

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 December 7, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ed O'Lone, County Controller. George Troilo, Director of Purchasing, gave the invocation.

Before turning the meeting over to Vice Chairman Morrone to start today's Agenda Items, Chairman Civera wanted to recognize the following distinguished guests that were here this morning, namely Senator Tom McGarrigle, Senator Tom Killion and our honored guest – State Representative Bill Adolph.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 30, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Solicitor Maddren to speak on Agenda Item 5.

Solicitor Maddren said before he speaks on Item 5, he would ask for Council's approval to add an additional Item to this morning's agenda, Agenda Item 4A a Memorandum of Understanding.

The County has been working with Senators McGarrigle and Killion and several representatives including Rep. Nick Miccarelli, Council and the City of Chester and Harrah's to come up with a solution to the problem of preserving the local share assessment.

Today, Solicitor Maddren is requesting the approval to add to the agenda a Memorandum of Understanding between Chester Downs & Marina LLC d/b/a Harrah's Philadelphia, the City of Chester and the County of Delaware to preserve the local share assessment. This Memorandum of Understanding would preserve the dollar amount granted to the County and the City by Harrah's under the local share assessment for at least such time there is legislative action. Therefore, he asked for this additional item to be added and an action item subject to his approval.

Chairman Civera said, in accordance with the Delaware County Home Rule Charter, when an agenda item is added after the Agenda Meeting has taken place, which took place yesterday, we take public comment on the item. This item evolves around the County's budget because there are monies that arrive from the casino through the state.

There was no public question or comment.

Solicitor Maddren asked Chairman Civera to entertain a motion approving this Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Chester Downs & Marina LLC d/b/a/ Harrah’s Philadelphia, the City of Chester and the County of Delaware to preserve the local share assessment, seconded by Mr. White.

Mr. McBlain asked to comment on this item. He said this agreement will provide for Harrah’s to continue to pay the tax on the slot that the court ruled unconstitutional. In 2016, this equates to approximately \$3.3 million. That is obviously something that would affect our budget. We were always hopeful that this issue would be resolved either in the last session or in the beginning of the next legislative session. However, there is a possibility that it won’t be resolved by January 27.

Mr. McBlain said Harrah’s did step up to the plate, as well as our partners, who understood the issue. They know how important these revenues are to the County and the City of Chester and they agreed to continue these payments pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.

He believes this addresses the last bit of uncertainty in our budget. We certainly give credit to our legislators for being actively involved in this process and thank them. Again, this will be another benefit to the residents of our county.

Chairman Civera said Item 4A is carried unanimously. (Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays)

Solicitor Maddren spoke on Agenda Item 5, the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-3, the 2017 County Budget.

He said a public presentation of the County Budget will be conducted this evening at 6 P.M. in this meeting room. This Ordinance would adopt an Operating Budget for 2017 of \$353,057,000.00, which is a tax rate of 4.701 mills (\$.4701) on each one-hundred dollars of assessed property valuation for general County purposes and .903 mills (\$.0903) on each one-hundred dollars of assessed valuation for Debt Service.

This Budget specifically contains the following allocations:

General Government	\$79,785,000.00
Protection to Persons and Property	139,224,000.00
Highways	219,000.00
Recreation Services	1,749,000.00
Special Services	1,927,000.00
Debt Service	28,214,000.00
SEPTA	7,896,000.00
Social Welfare	87,220,000.00
Miscellaneous	6,823,000.00
TOTAL	\$353,057,000.00

This Ordinance would be subject to public comment and a motion to adopt at next week's County Council Meeting, Wednesday, December 14. This Ordinance was duly advertised in accordance with the Home Rule Charter. Copies of the Ordinance and the Budget are available in the back of the room. The Budget is also available in the County Clerk's Office from now through the adoption of such Ordinance.

This concludes the First Reading of Ordinance 2016-3.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 6 to amend the contract between Thomson Reuters and Delaware County to allow for the purchase of functional customizations at a cost of \$88,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of one Subsidized Day Care Provider of Service. There are no County dollars associated with the approval of this item.

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. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to adopt the Regular Meetings and Agenda Meetings of County Council for the year 2017, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to adopt the County Holidays for the year 2017, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Michelle S. Lewis, of Chester City, to the Community Transit of Delaware County Board of Directors with a term ending December 2019, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Joseph Vasturia, of Upper Darby Township, to the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority with a term ending October 2021, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a memorial to be erected on the grave of Henry J. Crofcheck, of Nether Providence Township, a deceased service person, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 13, the Resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation.

For one-hundred years, Mr. White said members of the Rotary have been helping people around the world achieve better health, clean water, education and life-sustaining economies.

In Delaware County, there are 13 Rotary Clubs whose members have traveled far and wide to help children and adults. The humanitarian engine that supports all of these Rotary projects is the Rotary International Foundation.

The Foundation was launched in 1917 with a humble contribution of \$26.50. Today, the Foundation is one of the largest in the world, helping to connect 1.2 million Rotary members in 35,000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries. One of the initiatives the Rotary is most well-known for is the eradication of polio. Their projects also fight poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition.

Today, we want to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation and congratulate some of our local Rotarians. Tonight, they are holding a gala called "The Million Dollar Journey Celebration" at the Springfield Country Club.

Mr. White welcomed Joseph Batory, a 30-year Rotary member including 13 years in the Upper Darby Rotary who was accompanied by Dan Lievens, (President), Gary Zebrowski and Peter Mardinly of the Media Rotary Club; Francy Cross, Louise Vitell-Burroughs, Warren Sell, Edith Hilton of the Chester City Rotary Club; and Jim Wurster of the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County.

Mr. White read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Rotary International Foundation has been the leader in the fight to eradicate polio internationally, which is now more than 99 percent eliminated; and

Whereas, there are 13 Rotary Clubs in Delaware County and a local Rotarian donor has made a \$1 million bequest gift to the Foundation to challenge Rotarians to match this contribution.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, commemorate and celebrate the 100th anniversary of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION in Delaware County. We encourage all residents to support the work of the Rotary in its many humanitarian projects throughout the world.

On behalf of the 50 Rotary Clubs in the Philadelphia area and the 13 Rotary Clubs in Delaware County, Mr. Wurster thanked County Council for this Resolution. This is going to make a permanent record of the 100th year anniversary of the Rotary Foundation. Rotary is ranked 3rd

in the world for accountability and transparency. The \$26.50 that started the Rotary Foundation in 1917 is now worth \$1 billion. This has all come from Rotary members who give \$5, \$10, \$100 or some anonymous person in Delaware County who has just donated \$1 million with a challenge that tonight enough Rotarians will match that million dollars. They are hoping to put another \$2 million into the Rotary Foundation.

Chairman Civera said he is very honored to recognize State Rep. William Adolph as he plans to retire.

In today's society, people are quick to complain about government, but very reluctant to get involved. One man who stands out as a leading example of civic involvement and getting involved to improve your community is William F. Adolph.

In the early 1980's, Bill was coaching football for the Springfield Youth Club and he went to the township to complain about the field conditions at the park. Next thing you know, in 1983, he's a township commissioner. In 1988, he was elected to represent the 165th Legislative District in Harrisburg.

After fourteen remarkable terms in state government, Representative Adolph is retiring and returning to Springfield, Delaware County.

At a time when people are often disillusioned with elected leaders, Bill restores their faith with his commitment, integrity and passion. His door was always open. He believed foremost in helping his constituents.

In 2010, Bill was elected as Majority Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, a position he has held for three terms. In this capacity, he has been the primary budget negotiator for the House Republican Caucus. Having witnessed budget negotiations over the decades, we know this is a tough position.

During his tenure, Bill helped a lot of people, both as a legislator and an accountant with his own business on Saxer Avenue. He has advocated for many people, from those with disabilities to senior citizens and small business owners.

In 1996, his Taxpayer's Bill of Rights was passed, ensuring fair administration of state tax laws. He authored the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act, or GESA, which the county utilized to undertake energy-saving initiatives.

He served a chairman of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, rectifying some issues at that agency to ensure the funds went to help students attain education. He compared that role as "taking over the Titanic," but he righted the ship. Over the years, he received countless awards and honors, all well-deserved.

Today, County Council wants to add its own accolade, with gratitude for everything Bill has done for Delaware County, and to wish him and his family well. Who knows, we might see him back on that football field in Springfield.

Chairman Civera read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, Delaware County is fortunate to have citizens who have given consistently and generously of their time, talent and resources as public servants to maintain and improve the dignity and quality of life with which we are blessed; and

Whereas, one such person who exemplifies civic duty, dedication and leadership to State Representative William F. Adolph, Jr., who represented Delaware County's 165th Legislative District in Harrisburg for 14 terms, having first been elected in 1988 and retiring in December 2016; and

Whereas, Representative Adolph is a skilled and stalwart supporter of education, economic development, job creation, the environment and of individuals with disabilities, and his leadership earned him the position as Majority Chairman of the House of Appropriations Committee, first being elected to that position in 2010, and as such he was the primary budget negotiator for the House Republican Caucus; and

Whereas, Mr. Adolph remains true to his Springfield roots where his skills became apparent as a youth football coach for more than 20 years, and where he was a Springfield Township Commissioner, a public accountant and small business owner who has helped countless clients at his accounting firm on Saxer Avenue; and

Whereas, despite the many demands on his time, Mr. Adolph is the devoted husband to wife Debbie, father to three sons, Bill, Sam and Ryne, and five grandchildren.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby commend and congratulate WILLIAM F. ADOLPH, JR,

Mr. Adolph thanked Chairman Civera for all his kind comments. He enjoyed the time he and Civera spent in Harrisburg both fun and difficult times. In his years in Harrisburg, you never forget where you are from. Partnering with County Council and various department heads,

whether it was Human Services, the Department of Corrections or Fair Acres, is very important to work together. It has been a great pleasure and honor to represent Delaware County and in particular the 165th District.

He said school district funding is very important. A step in the right direction was made last year with a "fair funding formula." Some of our districts still deserve more funding based upon student enrollment, which he is sure the current legislatures in Harrisburg will continue to work on. You need to send the money where the students are. We certainly have the students here in Delaware County.

Lastly, he thanked County Council for what they do and all the sacrifices they make. He is humbled and honored to receive this recognition.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 15, announcing it is time to get your 2017 dog license.

Mr. McBlain said anyone who owns a dog can tell you that our canine family members bring a lot of joy to people, but dogs also bring responsibility and one that tops the list is making sure your dog has a current dog license.

Today, County Council is partnering with the County Treasurer's Office and the Delaware County Kennel Club to remind pet owners that it's time to get your 2017 dog license. Delaware County Treasurer Jack Dowd and his license coordinator Ellen Linaweaver are always working to make sure it's convenient for pet owners to comply with the law. You can either come into the Government Center Building in person, go online to the county website and apply and pay online, or go to one of the registered agents in the county.

If you've ever had your dog get loose and been frantically searching the neighborhood for him, you know how important a license is. We have a Return a Lost Dog Program where someone who finds a dog can go to our website, put in the license number and they will get the owner's phone number. A dog with a license can be safely and quickly reunited with its owner without having to be taken to the shelter.

Mr. McBlain said on County Council we actually have four dog owners: Chairman Civera has two King Charles Cavalier spaniels named Ginger and Ava, Vice Chairman Morrone has a beagle named Nala, Mike Culp has a silver Labrador named Bailey and he has a retriever named Provo.

The Kennel Club is an excellent partner in promoting responsible dog ownership. The club has regular meetings with educational speakers, microchip clinics, obedience trails and an annual dog show. They have a table set-up today in the Government Center Lobby to provide educational materials for dog owners.

Mr. McBlain recognized the following Kennel Club members who attended today's Council Meeting: Marge Remolde, Jennifer Rhyshek, Dee Metzger and Patti Hamilton. Jennifer was accompanied by her Labrador retrievers Izzy and Mavin and Patti was accompanied by her dog Mya.

