

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING

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

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Join Via Zoom:

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81111272883?pwd=TVBvdENlVnlkWGozUzhUYThFRmRyQT09>

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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**

March 16, 2021 - Regular 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 in Memoria

Presented by Chairman Anderson:

Mr. Alan Bock

Mrs. Judy Marino

Presented by Councilwoman Schauerman:

Mr. David Chivers

Presented by Councilman Shank:
Mr. Richard Travers
Mr. Jason Bollinger

E. Other

7. **OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance Number 22, 2021, "First 2021 Health Choices Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$700,000 and Creation of New Line Item for Community Based Care Management Program" (Finance Committee)

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. Possible 2nd Reading.

- B. Ordinance Number 23, 2021, "Fourth 2021 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$370,224 in Additional Grant Funds for Flu Immunizations & COVID-19 Vaccinations" Finance Committee)

Funds are used to pay for LECOM for professional services needed to administer immunizations and vaccinations, as well as travel costs for nurses. Possible 2nd reading.

- C. Ordinance Number 24, 2021, "Third 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,000 PA Humanities Council Grant for Blasco Library Teen Reading Lounge" (Finance Committee)

The funds will be used to buy supplies and improve programming for the Teen Reading Lounge. Possible second reading.

- D. Ordinance Number 25, 2021, "Fourth 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,300 for Donation from Erie Regional Library Foundation" (Finance Committee)

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

- E. Ordinance Number 26, 2021, "Fifth 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" (Finance Committee)

The Library desires a six year agreement with the NEWSBANK Company which OWNS the rights to historic Erie newspapers going back from 1888 to 1994. This

contract will provide purchase of a perpetual license for Erie County's rights to this material. Library has seen many searches of this material. It would be a valuable historical research tool. Total cost is over \$600,000 over the period. Council must approve agreements that last more than one year.

- F. Ordinance Number 27, 2021, "Ninth 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$105,500 for Libraries' Historic Newspaper Digitization Project" (Finance Committee)

The Library desires a six year agreement with the NEWSBANK Company which OWNS the rights to Times-News historic papers from 1888 to 1994. This contract will provide purchase of a perpetual license for Erie County's rights to this material. Library has seen many searches of this material. It would be a valuable historical research tool. Total cost is over \$600,000 over the period. This the General Fund side of the Financial transaction for the previous item. It is a companion.

- G. Resolution Number 11, 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" (Finance Committee)

Study to address problems with finding persons for volunteer fire and EMT services countywide.

- H. Resolution Number 12, 2021 "Exonerating 2019 County Taxes, Fees and Interest on 330 East 25th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania" (Finance Committee)

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.

- I. Resolution Number 13, 2021 " In Support of Seeking Bids for the Demolition of the Former Pleasant Ridge Manor East Building on East Gore Road" (Finance Committee)

The former PRM East building has been vacant since 2014. Council contracted a building study in 2020 to determine whether reuse or demolition was the more appropriate course. Demolition was recommended in the Bostwick report. The Administration is seeking Council's support to begin a public bid process for the demolition work.

- J. Possible Appointment of Brett Wiler to the Northwest Commission, as a Private Sector Appointee to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2022. (County Executive Dahlkemper)(Personnel Committee)

- K. 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. (Map attached)

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next Finance & Personnel Committee Meetings will occur April 15, 2021 at 4:00pm via zoom conference.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will occur April 20, 2021 at 4:00pm. Caucus will begin at 3:30pm.

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