

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 June 22, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Dennis Harrsch, a student at Penncrest High School. Ed Magargee, District Manager for the Conservation District, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 5 to purchase one (1) 2017 Ford Expedition from Pacifico Marple Ford on COSTARS Contract No. 026-029 for a cost not to exceed \$49,461.25. 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 30 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 2016-5.

On behalf of the Delaware County Authority, Mr. Matlawski asked for the approval of Resolution 2016-5, seeking County Council’s approval to finance up to an amount of \$120,000,000.00 through the Montgomery County Industrial Authority for the benefit of the Acts Retirement-Life Communities. Portions of the project that are being financed are located in Delaware County. Therefore, County Council is the highest elected official and their approval is required. There are no County funds involved with this approval.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, Resolution 2016-5, the financing in an amount up to \$120,000,000.00 by the Montgomery County Industrial Authority for the benefit of Acts Retirement-Life Communities, Inc. and designating the Chairman of County Council as the “applicable elected representative,” each for purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and authorizing other necessary and appropriate action as contained therein. The motion is subject to the Solicitor’s approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the continuation of the Internet Crimes Against Children Grant through 9/30/2016. The grant period is currently from 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016. This is a “time extension” only. The motion is subject to the Solicitor’s approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract between the County of Delaware and Nathaniel Evans for the period 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017 to support the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in the amount of \$69,230.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Frank Carey, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Mr. Carey asked for County Council's approval of eight (8) separate Agreements for Training and Support Services for Information Technology for the Office of Workforce Development.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreement, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Dougherty asked for County Council's approval of a contract with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for the participation in the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). This provides funding for the purchase and distribution of food to the local food banks. He also asked for the approval of three (3) Subsidized Day Care Providers. There is no County dollars associated with the approval of these items.

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. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 12, National Homeownership Month.

Mr. McBlain said it was his privilege today to present County Council's Resolution recognizing National Homeownership Month.

Part of the American dream has always been to own your own home. Homeownership has many benefits from pride, personal security and economic prosperity for the homeowner to stability and prosperity for our communities.

Every June, Delaware County Council joins the nation in celebrating Homeownership Month. The purpose is to spotlight the important, but sometimes overlooked, value that homeownership brings to our society. Homeownership contributes to a strong economy, builds strong communities and, to the individual family, represents a powerful tool for building economic stability and self-esteem.

Delaware County Council works with our Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) to stabilize neighborhoods and increase homeownership opportunities through a variety of programs that promote accessibility for all residents, from veterans to those with financial or special physical challenges.

Mr. McBlain said one of the programs that we highlight today is the Homeownership First Program, which offers counseling and up to \$5,000.00 in down payment and closing costs assistance. While many households have the necessary income to qualify for mortgage financing, they pay so much for rental housing and other monthly bills that saving funds for a down payment and closing costs is not feasible. The Homeownership First Program help with those costs for qualified low and moderate income individuals. Individual and group pre-purchase counseling is provided to participants to ensure success.

Since the Homeownership First Program started 20 years ago, in 1996, 913 households have purchased homes. That's an excellent accomplishment.

Our statistics show that traditionally underserved groups, such as minorities and female-headed households, have benefitted. We are also happy to note that our partners in the private sector help by providing zero or reduced point loans and reduced interest rates. On the average, the 30-year fixed mortgage rates for the Homeownership First Program participants are .71% lower than the market rate. We are also grateful to our partners who act as housing counseling agencies including the Chester Community Improvement Project and the Media Fellowship House. Homeownership is a commitment and we are grateful to all of our partners and especially those first time homebuyers for making this commitment.

Council wishes to recognize Linda Hill, our Office of Housing and Community Development Director, her staff and her partners in this program as we present a resolution recognizing Homeownership Month.

Mr. McBlain asked the following individuals to come forward: Linda Hill, Director of OHCD; Carol Murdock Catania, Housing Coordinator for OHCD; Annette Pyatt, Executive Director, Chester Community Improvement Project (CCIP); Larry Douglas, Housing Program Manager, Chester Community Improvement Project; Jerry Duffy, Executive Director, Media Fellowship House (MFH); Tori Smith, Homeownership First Program participant with MFH, who owns a home in Prospect Park; and Derek and Akiya Hudson, Homeownership First Program participant with CCIP, who owns a home in Marcus Hook.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 13, a Resolution recognizing the Penncrest High School Gold Team as Envirothon Champions.

Mrs. Morrone said, in Delaware County, we are pleased to have a group of students who are extremely knowledgeable about our natural resources and ways to conserve and preserve

them. The Penncrest High School Envirothon team is once again victorious in both the county and state Envirothon competitions.

Envirothon is a competition that tests a student's knowledge on environmental science topics such as wildlife, forestry, soil and aquatic life.

Penncrest really dominates in the Envirothon competitions. This marks the 23rd consecutive year that Penncrest has won the Delaware County competition and the 12th time they have won the state title.

On July 24, they will head to the North American National Conservation Foundation Envirothon that is being held in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. We wish them well.

These are students who are already good stewards of our environment. They are developing an understanding of the practice of natural resource management and ecology. They are learning how best to maintain our quality of life and the quality of the environment.

Mrs. Morrone further said, in competition, the students are asked to identify trees, track animal prints, and to discuss pollution management techniques and the preservation of streams and lakes. The 2016 environmental issue is focused on invasive species.

At the county level, the Envirothon is coordinated by the Delaware County Conservation District, working with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the Soil Conservation District, the Bureau of Forestry and the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

We are pleased to have the members of the Penncrest Gold Team with us today. Attending today's meeting on behalf of Penncrest High School were the following: Vy-Linh Gale, Dennis Harrsch, Rachel Hughes, Justin Rosenberg and Dan Rosenberger, with family advisors Mark Samilenko and Chrissa Kuntz. Representing the Delaware County Conservation District was Ed Magargee.

Mrs. Morrone read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, students nationwide participate in Envirothon activities to develop the knowledge and skills to understand our precious natural resources and work toward achieving a balance between the quality of life and quality of the environment; and

Whereas, the Penncrest High School Envirothon Gold Team captured first place for the 23rd consecutive year in the 2016 Delaware County Envirothon, an outdoor competition that tests each student's knowledge of environmental science, held on April 29 and sponsored by the Delaware County Conservation District.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby congratulate the 2016 Envirothon Team from Penncrest High School on achieving excellence at county, state and national levels. We further congratulate the administration, faculty and students for their stewardship of natural resources that are critical to our quality of life.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 14, recognizing the Springfield High School Lacrosse Team for winning the PIAA State Championship.

Mr. Culp said it was his pleasure to present the Resolution recognizing the Springfield High School Boys Lacrosse Team for winning the PIAA State Championships.

Once again, a Delaware County High School Boys Lacrosse Team has demonstrated its excellence on the playing field with a championship season. The 2016 Springfield High School Team culminated its successful season by winning the PIAA State Championship with a victory over La Salle College High School.

The Springfield Cougars ended their successful season with a 4-3 win on June 11 at West Chester East, earning the PIAA State Title. The team posted a 20-7 record for the season including wins over Delaware Valley High School, Avon Grove High School and finally against La Salle College High School winning the state finals.

This is the fourth time the team has earned the PIAA title. The school took home the title in 1979, 1982 and 1992 and now in 2016. So, this is the first big win for the Lacrosse Team in 24 years. This is quite an accomplishment. The team members worked very hard on the field and it showed. Mr. Culp said your families are proud of you; Springfield is proud of you; and all of Delaware County is proud as well! Even Springfield Commissioner Ed Kelly came out this morning to recognize the team.

Mr. Culp called on Springfield High School Boys Lacrosse team head coach, Tom Lemieux, to come forward and introduce the team members.

