

AGENDA

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Carl Anderson, III, Chairman
Kim Clear, Vice Chairman
André R. Horton
Scott Rastetter
Mary Rennie
Ellen Schauerma
Brian Shank

REGULAR MEETING

3:30 P.M. – Council Caucus
4:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Join Via Zoom:

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84169025767?pwd=dVlWmRKQWJsZXhiZys3NEM0Y3dwdz09>
or Call-In: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 841 6902 5767

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - A. December 8, 2020 - Regular Meeting
 - B. December 18, 2020 - Special Meeting
 - C. January 5, 2021 - Reorganization Meeting
6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or her Designee
 - B. Finance Committee -Mrs. Clear
 - C. Personnel Committee - Mrs. Rennie
 - D. Citations / Recognitions

Presented by Chairman Anderson

John Canavan
Ann Carlin
Jerome Devlin
James Herdzik
Shirley Parker
Gordon Reynders
Yvonne Strasser

Presented by Councilman Shank

John Vendetti

E. Other

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 109, 2020 "Thirty-Fourth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$150,000 and New Line for Grant Funds to Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership" (Finance Committee- First Reading 12-8-20) (Tabled 12-18-20)

Chamber President/CEO James Grunke and Amy Murdock, Director Governmental Affairs will address any questions. Funding for Chamber's Erie Forward Program, a proposed five-year comprehensive effort to support current industry and entrepreneurship, workforce development, business attraction and regional competitiveness. This will have to be removed from the table via vote of Council. It will also require the amending to read "First 2021 General Fund Budget..."

- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 110, 2020 "Thirty-Fifth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$250,000 and New Line for Grant Funds to Erie County Redevelopment Authority" (Finance Committee-First Reading 12-8-20) (Tabled 12-18-20)

ECRDA Chief Executive Officer Tina Mengine is available to answer any questions. Funding to seed the establishment minority based micro-loan program offered by the ECRDA to entrepreneurs who traditionally have difficulty accessing investment capital. The long term goal is to build a fund which will sustain itself. This will have to be removed from the table via vote of Council. It will also require the amending to read "Second 2021 Fund Budget..."

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 1, 2021 "Third 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$54,140 for Courts Computer Software Upgrade" (Finance Committee)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a scheduled upgrade to the Courts Computer Software was delayed. Courts are requesting that funds previously intended to be used in 2020 be placed in a restricted line item for use in 2021.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 2, 2021, "First 2021 Mental Health\Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$295,914 in Additional Revenue for Homeless Assistance" (Finance Committee)

With receipt of FY2020-21 primary allocation letters from the State, in addition to the unanticipated PHFA and DCED grants, the 2021 revenue and expense projections to the 2021 Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Fund Budget can be updated. PHFA Home4Good Grant was approved in the amount of \$95,549.

The DCED Emergency Solutions CARES Act was approved in the amount of \$200,365.

- C. Resolution Number 1, 2021, "In Support of Erie Forward, the Community Investment Initiative from Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership" (Finance Committee)
Statement of support by Council for the Chamber's Initiative as a driver for new investment, support for existing industry and entrepreneurship, the attraction of new business and the advocacy and sustainability of Erie County as a quality place to live, thrive and do business.
- D. Resolution Number 2, 2021 "Approving the 2021 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Controller" (Finance Committee)
County Council must approve all solicitor contracts per the Home Rule Charter
- E. Resolution Number 3, 2021 "Exonerating Taxes for Parcel Number 15-020-016.0114.00, the New Life and Spirit Revival Center" (Finance Committee)
The property, located at 319 E. 9th Street, Lot B, Erie PA., is being currently identified as a church-exempt property. The other taxing bodies have agreed to abate and exonerate the unpaid school taxes for the tax year 2018 in the amount of \$8,952.38, plus any unpaid penalties, interest and fees on that property.
- F. Possible appointment of Brad Peganoff to five-year term to the Erie County Airport Authority. This term will expire December 31, 2025. (Mr. Shank-District 5)(Personnel Committee)
- G. Possible appointment of Kathryn DiVittorio to four-year term to the Erie County Human Relations Commission. This term will expire December 31, 2024. (Mr. Rastetter - District 6)(Personnel Committee)
- H. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 07-026-078.0-008.00 (Finance Committee)
An offer of \$250 by Erie County Land Bank for the parcel at 244 Franklin Street, Corry, PA 16407; other taxing bodies have approved the sale.
- I. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 29-016-064.0-003.89 (Finance Committee)
An offer of \$250 by Erin Brinig & Shane Lybrook, Sr. for the parcel at 1810 Dee Jay Ave, Erie, PA 16510; other taxing bodies have approved the sale.
- J. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-002-007.0-009.03 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Elijah John Luther for the parcel at Route 97 Lot A 249.68x306.66x178.04 TRI, Waterford Township, PA; other taxing bodies have approved the sale.

Additional map for reference per Council's request has been attached.

- K. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 33-117-470.0-025.00 (Finance Committee)

An offer of \$250 by Mark Natemeier for the parcel at W. Gore Rd. 80x50x60 Tri, Millcreek Township; other taxing bodies have approved the sale.

Additional map for reference per Council's request has been attached.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meetings will occur January 28, 2021 at 4:00pm via zoom conference.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will occur February 2, 2021 at 4:00pm. Caucus will begin at 3:30pm.

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