

PRESENT: Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; John P. McBlain, Council Member; David J. White, Council Member; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Edward O'Lone, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of April 13, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Melissa McNamara, from Upper Darby Township. Chelsey Price, County Director of Senior Victims Services, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Vice Chairman Morrone to start the Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to ratify a one (1) year Agreement with Adapt Pharma for the purchase of Naloxone. The initial purchase to replace the Naloxone in each police car in Delaware County is \$37,000.00 a portion of which will be reimbursed by the Pennsylvania District Attorney Association. The cost thereafter will be \$75.00 for a package of two (2) doses. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for a refund for the year 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 1 property owner due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 7, a Grant to the Delaware County Bar Association in the amount of \$35,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Denise Stewart, Director of the County's Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Mrs. Stewart asked for Council's approval of a Cooperative Agreement for the Office of Aging in the amount of \$43,866,225.00 to pay for our Aging Programs in the county. This agreement is for five (5) years at no cost to the county.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8, a Cooperative Agreement between the County of Delaware and the PA Department of Aging for the period July 1, 2016 through and including June 30, 2021 to encumber funding to provide Aging Services to the residents of Delaware County in the amount of \$43,866,225.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Lease Agreement between the County of Delaware and State & Olive, LLC of Philadelphia, PA for 950 square feet of space at 20 S. Olive Street, Media, PA for a term of five (5) years with a five (5) year option to renew. The rent will be \$25.57 per square foot for the first year. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10 to participate in the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between Fair Acres Geriatric Center and the Department of Health and Human Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of four (4) contract amendments and two (2) new contracts for the Office of Human Services.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11 for Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 12, the 40th Hero Bowl to be held on June 2.

Mr. Culp said every year it seems our communities are shaken by the tragic loss of one of our brave first responders, whether they serve as police officers, firefighters or emergency medical personnel. When that happens, we do our best to come together as a community to support their families and their fellow first responders.

Since 1977, the Hero Scholarship Committee has been raising funds to provide scholarship aid to the children of Delaware County police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since its founding, 34 young people have received scholarships through the Hero Scholarship Fund.

One of the main fundraisers is the Hero Bowl, an all-star football game that involves the top athletes from our local high schools. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Hero Bowl, which is set for 7:30 P.M., Thursday June 2, at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield. All proceeds from the game benefit the Hero Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$5.00.

County Council is presenting a Resolution this morning to recognize the efforts that make this a success from the hard work of the committee to the gridiron work of the athletes and their coaches. We are also grateful to the many sponsors who contribute their time to this event,

such as TD Bank, Outback Steakhouse, Premier Orthopedics, Wawa, PECO and Comcast to name a few.

Mr. Culp read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, Delaware County is privileged to have many police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who selflessly and bravely serve and protect our residents and are frequently called upon to carry out their duties despite threats to their personal safety; and

Whereas, heroic efforts sometimes result in the tragic loss of life of one of these dedicated public servants who make the ultimate sacrifice to protect our lives and those of our families; and

Whereas, the Hero Scholarship Fund of Delaware County, since 1977, has provided scholarship aid to the children of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical service personnel who gave their lives in the line of duty; and

Whereas, on June 2, more than 90 All-Star football players from Delaware County schools will participate in the 40th annual Delaware County Hero Bowl at Cardinal O'Hara High School, in Springfield, displaying the ultimate in team spirit with student athletes raising awareness and funds to benefit the Hero Scholarship Fund; and

Whereas, many distinguished citizens of Delaware County, led by CID Detective Robert T. Lythgoe, President of the Hero Scholarship Fund and Chairman of the Hero Bowl, contribute their time, talent and resources to assure the growth of the fund and the success of the Hero Bowl.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare June 2, 2016 to be the 40th Annual Delaware County Hero Bowl to be played at Cardinal O'Hara High School, in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Attending today's meeting on behalf of the Hero Bowl is Robert Lythgoe, President of the Hero Scholarship Fund and Chairman of the Hero Bowl, who accepted the Resolution.

On behalf of all the police officers, firefighters and Emergency Service Workers here in Delaware County, Detective Lythgoe thanked County Council for their forty years of support to the Hero Scholarship and the Hero Bowl.

Detective Lythgoe introduced Melissa McNamara who is the 34th recipient of the Hero Scholarship and the daughter of the late Dennis McNamara, a ten year veteran of the Upper Darby Police Department who was gunned down on January 30, 2002.

Melissa said the Hero Scholarship Committee was great in communicating with her by doing anything and everything she might need. Without having the burden of debt and other financial stress placed upon her, she could keep her focus on what needed to be done at school by taking care of her classes and her studies. She has never taken the scholarship for granted.

She further said she has received recognition for being on the Dean's List, has received honorable mentions on some of her projects, which means the world to her since she works very hard on her projects and all her assignments.

The scholarship has allowed her to try a few different areas of studies in order to find one that she truly enjoys and that she connected with. She found an area of study that suited her at the Delaware County Community College.

Furthering your education is never easy. Thankfully, the scholarship committee worked with her and was flexible when she needed it the most. She was able to take a break to get some important matters sorted out allowing her to pick-up where she left off when she was able to give it 100 percent.

The Hero Scholarship has been a tremendous help to her. All in all, she is excited to finish and to obtain her degree in accounting. Melissa said she has always strived to make sure she is making good choices so that her dad would be proud of her accomplishments.

Lastly, she thanked the Hero Scholarship and a very big thank you to Bob Lythgoe and Lindsey for their assistance and support and inviting her here today to share her story.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 13, a Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

Mr. White said affordable and safe housing is one of the cornerstones of a strong community. Since 1985, County Council, through the Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD), has worked to remove barriers to equal housing opportunities for all of our residents. The Office of Housing and Community Development funds Fair Housing activities through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Each April, Council and OHCD recognizes Fair Housing Month to raise awareness about housing rights. The Community Development Block Grants come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This year, HUD launched a nationwide campaign called "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" that reinforces a person's right to secure safe and stable housing.

In Delaware County, we work with various groups including realtors to ensure non-discriminatory housing practices. In Delaware County, we are proud of our diversity and when

all families have access to housing, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, family size or religious beliefs, it contributes to a vibrant, inclusive neighborhoods.

Mr. White said County Council is pleased to present a Resolution for Fair Housing Month to some of our staff from the Office of Housing and Community Development along with some of our partners.

Mr. White read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania has conducted fair housing education programs in Delaware County since 1956, and the Center's impact over the past 20 years includes 47,393 units of housing being opened to members of protected classes; and

Whereas, the Suburban West Realtors Association and the Home Builders Association of Chester and Delaware Counties lend their support to the efforts to promote fair housing initiatives through educational programs about fair housing laws.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare April 2016 to be Fair Housing Month.

On behalf of Fair Housing Month the following individuals attended the meeting to accept the Resolution: Carolyn Capistrano, Outreach and Communications Coordinator for the Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania; Leann Murphy, Chairman of Suburban West Realtors Association; Linda Hill, Director of Office of Housing and Community Development; Jennifer Wesson, OHCD Assistant Director; and Shaun Bollig, OHCD Housing Coordinator.

Ms. Capistrano thanked County Council for recognizing April as Fair Housing Month. She said a lot of people do not realize the Federal Fair Housing Act was passed in April 1968, approximately a week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. President Johnson wanted to pass the Act after contentious debate in the House and Senate as a testimony to his life's work and sacrifice. So, it is a real honor to educate the community about Fair Housing.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 14, recognizing Victims' Rights Week.

In Delaware County, Mr. McBlain said the District Attorney's Office, with the support from County Council, has always made it a priority to raise awareness about the plight of victims of crime and witnesses on behalf of such victims. Our officials and many of our residents through various private organizations have been in the forefront of providing programs and services to aid victims of crime.

To further raise awareness, each April we declare Crime Victims' Rights Week. This year the week is observed April 10-16 and the 2016 theme is "Serving Victims, Building Trust and Restoring Hope."

Throughout the year, service to victims is provided through the Victim-Witness Assistance Unit of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, Children & Youth Services, the Office of Court Services and the Victim Services Unit of Juvenile Court and through organizations such as the Domestic Abuse Project, the Family Support Line, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Parents of Murdered Children, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole and Women Against Rape. This year these organizations and Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan will once again sponsor programs to draw attention to the plight of victims and of the services and assistance available to them.

The Victims Services Committee will hold an awards ceremony today at noon in the County Council Public Meeting Room. The Honorable U.S. Senator Pat Toomey will be recognized for his efforts to ensure the disbursement of federal funds to victims of crime. He is being recognized for his fight to protect children from abuse, to provide additional funds to ensure child abuse victims receive all the assistance they need to begin healing and to support law enforcement efforts to take predators off the streets. Senator Toomey has successfully fought to have hundreds of millions of additional dollars directed to victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and other crimes with no additional cost to taxpayers. He has done so by working to reform the Crime Victims Fund, funded by criminal fines and penalties collected by the federal government. As a result of Senator Toomey's efforts, Congress has increased disbursements from the Crime Victims Fund from \$745 million in 2014 to over \$2.3 billion for 2015 and 2016.

Detective Raymond Blohm, of the Upper Darby Police Department, will also be recognized for his diligence and unwavering commitment that led to the incarceration for three dangerous criminals (Brehon Rawlings, Kevin Jones and Kewon Matthews) who brutally victimized a 22-year old mother on Christmas Day 2012 after finding her sitting alone in her parked car waiting for her boyfriend.

Although a long list of detectives and officers contributed to the success of this prosecution, the lead detective, Raymond Blohm, worked countless hours and followed up on numerous evidentiary leads to ensure that the perpetrators of these horrific crimes would be held accountable. Through an extended series of pre-trial hearings and into the trial and sentencing phases, Detective Blohm was steadfast in his commitment to the case and especially to the safety and security of the victim and her family. He helped to build a case that was so strong that two of the three defendant's eventually decided to enter guilty pleas and to accept lengthy terms in State Prison. The third defendant, who acted as the ringleader, chose to go to trial where he was convicted and sentenced to a minimum of 25 years' incarceration.

Mr. McBlain said there will also be a vigil for all crime victims, which is being organized by Parents of Murdered Children (POMC), at 7 P.M. this evening in Courtroom One, the Honorable John V. Diggins Ceremonial Courtroom.

Mr. McBlain called on District Attorney Whelan to come forward to say a few words.

D.A. Whelan said we are lucky in Delaware County to have these entities working with us on a daily basis. The following is an all-star cast of individuals that each and every day are dedicated to the victims of crime: (Court Services) Shannon Skarren, Director and Danielle Wechsler, Restitution Liaison; (Domestic Abuse Project) Kathy Stone, Executive Director; Kristen Ferraro, Legal Services Manager and Mary Capuzzi; (Juvenile Court & Probation Services) Danielle DiMatteo, Director; Meghan Sgro; Derick Spence; Bill Soper; John Verdecchio and Sabrina Fox; (Parents of Murdered Children) Jane McPhee, Chapter Leader; (Senior Victims Services) Chelsey Price, Director; Jennifer Hennelly, Victim Advocate; and Victoria Torres, Victim Advocate; (Women Against Rape) B. Joyce Dale, Executive Director and Candice Linehan; (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Linda Sposato, Victim Services Specialist; (District Attorney's Office) Emily H. Harris, Public Affairs Officer; Elizabeth Tortorelli, Office Administrator; Elizabeth Cummins, Financial Administrator; Diane White, Administrative Assistant and Kathy Hagan; and (CID) Joe Ryan.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Solicitor Maddren.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren said he had two items today. Today is the date that County Council advertised to receive "public comment" as they relate to the proposed 2016 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan. The Plan was advertised for public comment on March 31, 2016. This is the opportunity for the public to come forward and give County Council their input on the Plan. It is worth noting that Council received almost double the amount of requests as they have funds available, in an excess of \$10 million requests for \$5.1 million in funds.

