

AGENDA

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REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

3:30 P.M. – Council Caucus

4:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
 - A. Juan Llarena, Erie PA
 - B. Robyn Crago-Millcreek Township
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021
6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or her Designee
 - B. Finance Committee -Mrs. Clear

C. Personnel Committee - Mrs. Rennie

D. Citation: In Memorium:
Gerard "Jerry" Uht Sr. 1929-2021

E. Citation: Erie County Health Department

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Second Reading of 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" (First Reading 4-6-21) (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.

- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 27, 2021, "Ninth 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$105,500 for Library's Historic Newspaper Digitization Project" (1st Reading 4/6/21) (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.

- C. Second Reading Ordinance Number 30, 2021, "Eighth 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000 for Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund Grant for the Millcreek Branch Feasibility Study" (1st Read 4/20/21) (Finance Committee)

The County of Erie and Erie County Public Library were awarded \$25,000 for a needs and facilities assessment for the Millcreek Branch Library by the 2020 Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund. An additional \$25,000 Resolution match was approved by Council and the County Executive (Gary Lee in her place), on March 17, 2020 if the Grant were to be awarded.

- D. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 31, 2021, "Tenth 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$25,000 Match for Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund Grant for the Millcreek Branch Feasibility Study"(1st Read 4/20/21) (Finance Committee)

Match for Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund Grant for the Millcreek Branch Feasibility Study as supported by Resolution 10, 2020.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 34, 2021, "Eleventh 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$171 for Creation of New Line Item and Donation by the Erie Catholic School System for Erie County Veteran's Treatment Court" (Finance Committee)

Donation to the Erie County Veteran's Treatment Court by Saint Jude's School.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2021, "First 2021 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$445,000 and Creation of New Line Items for Public Safety Parking Lot Replacement and Expansion" (Finance Committee) (Attached)
Capital Expenditure Projects proposed as by Facilities Director Brad Hirschman to the Administration. The Public Safety parking area is in disarray and not optimal for parking when trainings are in the building and required maximum lot space.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 36, 2021 "Second 2021 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$120,000 And New Line Items For Blasco Library Fire Alarm System Replacement" (Finance Committee) (Attached)

Fire Alarm System at Blasco Library is aged. It is expensive to fix and replacement parts are difficult to find.

- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 37, 2021, " First 2021 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$70,367 and New Line Item for Nurturing Parent Grant" (Finance Committee)

The Office of Children and Youth received a Nurturing Parent Grant Program which helps educate parents understand the abuse and neglect they experienced and how not to repeat the pattern.

- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 38, 2021 "2021 Public Safety Budget Waiver of the Purchasing Code to Transfer Ownership of 12 Year-Old Snowmobile and Rescue Sled to the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club" (Finance Committee)

Erie County received the rescue sled as a Donation in 2009 by the Northwestern PA Emergency Response Group. To better facilitate its use for any emergency response entity within the Northwest Pennsylvania ERG Area (Erie, Crawford, Warren, and Forest Counties), the sled is being donated to the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club and housed in Waterford, PA.

- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 39, 2021, "Twelfth 2021 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation and New Line for Donation of 25 Vehicle Fire Extinguishers to Sheriff Department by Fireline Group" (Finance Committee)

Fire Extinguishers with mounting brackets have been donated by the Fireline Group to be distributed as a safety measure in the Sheriff Vehicles.

- G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 40, 2021, "Thirteenth 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,601 from Divorce Master Restricted Fees for Purchase of Two Polycom Units" (Finance Committee)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, prisoners who need to appear in front of the Court are then being required to quarantine. Due to limited space in the Erie County Prison, there is much difficulty keeping up with this practice. Funds will be use from the Divorce Master Restricted Fund Balance to purchase two Polycom Unit with televisions for the Family Division for Dependency, Support, & ICCC matters,

- H. Resolution Number 15, 2021 "In Support Of RACP Grant For Millcreek Township Presque Isle Gateway Improvement Project" (Finance Committee)

In support of Millcreek Township's application for a RACP Grant to be utilized towards upgrades to the streetscape on the West 8th Street Corridor, with focus on driving visitors and local traffic towards Presque Isle. The project would include road work, business front updates, and directional flags to Presque Isle, while encouraging traffic through a highly populated small-business district.

- I. Resolution Number 16, 2021, "Approval of Tentative Lease Agreement between the County of Erie and Lessor Norman Beatty for the Offices Occupied by Magisterial District Judge Christopher MacKendrick"

The County Executive has entered into an agreement with the Lessors of Sandi and Noman Beatty for the Office Space Rental located at 6880 Rt 215, East Springfield, PA 16411. The Administrative Code provides approval from Council necessary.

- J. Resolution 17, 2021 "In Support of County Construction Safety, Accountability and Transparency That Prioritizes Worker Safety and Prevents Construction Fraud" (Attached)

Supports municipal cooperation across the County to work with the construction industry for a greater degree of transparency in methods and billing, as well as protecting worker safety.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Thank you for attending this evening. The next Finance and Personnel Meetings are May 20, 2021. The next Regular Meeting of County Council is May 25, 2021.