



Minutes
City of Coatesville
Regular Meeting – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, April 11, 2022

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwomen Charrisse Allen, Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilwoman C. Arvilla Hunt and Councilman Donald Folks, 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 announced an Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.

0.0 Public Hearing for the amendment of the Coatesville Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, and as codified at Chapter 224 of the City of Coatesville Code, regarding Article II, Terminology §224-8, Definitions, by adding definitions for “indoor recreation” and “performing arts center”; and Article XXII, Flats Redevelopment District. §224-102, Flats Redevelopment District (FRD) Overlay District, by deleting and replacing the section in its entirety

Mr. Jefferson announced we are here for a public hearing regarding a proposed zoning ordinance amendment. It is an amendment to the zoning ordinance, specifically the Flat Overlay District pursuant to the Municipalities Planning Code. There are certain noticing requirements and I'm going to announce this. This proceeding does not have to be subject to a court reporter or type stenographer. So exhibit B1 is the proof of publication in the daily local News that occurred on March 28th, 2020, and April 4th, 2020. Exhibit B2 is the affidavit of mailing that occurred on March 11th, 2022 to the affected parcel owners. Exhibit B3 is the affidavits of posting. Exhibit B4 is the April 6th, 2022, letter from the County Planning Commission. This indicates that the referral, the act 247 referral, occurred within the time limit as required by the Municipalities Planning Code. They issued an opinion review letter. So that is marked as exhibit B4. And exhibit B5 is the copy of the proposed ordinance in its final form. So as stated, this is technically a hearing. If there's anybody here that would like to offer public comment in favor of or against the proposed amendment, it's at this time that that can occur.

Michael Gill, attorney with the law firm Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris LLP. We represent the IDT Development Group, which is the group which is promoting and pursuing development approvals for the Redevelopment of the Flats property, which is one portion of the Flats Redevelopment Overlay District. The FRD regulations which are in the ordinance, the zoning ordinance, as of right now were crafted many years ago with regard to a then contemplated Redevelopment of the Flats District. That redevelopment, obviously, of course, has never come to pass. So, there were certain amendments to the ordinance which were necessary to facilitate future-looking redevelopment of the property and surrounding areas within the entire district. That is what's before you this evening has been reviewed by the City Planning Commission. Mr. Jefferson just said it's been reviewed by the County Planning Commission. And of course, it was the subject of your first reading last month. We're happy

to address any questions. I should point out that Mr. Crosby Wood is here is one of the principles of IDG Development. We're happy to address any questions. What we'll follow if you do adopt the ordinance this evening is that the applicant would move forward with the development process and then we would be into a traditional land development application, including appearances before the planning commission, review letters from the City engineer, so on and so forth. And ultimately, back before you for a land development approval. This is just one step along a very long process. Thank you.

Vice President Green made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:46 pm; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

President Lavender Norris opened the public meeting at 7:48 pm.

Approved Minutes

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve the March 28, 2022 meeting minutes; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentations

1. Swear in Officers – Judge Gregory Hines

Chief Laufer announced at our last Council meeting, we officially approved the promotion from part-time to full-time of two officers with the department. Just like to thank Council for their continued support of our Police Department as we go about our mission here in the City of Coatesville, trying to make a difference every day for our residents and we appreciate your continued support. So, even though we had announced that the actual promotion from part-time to full-time of Officers Thorburn and Mack last week, we traditionally have our swearing-in the following Council meeting. So just briefly, I'll just read the quick bio that we had recited last Council meeting in discussing a promotion from part-time to full-time of Officers Thorburn and Mack. So, Officer Nicholas Thorburn started with the Coatesville Police Department on November 1 of 2021. He went through the field training program and completed it on January 4 of 2022 with the guidance of Officer Samuel Snyder and Corporal Jared Davis as his field training officers. Officer Thorburn is a Downingtown East graduate and went on to Lockhaven University where he majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Psychology, achieving the Dean's List while he was there at Lockhaven. Officer Thorburn received his Act 120 certification for Policing at the Delaware County Community College and was Class Lieutenant. Officer Thorburn started his career working in Chester County Prison and the Oxford Borough Police Department. Officer Thorburn currently resides in Chester County. Officer Thomas Mack. Officer Mack started with the Coatesville City Police Department on November 29, 2021. He completed the field training program on February 15, 2022, under the guidance of his field training officer, Officer Ryan Corcoran. Officer Mack is a Senior Bonner Graduate. Attended Delaware County Community College where he received his Act 120 certification for Policing. Officer Mack brings experience of being a youth counselor to the department by way of being a night counselor for the Glen Mills School where he counseled troubled youth and we trust that that will serve him well in his duties here in Coatesville. Officer Mack began his career

with the Sharon Hill Police Department and he still currently lives here in Chester County. So, at this time, I would ask the Honorable Judge Hines to come forward and we will have the official swearing-in of Officer Thorburn and Officer Mack.

The Honorable Judge Hines swore in Officer Thorburn as his wife held the bible.

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Just like to recognize all the officers that are in attendance tonight from area departments, State Police, Pennsylvania State Police-- I believe we have New Jersey State Police here. And special recognition, of course-- I know Council is well aware of this, but special recognition-- and I know there are a lot of thoughts and prayers for the Mack family. As Thomas Mack's brother, Trooper Mack, who sadly died in the line of duty two weeks ago on I-95 outside of Philadelphia. And I know we spoke about that and what that means to us as a department in the City, to have his brother serving our residents and citizens here. So, we just wanted to point that out tonight and keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

Mrs. Hunt thanked Ms. Mowday for the minutes as they have been presented.

2. Appeals Board for Instant Tickets

Mr. Logan announced we implemented instant tickets probably six months ago. We have since discovered that we need to create an appeals board. Citizens, three is a minimum, five is a maximum number of members on the board. The appeals are from residents/landlord who do not feel that they got a proper instant ticket from our Codes Department. We are looking for volunteers from the City of Coatesville to step up to be an appeals board for these instant ticket claims. Ms. Al Amin asked if Council members could be on the Committee. Mr. Logan stated he did not know the specifics but would get back to Ms. Al Amin on the specifics. If anybody wants to reach out to be a committee member you can call us at the City, 610-384-0300, and talk to Mr. Steve Dobson. He's the Codes Department Supervisor and he is the one who would be helping adjudicate the appeal.

3. Solid Waste Contract

Mr. Troutman provided a brief update on the process that we're going through to arrive at where we are in the Solid Waste. This is going to be just a few slides to give context and we're starting out with background. And it expires May 31. We've been using the same company, Eagle, since 2014. no more extensions are allowed within contract that was done back in 2017. And so, we are at the point of bidding this out. For contract, resident's owners are paying \$295 per unit. That's a tote for trash and a tote for recycling. And then a technical point for everybody to keep in context is trash is considered a separate fund and it is required by rules to be self-funded. The practical matter here is, general fund real estate taxes aren't allowed to subsidize the trash. And conversely, you can't overcharge trash to help defray regular ongoing costs. That's just the technicality that they have separate buckets, if you will, to keep track of. We cannot make money off of trash nor can we lose money off the trash. It is technically called enterprise fund, to throw out a big catchy word, that-- but go ahead, please. So, the bid process, I'll spend a little bit more time here. We tried to change the construct of the bid process, the bid documents, to reflect lessons learned in the over the last

couple of years. Input from council, input from administration, residents. We tried to make some changes. So, some of these changes were before the contractor paid for the tipping fees. Sounds good, but in reality, we learned that we get a discount if the City pays for it directly. So, we're going to do that because for the slightly more work it requires, we save 2 to 3 percent. The City is now going to control recycling in a similar way. And recycling historically earns a few dollars for the tonnage that gets recycled. It varies widely, but there's an opportunity to make a few dollars rather than paying for tipping fees. We did those two things to try to help defray cost. We increased costs slightly, but what we found from experience was the black canisters that are along Lincoln Highway and a few of them off of Lincoln Highway, those black canisters were being picked up by the contractor twice a week and our Public Works Crew was out doing it one day a week. So, we thought it was better use of resources to put that on to the contract and free up Public Works, to have that limited crew do more things rather than tied down for the trash. And we added some of the canisters. The ones that are off of Lincoln were never picked up by the contractor. Those are always our staff. So now that will help us free up some labor.

We are asking and getting in the bid, dumpsters for the two largest used parks, Palmer and Ash to help us with trash in the parks. We also removed two places. We had included the two firehouses in the last contracts since we're paying primarily-- since the City is now paying for the tipping fees, we realized it wasn't fair to the City to be absorbing those costs that the firehouses were having that were beyond just the emergency service. So, we carved that out to save some money. Same weekly bulk allowances. We felt that was important from the feedback to keep that at once a week and many other places are doing once a month. But we have had extra pricing. We felt to help the citywide trash problem, it was best to just build it in. President Lavender Norris asked Mr. Troutman to clarify, make the distinction when you say bulk, that white appliances are not considered bulk? Mr. Troutman explained that is a correct statement, yes, and neither is yard waste. And there's a separate-- we kept consistent, the way the white appliances and refrigerators and things like that are handled. Those require separate communications to have picked up and worked through public works to get those maintenance. There's a published schedule for pricing that happens with those. I think they have to have the freon drained out of the refrigerator where they would pick it up. And honestly, I don't know the specifics, but I do believe that those types of requirements are communicated when they're being picked up and worked through. We also heard very loudly that there needs to be more definition around how much trash is trash. So, with the recommendation of the multiple bidders that were involved, they all requested definition. And we worked up a definition being your standard tote, plus the equivalent of three large 32-gallon bags or essentially the size of two totes. That would be the weekly allotment. And this way, it helps define not all the trash that's laying around the container. It helps everybody know what's being defined. And frankly, we need to do that to help control the cost.

And last point on here is really we tightened up the regulations, and I'll use the word penalties for not complying with the contract. So that's a fundamental thing that we kept in because of issues that we've had. And we structured it to be a three-year contract with two one-year options at the City's choice. So, we will determine if the bid is accepted for the successful bidder. The City then will make an evaluation towards the end of the third year whether option four would be exercised and in the same process a year later. So, this is essentially a three-year contract and the option to continue it if circumstances feel like it's in our benefit. Oh, please. So, the process was we advertised it, we put it on our website. We intentionally

tried to push it out to a list of at least nine. At least nine were contacted. Specifically, others might have pulled it down from the website. Five were interested and attended the meeting to talk through it, raise questions. And it ended up that three responded on March 25th with the response. At this point in time, the evaluators of the bids are doing that process of scoring the responses to make a recommendation to Council. And another just technical point is the criteria is lowest responsible bidder. Keyword, responsible. It doesn't have to be the lowest dollar value bidder, could be, can be, doesn't have to be. It's responsible as that allows and Pennsylvania law allows for the decision makers to factor in other things that they deem important.

And so, with that next slide, please. What we know, we know that a big deal was every hauler that was at the meeting expressed an interest of not being the current three days. Every one of them made comments about that. The three that responded asked for a change from a three-day cycle to either a four-day cycle or a five-day cycle. It was a big deal. Evidently, the three days seemed across the industry to be a difficult service requirement. And one of the bids, I might add, reduced-- gave two pricing. One if they had to stay at three days and a lower price if they could move it to five days, which helped validate that comment and that feel from haulers. All three bids are substantially higher. All the things that we all know are happening across the board in this industry from what we're hearing in different communities, but also just life experiences in this time with what's happening with cost. So right now, we know that with the increased pricing, it's going to put tremendous pressure on the \$295 that was mentioned before. It just is. And so those things are being worked through. And as I just mentioned, it's consistent with other haulers, other locations are going through. So, we're not being picked on, if you will. It's just what we're hearing coming out of other municipalities. next, please.

So, the next steps are really finishing the evaluation process. Council will deliberate, and then it will be scheduled to be on the agenda for the next council meeting to make the decision which would allow for approximately a month or so for the successful bidder to ramp up and get transition. And I believe the next slide is--thank you, and questions.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

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

Mrs. Hunt 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 approve a Resolution authorizing official action to receive a Business in our Sites Grant for the Coatesville Flats Brownfield Redevelopment Project
Vice President Green made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing official action to receive a Business in our Sites Grant for the Coatesville Flats Brownfield Redevelopment Project; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Logan stated in a previous meeting he mentioned that the City of Coatesville entered into a Business in Our Sites Grant. This is in support of the Flats Sports Complex. The dollar amount is \$3.527 million. A lot of this is just to support the development of the platform. Normally another organization can submit the application on behalf of the City. We thought

it would be best that the City enters into this particular BIOS grant because the City also benefits from the partnership. This is just a resolution to confirm that and hopefully, the City will accept it. As far as when the grant's money is going to be released, I don't know those dates yet. I have to check with Colleen Terry.

2. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Coatesville to enter a lease with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Coatesville for the property located at 300 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania for parking purposes for one dollar (\$1.00) per year

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Mr. Jefferson explained the City was previously in a lease agreement with the Redevelopment Authority for 300 East Lincoln Highway. It's currently a parking lot. Recently, the City and the Redevelopment Authority mutually agreed to terminate the lease agreement because the property was being sold, I believe, to Proudfoot. That sale has been delayed, so this Resolution allows the City to reenter that exact same lease. There is one amendment, and then there is one sort of condition as well. The amendment is that pursuant to the lease, in order to terminate it, a party had to provide 90 days prior notice. Under the revised lease, it'll be 30 days prior advanced written notice. And then the condition is that it's anticipated that the sale of the property will go through by the end of the month. If that occurs, then this lease would automatically terminate so that the lease-- so that the sale of the property can go through. Council and the Redevelopment Authority would not have to do anything in order to terminate the lease again. If that agreement of sale does not go through at the end of the month, then the lease would continue on and then the 30 days advance written notice requirement would be applicable. So those are the-- it's the exact same lease, and again, just with the one amendment and the one sort of condition or understanding.

3. Receive and consider approval of payable item from March 28, 2022 for insurance deductible on claim number 195848

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to approve payable item from March 28, 2022 for insurance deductible on claim number 195848; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

President Lavender Norris stated this one was just held back from our last meeting for clarity and clear understanding, one of the invoices.

4. Receive and consider contract renewal with LTL Consultants to 2025

Vice President Green made a motion to table the contract renewal with LTL Consultants to 2025; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion tabled 7-0.

5. Receive and consider a motion for second reading and potential adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, Chester county, Pennsylvania providing for the amendment of the Coatesville Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, and as codified at Chapter 224 of the City of Coatesville Code, regarding Article II, Terminology §224-8, Definitions, by adding definitions for "indoor recreation" and "performing arts center"; and Article XXII, Flats

Redevelopment District. §224-102, Flats Redevelopment District (FRD) Overlay District, by deleting and replacing the section in its entirety

Vice President Green made a motion to approve; Ms. Al Amin made a motion to table. President Lavender Norris explained a motion is already open. She asked Ms. Al Amin if she was aware that we did hold a public hearing? Ms. Al Amin replied Yes, I am. But I was also - we were told that this would be tabled. So I'll make a motion to approve it. President Lavender Norris announced it has already been motioned. Will you take second. Ms. Al Amin replied yes.

