

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 May 11, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ryan Fazio, of Newtown Square. Laura Fidorowicz, of the Office of Drug & Alcohol Prevention, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract with S. J. Thomas to provide work station installation for Children & Youth Services, located at the Baldwin Tower, Eddystone, for a fee not to exceed \$64,527.78 pursuant to the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), Contract No. KPN-ERS-201401-JOCC-25. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract with S. J. Thomas to provide for restroom renovations at a cost per restroom not to exceed \$38,760.65 pursuant to the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN), Contract No. KPN-ERS-201401-JOCC-25. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Items 7 through 9.

Mrs. Hill asked for Council's approval of the County's FY16 Funding Plan for Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Transfer Program in the total amount of \$5.1 million to meet the Community and Housing Program goals.

Upon Council's approval of this Plan, Mrs. Hill said this Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We expect these funds to be available on July 1, 2016.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 7 to adopt the County's FY16 Housing & Community Development Action Plan, Resolution No. CP 16-01, as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Mrs. Hill said she was very pleased to announce to County Council and also to the community that Delaware County has been awarded \$41,600.00 to develop a Signage manual for all the County's Parks. The Planning Department and the Parks staff will work with the consultant to develop a comprehensive manual. They will guide the efforts to design, create, improve and maintain all the signage in our County's parks. The need to develop a consistent and clear signage was identified as one of the immediate goals in our recently adopted Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8 to accept a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the amount of \$41,600.00 to develop a Delaware County Parks Signage manual. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hill requested the approval to accept a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the amount of \$52,021.00 to create a Master Site Plan that identifies how to best use the Little Flower Manor Property in a manner that best meets the needs of the surrounding community of Upper Darby and Darby Borough.

The Plan will include site development drawings showing proposed future uses with bike and pedestrian connections to the Darby Creek Greenway, a built-in reuse recommendation for the Woodburne Mansion and a public engagement component.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 9 to accept a Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the amount of \$52,021.00 for the Little Flower Manor Property Park Master Plan. 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 10.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of two (2) amendments for the Office of Behavioral Health and three (3) Subsidized Day Care Providers.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving 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 spoke on Agenda Item 11 honoring May as Blue Star Mothers Month.

Chairman Civera said we are all well aware that the nature of war and conflict has changed dramatically since September 11, 2001. Every day we hear and read about terrorists threatening people's lives. The members of our Armed Services now fight battles in ways we could never have imagined. Some of them are in highly classified Special Forces who face

danger every day. Just last week, a Navy SEAL, from Arizona, was killed in combat with ISIS militants in North Iraq.

It's important that we continue to remember these brave men and women in the military and that we continue to support them and their families. One group that has been on the front lines of supporting families since 1942 is the Blue Star Mothers.

The roots of the organization can be traced back to World War I when families, businesses and schools displayed flags featuring a Blue Star for every child, employee or student serving in the military. The Gold Star signifies that the service member was killed or died in service to the nation.

May is Blue Star Mothers Month and in recognition we fly the Blue Star Flag here at the Courthouse and Government Center. This month was chosen because Mother's Day is the second Sunday of May, Memorial Day is the last Monday of the month and Armed Forces Day is on the third Saturday.

Two weeks ago, the TV show "60 Minutes" did a story on Gold Star families. There was also a segment on Blue Star Mothers and how they attend the funerals of service members killed in action to comfort and support those families. The Blue Star Mothers also send care packages to troop members and they often volunteer at veterans' hospitals.

Chairman Civera welcomed Marian Moran, of Middletown Township, who serves as the president of the Philadelphia Chapter of Blue Star Mothers, to come forward to receive the Resolution.

While serving in the House of Representatives, Chairman Civera said Mrs. Moran would come to Harrisburg on a regular basis to show her support of the Blue Star Mothers. We could always depend on her support to get the message out on what the Blue Star Mothers do. He thanked her for everything she does for Delaware County.

Chairman Civera read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. was founded in 1942 as a patriotic service organization to unite mothers who had sons or daughters in the United States Armed Forces and now represents mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, foster mothers and guardians of sons and daughters serving in the military; and

Whereas, the work of Blue Star Mothers of America includes providing support for active duty service personnel and their families, promoting patriotism, supporting veterans of all

conflicts, and providing comfort and support to Gold Star families while honoring their fallen heroes; and

Whereas, the Blue Star Mothers, Philadelphia Chapter, under the leadership of Delaware County resident Marian Moran, joins with 200 chapters across the nation to foster patriotism and respect for members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas, the Blue Star Service Flag will fly throughout May from flagpoles in front of the Delaware County Courthouse and in the courtyard of the Delaware County Government Center, where it is displayed throughout the year in the lobby.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that We the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare May to be Blue Star Mothers Month.

Mrs. Moran asked everyone to continue to pray for our servicemen and women who are serving in the military, especially those serving overseas in areas such as Africa, Iran and Iraq. Her son, Kevin, serves in the U. S. Navy and has done so for the past twelve years starting as a midshipman and now Lt. Commander.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 12, the announcement and recognition of student winners in the annual Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Awareness Poster Contest and Calendar.

Mr. White said young people today are faced with many challenges. However, very few have the potential to affect their lives in a more significant way than the decisions they make about alcohol, tobacco and drugs. Choices about alcohol and drugs influence a student's health, grades, relationships and future hopes for college and a career. Experts agree that education and prevention programs at an early age help young people make better choices.

This morning, we will hear about one prevention program that involves hundreds of students who create awareness posters that warn of the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug use. Every year, we are impressed by the wonderful messages that these students create to help educate their fellow students, friends and family.

This morning awards will be presented to 15 students in kindergarten through eighth grade for their winning entries in the 28th annual Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Over 700 posters were received from students in 25 schools this year.

The contest is funded by County Council through the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol, and coordinated by Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems. The winning posters will be featured in the 2016-2017 Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Calendar.

Mr. White congratulated all the students on their efforts. Joining us today to present the awards to the winning students are Joseph Dougherty, Director of Human Services; Linda Moore-Singleton, Assistant Drug and Alcohol Administrator; Laura Fidorowicz, Drug and Alcohol Program Specialist; and Elizabeth Naughton-Beck, Chair of the Delaware County Drug and Alcohol Planning Council.

Mrs. Naughton-Beck welcomed all the students here today. The following students were the Poster Contest winners for 2016 in grades kindergarten through 8th grade: Best Overall - Lillian Liu (8th Grade); Best Art - Ryan Fazio (7th Grade); Best Message - Avneet Kang (7th Grade); Kaylee Troutman, Caroline Gonzalez, Charlotte Falcone, Ava Laing, Georgia Bowes, Lylah Aliyah Hoque, Andrew Economon, Molly Friel, Ryley Halloran, Julia Ryan, Sarah Bannan, and Rohan Patel.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's Agenda Items.

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.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file five (5) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file five (5) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Marian Moran and all the Blue Star Mothers for all they do for our men and women in the Armed Services. He congratulated all the winners of the poster contest and their parents for supporting them.

Mr. White thanked the Blue Star Mothers for all the great work they do and have done for so many years. Hopefully, someday this will not be needed as it is today. Thanks to all the young people for spreading such a great message. Tell that to all you friends and family. Everyone needs to know the importance of staying away from alcohol, tobacco and drugs. Thanks to the parents for working with their children on this project.

Mr. McBlain echoed the congratulations for the Blue Star Mothers and for the award winners. He also wanted to comment on one of today's agenda items (Item 9) that deals with the grant

for the planning of Little Flower Manor Property Park. He thanked Linda Hill and her staff at the Planning Department for diligently working on this. This is an expansion of the County Park System that (hopefully) will occur over the next couple of months. It has been a long hard slog to try and acquire this property, but when we add this almost forty acres to the County Park inventory combined with Mineral Hill that was acquired a few years ago, it will be the largest purchase of open space since Rose Tree Park was acquired in the mid 1960's. We are very proud of this and we will certainly have more things to say about it in the weeks and months to come. We are tantalizingly close to getting this done.

Mrs. Morrone thanked Marian Moran for all she does to lead Delaware County and in recognizing those that are serving for us overseas and here in the states. Those efforts are truly appreciated more than any of us can say. So, we appreciate the ability to be able to recognize her and the organization for what they do and to fly that flag during the month of May. Congratulations to the students today. It is a great opportunity for us to bring awareness to drugs and alcohol. We appreciate seeing all the youth throughout the County putting a focus on that. As other members said, "take that message back and share it." We need to hear more about not using and abusing drugs and alcohol.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for attending today's County Council Meeting. He extended thanks to the Blue Star Mothers for all they do throughout the year. To these students and their messages about drugs and alcohol, we fight this cause every day of our lives. As adults, we look at it sometimes with happiness that we are achieving it and sometimes with disappointment. This Council is dedicated and loyal to that cause. Our District Attorney, Jack Whelan, does an outstanding job on the Heroin Task Force. The message the students delivered this morning along with their posters is the strongest message we can get out there.

DISCUSSION: No public comment(s).

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan

