

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 September 21, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Zachary Thornton, a student at Upper Darby High School. Sue DePompeo, of the Budget Department, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Advertise for Bids for the Human Services Building Cleaning Contract as per specifications, special conditions and general conditions for the term of three (3) years. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 6 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for 12 Court Ordered refunds for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for properties in the Boroughs of Clifton Heights, Collingdale, Folcroft and Rose Valley and the Townships of Chadds Ford, Chester, Radnor, Springfield and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$4,810.91. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8, Resolution 2016-8, the Licensing Fees for Weights and Measures Devices, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware, Fair Acres Geriatric Center and DES Recruitment, Inc. for a period of twenty-four (24) months for recruiting and staffing services of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants at a cost of \$17,300.00 per month. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving an Agreement with CourtSmart for a Magisterial District Justice Court Recording System for twenty-two (22) locations throughout Delaware County at a purchase price of \$175,705.00 with a yearly maintenance cost of \$18,000.00 for seven (7) years. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a Lease Agreement with TGI Office Automation, Inc. for the lease of copier equipment and maintenance service at a cost of \$55,975.00 per month, on COSTARS Contract No. 001-014, for a lease term of forty-eight (48) months. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of a Home and Community Services Provider with the Office of Intellectual Disabilities and the approval of one Subsidized Day Care Provider with Childcare Information Services.

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

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 13, the Resolution recognizing "Six Degrees of Delco" Event on October 8.

Mrs. Morrone said she is excited to have the opportunity to announce a very exciting event that is being planned for October 8 called "Six Degrees of Delco Day".

As the world shrinks and the means of communication grow, there is a view that we are all growing more connected. The concept of "six degrees of separation" is that everyone is six or fewer steps away, by way of introduction, from any other person in a chain of friendships or connections. In other words, we are all "a friend of a friend of a friend" of someone.

Two Delaware County Rotary organizations are using the theme of community connections to host an event called "Six Degrees of Delco" on Saturday, October 8 at Team Toyota, in Glen Mills.

On County Council, we are proud of the fact that much of the success of Delaware County is due to partnerships, connections and strong communities. We are also proud of the fact that Delaware County's connections reach far and wide, in families, in government and in business.

Today, we want to commend the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County and the Rotary Club of Glen Mills/Thornbury for hosting what promises to be a large celebration. Dan Foltz, the chair of the event, said there will be music, dancing, food, games, sports celebrities and networking at this event.

We also commend the Rotary members for recognizing our first responders at the event and for donating a portion of the proceeds to our Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund, the

Delaware County Fallen Firefighter and EMS Memorial in Rose Tree Park, and the Arc of Delaware County that advocates for individuals with intellectual disabilities. These are all worthy organizations that County Council appreciates. We, also support any event that fosters community connections in our fine county.

Mrs. Morrone said Council wants to present a Resolution declaring October 8 as "Six Degrees of Delco Day" in Delaware County and we invite residents to attend this fun event.

Mrs. Morrone invited the following people to come forward to accept the Resolution and to tell us a little bit more about *Six Degrees of Delco*: Daniel Foltz, Chairperson and Assistant Governor of Rotary Clubs, Area 8; Tony Deliva, President, Rotary Club of Glen Mills/Thornbury; Ed Kline, Swarthmore Police Officer, South Media Fire Chief and Delaware County's Volunteer Coordinator; Rich Heffernan, Fallen Firefighter and EMS Memorial Fund; Eileen MacDonald, Executive Director of the Arc of Delaware County; Mike Styer, District Manager for ACME Markets; Tony Dostellio, Local District Director for the Concordville ACME Store and presenting sponsor; Lisa Diskin, Team Toyota owner and presenting sponsor.

Mr. Foltz thanked County Council for their support and their focus with making Delaware County a strong and vivacious county.

Mr. Foltz said the theme of this event, Six Degrees of Delaware County, is because everyone has a positive connection and has evoked positive service of themselves, which is the theme of Rotary Club, as well as working with strong individuals in First Responders and other organizations that have been very supportive in addition to the Arc of Delaware County.

Chairman Civera said anytime you have people come from your community or graduate from the high school you attended it makes you proud and that is the way he feels this morning. He is very proud of the students from Upper Darby High School and what they have accomplished.

Upper Darby High School has a Lunar Club and these students competed in the Natural Science Research with other high schools. They did very well and came out on top. Not only did they compete with high school students, but they also competed with college students and they did very well. That is an accomplishment.

In Delaware County, we are proud that we have students who excel in many areas, from the Hi-Q and Envirothon competitions to sports and music. This morning, County Council is happy to recognize a group of students whose achievements are literally *out of this world*.

The Upper Darby High School Lunar Club won a national high school research competition that earned them a trip to the NASA Ames Research Center, in California, this summer. They presented their research alongside college students at the Exploration Science Forum.

The Lunar Club was formed in 2011 to give students the opportunity to conduct authentic research into planetary and lunar geology. He was told that these bright students conducted research to determine the thickness of volcanic rock from lava from an area on the moon. These students are our future scientists, researchers and maybe astronauts.

We are pleased to welcome the students today to our Council meeting along with their advisors and to present them with a Resolution. The following individuals attended today's meeting: Faculty Mentors – Roseann Burns and Josh Taffel; and students - Christopher DeMott, Galen Farmer, Daniel Gordon, Isabel Hunt, Kenneth Lin, Thomas Nguyen, Zachary Thornton, Vince Tran and Most Yeasmin.

Faculty Advisor Roseann Burns thanked County Council for recognizing the students today. These students worked very hard throughout the school year doing authentic original research after school for days and days.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 15, the Resolution recognizing September as Recovery Month.

Mr. White said the work of the Delaware County Heroin Task Force has made Delaware County Council painfully aware of the toll that addiction is taking on our families and our communities. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, about 23.5 million Americans are addicted to drugs or alcohol. That's one in every 10 Americans over the age of 12. The saddest part of this news is that only 11 percent of those with an addiction receive treatment.

While our Human Services Department and our partners in the community work year-round to combat addiction, September gives us a chance to spotlight the programs that offer treatment and recovery.

September is National Recovery Month, a time when we need to celebrate the people who are living healthy and productive lives in recovery, and a time to recognize the dedicated people who work to make recovery possible.

New this year, the week of September 18 to 24 is being recognized as National Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week.

Today, we want to spotlight recovery. Any individual who has overcome an addiction knows that it is not an easy process and it is ongoing. During Recovery Month, we stand with these brave individuals and support all efforts to get people into treatment instead of jail.

Mr. White said County Council will present a Resolution recognizing Recovery Month. We are commending the following two programs that provide housing, education and support to men and women in recovery:

- Myra's Place that was founded by Barri Pepe, a social worker who graduated from Widener University. She has worked in the drug and alcohol industry for over 15 years. In August, 2011 she established Myra's Place, the first recovery house for women in Delaware County. Ms. Pepe named her program after Myra Manley, a friend of hers who disappeared in 1983 and has never been heard from again. That tragedy inspired her to create a recovery home for women where they can live independently while pursuing their goals of recovery, employment and education.
- MVP is a recovery home provider that serves men. MVP stands for Motivation, Vitality and Perseverance. The owner is Brian Corson who is a lifelong Delaware County resident who wants to help people on their path to recovery. At MVP, the staff provides an intense, structured three-phase program that helps men live responsible, independent and purpose-driven lives.

We are pleased to welcome our staff along with representatives from Myra's Place and MVP Recovery. On behalf of Council, Mr. White thanked them for the important work they do.

Since being on the Heroin Task Force, Council has seen the destruction that addiction has taken in our County. The recovery effort is just our next step to ensure that we win this battle on drug addiction in Delaware County as well as the Commonwealth. It is overtaking, not just the Commonwealth, but our country. By having organizations like this, having our Human Services Department and all the partners we work with in Delaware County, we are making great strides (he believes) to finally get to the point that we win this war on addiction.

Mr. White recognized the following individuals who attended today's meeting on behalf of Recovery Month and to accept this Resolution: Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services; Anne Jennings, Drug and Alcohol Administrator; Barri L. Pepe, owner and Executive Director of Myra's Place; Elizabeth DiRoumaldo, Housing Manager and Program Coordinator for Myra's Place; Brian Corson, owner and Executive Director of MVP Recovery; Jason Kilpatrick, owner and Operations Director of MVP Recovery; and Jeff Hunsberger, Program Coordinator of MVP Recovery.

Ms. DiRoumaldo thanked the community for recognizing that this is a disease that needs to be taken care of within the community. For over five years, they have been working very hard to try and help women in our county to recover. We have been very successful. It is awesome being recognized here today for their work.

Mr. Corson thanked everyone for their support. He is humbled to be standing here to help represent recovery in Delaware County. He thanked County Council, the Heroin Task Force, District Attorney Jack Whelan who has supported them since this endeavor began. He especially wanted to thank the 40+ men who wake up every morning at the MVP Program and decide that today they are going to fight this battle; they are going to lace-up their boots and move forward one day at a time.

We talk about the opioid epidemic that is affecting our community, but there is a recovery epidemic here in Delaware County. He is proud that individuals are having the courage to come out and share that experience, strength and hope with everybody, to let people know there is a solution and recovery is possible. There are individuals every day that are proof of that and he is so grateful to be representing that.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with the Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 16, the request by the Controller's Office for the payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file four (4) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated the Upper Darby High School Lunar Club. He also thanked the representatives of the "Six Degrees of Delco" for coming in and wished them the best of luck on October 8. Lastly, he thanked all those who work so hard to help people in recovery.

Mr. White congratulated the students from the Upper Darby High School Lunar Club who have done an incredible job. They should be commended on their hard work and, because of their efforts, he's sure they have a bright future ahead of them. He is looking forward to "Six Degrees of Delco" event and hopes the weather holds out. As far as the recovery teams, he thanked them for their good work. Brian Corson used an expression that he really likes, namely "the recovery epidemic," which he intends to use. That is a good expression to start using and hearing in Delaware County because those are the efforts and where we are heading in Delaware County.

Mr. McBlain echoed everyone's comments. He extended his congratulations to the Rotarians and good luck with the event on October 8. Thanks to everyone involved in the recovery effort, Myra's Place and MVP Recovery. He congratulated the Upper Darby students. This must have been an amazing journey to be able to go to the NASA Research Center in California.

Mr. McBlain said he has always been fascinated with space exploration and has visited the NASA Space Center, in Florida, on a number of occasions. Every time he visits the Center he learns something new. On his recent visit, he learned that almost all of the engineers that worked on the Apollo Program were in their mid-20's. That is six or seven years away from the students here today. You have the ability to do all those great things. Good luck!

Mrs. Morrone added her congratulations to the students of the Upper Darby Lunar Club. She's sure they will all be looking for those jobs at NASA in the future after they finish college. It's fantastic to see our youth represented around the country. She wished the students the best as they continue their careers. As for the "Six Degrees of Delco" event, County Council will see them on Saturday, Oct 8. ACME has been a fantastic supporter of lots of events around the county, through our Parks and Recreation Department and other events in the community. Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate those collaborations and partnerships.

Mrs. Morrone said she had the opportunity to see Brian Corson speak a few weeks ago at a vigil held in Bethel Township for families and survivors that have dealt with these issues. Brian did an outstanding job giving a presentation to that group at a very challenging and difficult time in their lives. We need those efforts, so keep up your good work, Myra's Place and MVP Recovery. It's really about recovery; we need to help solve this problem and prevent it from occurring again in the future.

Lastly, Mrs. Morrone announced the *Women and Families Wellness Fair*, sponsored by the Women's Commission, that is taking place in the Government Center this morning. There is a lot of information out there about wellness and programs that are available in the community. She encourages everyone to stop by and get some information.

Chairman Civera said, being a member of County Council, there are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes that the public does not get to see, but this is part of the government job Council really enjoys. We enjoy people coming into our meetings so we can honor and recognize them and to say thank you to those who work hard for a particular cause, all of which makes our job a little bit easier and puts a smile on our face.

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