Vice President Green made a motion to approve second reading and adoption an Ordinance of the City of Coatesville, Chester county, Pennsylvania providing for the amendment of the Coatesville Zoning Ordinance of 1995, as amended, and as codified at Chapter 224 of the City of Coatesville Code, regarding Article II, Terminology §224-8, Definitions, by adding definitions for “indoor recreation” and “performing arts center”; and Article XXII, Flats Redevelopment District. §224-102, Flats Redevelopment District (FRD) Overlay District, by deleting and replacing the section in its entirety; Ms. Al Amin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Jefferson explained Mr. Gill and Mr. Wood, the developers for this proposed project sports complex, came into the City. And instead of asking for countless variances and waivers and other things to get their project completed, proposed a zoning ordinance amendment. In working with the planning commissions, the City management and staff, and myself as well, this ordinance amendment is designed to effectuate their proposed project. There's no guarantee that that project will be at the end of the day, but these are the things that they needed amended within that zoning ordinance in order to get their project started. So it amends the flats overlay district in the hope or the purpose of creating the sports complex.

6. Receive and consider a motion to approve a Resolution official action relating to receiving a Federal Community Project Funding request for the Ash Park Master Plan Implementation Project

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve a Resolution relating to receiving a Federal Community Project Funding request for the Ash Park Master Plan Implementation Project; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to close action items only; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announce he provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to counsel since council's last meeting. I provided and continued to provide legal advice to the City regarding a potential amendment to the zoning ordinance. I provided and continue to provide legal advice to the City regarding loan development matters. I prepared a resolution regarding a lease. I communicated with the City's insurance carrier representative. I conducted research and prepared a memorandum regarding enforcement matters generally. I continue to work on an appeal to the Commonwealth Court.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan provided a couple of updates the first an executive. I provided an update on real estate projects and matters, item one. Item two, applications are now open for plenty of requests. And this is for the rescue plan money. The county has opened up the ARPA grant. This is nearly 200-- excuse me, 102 million dollars available. Grants will be provided to meet the pandemic recovery needs and to accelerate the ongoing rebuilding of Chester County. The City is working with Colleen Terry to submit an application for this funding. We're very excited that we'll have an opportunity to do that in addition to the ARPA money that we've already received. So, six teams. This is something new for the county. They have assembled six teams consisting of a total of 36 volunteers. Half will be county employees, half will be residents, and then others will be other volunteers to review the submissions. Each team will evaluate the proposals and present their recommendations to county commissioners for final consideration. Next item. The Coatesville zoning team is working through a series of zoning amendments. This is led by Cedarville. This is through a VPP grant. Yeah. We've looked at TNDs, which is total-- excuse me, Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District. We've examined everything from building heights to parking to lighting to streetscapes. We're moving on to signage and the Downtown District Overlay and parking. The project is progressing nicely. And we are approximately two and a half to three months away from completion. Once all amendments are completed, our solicitor will review the standout items and make recommendations for approval. The next item. The old train station exterior work is nearly completed. The last piece includes some graphics on the platform side of the building.

Next item. The Coatesville train station continues to move forward. Last week, Angela Watson, who is the director for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, gave an update to the members of the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce Planning Commission. She noted that the construction schedule has not experienced any snags or delays at this point. Next item. The City and the RDA continues to work with DESMAN Design Management on the City-wide parking plan. DESMAN is currently tabulating raw data and have completed some very preliminary graphics. There's still a lot of work ahead. And with the residents working together, we hope to identify or get some insight into what some of the parking needs through the survey that is listed on our website and on the 2nd Century Alliance website. If you haven't taken the survey, and if you care about parking in the City, I do recommend taking that survey. Next month, the City will once again partner with Kutztown University to bring the City and the Western region the skills for success, business, and entrepreneur training program. And we've had two years of success with the program. We've enrolled, I think right now, over 50 small businesses and entrepreneurs do the program. The enrollment for this year's program will start at the end of April. We will have live workshops this year. And if it gets a little hairier with the mask requirements, we will also kind of make it hybrid. Some of the workshops include starting-a-business 101, finance, market research, marketing and diversity markets, advertising in social media, the selling cycle, know-your-customer, customer service, and staff employees. Next item, a preconstruction meeting with CEG PennDOT and PennDOT's contractor to plan for the Olive Street gas main replacement. I reported this at the last meeting. One of the things we're trying to identify is if the actual area for the gas main replacement is going to present safety issues for the school over there. The reason why this is a-- kind of on the topic of discussion is the construction may have to take place during the evening hours and we need to consider what that may do in terms of the residents and the noise. But it is something that-- it's a delicate

balance because that particular gas main is right in front of Scott Middle School. So right now, PennDOT is looking at it. And once again, if it is a safety issue, then they would have to do the work in the evening and that would probably start between the hours of 7:00 and 3:00 in the morning. The last two items I have, just one for the Rotary. The Coatesville Rotarians are going to be joining the City of Coatesville in beautification of some of the sign areas. We have a sign off of 82 near the Marriott. We have one as you enter the City from near the tennis courts. We also have one over near Maple or Kersey, and I think we have one other in the Valley-- excuse me, is that the best end or the west end? [laughter]. As you are leaving the City or as you're coming in from Valley, those particular areas, Rotary will be planting flowers in those areas. The last item is-- this is Crime Victims Awareness Month. Last week, go to a Police department, the chief, and lieutenant, and others. We're out tying purple ribbons around our parking meters again just to kind of recognize that Crime Victims Awareness is this month. And those ribbons will be there until I think the end of May if I'm not mistaken. Mr. asked when are we going to start back on 1st Avenue and 82. Mrs. Hunt asked if that is something they can do when school is let out and then-- as opposed to the overnight hours because of the residents that live there? Constant noise, breaking up sleep and things like that. Vice President Green stated there are complaints of a gas smell around that area. Mr. Logan stated it might be a safety issue right now. So, we should have word this week. I have no idea in terms of emission of gas if it's too much, too little. So, we should get more information this week.

3. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Huston said let's see what we got that James didn't cover. He covered quite a bit here. There is a big one coming up in June. The dedication of Palmer Park will be June 16th. Time to be determined. So that's something you want to keep on your calendar down the road. Let's see. Some of my fun notes is the sweeper is out. Make sure you're parking on the opposite side of the streets on sweeper days. We talked about the road closures in front of Scott. There's going to be other road closures around town, open streets, paving and that type of thing being done. Keep an eye on where your road closures are. I think two weeks ago I called them Orange Cone season. So, we're still in there. You heard from Rich on the trash. There has been a couple more instances of dumping in the City so we really need to kind of stay diligent on that as far as keeping an eye on our neighborhoods and our back alleys. The large one this time was on Diamond Alley which runs between Diamond Street and Lincoln Highway at 8th Avenue. So that took a little bit of cleaning up but it was taken care of by our crews. For those of you who don't know, the Cafe is open at the Cultural Center. I believe his hours are 11:00 to 2:00. They are short hours at the moment. While he gets done, the installation of the hood vents and allows them to then cook off a griddle or off a grill. So right now, he is catering cold food from 11:00 to 2:00, weekday mornings. Okay, so that one is out there. And then last but not least I'll use this one, if you haven't been driving down 82 to the bypass. The Marriott is progressing along very nicely. And they are advertising for staff. So, if you are looking for work, you're looking for opportunity, the Marriott is looking to hire ASAP. Our Codes department is working with the Marriott staff now to get individual rooms and the building inspected for opening sometime in the near future. I don't have an exact date but the Marriott will be opening late this spring.

4. Police Department

Chief Laufer announced a complete statistical packet is in your packet tonight for council. Just a few stats that we give each council meeting when we're reporting. We had 1,889, 911

calls for service through the county for the month of March. Up slightly from February where we had 1,710. Also, total incidents handled which includes the county 911 calls and also calls received at our front desk for the month of March was 2,620, up from 2,398 in February. and it still follows-- statistically still follows, the warmer months tend to increase our calls for service. So that's nothing out of the ordinary. Just some additional highlights from the month of March. We had two Narcan saves. We did eight car seat checks and installations provided by our certified technicians. We have continued involvement in the DA's task force on race and justice. Our Youth Aid Panel is actually meeting tomorrow night for their third meeting for the diversion program for our youth. And, actually, today was the first juvenile that was in the first Youth Aid Panel successfully completed his diversionary program. And so that's a sign of success, I believe, here for the City in trying to divert youthful offenders away from the criminal justice system, but yet still achieving the goal of modifying behavior, so we're excited to announce that. the third meeting of the Youth Aid Panel is tomorrow night. And we thank Corporal Antonucci's, who's the coordinator and keeping that running. Also, just some additional personnel note here from last month, which we did cover some of it the prior meeting. But officer Kinsman was assigned to the detective unit and is now detached to the HIDTA for Chester County. Corporal Mollichella reverted back to the rank of officer and assumed the position in the crime room as a detective. Detective Guyer left the crime room and was promoted to corporal and has returned to patrol. And acting Corporal Mike Raech, who's been acting corporal for a year now, is now promoted officially to full corporal and is assigned to the patrol unit. Also, involvement in the officer hot seat session at the youth center continues. That's Corporal Paul Antonucci, and he's been doing that for quite a while now over the last three or four months and is very well received over at the youth center with the juveniles that are actually detained, getting a chance to interact with an officer and ask him questions. And Corporal Antonucci is encouraged by the amount of participation, and he said the other day, and the amount of honesty and self-reflection that some of these juveniles are actually displaying in being accountable for their behavior, so he's excited about that. We are the Pilot Program for the County. Mrs. Hunt said Chief, I just want to say the panel, the Youth Panel, that's wonderful. That's awesome. And congratulations on the first success coming out of it. Chief Laufer stated the Youth Panel Program is partnering with the District Attorney's Office. It's good for the City to be part of the Pilot Program. Mrs. Hunt asked how often they meet, Is there a standard day of the month. Chief stated it is always Tuesday. They try to work with the panel scheduling just to make sure they are available [crosstalk] usually always a Tuesday. Most of the panel are from the City. We did open it up at 19320 but most, I think all but one, are actually City residents. Mrs. Hunt asked if City Council could sit in on the meetings. Chief Laufer replied yes. Mrs. Hunt asked the Chief for a heads up, at least a weeks' notice before the next panel meeting.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments on non-agenda items only at this time.

Vice President Green made a motion to close citizen hearings on non-agenda items; Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Special Events

President Lavender Norris announced Special Events, we have the NAACP Juneteenth celebration at Gateway Park June 14 through the 19th. Mr. Logan announced in addition to the Juneteenth

celebration, the City of Coatesville partnered with an organization out of Chester County called - let me pull it up right quick, sorry - The Voice Underground. We submitted an application for consideration to receive dollars to support citywide Juneteenth events. And right now, we have a \$3,000 grant award coming to the City. It's pending based on the decision that the committee makes - it's a small committee - and we will make that decision by Wednesday. But again, it's just there's been a number of Juneteenth events happening throughout the City, but there hasn't been any coordination. And Ajene Livingston, who is not here this evening, he was very instrumental in getting the grant for the City of Coatesville. I just wanted to congratulate him on that. The City of Coatesville Unity Day celebration will be July 9th at Gateway Park; African American Cultural Carnival July 23-25 and Coatesville Grand Prix – September 17, 2022.

Council Comments

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming out. Enjoy your night.

