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June 3, 2021

Join via Zoom:

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FINANCE AGENDA

1. Ordinance Number 43, 2021, "Sixteenth 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$300,776 and New Line for Demolition of Former PRM East Building" (First Read 5-25-21)
The County had a public bid process to find a firm to handle the demolition of this now empty building. a local firm, Empire Excavation & Demo Inc had the low bid of \$294,000. The firm has agreed to remove asbestos floor tiles, and roofing, flashing compounds prior to demolition.
2. Ordinance Number ____, 2021 "Comprehensive Revision and Re-enactment of the Erie County Government Administrative Code"
The Home Rule Charter for the County requires that every four years, the Erie County Administrative Code, a generalized "operating manual" for Erie County Government, must be updated and re-approved via ordinance by Erie County Council.
3. Ordinance Number ____, 2021, "____ 2021 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,274 for Continued Mosquito -Borne Disease Control"
The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has awarded additional West Nile Grant Revenue to Erie County Department of Health toward Mosquito-borne Disease Control for additional training, program expenses, and software.
4. Ordinance Number ____, 2021, "____ 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$40,380 and New Line Items for Remainder of 2020 Department of Justice Grant for District Attorney Office"
Grant awarded to the District Attorney's office by the Department of Justice (DOJ). The total grant award was \$58,080, to be dispersed for specific needs in

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needs and preparedness of Erie County Law Enforcement Agencies in Response to Critical Incidents involving Infectious Disease and/or HAZMAT incidents. The first appropriation of the grant was approved under Ordinance 37, 2020 for \$28,961; only \$17,699.96 was expended. The remainder of the grant is \$40,380.

5. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, "General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$1,000 and Creation of Temporary Staff Line Item in General Accounting"
General Accounting is requesting a per diem line in order to accommodate extensive training to ease the transition of losing the 30-year expertise of the current Manager of General Accounting. The training would allow for support and smoother transition for current staff.
6. Resolution _____, 2021 "Erie County Hospital Authority \$10,000,000.00 Tax Exempt Obligations (Saint Mary's Home Of Erie Project)"
Saint Mary's Home of Erie, intends to finance a project consisting of (1) the current refunding of the outstanding balances of the Erie County Hospital Authority's Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Refunding Series A of 2006 (the "2006A Bonds") and the Erie County Hospital Authority's Health Facilities Revenue Note (Saint Mary's Home of Erie Project) Series B of 2013 (the "2013B Note"); (2) the payment of any termination fees in connection with the termination of the SWAP related to the 2013B Note; (3) the payment or reimbursement for capital expenditures or improvements, including the construction or renovation of carriage homes, on the Institution's Asbury Ridge Campus; (4) the funding of a capitalized interest reserve account for the Obligations; and (5) the payment of all or a portion of the costs and expenses incident to the issuance of the Obligations.
7. Possible Appointment of Dr. Quyen Aho to serve District 7 on the Erie County Library Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2022. (Mrs. Schauerman)
8. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 45-031-047.3-001.44 52; Franklin Drive Lot F-13, Washington Township
An offer of \$250 by Sean Pregent for the parcel at 52 Franklin Dr., Washington Township, PA, Lot F-13 TRL. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.
9. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number:

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07-025-052.0-002.00 Grand ST TR 51, Corry, PA

An offer of \$250 by Michael Tebalt for the parcel at Grand ST TR 51, Corry, PA, Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.

10. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 41-013-053.0-002.00 Lot #71, Elm Street, Union City PA

An offer of \$250 by Clarence Robinson for the parcel at Lot #71, Elm Street, Union City PA. Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.

11. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 15-021-027.0-219.00 E 17 ST Lots 4&5, City of Erie, PA

An offer of \$250 by Lance Christopher Beard for the parcel at E 17th St, Lots 4 & 5, City of Erie, PA Other taxing bodies have approved the sale.

12. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance

The County of Erie's estimated General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance of \$41,460,871, is \$22,344.405 above the estimated \$19,116,466 required amount for two months of County expenditures and transfers.

Additional Acts for Consideration

These items were tabled at previous Regular meetings of Erie County Council.

1. Resolution Number 10, 2021 "Approving A Professional Services Contract For Zelenkofske & Axelrod, Certified Public Accountants For Consultation On Pandemic Related State And Federal Funding" (Tabled 3/16/21)

Item was tabled owing to conflict of interest concerns. ZA is the currently the County's Auditing firm. Hiring them to provide advice in the funding arena sets up a scenario wherein they" review their own advice". Council has asked the Administration to explore other firms for this service.

2. 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" (Finance Committee)(1st Reading 4/6/21) (Tabled 5-4-21)

The Library desires a six-year agreement with the NEWSBANK Company, which

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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. Council has concerns over the lack of a clear and precise contract between the parties; something that protects the County's investment.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 27, 2021, "Ninth 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$105,500 for Library's Historic Newspaper Digitization Project" (Finance Committee)(1st Reading 4/6/21) (Tabled 5-4-21)

This is a companion to the previous ordinance showing the General Fund side of the financial transaction. This item was also tabled on 5-4-21 due to the lack of a clear and concise contract between parties. The Administration has not pursued such an instrument.