Coach Lemieux thanked County Council for honoring his team today. Credit goes out to these student athletes who had an unbelievable season. These young men deserve all that they have accomplished this year. He thanked the Springfield community for having such an unbelievable support for them throughout this run. There is no better place to be than Springfield Township.

Coach Lemieux thanked the following Lacrosse team members: Zac Methlie, Mike Gerzabek, Liam DiFonso, Joe Debarnardi, Ray Jeffers, Andrew Pickett, David Hentnick, Ian Reger, Jack Spence, Zac Venit, Kyle Long, Mike Vent, Jamie Bove, Dan Gluck, Vince Puppio, Pat Smyth, Aiden Travers, Geo Dotsikas, James Spence, Anthony Delvecchio, Nick Cutuli, Nick Martin, Matt Blake, Matt Ries, Zack Broomall, Max DiFonso, Mike Ward, Nate Lohr, Nick Matty, Alex

Grafstrom, Anthony Divario, Pat Clemens, Dom Addana, Chris Ringwalt, Jimmy Donegan and Ryan Reger.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. 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 has nothing to report or to request this week.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated both teams, the Penncrest High School Envirothon Champions and the Springfield High School Lacrosse Team. Delaware County is truly a great place to live. He also congratulated the homeowners and wished them well. It's truly a great program.

Last week, Mr. McBlain said he had the opportunity to speak at the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce meeting, which was conducted here in Delaware County. Specifically, it was in regards to the opportunities that the Marcellus Shale gas is bringing to the County and the surrounding areas. There were business leaders from a lot of energy industries, as well as industries from Philadelphia and Greater Philadelphia area that came to the Drexelbrook for that event. This event showed that Delaware County is ahead of the curve when it comes to going after opportunities in the new energy industry.

Mrs. Morrone congratulated our new homeowners, under the Homeowners First Program, and extended congratulations to Penncrest High School Lacrosse Team for winning the PIAA State Championship and best wishes in Canada to bring back the national title.

She recognized Marcia Tate (Vice President) and Stephanie Gaboriault (President) of the Friends of Glen Providence Park who were with us this morning. They left copies of a report in the back of the room concerning the happenings at the park and the 2016 Schedule of Events.

Chairman Civera said County Council always enjoys guests coming into their meetings and especially those who receive awards, like today's Homeownership Program, the Envirothon Champions and Lacrosse Team.

Council meets on a weekly basis, except during the summer when the meetings are held every other week. When you have a free moment and you want to see what is going on in County government, please come out and attend the Wednesday morning meetings.

DISCUSSION: Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhatton Avenue, Lester (Tinicum Township), commented and registered his protest (once again) concerning the redistribution of money between the County, the Interboro School District and the Township as it relates to the 4-Party Airport Agreement.

Solicitor Maddren said this was discussed in prior meetings and there is a 4-Party Agreement with the Township, the School District, the Airport and the County. The Township has several other agreements with the airport. Our agreement doesn't really provide for any openers, renegotiations, changes or anything like that. The County is unaware of any changes or updates at this point.

Lastly, Mr. Dobi wanted us to know that the clock on the front of the Courthouse is not showing the correct time.

Stephanie Gaboriault, President of the Friends of Glen Providence Park, thanked County Council for recognizing the events and work done at the park. This is the 5th year they are presenting concerts in the park on a monthly basis (June through September) with the first concert for 2016 to be held this Saturday, June 25. She thanked County Council and the Department of Parks and Recreation for resurfacing the historical concert stage in time for the 80th anniversary last year. In addition, Parks and Recreation provide portable facilities and electricity for their concerts, and they are very grateful for all they do.

Marcia Tate, 319 West Third Street, Media Borough and Vice President of the Friends of Glen Providence Park, mentioned some of the upcoming events at Glen Providence Park such as a Portrait Photography Workshop and Story Time for Kids. This park is a great resource for our community.

On behalf of County Council, Chairman Civera thanked the Friends of Glen Providence Park for what they do and their commitment to the park.

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