

PRESENT: John P. McBlain, Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Brian P. Zidek, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman McBlain called the regular meeting of January 24, 2018 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Natalie Maddren, Troop 05243, Bethel Township. Maureen Dillon, of the Office of Information Technology, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 5 to Advertise for Bids to furnish and deliver flags for Veterans Affairs, Delaware County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain called on Joe DeVuono, Director of County Facilities Management, to speak on Agenda Item 6.

Mr. DeVuono asked for Council's approval to Award Contract to Smith Flooring in the amount of \$74,800.00. This contract is for the installation of new carpet in Courtrooms 7, 8, 10 and 11. This carpet has been in these courtrooms for over twenty years with maintenance over the years.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract to Smith Flooring, Inc. to furnish, deliver and install Kane Carpet in various Courtrooms in Delaware County at a cost not to exceed \$74,800.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp.

Mr. Madden asked Mr. DeVuono how we arrived at Smith Flooring as the vendor who would be awarded this contract.

Mr. DeVuono said, as the Home Rule Charter calls for, items over \$25,000.00 go out for public bid, which is done through the Purchasing Department. This is advertised twice in the newspaper and is posted on the County website.

George Troilo, Director of Central Purchasing, said his office oversees the procurement process. This is not an annual contract. There was a need determined for carpeting in the various courtrooms. Council approved this request to advertise for bids on October 11, 2017. Bids were due in his office on November 14 with bids being opened on November 15. It was advertised on October 27 in the Philadelphia Inquirer (Delaware County Edition). On November 2 this request for bids was also mailed out to 13 vendors that are on their vendor list. Mr. Troilo said he emailed Councilmen Zidek and Madden them a link to our County's website which

allows vendors to go on and ask to be registered and put on certain lists. However, there was only one vendor who replied, Smith Flooring of Chester who is being awarded the contract.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman McBlain called on Phil Pisani, of Diagnostic Services, to speak on Agenda Items 7, 8 and 9.

Mr. Pisani asked for the approval of Agenda Items 7 and 8, Professional Services Agreements with 2 psychologists and 1 psychiatrist to perform Psychiatric and Psycho-Sexual Evaluations as Court Ordered on individuals who have been arrested and currently in the court system. These doctors perform a vital service with a 5-7 turn around on these evaluations. Last year Dr. Lazaroff performed 238 evaluations, Dr. Subeck performed 82 evaluations and 238 evaluations were performed by Dr. Fakiyesi of the Norristown Recovery Center.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, a Professional Services Agreement with Justin Lazaroff, D.O. for Court Ordered Psychiatric Evaluations for the period 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2018 at a rate of \$450.00 per evaluation not to exceed \$110,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 8, a Professional Services Agreement with Catherine Surbeck, Ph.D. for Court Ordered Psycho-Sexual Evaluations for the period 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2018 at a rate of \$494.00 per evaluation not to exceed \$69,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 9, a Professional Services Agreement with Norristown Recovery Center for Court Ordered Psychiatric Evaluations for the period 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2018 at \$500.00 per evaluation not to exceed \$117,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the contract with MTS Software Solutions for maintenance of Client Unity application for the annual cost of \$43,097.93. (Funding: \$28,444.63/Federal and \$14,653.30/County) This item was "tabled" at last week's Council Meeting in order to gather more information. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of an amendment to a contract with Diana T. Myers who does our Homeless Housing Services consultant work; approval of a contract extension with Serrita Buie to handle discharges and work on forensic specialty from Norristown and the George W. Hill Prison; and the approval of 11 Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain said we will skip Item 11 for now and go to Agenda Items 13 and 14.

Chairman McBlain called on Mr. Zidek to speak on Agenda Item 13, the Resolution celebrating the 101st Anniversary of Girl Scout Cookie Sales.

The Girl Scout Cookie Sales all started in 1917 when Girl Scouts in Oklahoma baked cookies and sold them to fund their school projects. From there, the cookie sale concept took on a life of its own. The first official Girl Scout Cookies were actually baked in Philadelphia in 1933.

This year marks the 101st anniversary of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Today, Delaware County Girl Scouts join 40,000 girls in Pennsylvania and 2.8 million nationwide in selling Girl Scout Cookies to foster teamwork and raise money for their educational activities and community projects.

The cookie campaign teaches young girls about business and leadership, goal-setting and money management.

The Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania includes more than 3,000 scouts in Delaware County. All of the revenue earned from the cookie sale remains with the local Scout Council. The scouts decide how to spend their troop money and reinvest it back into their neighborhoods through their service projects. So, when you buy a box of Girl Scout cookies, you're actually investing in the community.

The cookie sale runs through mid-March and we encourage our residents to support these young ladies.

Additionally, County Council is also pleased to once again purchase cookies and send them to the brave men and women of the Armed Services who are honored on our Tribute Board downstairs in the Government Center Lobby. We will be sending a variety of cookies to the Delaware County men and women serving either on base in the U.S. or overseas.

After this meeting, we are also pleased to be able to provide the Scouts with a tour of the Government Center and the historic Delaware County Courthouse.

Mr. Zidek said he would like to introduce the guests who are here with us today. Attending this morning on behalf of Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania are the following individuals: Kim Fraites-Dow, CEO, Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania; Katherine Allebach, Manager of Governance and Special Projects; and Karen Breen, Volunteer Support Specialist. Ms. Fraites-Dow introduced the following Girl Scouts who accompanied her here today: Aya Miari, Troop

524, Media; Tagan McCormack, Troop 53383, Media; Isabella Mazzenga, Troop 53383, Media; Haley Adams, Troop 53383; Elizabeth Allen, Troop 53488, Media; Halina Dussling, Troop 05842, Media; Katherine Reitz, Troop 05125, Media; Amelia Reitz, Troop 05073, Media; and Natalie Maddren, Troop 05243, Bethel Township.

As a new resident of Delaware County, Ms. Fraites-Dow thanked County Council for recognizing and supporting the Girl Scout Cookie Sales. The Girls Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania serves more than 3,500 Girl Scout with the help of 1,600 adult volunteers who help make Delaware County and our world a better place.

For 105 years, Girl Scout have been building girl leaders. When our country was divided by segregation, Girl Scouts were inclusive. Before women had the right to vote, Girl Scouts was a place girls advocated for themselves and for others.

The Girl Scout leadership experience encourages girls to discover more themselves, to connect with others and value the power of diversity and to take action individually and collectively to make the community better.

Girl Scouts has five proven outcomes to help girls thrive. Girls develop a strong sense of self. Girls display positive values. Girls seek challenges and learn from setbacks. Girls form and maintain healthy relationships and girls identify and solves problems in the community.

Did you know that fifty percent of female business leaders, eighty percent of female tech leaders, seventy-six percent of women in the U.S. Senate and every female U.S. Secretary of State are Girl Scout Alumnae?

The money contributed by the Delaware County community for the Girl Scout Cookie Sale enables Girl Scouts of Eastern PA to offer these experiences to all girls regardless of any socio-economic limitations she may experience.

Chairman McBlain called on Mr. Madden to speak on Agenda Item 14, a reminder to all dog owners to get their 2018 Dog License.

Mr. Madden said anyone who owns a dog will tell you that their canine friends are like a member of the family who bring a lot of happiness into the home. Dog ownership also brings a great responsibility, including ensuring your dog has a current license.

On Council, we actually have several dog owners, including Chairman John McBlain who has a golden retriever named Provo; Vice Chair Colleen Morrone has a beagle named Nala; Councilman Michael Culp has a rescue mixed named Stella; and he has a golden retriever named Marlowe and a cattle dog mix named Winston who is a rescue dog.

Today, County Council is partnering with the County Treasurer's Office and the Delaware County Kennel Club to remind pet owners to obtain their 2018 dog license.

Delaware County Treasurer Jack Dowd, who is here with us today, and his license coordinators, are always working to make sure it is convenient for pet owners to comply with the law.

To obtain a license, dog owners can either come here to the Government Center in person, go online to the county website and apply and pay online, or go to one of the registered agents in the county.

We also have a "Return a Lost Dog" program which provides a way for someone who finds a lost dog to locate the owner's phone number through our website. A dog with a license can be safely and quickly reunited with its owner without having to be taken to the shelter.

Over the years, the Kennel Club has been an excellent partner in promoting responsible dog ownership. The Club has regular meetings with educational speakers, microchip clinics, obedience trials and an annual dog show.

Joined by some of their canine companions, he invited Kennel Club members Marge Remolde, Jennifer Rhyshek and Patti Hamilton to come forward and tell us a little bit more about the importance of a dog license and the efforts of the Kennel Club. They were accompanied by golden lab Mavin and her two puppies – Paisley and Moose.

Ms. Remolde, a member of the Kennel Club, thanked County Council for inviting them here today and encourages everyone who owns a dog to purchase a license or have the dog microchipped. In recent years, the Kennel Club has purchased approximately 29 bullet-proof vest for our canines including the K-9 Unit in the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman McBlain called on County Treasurer Jack Dowd, whose office administers our Dog License Program.

First, Mr. Dowd wanted to recognize Ellen Lineweaver, who had passed away in November and who had worked in his office for twenty-five years handling Licenses including dog, hunting, fishing and boat. She has been a major loss to his department.

Mr. Dowd said Dog Licenses can be purchased from the county, by mail or online. The purchase of a life-time license is approximately \$31.00 and annual license ranges from \$6.50 to \$8.50. The county keeps \$1.00 of that fee and the remainder sent to the PA Dept. of Agriculture for their dog law program.

Chairman McBlain said he asked Vice Chairman Morrone and Councilman Madden to serve on a committee that would evaluate our current meeting schedules and procedures and come back to make recommendations to Council about any proposed changes. He believes they have

done that over the last several weeks and are ready to present a joint report to present to us this morning.

Vice Chairman Morrone said she and Mr. Madden have had the opportunity to spend the last few weeks meeting with various departments, our County Executive Director, our Solicitor, our County Clerk as well as the two of them to work together on reviewing this issue. She thanked Chairman McBlain for allowing them the opportunity to do that. Mr. Madden and herself have formulated the report that has been distributed to Council on several different areas that they have reviewed and would like to present today.

Mr. Madden made a few comments before the report presentation. He and Mrs. Morrone undertook this exercise with a pretty basic idea, which is that we govern more effectively when we leverage the eyes, ears and minds of everyone within the community. We as a five-person Council, we don't see everything and we don't know everything (that is stating the obvious).

They looked into how these meetings are run with the idea of how do we ensure that we really incorporate public input as effectively as possible.

Vice Chairman Morrone said this is a collaboration and a partnership and they are looking to present these suggestions to Council for consideration. So, they looked at a variety of different things.

The first thing they were tasked to look at was the holidays. They are not suggesting any changes to the County Holiday Schedule at this time. They did have some conversation, specifically around two holidays that are paid by the County, Primary Election Day and Election Day. At this time, all of our union contracts have been negotiated to include these holidays and they suggested that if there were any future changes that the suggestion might be to replace those holidays with Personal Days vs. Holidays. At this time, their recommendation was not to make any changes but to continue to take a look at this and evaluate the impact of other departments that it might impact such as the courts. That was the first area they looked at.

The second area was Meeting Frequency. They are not suggesting any changes to the meeting frequency as published and approved. They reviewed the frequency of nearby counties in Pennsylvania as well as throughout the country. Our Council does meet a little more frequently than some other counties, although their recommendation to maintain the current schedule is based on our meetings with County leadership and the review of the timeliness of handling items on our agenda to most effectively serve the residents of Delaware County.

On the Day and Time, they are also not suggesting any changes to the day and times of our meetings as published and approved. They reviewed the day and time of nearby counties and other counties through the country. Our meeting times and days are consistent with the majority of other counties. They are suggesting continuing practice of holding three (3) evening

meetings at various municipalities in the community with the possibility of potentially adding more evening meetings in the future in the community.

The Agenda Meeting will be held on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. in the County Council Meeting to be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesdays as advertised.

Our Meeting Agenda – this was an area where we had considerable conversation about the naming of Tuesday’s meeting. Consideration was given to renaming the meeting to “Deliberation Meeting or Discussion Meeting.” Our County Clerk has advertised the 2018 meetings with the description notice verbatim that - *the notice is hereby given that Agenda Meetings of County Council at which deliberations of the County Council as defined in Act 84 in 1986, as amended to date, the Sunshine Act may or may not take place and be held on a prior business day to the scheduled regular meeting date at 10:00 A.M. in the County Council’s Meeting Room, First Floor, Government Center Building, 201 West Front Street, in Media, PA on the following dates.* That was the advertisement placed for our Agenda Meetings, our Tuesday meetings, in the County Council Room. They did confirm with our County Solicitor that it was of his opinion that no updated advertisement would be necessary if only a name change was made to the Tuesday meeting.

Mr. Madden asked that she pause on that for a moment. Chairman McBlain said that was okay if he wanted to comment on that part of it.

Mr. Madden said a lot can go into a name. Tuesday meetings have been known as the Agenda Meeting. He for one, prior to being on Council, he hears Agenda Meeting and his eyes glaze over. It sounds like something that is quite administrative. What he has seen as being part of Council is that Tuesday’s meeting is really an important opportunity for both us and the public to have a conversation, a discourse, about what will then be voted on the following day. So, when he thinks of this Tuesday meeting, there is a lot of deliberation that takes place there, important deliberation. The end result of that is that we come up with the Agenda for the following day.

So, the proposal that he puts forth is to rename that meeting – a Deliberation Meeting. He thinks that is something that will attract the engagement that we want more from the community. It is just a name. He thinks there are other ways of getting out the importance of it. Nevertheless, he doesn’t see a whole lot of downside in giving it a name that he thinks will more effectively signify what takes place on Tuesday and the importance of that.

Chairman McBlain said he appreciates Mr. Madden’s comments. Yes, the Tuesday meeting has always been the Agenda Meeting. In local government, our County Council Meetings are somewhat structured similarly to local municipal meetings where typically you would see a municipality that the governing body has at least two meetings a month, one would be (they call it different things) a caucus meeting, an agenda meeting, a workshop meeting and different things where the Agenda items are presented to the public and allows Council/Commissioners to discuss and ask questions of department heads where they deliberate and ask questions we

might have or obtain further information in order to make an informed decision at the regular voting meeting on Wednesday. That has been our practice for many times. He thinks for our consistency and purposes around here, while he appreciates what you are saying in regards to making it descriptive, we can describe it in a lot of different ways, but it has been the Agenda Meeting and is known at the Government Center as the Agenda Meeting. He thinks (perhaps) we can think about that more or talk about it. He for one right now, he is comfortable with it as the Agenda Meeting because that has been consistent with what we have always described it as and what people know it as.

Mr. Madden said he appreciates Chairman McBlain's comments. He thinks it is a general matter to be anchored to what we have done in the past; it is not an approach that he would like to take. He thinks we can be informed by what took place in the past, but to view that as being sort of the reason for keeping things the way they are - he kind of rejects that notion. It's just a name, but he does believe that Deliberation Meeting, as I said, is more inviting for public input and if that's what we are really trying to accomplish here he continues to say that Deliberation Meeting is more effective.

Chairman McBlain asked Mrs. Morrone to continue with the report.

Mrs. Morrone said another area they covered (pretty substantially) was our Agenda. We had lengthy conversation around the ways that Council can increase the access to information to the residents in Delaware County regarding Council's weekly agenda items.

Their recommendation is to post a preliminary agenda on Monday afternoon prior to Tuesday's meeting and then to post a final agenda on Tuesday afternoon following our Tuesday Agenda Meeting.

Mr. Madden wanted to add a "little bit of color" as to why. Thinking about the sequences of these meetings, Tuesday's public comment is done such that we have as a Council the opportunity to consider what's been said on Tuesday and take that into account when we vote on Wednesday. Following Tuesday's meeting, the only next opportunity as currently structured for public comment is at the end of Wednesday's meeting. So, Tuesday's meeting really is important. The reason why we're proposing changing the timing of putting out a preliminary agenda to Monday afternoon is that we then and as I say as a community will have the opportunity to know what will be discussed on Tuesday. For those who see something on Monday's afternoon Preliminary Agenda and feel as if they have something to contribute on that topic getting that out the day before is of vital importance for those who frankly given their day jobs, given their other priorities, can't go to every single Tuesday meeting. That's all he has to say on that, but he thinks that is an important change.

Mrs. Morrone said the final area that they had conversation is one that we have brought up at several meetings regarding video recording. This was a topic that we also reviewed what was being done in various counties and communities around the country to make public meetings

more accessible to those who cannot attend in person. They found that neighboring counties have some form of video or audio recordings archived on their websites and that Montgomery county even provides a live stream of their meetings.

The recommendation of Mrs. Morrone and Mr. Madden is to implement live video recording of our Wednesday County Council Meeting and to consider, in the future, additionally providing live video of the Tuesday meetings as well as to maintain and archive the videos on our website for public access.

In conversations with our Executive Director, they have begun to evaluate systems that could be used to video the meeting and support the posting of information to our website. They have also requested our Solicitor to review procedures on posting and the use of videos. They have asked the Executive Director to develop a short-term solution as we work to identify a long-term solution to the implementation of video recording.

Mr. Madden added a few thoughts. He personally doesn't see any reason if we are going to be video recording one meeting that we can't video record the other meeting. He also added, Tuesday's meeting there are no minutes of, so for those who are unable to be there, there will be no record what so ever of what took place. So, he would actually argue that video recording Tuesday's meeting is more important than Wednesday's meeting. If we are going to go down the path of recording one, he sees no administrative or technical challenge of recording the other and live feeding the other.

So, he wants to state for the record, he doesn't think we are talking about doing Tuesday's meeting in a video format in the future, but he is really proposing that we do it as soon as we do Wednesday's meeting.

We talked about short-term solution and long-term solution, there's a very simple short-term solution which is Facebook Live or anything else that's off the shelf. He sees no reason that we need to be delaying on doing this. Also, he states, the public is free to Facebook Live our meetings, so there is really nothing that stands in the way of a very near term solution as in a media.

Mr. Zidek said, as a point of clarification to Chairman McBlain, is he to understand that what we are doing today – we are not voting or making any motion to implement these but rather just to hear a report on the committee's recommendations?

Chairman McBlain said he was expecting to call for a motion to accept and implement the report.

Mr. Zidek said he did not see that on the Agenda item. So, he wanted to better understand the committee's reasoning behind not proposing video-taping Tuesday's meetings.

Mr. Madden said he wanted to be clear, the committee is not of one mind on that. So, the committee is not proposing we don't video record Tuesday's meeting. It is just not a unanimous proposal.

Mr. Zidek said he was sort of drawing that conclusion, but wanted to offer an opportunity for perhaps Mrs. Morrone to explain of why she is not in unanimous opinion of that. Is there a reason why you think that Tuesday's meeting should not be video-taped?

Mrs. Morrone said she believes that Mr. Madden and she reviewed this. She thought they had an agreement on this letter until we are sitting here in the meeting and now we are challenging the written letter here. So, I am a little surprised.

Mr. Madden said, Mrs. Morrone let it be clear, it doesn't say in the future anywhere in what we wrote. You added that. You read it out but it doesn't say that in the written report.

Mrs. Morrone said it states that at some point we would consider additionally recording the Tuesday meetings. Her thought around the recording was we need to establish it. We need to get it structured. We have a lot of work to do. In the future if we want to provide for recording of the Tuesday meeting, she thinks that is certainly something that we can consider. At this point, her feeling was that we record the Wednesday public meeting, which is the official actions taken by the County Council.

Mr. Zidek's perspective the downside to having no minutes from the Tuesday meetings and to it not being recorded going forward is that he feels less inclined to make comments and ask questions at the Tuesday meeting because there is no record of it other than those in attendance of those questions being asked and answered. So, he could ask them on Tuesday and then ask them again on Wednesday but that seems wasteful. So, he is left with the only alternative in the absence of there being minutes or there being a recording to hold his questions until Wednesday, which all fair and good deprives everybody with an extra day to hear him speak. But more importantly, doesn't give us the opportunity to hear the answer so we can be more well informed when we vote on Wednesday, which I think Mr. Madden was speaking about earlier of the importance of having Tuesday's meetings that we get information that allows us to be more well informed on Wednesday. So, he would ask that we consider as we move forward with the taping with the Wednesday meetings that we also consider at the same time taping the Tuesday meetings so that a record can be kept of what transpires there.

Mr. Madden said to Mrs. Morrone, as a point of clarification, he is going to read verbatim the statement they put out collectively. *Our recommendation is to implement live video recording of the Wednesday County Council Meeting and to consider additionally providing live video of the Tuesday meeting as well as to maintain an archived video on our website for public access.*

Nowhere in there does it say in the future with regard to the Tuesday meeting and it's to consider live video.

Chairman McBlain said he heard about the progress of the committee and all the goals of the committee, he believes unanimously everybody is in favor of, but the specific methods and details, he believes need to be worked out. How we are going to do the video recording? When will it be posted? Where will it be posted? Those sorts of things. He thinks those things need to be determined. Again, we have an Administrative Code. He turned to Solicitor Maddren and said perhaps we can look to write up the results of the committee's work and turn those into written procedures to utilize going forward.

Chairman McBlain asked Council to make a motion to accept and begin to implement the committee's report and do that by having a couple of things done. Talk to our Information Technology Department the best methods and procedures for providing audio and video feed of the meeting and then have Solicitor Maddren construct some regulations or something for the Council to implement what the committee has recommended. Then we will approve those when we have it right in front of us in written form.

Mr. Zidek said he had comments or concerns about earlier issues. He wasn't sure what the format was of today's agenda.

Chairman McBlain said we are in the discussion on the report at this point.

Mr. Madden said, as a point of order, he believes there is something we can vote on here. He doesn't think it's terribly hard to really put into words. He thinks the two recommendations they (the committee) are making is first to put forth a preliminary agenda on Monday afternoon and a final agenda on Tuesday afternoon. Secondly, starting next week have some form of live feed for Tuesday's and Wednesday's meeting. He doesn't see any reason not to vote on that.

He thinks the form of video can certainly evolve over time, can improve over time, but there are off the shelf ways that these meetings can be live-feed starting now.

Executive Director Grace said there are a few things that we need to look at and we have begun looking at this. As soon as Council raised this issue, she began to work with our Public Relations Department in identifying what is being done in other communities. So, we knew that Radnor was video-taping their meetings and we reached out to them and it surprised everyone, it was at a rate that was more than we thought we wanted to pay and God Bless Radnor and I am sure it's done really very well. So, then she spoke with our Public Relations Director, Emily Harris, and said let's look around; let's look at some other places; and see what other people are doing.

So, probably unbeknownst to Council because we were just doing our work yesterday, we actually had someone here that was in the meeting yesterday that came in to take a look at one of the pieces of equipment we have here and making sure that while (and this is just her perspective) she knows we could have something on your phone or put it on Facebook. But this

is something that is going to represent Delaware County and represent our Council and we really want to be able to share this well with all the residents of Delaware County.

So, she wants it to be professional and she thinks everyone here would want this to be professionally done. There are some issues that we are going to have with our I.T. Department because we are in 2018 and everyone expects everything to work everywhere, but things sometimes don't. We all have been with our phones and lost service. She needs to make sure with the I.T. Department that we have the infrastructure in place. We have had a person from a local company and this is certainly under Council's direction on whether or not us to just proceed with a local company that we have identified, whether or not you want us to put it out for bid, but she wants to get some pricing so Council has an idea of what it is we are dealing with. She thinks we are coming up with some prices that are more reasonable and that under the Council's direction to us we will move forward.

There are a few things that need to be done. It is certainly something that can be accomplished. She has seen such a full commitment from everyone here on Council to be able to make this available to the public and really (for us) it's not going to take a lot of time, but it is just a little bit of time in making sure we get it done correctly.

Mr. Madden said he appreciates the desire anything the County does to do it in a professional way. He thinks that is also why we were superposing that we don't look at this as the need to find the perfect solution and hold off until we find that. But in an approach that we can incrementally approve starting ASAP, until we get to a final solution.

Executive Director Grace said she believes we can make some giant steps soon.

Mr. Madden replied, "Okay. Fair enough."

Mr. Zidek said he would echo those sentiments. We don't need to let the "great" get in the way of good.

Getting back to some of other items, Mr. Zidek said with regard to the Holiday Schedule, he would ask Mr. Micozzie (who was in the audience) that perhaps after this meeting and in coming weeks let him know when the Union contracts are coming up for renegotiation. It would seem to him that the men and women who work for Delaware County would prefer to have a choice of days that you can take rather than have these two days of holidays be the days they have off, give them the choice if they want to use one of their holidays to take off on Primary Day or Election Day they can do so, but if they don't want to, they don't have to. Also, better understand how that would impact the staffing of the courthouse or other departments. He believes that would be a welcomed change for the men and women who work for Delaware County.

Executive Director Grace said would like to comment on that one as well. She wanted to make sure everyone here understands where the tradition has come from that. The Administration of Elections is a County responsibility. So, we are responsible for administering and getting the voting machines out and receiving. Those of you who have worked in elections, you have seen that you come back here (Government Center) and you see what is going on. Even our courts that day, the courts are devoted and there is a whole schedule of who is going to be in the courts, who the district attorneys are going to be, because the courts are posed to handle any challenges as well. I know it's been become known as a County holiday, really what the function has been is that the County government is closed to regular business because the County government is focusing on ensuring the integrity of our elections. So, that is where it has come from and I really wanted to make that clear to the citizens. It sounds like we are getting a holiday on Election Day and it is really coming from the work we do in administering the elections.

Mr. Zidek said he appreciates that. That makes him feel even worse about the current situation because it makes it sound like the men and women of Delaware County are being told they have a day off, but in fact they actually have to work.

(Executive Director Grace – some do). Things evolve and there is always a time for change. Certainly some do.

Mr. Zidek said, with regard to the day and time, he thinks the letter that the committee proposes suggests that we should have the meetings continue as had been and there are three evening meetings. Was there a reason why we didn't want to have more? From his perspective, the evening meetings and meetings at another location and another municipality offers residents who might really want to come forth and say something, but can't do so because they work during the day, gives them the opportunity to do so. If they only have three times a year, that perhaps doesn't give them an opportunity to speak in a timely fashion. So, was there consideration given to having it six times a year or ten times a year? And the other question, he is not aware that we have been informed, and maybe he is just not informed, as to when those meetings are this year? What evenings they are and where they are going to be? Which makes it again harder for people to plan if they want to come forth and have an opportunity to speak.

Chairman McBlain said we have not said. Typically, we discuss with Council and for proposals on where to have those meetings. We have done this for a number of years. He doesn't know if there is a magic to number of three. Typically, we have done them on a quarterly basis. He loves night meetings and is happy to go to them, but it does take a little bit of time and effort to set it all up and to invite everybody. As you see, we do have our department heads that come out and there is a lot of discussion with them and descriptions. It makes it a little more difficult to do it at night. To answer your question (Mr. Zidek), he doesn't know if they have established those night meetings for the year as of yet. He thinks in the past we have tried to do on a quarterly basis. In addition to night meetings, we have also tried on several occasions during

the year to go to high schools during the day when the students are there to have participation by the students to conduct the meetings and sort of learn about County government and our function.

Mrs. Morrone said she thinks some of the thought process around here is that we did start out with looking, "Can we do more?" By the time we looked at the coordination of the meetings, the scheduling, we wanted to be sure that we could commit to a number. So, I think from the letter that is where we came up with three, but there was the possibility of adding more.

Mr. Madden said he echoes Mr. Zidek's sentiments and they had spoken about this prior to being on Council about how effective, he thinks, evening meetings are. We did speak about quarterly and then we started thinking logistically of the fourth quarter and the difficulty around holidays. Having not experienced the necessities of organizing evening meetings from the Council side, he could stand on any firm grounds of experience to say that it's something more doable, so he feels comfortable saying that this year without having something more planned, we can start with three and we can revisit. He certainly thinks it's a great opportunity.

But at the very least, Mr. Zidek would like to figure out when those are going to be and let the world know about it too, when and where, so people can plan accordingly.

Chairman McBlain asked if there was any further discussion on the Report.

Chairman McBlain thanked Vice Chairman Morrone and Councilman Madden for their work on it. Like he said, he does expect, when we are talking about the smaller details now involved with the report and maybe we can still do some work on it, but as a whole he very much likes what the committee has done and recommending. It introduces some new ideas for us to move forward with, but also he is open for it for newer members of Council to study the things we have done and come to some conclusions and continue those things. Delaware County's meetings have always had the same structure of Tuesday and Wednesday meetings. We do that weekly. If you compare us to other counties, I don't know if that is the standard to look at, but if you want to compare us to other counties, we meet twice as much as any other county around that he is aware of. We have weekly meetings that include both the Agenda (or Deliberating or Discussion Meeting) and the Regular Council Meeting. Our Agendas are posted always the day before the meetings, which (again) is not always the case of what he has seen in other counties. Our Tuesday meetings, not all counties even have an Agenda or Deliberating Meeting. From the standpoint, he thinks our meetings have exceeded what other counties have done for the most part.

He would like to take a look and see what other counties do. When we talk about some other counties call their agenda meeting the Sunshine Meeting and see what they do in terms of video-taping those. He would also like it more formed in terms of what the standards would be for the video-taping and where we are putting that, in what formats, to make sure everybody is accessible to it. Make sure it does work and is successful and is able to go onto our website.

Chairman McBlain said what he envisioned doing was asking Council to accept and begin to implement those things that are recommended. We could do that both from a technological standpoint and ask Solicitor Maddren to incorporate our new methods and procedures in our Administrative Code so it is documented in writing so we know what we are doing.

Mr. Madden just wanted to add a degree of timeliness to that. We spoke about the two things that we talked about implementing, the video recording and changing when the preliminary agenda goes out, neither of which (but particularly on the preliminary agenda) there was no structural difficulties in getting that done ASAP.

Chairman McBlain said speaking for himself, he has no personal objections to listing the agenda on Monday evening, if that is what we are talking about.

Mr. Madden said, "we are," and also in regard to Tuesday video recording. If we can accomplish it for Wednesday, he sees no reason why we can't accomplish it for Tuesday.

Chairman McBlain said "why don't we move forward to vote to implement this on a technological side and have Solicitor Maddren write it up and then make that decision."

Mr. Madden said he has a hard time accepting the idea that we are going to be meeting on Tuesdays with no public record of what gets discussed. As Mr. Zidek said, I would have a hard time really making any comment on Tuesdays if it is not going to be on the record. I think what we are going to end up having is that he is going to refrain from asking questions that really could be more effectively asked on Tuesday, he is just going to reserve them for Wednesday when there is a record of them. This has become very cumbersome going through the exercise we did this morning with regard to the minutes. Let's just have these on video record so there is not this same sort of cumbersome.

Chairman McBlain said he is not necessarily against that. He is talking about how we implement it. You have come to this but you presented problems but you really haven't presented a solution about how we are actually going to do that. Who is going to do it? What's is going to be done? What format it will be in? What feed it will be in? It's great to present ideas, but then you actually have to implement these ideas. He is saying we want to move with it quickly, but he does not have that in front of him today.

He wants to clarify one thing when you talk about there is no record of Tuesday's meeting. Again, what the Sunshine Law and Robert's Law of Order talks about when we do these, there are not minutes of the Agenda Meeting and that is not because we are not following any law. The Agenda Meeting is the Deliberation Meeting where we do discuss these things. We don't take any action at that meeting. Once again, he would encourage Mr. Madden to look at the Sunshine Law and look at what municipalities do and what other counties do as it relates to that meeting. Whether it's just a misunderstanding on your part (Mr. Madden) or an unfamiliarity. It's not minutes at a workshop meeting when that meeting takes place. We want to be as open

as possible and we welcome questions and discussion on both Tuesday and Wednesday. If you want something that somebody said be reflected in the minutes, certainly you may ask that on Wednesday. He thinks this will continue to work out. He (Madden) is presenting a report to us this morning. He saw a draft of this for the first time just yesterday, so he thinks we are moving and on the same line, but just want to implement it the right way.

Mr. Madden said he may not be familiar with what has gone on over the years with County Council, but he is very familiar with transparency. If there is a meeting that in the mind set of transparency can be provided in a public format regardless what the bare minimum is that Robert's Rules and the Sunshine Act asks for, it certainly falls short of what his view would be on transparency that we can accomplish. And so, he would be comfortable with a proposal saying that "stating as soon as practical" we have both Tuesdays and Wednesdays meetings video recorded. He would be comfortable with that. He understands there are logistical hurdles they did not specifically lay out, but they are not "rocket science." These meetings in Media Borough, Upper Darby and in various boroughs throughout the county, they have found a way to video record meetings. This is not rocket science. So, he really does think that putting some degree of wiggle-room by saying as soon as possible or something to that affect, he would be comfortable with it, but he really wants it to be Tuesdays and Wednesdays meetings because Tuesday's meeting to him is just as vital to be on record as Wednesday's.

Councilman Culp said he does not want any wiggle-room regarding any procurement policies or anything violating during this whole procedure. Thank you.

Mr. Zidek thanked Mr. Culp and said certainly neither does he or Mr. Madden. Neither does anyone up here. Nobody is suggesting to have any wiggle-room in violation of any procurement procedures. He thinks we should feel free today to vote and for those of us who don't want to record Tuesday's meetings, they should vote nay. Those of us who want to record Tuesday and Wednesday Meetings that would give us an opportunity to vote yea. If people are opposed to it, obviously we are of free-will and we can object to it, but we quite often in the entire history of his being on County Council, we have invited people to bid and things of that nature. We could proceed accordingly here. We could easily, it seems to him, move to for the recording of meetings on Wednesdays and Tuesdays and also move to solicit bids to obtain a vendor to do so for us. Mr. Madden said he seconds that.

Councilman Culp said he wished to make a motion to "table" the matter for further discussion with our Solicitor and Executive Director. I mean, I am just getting this report (yesterday) and now I would just make a motion to table it.

Chairman McBlain said a motion to "table" takes precedence. I'm not sure if there was an existing motion but there is a motion to table the Committee Report on Meetings. Is there a second to the motion? Vice Chairman Morrone seconded the motion. Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Zidek said he would like to better understand Councilman Culp's reasoning to table this just so I can make sure he can vote in an informed manner.

Mr. Culp said his reasoning is he would like to speak with the Executive Director and our Solicitor to discuss what is in here (the report) and make sure we are following the proper requirements. He doesn't think anyone up here is saying we are not going to be transparent, but he would like the opportunity to discuss that with our personnel before voting on anything.

Mr. Madden ask if Mr. Culp would like that opportunity now. We have been talking with our Executive Director.

Well, I (Mr. Culp) haven't had that opportunity to speak with her before getting this. So, I want to do that and I am not going to be rushed into that now.

In this meeting, Mr. Madden said he heard nothing in terms of a reason why we can't say video recordings will take place for Tuesday and Wednesday meeting. He is not suggesting that we say a put a time frame on it, that it has to happen next week, but this is pretty simple. He doesn't see any reason to table this. This is kicking this further along.

Chairman McBlain asked if there was any further discussion? Mr. Madden said none on his part.

Chairman McBlain said he just wanted to offer this - last week there was an agenda item where Mr. Madden wanted some additional time to considerate it and find out more information and asked to "table" that matter, and he suggested to table that matter for a week. Council did grant that consideration. So, if members of Council are just receiving this report, he doesn't think there is anything untimely if we give Council members the opportunity to consider it before voting on things that are contained in it for a week. Therefore, he would support tabling it for a one-week period (until next week) where Council members can further consider it.

Mr. Madden said he would like the record to show the proposal was provided on Monday. It's been two days and it's a two-page proposal. There has been 48-hours to follow-up with whoever felt needed to further understand what was in here, which is two basic changes that can be done by "a middle-school child." To be very frank, we are not saying this needs to be the mint perfect technological implementation of a video recording. We are saying that some form of video recording should take place as promptly as possible.

Mr. Culp to Mr. Madden – "name calling now?" Mr. Madden said he isn't name calling anyone. This is generic.

Chairman McBlain said we've been giving everyone a very wide berth to ask whatever questions and receive whatever information they have wanted. He would ask everyone not to disparage anybody. You think it is a simple decision. Again, you (Mr. Madden) have worked on

the issues with Mrs. Morrone and have presented it to us. He asked for presentation of this report to be added to the agenda. If members of Council want to take it into consideration and come back next week to make a decision, he would personally vote that same request, as he did last week when Mr. Madden had a question about something. Again, perhaps he may have thought it was a rather simplistic item that we had on there, but you wanted more information.

This is something you are just bringing to us. As we start off our relationships here on Council that we ought to provide everybody with the opportunity to consider anything brought up and not given the so called bum's rush of wanting it to get done, when I want it, as I want it.

