

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Erie County Courthouse
140 W. 6th Street, Erie, PA 16501
Room 114A

4:00 PM

October 7, 2021

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Passcode: 100721

FINANCE AGENDA

1. Ordinance Number ____, 2021, "____ 2021 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$250,000 from Release of Restricted Act 152 Demolition Fees
The Act 152 Demo Fees fund was established to allow the Recorder of Deeds of a County to collect a fee of no more than \$15.00 for each deed and mortgage reported. The fees are used for the demolition of blighted property. Erie County began collecting this fee in 2018. In 2021, many property demolitions have been identified, and through this process we will exceed our current 2021 budgeted amount balance of \$150,310. The projected amount of funding needed for 2021 demolition is approximately \$400,000.
2. Resolution Number __, 2021 "Resolution Approving The FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Application and Authorizing its Submission to the Pennsylvania Department Of Community And Economic Development"
The County has applied for funds on behalf of the non-entitlement communities listed in the resolution. The projects must principally assist people with low to moderate incomes. The statute requires approval of all such projects by the legislative body of the County where such communities are located.
3. Ordinance Number __, 2021, "____ 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$250,000 from Release and Transfer of Restricted Act 152 Demolition Funds to the Planning Fund
This is a companion to the previous ordinance showing the transfer of \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Planning Fund.
4. Resolution Number __, 2021 "Section 504 and ADA Designation of Coordinator"
As the recipient of an annual allocation of CDBG funds from PA DCED, the County must pass a Resolution each year identifying its Section 504/ADA Coordinator and how an individual who believes they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination on the basis of a disability can file a complaint.

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5. Resolution Number____, 2021 “County of Erie Fair Housing Resolution”
As the recipient of an annual allocation of CDBG funds from PA DCED, the County must pass a Fair Housing Resolution each year and submit it with its application for funding.
6. Ordinance Number____, 2021, "____ 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,450 for Friends of the Library Donation
A donation from the Friends of the Library. \$17,450 of the donation will be utilized for library programming, with the remaining \$5,000 going towards the Friends' portion of the EGCRA Beehive Innovation Network grant match.
7. Ordinance Number____, 2021, "____ 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$158 for Erie Regional Library Foundation Book Endowment
Appropriation for memorial books from the Erie Regional Library Foundation.
8. Ordinance Number____, 2012 "2022 Revenue/Tax Claim Fee Schedule Revision"
The Revenue /Tax Claim Bureau seeks to increase costs of certain activities beginning in 2022. The last increase was in 2016. The activities relate to tax sales and default notices. Specifics are available in the agenda packet.
9. Resolution Number ____, 2021 "A Resolution in support of Senate Bill 698, Amending Section 5602 of Title 53, the Municipal Authorities Act"
The Resolution supports a proposed Senate Bill allowing the formation of Public Safety/Fire Authorities. In concept, such structures would facilitate fund-raising and the increased attraction of personnel for volunteer companies. This resolution will of itself have no effect of law.
10. Resolution Number____,2021 "Approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement between the County of Erie, the City of Erie, the City of Erie School District and the Lutheran Home for the Aged"
The Village at Luther Square is a non-profit agency that cares for the aged. The agreement, approved by the City and the City of Erie School district binds them to pay 50% of the annual real estate millage for certain properties and 75% of the annual real estate millage for others.

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11. Ordinance Number _____, 2021, "_____ 2021 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,326,531 in FY 2019 Interactive Gaming Fees and Approval of Community Projects"

A Court settlement for revenue fees from VGT gaming machines resulted in Erie County Receiving \$2,913,507 (55%) and ECGRA receiving \$2,279,592 (45%). \$633,915 will go to Fund Balance. Projects to receive funding are Rail Commission (\$1,000,000), Hagen History Center Grant (\$250,000), Erie County Redevelopment Authority(\$395,677), and Enterprise Fund (\$100,000). There will be a separate vote on each project.

12. Ordinance Number __, 2021 "To Create and Establish the Erie County Rail Future Commission"

The Commission will establish relationships with all rail-oriented organizations in the Northeast and work to promote rail service of all kinds throughout Erie County. They will work to leverage funding through state and federal sources. The production of lower emission engines by WABTEC will further create economic possibilities for workers and related industries. This ordinance is a placeholder and is not complete.

13. Resolution Number _____, 2021, "To Adopt An Amendment To The Articles Of Incorporation For The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority To Extend Its Term Of Existence For A Period Not To Exceed 50 Years From The Date Of The Approval Of The Articles Of Amendment And To Take Any And All Other Actions Related Thereto"

On October 25, 2016, Council approved Resolution Number 50, 2016, "Approving a 10 year EMTA Charter Agreement." Section 3 of the Resolution termed the EMTA Articles of Incorporation to be amended to specify a term of existence of ten (10) years. The proposed Resolution would amend the Charter section to a fifty (50) year term of existence.

14. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-016.0-201.00

An offer of \$250 by Timothy Ward for the parcel at C K Riblet Sub Lot 15, a 46 x 141 lot located near 27th and Pear Streets, in the City of Erie. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to utilize it as a community garden and parking area.

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15. 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 \$45,516,616. That is \$26,400,150 above the \$19,116,466 needed for two months of County expenditures and transfers.