Mrs. Hunt wished everyone a good evening. Mrs. Hunt wished a good evening to everyone. Thank you for coming. I'm just going to thank the Chief and for the work that he's doing with the department. Our new, promotion of our full time officers. It was a great display of officers from the state and the local municipalities. We just want to thank you for all that you do to enhance our City. Thank you so much, sir. I have a question. I have a little concern. The signs that we have on the street for no parking. We have the signs that say no parking at any time. So that's self-explanatory. You just don't park there. But then you have the street signs that says, "No parking Wednesday 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM." What's the purpose of those signs? Street sweeping? Okay, so when our street sweeper isn't functioning in the City, the residents are well aware that it's not functioning, why are tickets still being administered to cars? Chief asked the wintertime. Mrs. Hunt replied the wintertime pretty much. When the street sweeper isn't functioning, isn't working, and mainly that's during the winter months. Why are residents still being ticketed? Chief replied I don't know. The parking enforcement officer and everybody is pretty much aware of the downtime of the street sweeper. And so, I don't know why anybody would be enforcing that. And certainly, we would take care of it, the ticket. We should be done enforcing until the street sweeper starts up again. Mrs. Hunt stated that we do have it happening throughout the winter months. I've had many people call me or stop by, and I've even called you on a couple of them. That one, we know that wasn't even an issue. But I just think we need to be more cognizant of that and making sure that we're not ticketing residents when we're not providing services and causing people to be stressed out for no reason. So, if we could just maybe make a little notation of that. But overall, I just want to thank all the staff for all that you do to help the City run and keep things moving. Colleagues, as always, it's good to be in your presence, look forward to continuing to work. Thank you.

Ms. Al Amin thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a good night. President Lavender Norris thanked Ms. Al Amin and stated please forgive me for not calling you before I called Ms. Allen, but not seeing you. I didn't think to call your name.

Mr. Folks thanked everyone for coming out. Spring is here. Plant a flower.

Mr. Simpson thanked the three citizens coming out for taking our event this evening, as well as the ones online. And I just have to tell you that when our new restaurant opened last week, I was just so happy I had to sit on my hands and stop from waving to everybody. I just want to thank everybody and we'll see you next meeting.

Vice President Green echoed her colleagues to let everyone know just how grateful and thankful for you all who come faithfully to attend our meetings and find out what's going on. Grateful to our staff and the chief. I'm just very impressed with the juvenile panel, and I would also be very interested in coming and sitting there. I think that it's a wonderful idea. I think sometimes we give up on our youth too fast. And once they get caught up in the system, as far as they get from now. So, thank you so much. I'm just really grateful anyway for all the work that our Police Department does. I share on Facebook all the time because we always have, whether it's the car seat, whether it's giving the kids rewards for different things or tickets for different things that they've done, and then recently just brought back the Coffee with the Chief. I'm grateful for all that extra because that's what community policing is about. We hear so much negativity all the time throughout the different states and different locations. And I'm just grateful for our department and the things that you do. And I know that our department is only great because of the leader. And I just really want you to know how much we appreciate that. Mr. Logan, you already know we have 32 projects. Yeah. It's such a great time in the City of Coastal. And as the weather is breaking and spring is sprung and we're going to be beginning to see some things taking place. It's going to be great. Thank you everyone and have a great night.

President Lavender Norris thanked everyone for coming out. God bless you all. I echo my colleagues. I don't know if you all saw the county directory but our solicitor happens to be in front cover of their nice full-page ad. So, congratulations to you, Mr. Jefferson. You are doing a great job. I echo comments with regard to the Youth Aid Panel. It is an awesome panel. And you and your department keep the City at the forefront with regard to the programs that you provide. And I just want to say thank you because it truly is making a difference in our City. It is not going unnoticed. Even when no one says anything, just know that it is not unnoticed. So, thank you for that. To all of you that have come out and those of you online that are still with us. Thank you. We appreciate you. Don't stop. We need your support. And as we grow, we'll just grow together. So, thank you. God bless you. Everyone have a blessed and safe night.

Adjournment

Mr. Folks made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm; Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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