is in the chief's hands. Like I said, we did talk about it, we had a meeting right here and things are getting taken care of. I forgot to tell you that.

Mr. Logan thanked Mr. Folks. I just wanted to make a comment before I turn it over to our Council president so she can close out for this evening. A lot of wonderful things have been said about this administration, me coming on board, all the accolades, I appreciate it. But I have to really, all the work that we do here, I do not do it alone. And to be very honest with you all, they say that good leaders empower others to lead. And since Rich has been here, Rich has really been a tremendous asset to this organization. I often times call him Colombo because he's in my office, we're talking, I think and he's leaving, he's coming back. And, and it's actually, it's wonderful. And he doesn't know that he keeps me balanced, and I really do appreciate that Rich. And I'm going to say some things because we are closing out the year and I don't want to keep you guys here much later, but I may not ever get a chance to say this. So again, we really appreciate you being here. Thank you for all of your help. I wouldn't be able to do what I do without you. Ruthann. Thank you. You are tremendous. You are the vault. You do so much that it goes without any type of thanks and appreciation. I know my occasional snacks don't really show how much I care about you, but I'm just trying to keep you nice and happy and full of sugar. But I really appreciate all of the work that you do. And not only do you help us in some of the planning and the conversations that we have here to run the City, but you've been here for more than 20 years now and that says a lot. And to Councilperson Graves, point about salaries and things like that, we don't pay you enough. And it's something that we are trying to change here in the City. We are trying to play catch up because for so many years, we've been the lowest municipality in terms of our salaries. So, we are working to change that, but in order to change it, we have to make the management changes and the necessary things to make sure that all boats rise here. So, thank you for being patient for 20 years. And thank you for everything that you do for the City. Chip, I, I can't say enough. You're going through so much right now. And it's just amazing that you come in in the morning. You don't listen to me because I know you want to be part of this team. You know, you're, you're a fighter. You've beat Cancer before, you're going to beat it again. And you're going to be around to see the train station. You're going to be around to see the train station, the four or five restaurants that are going to be coming into town. Everything, man. And you should be planning that way. Mr. Huston replied. I got a lot of food to test. Mr. Logan said that's right. That's right. And so, again, we appreciate everything that you do, and you're learning a lot here in the City and your skills and expertise that you brought from Habitat has certainly been beneficial. So I'm very grateful for you being here. Anthony, even though you can't tell us anything about the City, I will be calling you. But you've been a tremendous support, friend. You always have the best interest of the City at heart. And you certainly have been a guiding line too, to make sure that we don't trip up. And I really appreciate everything that you've done, and we look forward to some great things from you. You, we may not see you a lot, but we will always be thinking of you. So, thank you for your help and your assistance. And for our staff members that are not here, there's some individuals that not so ready for primetime players. All of them, throughout the day, throughout the weekends, they're giving and they're giving and they're giving. And a lot of you don't know that I do ride our staff pretty hard and they perform, and we may not always get it right the first time, but we eventually get it right. And we have Council members that remind us that we need to get it right. We don't ignore that. We take that and we learn from it and we're going to continue to learn from it. We know what's ahead of us. And we have a plan and we're going to make this City great. And I don't want to say, make it great again. We're going to make it great. We do a lot of things on the west end, but we have to start turning our attention to the east end. And that's something that's going to be

amazing in 2022. So stay tuned. Thanks for all the businesses, all the stakeholders for being here, all of our community volunteers that sometimes go unnoticed as well. Together, we're just going to make this a wonderful, beautiful City. Chief, I know I call you too much, but I appreciate you answering the phone. And a lot of folks said a lot of things about you. So, I'm not going to add more to it, but I think you know what you mean to me and to the City. And thank you for always just being open there to listen to me rant and rave about stuff. And so I appreciate you. Lieutenant Ollis, thank you for the pocket square, that's all I'm saying. Thank you for everything you do. And I just look forward to working with everyone in the coming year. So, I'm sorry that it took a little bit long, but I just wanted to get that out and thank you all. We really appreciate you.

President Lavender Norris explained the bad part about being Council president is everybody else gets to say all the good stuff and I have to sit and listen, and then don't have anything to say. However, I appreciate you. And I echo all my colleagues. We truly do value all of you tremendously. To Councilperson Graves, with this being your last meeting, I want to speak on behalf of Council to say, thank you. You know, as well as all of us here, seven different persons and personalities, never in agreement ever in agreement. However, the one thing we do is go forward and we appreciate you for your service, your willingness to serve the City, and our community. Thank you so very much. God bless forward in whatever your future endeavors are. Thank you again. We have issues, make no mistake. We certainly have issues, problems, and all that kind of stuff. However, when you focus so much on what's wrong, you miss what's right. It's a blessing to be in a position to serve. Service is a blessing. When you can help somebody, there's no money that can compare to it. It's a matter of the heart. That's who we are. Coatesville is one big heart of people. These are the holidays we're into. Christmas, New Year's Eve, the organizations, Thanksgiving, all the organizations that came together to ensure that not just the residents of the City of Coatesville, but any resident, anybody in need was looked after. Taken care of. That's who we are. That's what we do. That's service. And the only way you could be a good leader is to serve. As long as there are people in need, there's a need for us. We don't take you for granted, by no means. We thank God for each and every one of you, those who are being served, and those who serve. This holiday season, it's different. Last year, we couldn't come together and celebrate Christmas, Thanksgiving, not even with our families. We were on lockdown, so to speak. Now there's an opportunity to just come together and help. Anybody, everybody, wherever. We're here, we're here for you. Anything we can do to help please allow us, because that's our blessing. And we don't want you to block our blessing. If God saw fit to put us in a position to help, how dare we, or anybody else get in the way. Because it has to be done. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, to all our staff, our administration. Sherice, I look so forward to you coming on board. Thank you for stepping up and wanting to serve agenda. And Jenae, it goes without saying. Right now, I'm looking forward to February. I'm looking forward to, what was his name, Brother Livingston? I'm looking forward to that brother. Oh my God. And the squeaky door. I, listen. This community is so full of skills and talents and love and abilities. We cannot overlook it, nor can anyone surrounding us. Thank you to all of you. Please know my heartfelt appreciation. I wish you all a Merry Christmas. God bless you all, and I look forward to seeing you in January. Thank you and God bless. Tony, bless your heart. Bless your heart. And I want to come sit in front of you, not as a defendant, but I want to come sit in your courtroom and see you in action. I want to see you in action. Rob, thank you. Thank you. And I look forward to seeing you in January.

Adjournment

Councilperson Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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