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4:00 PM

September 23, 2021

Join Via Zoom:

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Or In-Person: Erie County Courthouse, 140 West 6th Street, Room 114A Erie, PA 16501

FINANCE AGENDA

1. Discussion of Erie County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Appointments and Accompanying Ordinance to seat the inaugural Board.
The members of Council will submit names to County Executive Dahlkemper to represent their District on the Commission. The County Executive will send nine appointees back to Council for final approval and inclusion in this ordinance.
2. First Reading of Ordinance Number 74, 2021 "American Rescue Plan Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$3,500,000 and Removal of Restriction on Funds for the Erie County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission" Rec'd 1st Reading 9-14-21)
The \$3.5 Million was restricted when appropriated under Ordinance 65, 2021. This action removes the restriction to coincide with the creation of the Commission through Ordinance 72, 2021, on this agenda.
3. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, "_____ 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,000 for Hamot Health Foundation Grant
Grant from the Hamot Foundation to the District Attorney Office for Erie County Domestic Violence Response Team. The funds will be used to purchase 55 cell phones and plans for use by family or victims. Use of personal cell phones in some situations is not permitted by police policy or advised for reasons of safety and security. This is another tool to assist domestic violence victims and their families in dire circumstances.
4. Ordinance Number ___, 2021 " Approving an Agreement between the Erie County Department of Health and Thirteen Erie County School Districts to Support Enhanced Pandemic Coordination, Mitigation and Education"
The Erie County Department of Health is providing up to \$42,000 to each Erie County School District so they may hire a Lead Community Health

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Worker/Pandemic Coordinator. Each District will provide monthly reports to ECDPH. Activities may include assisting with contact tracing , assisting with test results, creating consistent communication and messaging for vaccination events.

5. Ordinance Number ___, 2021 "Amending Ordinance 45, 2018 to Revise the Erie County Human Relations Commission Ordinance and Approving Amended By-Laws for the Human Relations Commission and Advisory Board"

The Human Relations Commission approved amendments to their bylaws on August 10, 2021. The changes were made in consultation with HRC Director Logue, Commission Chairwoman Campbell and HRC liaison Councilwoman Schauerma. The Bylaws did not reflect the actual workings of the Commission or its relationship to County Council. County Council must now approve any changes made to the HRC's Bylaws. Accordingly, the HRC Ordinance was amended to comport with the bylaws and to update the document to reflect agency practice.

6. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-052-036.0-112.00, Genesee Ave, Lot 285, City of Erie (Tabled 9-14-21)

An offer of \$250 by Michael Pigassou for REX LAND, LLC for the parcel at Genesee Ave, Lot 285, Erie, PA ,16510; a 40 x 172.88 irregular lot. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. This parcel and the next was tabled to gather requested information about notice to neighbors. Six months after non-payment of taxes a property is posted by County Tax Revenue. When a taxpayer is over a year late in payment and no arrangements are made, the property is "posted" for tax sale. These postings act as public notice. The Municipalities and School Board must make public notice of any proposed sale. No particular effort to notify neighbors is made. Postings and notices are public for any and all to see.

7. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-052-034.0-216.00, Fargo Street, Lot 321, City of Erie (Tabled 9-14-21)

An offer of \$250 by Michael Pigassou for REX LAND, LLC for the parcel at 0 Fargo Street, Lot 321, Erie, PA , 16510; a 66 x 203.85 Irregular lot. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. This item was tabled to gather requested information. Six months after non-payment of taxes, a property is posted by County Tax Revenue. When a taxpayer is over a year late in payment and no arrangements are made, the property is "posted" for tax sale. These postings act as public notice. The Municipalities and School Board must make public notice of any proposed sale. No particular effort to notify neighbors is made. Postings and notices are public for any and all to see.

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8. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 21-054-092.2-001.78, 6621 West Ridge Road, Lot 14, Fairview Township
An offer of \$250 by Rick Blake for the parcel at 6621 West Ridge Road, Lot 14, Fairview, PA , 16415; a trailer. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to remodel and use it as a residence.
9. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-001.0-121.00, 1209 E 21st Street, City of Erie.
An offer of \$250 by Elijah Horton for the parcel at 1209 East 21st Street, City of Erie; a 40 x 105 lot. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to remodel and use it as a residence.
10. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance
If all of the ordinances on the finance agenda pass, the projected 2021 Unassigned Fund Balance will be \$45,766,616. That is \$26,650,150 above the \$19,116,466 needed for two months of County expenditures and transfers.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of Erie County Council is Tuesday September 28, 2021, 6pm at the Erie County Courthouse in room 117. A caucus meeting will occur at 5:30pm. The public is invited to attend these meetings.