Chairman McBlain asked if there was any further discussion to table the motion.

Mr. Madden said he appreciates Chairman McBlain's statements and the fact that he had the proposal for the committee to look into these important issues. He wants to be very clear – he is not name calling anyone. He is discussing the simplicity of the actions that would be required particularly when we are not stating a particular threshold of technological needs or a specific time frame. He doesn't want anyone to feel disparaged by his comments. What his statement is, "anyone in this room with an unspecific time frame set and an unspecific technological level of implementation could accomplish a video recording of a meeting that has a Smart phone in their hand.

All those in favor of the motion to table this Agenda Item (Item 12) say I (Morrone, McBlain, Culp) and those oppose say nay (Zidek, Madden). Motion is carried with a vote of 3 to 2.

Chairman McBlain called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with Agenda Item 15.

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

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain asked for Council's consideration of additional Agenda Item (Item 16A), that was not on yesterday's Agenda, but he believes it was on the issues that were discussed previously. He asked for the approval of the appointment of a Commissioner from Delaware County to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

This is multi-region planning board that include nine counties as well as the Commonwealth of PA and the State of New Jersey who participates in reviewing projects and to make certain

planning decisions and recommendations, especially regarding the PA Department of Transportation Projects.

He spoke with members of Council about the appointment. He has been proud to serve as our Commissioner for the last several years. He spoke to Mr. Madden and based upon his background he indicated he had an interest in this board.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving additional Agenda Item 16A to appoint Councilman Madden as Delaware County's representative to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), seconded by Mr. Zidek.

Solicitor Maddren said, since this item was not on yesterday's agenda, it would be appropriate to accept any public comment.

Chairman McBlain asked for public comment. There was none. The motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Eve Miari, 407 Meetinghouse Lane, Media – commented on the Mariner East 2 Project and the risk assessment and scope of the project.

John Gallagher, 102 Twyckenham Road, Media – commended County Council for having a Sexual Harassment Policy in place. He urged Council to adopt a procedure to name as our sexual harassment ombudsman or human relations person in charge of sexual harassment cases a female not a male.

Seth Coventa, of Montgomery County – he wanted to speak on the Mariner East 2 Project and give some recommendations in terms of designing a scope of the Risk Assessment.

David Director, 309 N. Monroe Street, Media – gave his support of video recording the Tuesday and Wednesday Council Meeting.

Christine Reuther, 18 E. Possum Hollow Road, Wallingford – made a few comments regarding Delaware County's website.

Kathy Adamson, 5 Waterford Way, Wallingford – said a few words on improving the County's website.

Allyson Galloway, 212 Wildwood Avenue, Media - made comments about the Mariner East 2 pipeline.

Mrs. Dussling, 76 War Admiral Lane, Middletown – she commented on the Mariner East 2 Project. She asked that the County look into Title 35 at the county level in regard to this specific risk.

Eric Friedman, 9 Fallbrook Lane, Glen Mills – said he was in favor of the County moving forward with the video taping of the Tuesday and Wednesday Meetings and spoke about the Risk Assessment that the County is looking into concerning Mariner East 2.

Joanne Williams, 108 Judith Lane, Media – commented about the Mariner East 2 pipeline project.

Mitch Trembicki, 187 Middletown Road, Thornbury – commented on Sunoco not being a good neighbor over the years by not informing people about the safety of their pipeline and what to do if something should happen.

George Alexander, 473 E. Franklin Street, Media – mentioned the safety of the Mariner East 2 pipeline.

COUNCIL: Mr. Zidek thanked the public for coming to this morning's meeting and encouraged others who have concerns and questions to come out to the meetings.

Mr. Culp thanked the Girl Scouts for coming this morning and everyone else who attended.

Chairman McBlain said it was his privilege today to address a class at the Delaware County Technical School, in Folcroft, who are training to be Emergency Responders. We are happy that we have young individuals who wish to take that up as a profession but also to view it as an opportunity for public service whether they are police, fire, EMS or other emergency responders.

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

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**HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS**

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Current Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Diana T. Myers and Associates, Inc.	Homeless Continuum of Care Activities - CoC Application, 10 Year Plan and Countywide Meeting	7/1/17-6/30/18 (amendment)	\$15,000	\$27,000
Serrita Buie	Forensic Consultant	9/1/17-6/30/18 (amendment)	\$23,100	\$40,000
Child Care Information Services Providers	Subsidized Day Care	See List*	N/A	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)

*Either party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.

CHILD CARE INFORMATION SERVICES

REGULATED AGREEMENTS

<u>AGREEMENT NUMBER</u>	<u>PROVIDER</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CCIS 303/17	Lil Ummi Steam Academy LLC	10/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 320/17	JC Academy of Excellence Inc	10/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 337/17	James Byrd	11/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 338/17	Alphabet Academy of Phila LLC	12/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 340/17	Creative Caterpillars Early Learning Nursery LLLC	9/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 360/17	Brilliant Beginnings Early Learning Center LLC	12/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 379/17	Bright New Beginnings LLC	12/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 393/17	Cheder Chabad of Philadelphia	11/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 404/17	Learners to Ladders LLC	12/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)
CCIS 413/17	Maria Irvin	11/1/17-*	N/A (Based on maximum State childcare allowance)

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CCIS 466/17

Brenda Jenkins

7/1/17-*

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