

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 February 15, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Sindy Palma, an 11th Grade student at Radnor High School. Bill Lovejoy, Director of Veterans Affairs, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase two (2) Dodge Grand Caravans for the motor vehicle pool from Videon Chrysler of Newtown Square, from COSTARS Contract No. 026-065, for a price not to exceed \$44,926.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase one (1) Chevrolet 3500HD Dump Truck with Plow and one (1) Chevrolet 3500HD Pick-Up Truck with Plow from Whitmoyer Auto Group, from COSTARS Contract No. 025-163, for a price not to exceed \$76,350.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Solicitor Maddren to present the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-1, Park Rules & Regulations, Agenda Item 7.

Solicitor Maddren said today is the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2017-1. This Ordinance codifies our Park Rules and Regulations and sets penalties for violations thereof. This Ordinance was duly advertised for consideration on February 9, 2017 in the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Second Reading will take place at next week's Council Meeting, Wednesday, February 22, at 10 A.M. in this room. A public hearing will be held on that date and consideration to adopt the Ordinance at that time will take place. Copies of Proposed Ordinance 2017-1 are available at the back of the meeting room and in the County Clerk's Office.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Grant to the Center for Resolutions for conflict resolution and mediation programs in the amount of \$35,000.00, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the support of our HP Blade Servers from 3/1/17 through 2/28/18 with Hewlett Packard, from COSTARS Contract No. 003-084, for a cost of \$28,412.52. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a 5-year contract with Thomson Reuters for legal journals/books for the Courts for a price of \$77,748.00 for the first year with a 3% increase annually. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a 5-year contract with Thomson Reuters for online legal research for the Courts for a price of \$162,645.00 for the first year with a 2% increase annually. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Ms. Hill requested Council's approval to allocate Community Development Block Grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to be used for the stabilization of the historic 1906 Trumbauer Mansion that sits in the county's newest park on the Little Flower Manor site, located in Upper Darby and Darby Borough.

The funds will be used to prevent any further deterioration of the 11,000 square foot building, which is known as Woodburne. We will secure the complex roof system, the windows and properly ventilate the building to rid it of the debris and moisture that is currently causing significant interior damage. The stabilization and ventilation activities will arrest any further damage to the structure while the reuse of the building is examined.

Also, this action reallocates unused CDBG funding that was previously set aside for demolition projects that are not moving ahead or have been demolished using alternate funding.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 12 for the following Housing and Community Development Action Plan amendments: recapture \$129,325.42 previously awarded for demolition activities; and allocate \$100,000.00 in recaptured funds for the stabilization of the historic Woodburne Mansion in Little Flower Manor Park. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on the Resolution declaring February as National Career and Technical Education Month.

In Delaware County, Mr. White said we are privileged to have excellent technical education programs which train and guide students. Training our students gives them the knowledge and experience they need to obtain and keep quality jobs after they graduate from high school. Some of the fields in which they are being trained in include carpentry, electrical technology, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), culinary arts, cosmetology, dental technology, automotive technology, health occupations and commercial arts.

The Delaware County Intermediate Unit provides a quality education in the emerging technical fields which benefit students as well as the county's entire workforce and economy.

Each February, we recognize Career and Technical Education Month to shine a spotlight on our technical education schools, teachers and students. Delaware County Technical High Schools have two main locations, Aston and Folcroft. They also hold programs at the Delaware County Emergency Training Center, the Marple Education Center and four partnering hospitals.

Delaware County Council is pleased to welcome the staff, instructors and students from these programs to accept the Resolution. We not only have the Intermediate Unit administrators, but we have the instructors and students who were recognized by their peers as Classroom Innovators. The students from the Culinary Arts Program, located at the Aston campus, brought some samples of their work this morning for us to enjoy.

Mr. White said he graduated from Aston Vo-Tech in 1979 while a student at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Plumbing/heating/pipe-fitting was his course of study. Upon graduation, he was voted "Vo-Tech Student of the Year." He has since started his own business and currently employs about thirty to forty people.

Mr. White said the Vo-Tech Program is a great program and a program that is needed. He is living proof that college is not for everyone, but a great career for many. Without Vo-Tech, he can assure you that he would not be sitting here as a Councilman or have a business as he does today without the education he received.

Mr. White called on Dr. Maria Edelberg, Delaware County Intermediate Unit Executive Director, to come forward to say a few words about Technical Education Month.

On behalf of the DCIU Board and its administrators, Dr. Edelberg thanked County Council for recognizing their technical schools. One of the values is that it offers lots of alternatives. It is important to note that many students who go to the technical schools, go on to four-year colleges and graduate. It is just one pathway.

Dr. Edelberg said it is truly an honor to be here and to thank Council for recognizing our programs and, most importantly, for recognizing our students because it is our students that shine. It is our students that really show what our youth is about and what our future is. She said we are in really good hands.

Dr. Lachimia, Administrative Director, introduced Jordon Small (Cosmetology), Sindy Palma (Health Sciences), Dakota Alexander (Apple Systems & Design), and Jalen Grayson (Advertising Design & Commercial Arts). He also introduced Diane Hopely and Monica Millio (Health Sciences Instructors), Barbara McGinnis (Cosmetology Instructor) and Joe Fick (Building Trades Instructor).

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 14, the Resolution declaring February 19-25 as National Engineer's Week.

Mr. McBlain said when we go about our daily lives, we might not give much thought to the countless engineers who created, designed and built the roads, buildings and systems that we take for granted which keep us sheltered and safe. The truth is engineers of all kinds - civil, mechanical, chemical, electrical – apply their education, innovation and skill to improve our lives.

Each year, the National Society of Professional Engineers observes National Engineer's Week in celebration of the profession that has been instrumental in making the United States the world's most advanced technological society. Across the nation and in Delaware County, engineers work to make sure America is ready for a technological tomorrow. Engineers work to improve the productivity of our businesses, the quality of our products and the safety of our workplaces. Engineers also focus their efforts on developing the most productive ways to use our resources and to reduce waste so that we minimize the impact of all of our industries on the environment.

The engineers in Delaware County are very active in the community with our educational institutions to help train the nation's future scientists, technicians and engineers. They help with several youth math and science programs such as MATHCOUNTS, Future City, the Delaware County Science Fair and several scholarship activities.

In Delaware County, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, Delaware County Chapter, will celebrate Engineer's Week with an awards banquet on February 22, at the Concordville Inn. They will honor the 2017 Engineer of the Year - Timothy Bayse; 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr. Fred Aki; and the 2017 Young Engineer - Jesse Wullenwaber.

Mr. McBlain said Timothy Bayse, of Drexel Hill, has had an exciting career in engineering, from teacher at his alma mater Virginia Tech where he worked with local children on bridge projects, to completing record work production for the Navy. Tim is currently a supervisory general engineer for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, in Philadelphia. Along with directing engineering, building and inspection for naval facilities, he has had numerous engineering accomplishments garnering respect across all fields.

Dr. Fred Aki, of Marple Township, has dedicated 30-years to higher education and has been the dean of the Widener University School of Engineering since 1998. At Widener, Dr. Aki has made his mark by helping to strengthen the undergraduate enrollment, not only in numbers but also in quality. Under his leadership, the School of Engineering nearly tripled enrollment and recently launched new undergraduate and graduate programs in Bio-Medical Engineering. He worked as a faculty fellow and a consultant for NASA for ten summers sharing his expertise as a structural engineer, specializing in vibration control and advanced computations. He aided in

the testing and preparation for the docking of the space-shuttles with Mir, the Russian Space Station.

Mr. McBlain said Jesse Wullenwaber has a particular expertise in specialty construction techniques for dams and has been an engineer with the Schnabel Engineering Dams and Levees Group since 2008. For the past fifteen months, he has supported the contractor with routing and other construction and major modifications for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer East Branch Dam in Elk County, PA. Jesse received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute in 2004 and his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Drexel University in 2015.

Mr. McBlain said these engineers deserve our recognition and gratitude and we are proud that Delaware County has excellent leaders in many fields including engineering.

Mr. McBlain recognized the members of the Society of Engineers who attended this morning's meeting: Michael Ciocco, David Lemmerman, Michael Schneider and Susan Best.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 15, commending Homes for Heroes Fundraiser.

Mr. White said in Delaware County we believe our veterans are true, national heroes. We value their service and we are committed to helping them make a successful transition to civilian life when they come home.

We understand that many returning veterans face tremendous challenges, including physical and mental disabilities that are a result of their time in the service. We work with our partners to connect veterans with services that will help them be successful, including employment training, counseling and access to housing.

This morning we are honored to recognize an organization and its volunteers who work hard to help veterans in the difficult situation of having no stable home. *Mission First Housing Group* is an organization that develops and manages affordable, safe and sustainable homes for people in need, with a focus on the vulnerable and a special "Fund for Veterans." They work to ensure residents have access to resources to help them live independently and deliver housing that provides long-term benefits to residents and neighborhoods.

In February 2015, longtime friends of Mission First Housing Group, Robert and Megan Trinkley, held an event in support of the "Fund for Veterans – Homes for Heroes." Last year's event attracted more than 400 individuals and raised more than \$37,000.00 to help provide housing to veterans in need. This year's event will be held on February 24 at Barnaby's, in Ridley Township. Robert Trinkley was inspired to do this in honor of his late father-in-law, Dan Kearney, a Vietnam veteran and a man of great integrity, courage and love for his country and family.

In addition, Robert is a carpenter and he worked on some housing units built for disabled veterans, which is how he first connected with Mission First.

Last year, the Trinkleys raised \$28,000.00 for Mission First's Fund for Veterans, which was used to help house seven veterans. Support from generous individuals like the Trinkleys is critical in Mission First's ability to advance its mission and do its part to help to ensure that veterans in need have access to safe, affordable housing.

Mr. White said County Council is pleased to welcome Megan and Robert Trinkley to our meeting today, along with the following representatives from Mission First Housing Group: Alfredo de la Pena, Chief Operating Officer; Moira Rooney, Director of Strategic Investment; Mark Deitcher, Director of Business Development; Becky Lang Staffieri, Communications Manager; Catherine Panas, Project Manager; and Chip Darling, Development Operations Manager.

Mr. White said he was honored to attend the event last year with over 400 people in attendance; it was an incredible event. County Council honors our veterans each and every day by doing everything we can for them. County Council looks forward to next Friday's Home for Heroes event at Barnaby's.

Mr. de la Pena thanked County Council for recognizing Robert and Megan Trinkley. He is happy to share with them his twenty-one years of developing and managing affordable housing. He said Megan and Robert are incredible individuals. One-Hundred percent of the \$37,000.00 they raised last year goes to house veterans. All the administrative work, accounting and the auditing of the fund is done by employees of Mission First.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 16, 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 one (1) Petition for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Petition for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file one (1) Petition for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and one (1) Petition for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked all the students, teachers and administration for coming in today. This past summer he was lucky enough to see firsthand how great Delaware County Technical

High School works when it was 90+ degrees days and his air-conditioner broke and our own "Vo-Tech Man-of-the-Year" came over to save the day. He also congratulated all the winners of the Professional Engineer's. Lastly, he thanked Mission First and Megan and Robert Trinkley for all they do for our veterans. They are truly special to all council members. Good luck in your event on Friday, February 24.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's remarks and added the following comments. To the Vo-Tech students, you have a great future ahead of you and the opportunity to attend such great schools and receive a good vocational education. You can be and do whatever you want from this moment forward. The teachers and administrative staff are there to help you reach your goals. Be sure to reach out to them. To the Trinkleys, they are absolutely an inspiration to each and every one, not just us but to all the residents, by reaching out and helping others less fortunate. Lastly, as a former commissioner in Ridley Township, he had the opportunity to work with one of the finest engineering firms, Catania Engineers. They were always there and had ingenious ways of getting things done. Congratulations to all the winners of the 2017 Engineer's winners and best of luck in the future.

Mr. McBlain echoed all the congratulations for our honorees and the Trinkleys. It was a great party last year in addition to a great cause at Barnaby's. He even got to meet John DeBella, a Philadelphia DJ.

Mr. McBlain said he was happy to support the actions with the money that was allocated through the Planning Department to help stabilize the Woodburne Mansion in the Little Flower Manor Park. That is certainly something that we are moving forward with and has presented itself as more of a challenge than we initially thought it was going to be. We are continuing to move forward and hopefully that park will become a jewel for eastern Delaware County, as Rose Tree Park has been in the middle part of the county.

Earlier this week, a significant decision by our Department of Environmental Protection was made to grant permits to Mariner East 2. Personally, Mr. McBlain said he was happy about that decision to move forward with that project. It gets us closer to our ultimate goal of having as many or more people employed at the facilities in Marcus Hook since the refineries closed. A couple weeks ago, we were there for an announcement adding an additional 20 jobs that pay an average of \$80,000.00, plus medical benefits and overtime and that are available to Delaware County residents.

Lastly, Mr. McBlain recognized and welcomed a gentleman from Bethel Township, Bill McMullen. He is a longtime resident of Drexel Hill, raised three children, a retired steamfitter, a Vietnam veteran and most importantly Bill is his uncle.

Mrs. Morrone said we certainly value the partnerships that we have with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit, our engineers and for the work that is done for the veterans. These are things that make the county work.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming in this morning. It is so nice to present Resolutions and to talk to the different groups. County Council enjoys honoring citizens of Delaware County. This council has stood strong as far as our veterans are concerned. We don't forget our veterans and those that protect us.

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

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