

PRESENT: Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; 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 August 31, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Cheryl Baylor, of Clifton Heights Borough. Linda Moore-Singleton, of the Office of Behavioral Health, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2016, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Ms. Hill, Director of the Office of Planning, to speak on Agenda Item 6.

Ms. Hill asked for Council's approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$80,000.00 from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. This will allow the Planning Department staff to create long-range vision plans for downtowns and main streets throughout the county.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 6 to accept the Central Places Visioning Program Grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) in the amount of \$80,000.00 with a County match of \$20,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Maintenance Agreement between the County of Delaware and Intergraph Corporation covering the County Computer-Aided Dispatch System for a one (1) year term commencing September 1, 2016 at a price of \$305,340.31. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract with Clarifi to provide Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Services under the Delaware County Foreclosure Program for 2015 and 2016 at the annual amount of \$50,000.00 through Restricted Gaming Revenue. 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 with TGI Office Automation, Inc. for the lease of Lanier Copier 5110 and Maintenance Services for the IT Department at a cost of

\$1,550.00 per month for a 60-month lease term on COSTARS Contract No. 001-014. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Frank Carey, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Mr. Carey asked for Council's approval for an on-the-job training contract. There is no expense to the General Fund for these activities.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 10, Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Memorial Day Expenses for the following Veterans Post:

Media VFW, Post 3460	\$100.00
Media, PA 19063	

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a memorial to be erected on the grave of David Lee Anderson, Sr., a deceased service person, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Today, Chairman Civera said Council will present a Resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary to the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

In Delaware County, we have some excellent agencies that help people who face challenges in their day-to-day lives, challenges that some of us can't even imagine how we would cope.

The Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, located in Chester, is a remarkable organization that is dedicated to helping people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. Their mission is to help individuals in the Delaware Valley to prevent, prepare for and adapt to vision loss in order to achieve independence.

Many of us take our vision for granted, but the Center for the Blind understands that people lose their sight due to many circumstances, from genetic conditions to diseases, from accidents to age-related vision loss.

The Center was started by the Chester Lions Club. It was a workshop where a few clients caned chairs. Today, the Center serves 2,000 clients with a variety of services with the main goal being independence.

Each year in October we recognize the Blind Center during White Cane Month. Today, we are recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Center. We value the work they do to offer employment training, in-home rehabilitation, casework management, transportation, computer training, chore assistance and even programs for children.

Chairman Civera read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) has offered comprehensive services for people who are blind or visually impaired since its creation in 1941; and

Whereas, CBVI was initially started by the Lions Club of Chester as a two-employee workshop for the blind in a small garage at Third and Concord Streets, in Chester, where clients were employed caning chairs; and

Whereas, the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has grown and expanded over seven decades to serve 2,000 clients and provide rehabilitation, training and social services to blind and visually impaired individuals, following its mission to help individuals to prevent, prepare for and adapt to vision loss to achieve independence; and

Whereas, the staff, clients and board of directors will celebrate CBVI's 75th anniversary at a celebration on October 1 at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby congratulate and commend the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Chairman Civera called on Kendal Parliament, Communications Director for the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, to come forward to say a few words and introduce those who accompanied her to the meeting today.

Ms. Parliament introduced the following individuals: Rod Powell, Jen Wilgus, Lavonne McCommons, Darlene Muhammad, Bill Copeland, Anthony Garcias, Elaine Benehaley, Robert Eddleman, Patty Guarini, Brittani Davis, Robert Russell, Chris Johnson, Stella Reed, Virginia Boyd, Antenna Bonneville and Cheryl Baylor.

Ms. Parliament said the clients and staff of the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired would like to take this opportunity to thank Delaware County Council and to recognize the agency on their outstanding efforts for the past 75 years.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14, the Resolution recognizing August 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day.

Mr. White said the tragedy of overdose is far too frequent in today's world, but what we need to stress is that overdose is *preventable*.

In Delaware County, we are very proactive in the fight against heroin and prescription drug abuse. Through our Office of Behavioral Health and the Heroin Task Force, we are constantly trying to educate the public and raise awareness about this epidemic. As part of our education and outreach, today we join the world in recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day, held each year on August 31.

In 2011, two people who work in the drug prevention field in Australia launched this global event after seeing the devastating impact that overdose deaths have on their communities. They had several missions – to commemorate those who lost their lives to drugs, to support the families and friends who lost loved ones and to remove the stigma associated with overdose death and to prevent overdose.

There are many things we can do, from treatment research and recovery programs, to public education, to recognize the signs of overdose and know what to do to save lives.

As part of our efforts here in Delaware County, we want to let people know about our Certified Recovery Specialist Program. In April, our Office of Behavioral Health launched the program that connects overdose survivors with treatment.

Reviving an overdose victim with Narcan is critical, but it's only one step. The next step is to connect that person with treatment and to break the cycle of addiction. That's the only way to save lives.

The Certified Recovery Specialists work with Emergency Rooms, Crisis Centers and families to reach people who recently survived an overdose. They offer treatment referrals and other support services and the program is free. Since this program started, the Specialists have engaged and outreached to over 350 people, including overdose survivors.

Mr. White said we want all our stakeholders, from the Crisis Centers to the police, to know about this program. We want families to know this help is available. We want doctors and hospitals to make referrals and we want people who know about an overdose to call these trained Recovery Specialists to help their friend or loved one.

People often feel helpless and hopeless in the face of addiction. These Certified Recovery Specialists, or CRS's, are one lifeline that people can use to connect people with treatment.

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

Whereas, the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, in conjunction with the Delaware County Heroin Task Force, is committed to helping people recognize addiction, symptoms and overdose warnings, and to empower families to prevent overdose-related deaths by calling for help; and

Whereas, Delaware County has hired and trained Certified Recovery Specialists to connect with overdose survivors to assist them in getting treatment and support services, and to help them break the cycle of addiction.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare August 31 to be International Overdose Awareness Day.

Mr. White called on Linda Moore-Singleton, Assistant Drug and Alcohol Administrator, Office of Behavioral Health, to come forward along with Certified Recovery Specialists Joel Harris-Shafer and Bernadette Banta to receive this Resolution.

Ms. Moore-Singleton thanked County Council, Executive Director Marianne Grace and the District Attorney's Office for their support and for championing their cause. They have supported them and have allowed them to do the things they need to do to not allow one more person to become addicted and to die of an overdose. She said they are challenged every day to try to make sure that they get the word out, that they are out there in the community and that they are trying to let people know that lives have to be saved.

This is an epidemic and it is an epidemic in great magnitude proportions that they want to stop! They want to save lives, one person at a time.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 15, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file seventeen (17) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights, three (3) Petitions for the Voluntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone to file seventeen (17) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights, three (3) Petitions for the Voluntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked the Center for the Blind for all they do for the residents of Delaware County. They do an excellent job. He also thanked the Recovery Specialists, Joel Harris-Shafer and Bernadette Banta, for their work. If you help one person, it is truly a miracle. Lastly, he wished everyone a happy and safe Labor Day Holiday weekend.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's remarks. The work each of these entities does is tremendously appreciated and does not go unrecognized by our County residents. In some cases, it is unfortunate that we need to do this, but in Delaware County we have led this state in our awareness by being proactive and our programs along with D.A. Whelan and our Heroin Task Force, as well as all our partners.

For the Center of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Mr. White said he had the opportunity to visit the facilities about a year ago. They do a great job for all our residents and we appreciate their work. Please keep up the great effort for Delaware County.

Mrs. Morrone said she would continue to add her appreciation as well for the 75 years that the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has served the residents of Delaware County. So, the next seventy-five years you will just get bigger and better and will be able to provide more supports to those in our community that need you here. Thank you for what you do.

To our staff of the Office of Behavioral Health, each and every day you are working on saving lives. Thank you for the outreach you have done with the 350 people in this short amount of time. Just one of those lives that is saved is important to our community.

Chairman Civera said it was a pleasure for all those that came to our Council Meeting this morning. He said we are coming into the Labor Day weekend and Council wishes everyone a good weekend. He is sorry that the summer is coming to an end. Council has an aggressive fall agenda.

There will be no County Council Meeting next week (September 6) as we finish our summer break. The regular weekly Council Meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 14.

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. White and carried unanimously.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan