

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 October 26, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Bill Kenny, a Marine Corps veteran. Kate Morrone, of the Public Relations 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 October 19, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the ratification of approval to Award Contract to EDF Energy Services, LLC for electricity supply for a three (3) year period beginning January 2018 at a cost of \$0.05258/kWh for the County's electricity accounts. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 2 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Adam Matlawski, of the Delaware County Authority, to speak on Agenda Item 7, Resolution 2016-9.

On behalf of the Delaware County Authority, Mr. Matlawski asked for County Council's approval of financing through the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development for multi-county projects in the amount of \$450,000,000.00. One of the many facilities involved in this multi-county project is located in Radnor Township at 789 Lancaster Avenue, Delaware County. The approval of this Resolution does not pledge any County funds or tax money.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, Resolution 2016-9 and in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, approving the issuance of bonds by the Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450,000,000.00 to finance a project for Thomas Jefferson University, THUH System, Thomas Jefferson Hospitals, Inc. and Jefferson University Physicians; Aria Health System and one of more affiliates, and Abington Health, Abington Health Foundation, Abington Memorial Hospital and Lansdale. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Mr. Dougherty asked for County Council's approval of a new Drug and Alcohol Treatment Provider of Services and three (3) Subsidized Day Care Providers for Childcare Information Services.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 8, Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 9, a Resolution declaring October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. White said, if you see people wearing red ribbons this week, we encourage you to step up and join them in saying "no to drugs."

Red Ribbon Week is observed from October 23-31 to raise awareness about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. This year's theme is "YOLO. Be Drug Free," with the hashtag "You Only Live Once."

Red Ribbon Week was started in the late 1980's after a federal drug agent, Kiki Camarena, was kidnapped, tortured and murdered by drug traffickers. His family and friends launched a campaign where people wore red ribbons and signed a pledge to lead "drug-free" lives.

Their message is that drug addiction affects all of us, from people who face addiction to their families, their employers and law enforcement. Hopefully, this week there will be a sea of red ribbons across Delaware County to raise awareness.

Alcohol and drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions in the United States and is a serious public health threat to our children, our families and our communities. It is critical to educate people about drug and alcohol abuse and to convey the message that any use of illegal drugs, or illegal use of legal drugs, is unacceptable and ruins lives.

Preventing drug abuse is a goal that County Council is dedicated to all year long. In honor of Red Ribbon Week, we'd like to remind Delaware County residents that you can dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs at any one of our "Delco Medicine Drop Boxes." The drop boxes are located in nearly every police station in the county, including the ground floor lobby of the Government Center Building, in Media. The medicines can be dropped into the boxes anonymously, for free, at any time.

Mr. White recognized the following individuals who attended this morning's meeting on behalf of Red Ribbon Week and to accept the Resolution: Laura Fidorowicz, Office of Behavioral Health, Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialist; Dave Perri, OBH Prevention Specialist; Lisa Nash, OBH, Prevention Consultant; and Aerielle Waters, of Holcomb Behavioral Health.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 10, a Resolution recognizing the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association 2016 Freedom Medal Honorees.

Chairman Civera said Delaware County is home to many brave veterans who bravely served our nation. Today, we have 35,000 veterans of all military branches living in Delaware County and continuing to serve their communities through their work, their church, their schools and their families.

In 2013, the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, in Newtown Square, became the newest monument in the county dedicate to veterans. There is a display about the memorial in the Government Center lobby outside the Veterans Affairs office.

The Veterans Memorial Association hosts an annual Freedom Medal dinner to pay tribute to the brave men and women of the armed services, in addition to its educational programs that will help ensure future generations to know about this nation's military history and sacrifice.

County Council is partnering with the Veterans Memorial Association to host the third annual Freedom Medal Awards dinner on November 17 at the Springfield County Club. County Council is honored to help present these awards at the dinner.

Chairman Civera recognized the following 2016 Freedom Medal Award winners: U.S. Army Air Corps veteran Samuel J. Coco who served in World War II; U.S. Marine Corps veteran David Fortune who served in Vietnam; U.S. Army veteran Samuel Malandra who served in Korea; U.S. Air Force veteran June Howard Micozzie who served in the Korean War era; U.S. Air Force veteran Richard "Dick" Phillips who served in Korea; and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Bob Spano who served in Vietnam. He also recognized the following individuals who will receive the Community Awards: Kathleen Breslin and Jeffrey LaMonica, educators from the Delaware County Community College; Wilbur and Betty Lea Henderson Foundation; Association founding member Linda Houldin; and retiring State Representative Bill Adolph.

This is certainly an amazing group of people who so bravely served our nation and now serve our county. We recognize the following members of the Veterans Memorial Association for their efforts and other distinguished quests: former State Representative Nick Micozzie; his daughter Judge Kelly Ann Micozzie-Aguirre; Upper Darby Township Mayor Tom Micozzie; and Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association board members, Guy Fizzano/President, Springfield Township Police Chief Joe Daly/Co-Vice President, Dennis Murphy/Co-Vice President, Linda Houldin/Founding member, Claude de Botton/Founding member and major benefactor, Nicole de Botton Robinson/Chairman of the Board, Tonya Ricco/Board secretary and Jeannine Walsh, a volunteer.

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

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

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren said he had no County business today to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked everyone at the Office of Behavioral Health for all the good work they do. It is such a tough job. He also thanked all the Freedom Medal Award honorees. Council looks forward to celebrating with them on Thursday, November 17.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's remarks. He looks forward to the dinner every year, which is a phenomenal event. Each and every one of the award winners, as in the past two years, are worthy of this award. Red Ribbon Week is an important week. This is a disease we have been fighting for many years. We need everyone's support on this. If you can, please stop at the table outside the meeting room and pick up information at the desk, get a red ribbon, wear it and make people aware of the importance of the work that is being done by County Council and our partners.

Mr. McBlain echoed Councilmen Culp and White comments about the honorees for the 2016 Freedom Medal Award and the important work that is done by the Office of Behavioral Health and our partners at Holcomb Behavioral Health on Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. McBlain said he represented County Council on Saturday at a ceremony that was held in Darby Township that welcomed home a hometown hero, Lt. General Ronald Coleman who recently retired from the United States Marine Corps as a 3-Star Lieutenant General, one of the highest ranking African American officers in the U.S. Marine Corps. Lt. Gen. Coleman was born and raised in Darby, he entered the U.S. Navy in 1968, served in Vietnam, returned home and attended Cheyney University and where he obtained his degree. He then entered the Marine Corps and became an officer and ultimately retired as a 3-Star Lt. General. His list of combat accomplishments is very impressive. It was fantastic what the Borough of Darby was able to do for Lt. Gen. Coleman. They put their best foot forward and renamed a portion of 10th Street after Lt. Gen. Coleman.

Mrs. Morrone thanked the Office of Behavioral Health and Holcomb for the work they do on bringing attention to drug issues and Red Ribbon Week throughout the county. She said her daughter brought home her red ribbon earlier this week from school. They are doing great work in all our schools in getting this message out there. We need to start at a young age and get this information out to the children of Delaware County. She also added her congratulations to our award winners that are here today.

Chairman Civera said it is a pleasure to honor the award honorees. We are proud of each and every one of you. We are glad to see you at our meetings.

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan