

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 February 7, 2018 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Delaware County Sheriff Jerry Sanders. Eric Parham, Assistant District Attorney, Chief of Senior Exploitation Unit, gave the invocation.

Chairman McBlain delayed presenting Agenda Item 4, the Resolution declaring February as Black History Month, since some students who are to participate in this item are delayed en route due to the inclement weather.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 5, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp.

Chairman McBlain recognized Mr. Zidek who wished to amend the Minutes of January 31, 2018.

Mr. Zidek made a motion is revise the Minutes to include the entirety of comments made by him and Chairman McBlain in regards to the recommendations of the Pipeline Response Committee concerning the examining of a Safety Study of the Mariner East Project. Mr. Madden second that motion and said he would like to add a few comments.

Chairman McBlain said perhaps Mr. Zidek would revise his motion to amend the Minutes to include the comments of all Council members as it relates to the report of the Pipeline Safety Committee.

Mr. Zidek made the motion to revise the Minutes to include the entirety of all comments made by County Council regarding the recommendations of the committee examining a Safety Study of the Mariner East Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes as amended for the Regular Meeting of January 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain called on Adam Matlawski, of the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority, to speak on Agenda Item 6.

On behalf of the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority, Mr. Matlawski asked for the approval of Resolution 2018-1 which provides the County's consent pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code for the issuance by the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority of Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.00 for the benefit of a project in

Darby Borough for Vision Academy Charter School. This does not involve any governmental monies.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution 2018-1 providing the County's consent, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to the issuance by the Delaware County Industrial Development Authority of its Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.00 for the purpose of financing a project for Vision Academy Charter School in the County of Delaware, Pennsylvania. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman McBlain called on Pat Killian, Executive Director of the Commerce Center, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Killian asked for the approval of a Grant from Restricted Gaming Funds to cover the operational expenses of the Economic Development Oversight Board. This is for operational expenditures, not program expenditures.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Grant to the Economic Development Oversight Board for the calendar year 2018 in the amount of \$628,000.00 (Restricted Gaming). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with an abstention vote registered by Chairman McBlain.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving an Agreement with Capitol Strategies LLC to provide Government Relations Services to Fair Acres, Emergency Services and other areas for a monthly amount of \$7,000.00 plus out-of-pocket expenses for the period 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2018. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mr. Zidek asked to be recognized.

Mr. Zidek wanted to raise an issue regarding the Committee that was to study the Safety Study of the Mariner East Project. At yesterday's Agenda Meeting, it was decided that the committee would be reconstituted, that Mr. Culp would replace Chairman McBlain on the committee. There were a number of motions and quite a bit of discussion regarding amending today's Agenda to include discussions about how we might move forward with a study of the safety of the pipeline.

Mr. Zidek said he and Mr. Culp did have a meeting both yesterday and this morning to discuss whether or not they would be able to find common ground to make a recommendation to

Council as to how they might move forward with an examination of issues surrounding the pipeline.

He and Mr. Culp, given the short amount of time, have not been able to come to an agreement as yet, but he thinks they have made some ground towards that end and have a plan as to what next steps they might take to try and reach common ground.

So, he wanted to report back today that he and Mr. Culp have met twice. They are planning to meet or speak again on Friday and hope to have something in short order.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 9 to renew an Agreement between the County of Delaware and Elwyn Employment Services to provide Custodial Services for the term 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2018 in the amount of \$126,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp.

Chairman McBlain called on Joe DeVuono. Director of County Buildings and Maintenance, to say a few words about Item 9.

Mr. DeVuono said this is a renewal of a contract between the County of Delaware and Elwyn Employment Services for a one-year period for custodial work in the Toal, Sweeney, Curran and Fronefield Buildings. This is a vocational program between the County and Elwyn who provides us with a supervisor, custodial coaches and plus or minus 10 people. The goal of the program is to help the county clean our buildings with the main goal to help residents in the county who need help to get back into the workforce.

Chairman McBlain thanked Mr. DeVuono and his staff for the work they do. He thinks this is a terrific program. There is a need for many of the specially-abled people in our community to have a place where they can go to work and have worth.

The motion was carried unanimously.

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 had two items to discuss today. The first is a response to a request by Mr. Zidek yesterday regarding whether County Council could require the LEPC to undertake the Hazardous Risk Analysis. It is a two-part answer. He doesn't think County Council can mandate that. However, he does think the LEPC has the power to do that study and he thinks Council has the power to request it under the Hazardous Materials and Emergency Planning Act.

Mr. Maddren said that when Mr. Zidek and Mr. Culp are planning to make their recommendations, they should keep in mind the sensitivity of some of this information. SARA

Title III is the federal law that the Hazardous Materials and Emergency Planning Act derives from and that can provide some guidance on informing the community. What it requires is information to the community on how to deal with an emergency, a release of materials for an example. He thinks there is some concern underlying that Act and you will see it in our Right to Know Law also about having too much information out there that could be used for someone with ill-intent to cause a disaster.

When considering this, Council should be guided by the sensitivities of the information as well as the need to inform the community and the need for transparency. There is a delicate balance there.

His second issue today is the request for Council's authorization to file eleven (11) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file eleven (11) Petitions for the Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Steven Sarasin, 730 14th Avenue, Prospect Park, commented on the Mariner East Pipeline.

Eve Miari, 407 Meetinghouse Lane, Media, commented on the Mariner East Pipeline and the close proximity the proposed route is to the Elwyn facility located at 1 Judy Way, in Aston Township.

Rosemary Fuller, 226 Valley Road, Media, made comments regarding wells being affected by the pipeline project and what safeguards are being taken to protect the quality of the wells.

Mitch Trembicki, 187 Middletown Road, Thornbury, encouraged Council to form a committee to look at the situation about the safety of the pipeline.

Eric Friedman, 2 Fallbrook Lane, Glen Mills, spoke about the materials that are proposed to flow through the Mariner East Pipeline Project and the safety of this project.

Chairman McBlain said we would continue with Agenda Item 4, the Resolution declaring February as Black History Month as the student participants have arrived.

Mr. McBlain said County Council is proud to recognize the accomplishments of African Americans throughout our history, all of which helped to move our country toward a more equal and just society.

Black History Month, which is celebrated during the month of February, was started by historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Today is an annual celebration of

achievements by black Americans and it is a time we designate to recognize the central role that African Americans took in shaping U.S. history.

Today we are proud to continue to celebrate the lives and accomplishments of great African American leaders including famous individuals from Delaware County. Some of those individuals include singer-songwriter, model, poet and actress Jill Scott, and Gamble and Huff, an award winning American songwriting and record production team.

In Delaware County, we are privileged to have the leadership of Common Pleas Judge Nathaniel Nichols who has joined us today along with his wife Cheryl Nichols, a retired teacher who taught in the Wallingford Swarthmore School District for 32 years. As scholars of African American history, Judge Nichols and Cheryl strive to bring history to life for a new generation of young people so they can carry on the work of their ancestors.

Chairman McBlain welcomed the following Springfield High School students: Camryn Council, Arathi Pillai and Nia Stevenson, seniors; and Sarah Dahleh, a junior. We are pleased to welcome back Fonda Akins, who is an award winning Learning Support Teacher. She is also a sponsor of the R.E.A.C.H. (Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritages) Program and advisor of The DuBois Honor Society.

County Council is proud of the accomplishments of our students throughout the county and we are pleased to recognize these Springfield students today.

Chairman McBlain called on Ms. Akins to say a few words.

Ms. Akins thanked County Council for inviting them back for the third year in a row. She introduced the four students who came forward and presented information on the following famous African Americans from Pennsylvania: Ed Bradley an American Journalist, Octavius Catto a black educator, Ethel Waters a singer and actress, and Jill Scott a singer/songwriter, model, poet and actress.

COUNCIL: Mr. Zidek thanked the students and teachers for coming in this morning for Black History Month.

Mr. Madden said he thinks the strength of any community, any nation, is really directly tied to our shared sense of empathy. Black History Month is a time for all of us to remember the importance of understanding where each of us comes from. He doesn't think we can

understand one another unless we know our history, the history of our family and our community. So, it is important to reflect upon that at a time where we see so much divisiveness in our world, in our country.

Mr. Madden said there is a segue here and it's that, with regard to the pipeline, he is encouraged to see so many people who have come out and shared what concerns them. We grow in our ability to move forward when we understand what concerns we bring to the table and what defines where we are today and what drives us to behave the way we do and do what we do. He is grateful and hopeful to hear what comes back from our reconstituted committee that is working on the pipeline issue. He hopes we can all remember that this isn't a time where we are voting yay or nay on a pipeline but rather voting on the importance of understanding all of the issues and to acknowledge that. He thinks we have an obligation as leaders to ensure that before anything moves forward we understand the impacts that it will have economically on people's nest eggs and on the safety of our entire community.

Mr. Culp thanked Ms. Akins and her students for their presentation this morning for Black History Month. He recognized Deputy District Attorney Dawson and Assistant District Attorney Parham who were in the audience this morning.

Mrs. Morrone added her congratulations to all those who participate in Black History Month. Cheryl Nichols does a fabulous job helping to coordinate and put this together every year along with Judge Nichols. She looks forward to having the Springfield High School students participate in this special acknowledgement again next year. Lastly, she acknowledged Denise Stewart, Director of COSA, who brought along some individuals who are enrolled in colleges throughout the community and who are working in COSA during the year. They attended our Council meeting this morning to better understand the scope of the county.

Chairman McBlain echoed everyone's comments and welcomed Mrs. Stewart and the interns from COSA. As the students probably noticed, Council does a lot of important work that impacts the lives of our seniors in Delaware County. He thanked them for stepping forward into that difficult role. He welcomed all our honorees here this morning. The students did a terrific job. He said Patti LaBelle ought to be a little worried with the beautiful song that Nia Stevenson performed for us today. Many thanks to Ms. Akins for her leadership at Springfield High School and thanks to Judge Nichols and his wife for putting this program together.

Chairman McBlain said as we work through issues that we face here in Delaware County that are constantly changing, we look forward to and know that we can draw upon the diversity and strength of our county with everyone that makes up Delaware County.

Lastly, he wished all the Eagles fans good luck tomorrow as they head into Philadelphia to attend the "Parade of Champions." He thanked all our county employees who came out last Friday for our Pep Rally; and thanks to Lisa Kearney, Fran Gough and the Morale Committee who put that rally together. Our employees were able to take an hour and have some fun during their lunchtime to "correctly" predict the outcome of the Super Bowl.

We encourage all our residents to have a ton of fun tomorrow, but please be safe. As a public service announcement, if anyone is planning on using SEPTA tomorrow, he would highly

encourage them to go onto SEPTA's website as they have a special page up for the Eagles Parade information and review that information before you leave tomorrow. Do not expect that you can walk up to any train station or trolley station and be able to just jump on public transportation; it will not happen.

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan