

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 14, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services. Maureen Dillon, of the IT Department, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 5 to Award Contract to furnish and deliver xerographic paper for the County of Delaware for a period of one (1) year to WB Mason at the approximate total cost of \$153,559.14. 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 13 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 15 Court Ordered refunds for the year 2016 for properties in the Borough of Clifton Heights and the Townships of Bethel, Ridley and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$1,617.19. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Solicitor Maddren to speak on Agenda Item 8, the Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-3, 2017 County Budget.

Solicitor Maddren said this is the Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-3. The First Reading took place on December 7 and a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance was held on Wednesday evening, December 7 at 6:00 P.M.

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 was duly advertised in accordance with the Home Rule Charter. Copies are available at the back of the room and in the County Clerk's Office.

Solicitor Maddren said it is appropriate at this time for Chairman Civera to entertain public comment on Proposed Ordinance 2016-3. After a motion for approval, it should be followed by a roll-call vote.

Chairman Civera asked for public comment on this proposed ordinance. There was no public comment.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone to approve the Final Adoption of Ordinance 2016-3 and seconded by Mr. White.

County Clerk Coogan took a roll-call vote (5 Yeas/0 Nays). Ordinance 2016-3, the 2017 County Budget, was unanimously approved.

Chairman Civera said this is the third year in a row with no property tax increase and he commended each Council member, Executive Director Grace, Budget Director Jim Hayes and department heads for helping to hold the line on tax dollars.

Chairman Civera called on Adam Matlawski, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

On behalf of the Delaware County Authority, Mr. Matlawski asked for County Council's approval of Resolution 2016-11, the financing by the Michigan Finance Authority for up to \$125 million. Approximately \$20 million of that money involves refinancing or financing of certain construction and renovations, expansion and furnishing of the health care facility of Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital, which is located in Darby, Delaware County. The remainder of the project is out of Delaware County and in some cases out of state.

Mr. Matlawski said County Council's approval is required by the Internal Revenue Code. Since Delaware County Council is the highest elected officials, their approval is necessary. No County taxpayer's dollars are involved with the approval of this Resolution.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution 2016-11, approving in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended, a financing up to \$125,000,000.00 by the Michigan Finance Authority to finance and refinance certain health care facilities of Trinity Health and its affiliates, including Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, located in Delaware County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Items 11 and 12.

Mrs. Hill said Delaware County Council adopted an Open Space Covenant in 1977 that allows the County to take advantage of PA Act 515 which provides for owners of larger tracts of private open space in Delaware County a tax reduction as an incentive not to develop their land. Land owners in return sign an agreement to retain their property in the current use for at least ten (10) years. So, in this case, the total acreage of this property in Edgmont Township is 12.7 acres. She asked for Council's approval of Agenda Item 10.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10, approving Act 515 Open Space Covenant Application for a property in Edgmont Township owned by Shaheen and Liza Salaria, for the 2017 tax year. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hill said Item 11 is approving the allocation of \$455,385.00 in Federal HOME Investment Partnership Funding and \$200,000.00 in County Act 137 Affordable Housing Funds for Phase III for 56 townhomes in the Kinder Park Housing Project. The County has partnered with the Delaware County Housing Authority, a private developer, and secured low-income housing tax credits to completely reconstruct the Kinder Park Development in Nether Providence Township. Phase II is completed and occupied. We are anxious to get started on Phase III. The total cost of this phase is \$15,000,000.00. Therefore, she is asking Council's approval of this agenda item.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11, Resolution HOME 2016-03 providing \$455,385.00 in HOME Funds and \$200,000.00 in Act 137 Affordable Housing Funds to the Kinder Park Housing Partnership III L.P. for financing the new construction of 56 townhomes in Ridley Township. The total HOME and AHF assistance for this project is now \$1,788,076.00 in the form of a 0% deferred/30-year loan. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving an Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Kelly & Close Engineers for additional engineering services required to finalize construction plans, prepare bid documents and provide construction services for the Darby Creek Stream Valley Trail for a fee not to exceed \$39,500.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew contract with Diaz Transcription Services for a period of five years (2017-2021) off the Costars Contract #4400009034 for court reporting services per the following:

Period	Start	End	Ordinary	Expedite	Daily
Year 1	January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017	\$2.10	\$3.10	\$4.10
Year 2	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	\$2.15	\$3.15	\$4.15
Year 3	January 1, 2019	December 31, 2019	\$2.15	\$3.15	\$4.15
Year 4	January 1, 2020	December 31, 2020	\$2.20	\$3.20	\$4.20
Year 5	January 1, 2021	December 31, 2021	\$2.20	\$3.20	\$4.20

The motion is subject to the Solicitor’s approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Pamela Fritzsche for the IT Department based on approximately twenty (20) hours per week not to exceed \$45,900.00 for a one (1) year period from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017. The motion is subject to the Solicitor’s approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a ten (10) year contract with RCN for \$1,500.00 per month for the fiber connection that provides internet connectivity/communications for the CYS location at the Baldwin Tower. The motion is subject to the Solicitor’s approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 16.

Mr. Daly asked for Council’s approval of three (3) contracts for the Office of Workforce Development.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, 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 17.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council’s approval of contracts and amendments for the Offices of Behavioral Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Drug and Alcohol and Early Intervention.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 17, 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.

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 asked for Council's authorization to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: On behalf of his department, Doug Roger, Director of the Public Defenders Office, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Council's for their attention during the year to his department.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He looks forward to next year.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's comments. He appreciates all the hard work that the employees have put into this year. A special thanks to our Budget Department. Delaware County is blessed by having so many great employees who serve our residents.

Mr. McBlain echoed the comments of Mr. Culp and Mr. White. Once again, he wants to thank all our department heads and County employees for what they do all year long and our Budget Department, namely Jim Hayes, Sue DePompeo and Jim Hackett.

Mr. McBlain commented on the Darby Creek Stream Valley Trail as it relates to us moving forward with the engineering services for that trail. This has been a project where we have been going through the process lately of acquiring properties and working out engineering issues. He thinks we are nearing the end of that process. In 2017, we will talk more about the construction and (hopefully) the completion of a large part of that trail. We are happy to add the additional 12+ acres to the County's inventory of Open Space. Thanks to Linda Hill and the Planning Department for working on that project.

Mrs. Morrone added her congratulations to our staff who did a great job in preparing the budget for next year. She thanked Marianne Grace for her work in leading Council to another budget with a zero tax increase. Merry Christmas to everyone and see you in the New Year.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone. We couldn't be more proud of what we represent and what we stand for and to all our department heads – thank you. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a good holiday and a good season.

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