He said it would be appropriate at this time for Chairman Civera to call for public comment limited to comments on the proposed Action Plan.

Chairman Civera said County Council would conduct a "public comment" period relating to CDBG money that was advertised in the news media and the municipalities. If you wish to make a comment, you are asked to step up to the microphone, state your name and address.

Keith Collins (Pastor), of the Church of the Overcomer, 1010 Sunset Street, Trainer, PA said they applied for a proposal with OHCD which included letters of support from Senator Pat Toomey, State Representative Nick Miccarelli and Congressman Pat Meehan. They have been

working for 15 years in the areas of housing and re-entry as well as employment services without any support or funding, so this will be their first opportunity to receive funding for what they have done in the community. He would appreciate the support and consideration of this Council towards funding the proposal so they can continue the work they have done and continue to alleviate expenditures in other areas such as criminal justice, prison and other social services.

Annamarie Glisson, Marcus Hook Preservation Society Board Member, Marcus Hook, PA, said as owners and caretakers of the historic Plank House, which is a registered historic landmark recognized by the Borough of Marcus Hook, Delaware County Council and the PA Senate, they are appealing to County Council for reconsideration of a grant necessary to repair a crack in the foundation of the Plank House chimney. Currently, the chimney goes through the entire structure with the crack at the basement level. Therefore, that is causing a lean on the chimney which puts pressure on the roof joist of the building. If this crack continues, it will bring down the house. They do not want to lose this 300+ year old historic structure.

The Plank House provides educational programs and volunteer opportunities for not just Marcus Hook Borough but also the entire Delaware County community. They ask for Council's reconsideration of this request in the amount of \$80,651.00.

With no further public comment(s), Chairman Civera closed the public comment period on the proposed Housing and Community Development Action Plan for 2016.

Mr. Maddren's second request was for Council's authorization to file four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Detective Lythgoe and all the sponsors of the Hero Bowl that is coming up on June 2 and he encourages everyone to come out and support this fund raiser. He also thanked District Attorney Whelan and his staff who do an excellent job for the residents of Delaware County. Lastly, he congratulated Senator Toomey and Detective Blohm on their awards.

Mr. White said as he looked out the room today, he sees three groups who are all advocates of victims in one way or another, whether it be crimes through the District Attorney's Office and partners, Fair Housing that we presented a Resolution to this morning or for the children of fallen officers. It says a lot about Delaware County that these groups all come together to help their fellow residents. It is what we have proven time and time again in Delaware County, the compassion we have and the caring we have for our neighbors. He extended his thanks to each and every one of them for doing such a great job.

Mr. McBlain echoed everyone's comments thanking the three groups that came here today to help honor the efforts and work they do. He recognized and welcomed former Chester City Mayor Linder. He said Mayor Linder worked very well with County Council when he was mayor of the City of Chester.

Mrs. Morrone extended her congratulations to the groups that were here today and for all the work they do every day.

Chairman Civera said Council takes pride in recognizing the work of these groups and the work they do on a daily basis in the county. There is a lot of work and effort that goes into each of these organizations and it is heartfelt.

DISCUSSION: John Linder, former Chester City Mayor and now a professor at Delaware County Community College, came to this morning's Council meeting to make a request of County Council. He is currently teaching a course at the college called "Experiences in Diversity" and one of the projects the students have is to go out and talk to leaders in the county and the community to find out how they are preparing and working with the ever changing landscape, the workforce in 2020 and beyond and the breakdown of male/female/minorities. So, he has challenged the students to reach out to the leaders in the community and asked that someone here in the county would talk with them about their project. This is part of the student's final grade so he asked that County Council help with his request.

Chairman Civera responded by saying this Council will always accept the challenges that face us as far as workforce and the diversity of the county. Delaware County is a unique county and County Council accepts these challenges.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk