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April 1, 2021

FINANCE AGENDA

1. Six-month update from the Diversity Council (created from Resolution 43, 2020) – Director of Administration Gary Lee, Planning and Community Development Director Honey Stempka, & Acting HR Director Amanda Iadeluca and OCY Caseworker Gerald Blanks.
2. Ordinance Number ____, 2021, "____ 2021 Health Choices Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$700,000 and Creation of New Line Item for Community Based Care Management Program"
Additional revenue from the Commonwealth has been awarded to HC for a new program to operate in the County's four homeless shelters. The program will work to reduce preventable admissions and re-admissions of the shelter population into local hospitals. It will offset the cost of four managers who will spearhead the program. Page 4
3. Ordinance Number ____, 2021, "____ 2021 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$370,224 in Additional Grant Funds for Flu Immunizations & COVID-19 Vaccinations"
Funds are used to pay for LECOM for professional services needed to administer immunizations and vaccinations, as well as travel costs for nurses. Page 7
4. Ordinance Number ____, 2021, "____ 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,000 PA Humanities Council Grant for Blasco Library Teen Reading Lounge"
The funds will be used to buy supplies and improve programming for the Teen Reading Lounge. Page 12

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5. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, " _____ 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,300 for Donation from Erie Regional Library Foundation"

The donated funds would be used to buy supplies for Blasco Memorial Library Co-Starters Cohorts, which begin this year. Page 20

6. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, " _____ 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$105,500 for Libraries' Historic Newspaper Digitization Project and Approval of a 6 Year Purchase Agreement with NEWSBANK"

The Library desires a six year agreement with the NEWSBANK Company, to assist with their historic newspaper digitization Project. This will protect the documents and allow public enjoyment of same. Council must approve agreements that last more than one year. Page 25

7. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, " _____ 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$105,500 for Libraries' Historic Newspaper Digitization Project"

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8. Resolution Number _____, 2021, " A Resolution to Enter into a Letter of Intent with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to Conduct a Countywide Study of Fire and Emergency Medical Services"

Study to address the significant recruitment problem for volunteer fire and EMS services countywide. Page 37

9. Discussion Regarding the Disposition of the Former Pleasant Ridge Manor East Building (Presenting are Procurement Director Chuck "low ball" Crane and Facilities Director Brad "moth ball" Hirschmann)

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The building located on East Gore Road is currently empty. There has been discussion over several years about its repurpose versus its demolition. County Council contracted Bostwick Design to conduct an evaluation of County space last year. Their report contains several recommendations. Page 47

10. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 07-014-035.0-009.01

An offer of \$250 by the City of Corry for the parcel at Elk St 60X303 IRR; Corry, PA. This property is old railroad property that adjoins with property already owned by the City of Corry. Intention for use is a bike/walking trail. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Page 51

11. Resolution Number ___, 2021 "Exonerating 2019 County Taxes, Fees and Interest on 330 East 25th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania"

The Redevelopment Authority acquired a blighted property at 330 East 25th Street through the 2018 Judicial Tax Sale. The blighted structure has been demolished and an adjoining property owner has submitted an offer in the amount of \$300 to purchase the vacant lot. The Judicial Sale addressed all the delinquent taxes through 2018, but 2019 taxes were levied against the property. They would like to have these 2019 taxes forgiven by the taxing bodies. Erie City Council and the Erie School District have both agreed to abate their portions of the 2019 taxes. The outstanding amount to Erie County is \$338.04. Upon approval, ERDA will proceed with conveyance of the property. Page 62

12. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance

The estimated General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance of \$41,860,769, is \$22,744,303 above the estimated \$19,118,466 required to fund two months of County expenditures and transfers. Page 66

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13. Presentation by ERIWE, a community building committee working to bring action to Resolution 43, 2020 which declared racism a public health issue in Erie County. Their proposed project would examine the racist practice of Redlining (Autumn Parker)
ERIWE is working with a nationally recognized organization called "Designing the We", whose interactive community-building project focuses on helping cities heal from this disempowering, once federally allowed, sanction through the examining of their Redlined past and its present impacts.