Mrs. Remolde said it is a real pleasure for the Delaware County Kennel Club to be asked to come again to support the County's drive for dog licenses. Having a dog license or having a microchip is a one-way ticket home for your dog if he is lost. Anyone who has animals loves them. When they are lost it is a horrible experience.

Mrs. Remolde thanked County Council for their continued support and wished everyone a good holiday.

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 further County business today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp said one of the toughest jobs we have here is to balance the budget. He thanked Senators McGarrigle and Killion and Representative Adolph for their help because without their help with Harrah's we would not have been able to do that this year. He congratulated Bill Adolph for all his hard work. This is Harrisburg's lost and Delaware County's gain.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's comments. We do have a great delegation from Delaware County who work with us all the time on all of our issues. Bill Adolph has been a tremendous asset for many years and will be missed by the county. Congratulations! I know you earned it and will enjoy your retirement. Glad to have you back in Delaware County.

Mr. White said the Rotary Club does a wonderful, not only in Delaware but all across the state.

Mr. McBlain added his congratulations to all the honorees we have here today and in a special way to Bill Adolph who he has had the opportunity to work with for many years. He is very appreciative of all his service. He has always said the state representative's jobs are some of the most difficult jobs, he thinks, in state government. He respects the work they do and the time and effort they put into it. He believes the caliber of people that we have representing us in Delaware County is truly a public service because any one of those men or women are skilled enough that they can go and make a lot more money somewhere else.

Mr. McBlain commented on the Budget Ordinance that was read this morning and the Public Hearing on the budget that will take place this evening. He thanked Executive Director Grace,

department heads, the Budget Office (Jim Hayes and his team) for all their work. Budgets do not come together in the beginning of November but rather they work on it starting in July crafting our budget for next year. We are very proud for the third year in a row that there is no real estate tax increase for 2017.

Mrs. Morrone believes she was the first to buy her 2017 dog license this morning. She encourages all our residents to get their dog licenses renewed. Congratulations to Rep. Adolph. She wished him all the best in his retirement and the ability to be home and stay close to family and friends and grandchildren. Thanks for all his contributions he has made to Delaware County and those that she is sure are yet to come.

On behalf of County Council, last night Mrs. Morrone said she was able to provide Resolutions and recognition to the Girls' Volleyball team from Garnet Valley High School who won the State Championship this year. This is the first ever for Delaware County.

Chairman Civera said service clubs are hard to keep afloat today. It's the time people have today, unlike it was years ago. For what the Rotary Foundation has accomplished, thank you so much from County Council and the entire community.

Chairman Civera thanked Marge Remolde and the Kennel Club for all their work. Whatever we can do as a county government that can help their cause, we will do.

To Bill Adolph, Chairman Civera said he is his friend, his buddy and always will be. Congratulations.

Next Wednesday, December 14, is the last County Council Meeting of 2016. For those who won't be here next week, Chairman Civera wished them a happy Christmas and a very safe one.

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

2017 County Council Meetings

January	11, 18, 25
February	1, 8, 15, 22
March	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April	5, 19, 26
May	3, 10, 24, 31
June	7, 21
July	5, 19
August	2, 16, 30
September	13, 20, 27
October	4, 11, 18, 25
November	1, 15, 29
December	6, 13

2017 Council Agenda Meetings

January	10, 17, 24, 31
February	7, 14, 21, 28
March	7, 14, 21, 28
April	4, 18, 25
May	2, 9, 23, 30
June	6, 20
July	3, 18
August	1, 15, 29
September	12, 19, 26
October	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November	14, 28
December	5, 12

2017 COUNTY HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	January 2	Monday
Martin Luther King	January 16	Monday
President's Day	February 20	Monday
Good Friday	April 14	Friday
Primary Election	May 16	Tuesday
Memorial Day	May 29	Monday
Independence Day	July 4	Tuesday
Labor Day	September 4	Monday
Columbus Day	October 9	Monday
Election Day	November 7	Tuesday
Veterans Day	November 10	Friday
Thanksgiving Day	November 23	Thursday
Day After Thanksgiving	November 24	Friday
Christmas Day Holiday	December 25	Monday
Christmas Holiday	December 26	Tuesday