

AGENDA

Erie County Council

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Public Invited to Attend
Erie County Courthouse
140 W Sixth Street, Room 117



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

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

5:30 P.M. – Council Caucus

6:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

A. James Rosenbaum, Chair-Public Safety Advisory Committee

B. John Grappy- Director of Public Safety

5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None at this time

6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**

A. County Executive and/or her Designee

B. Finance Committee -Mrs. Clear

C. Personnel Committee - Mrs. Rennie

D. Other

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 91, 2021 "2021 General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$25,000 for Election Expenses" (Finance Committee)

Due to unexpected overage in temporary staff needs, unforeseen ballot and

postage costs, and a shortage in Election Fees; funds from the Restricted Account are requested. Received First Reading on 10-25-21.

- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 82, 2021 "Amending Ordinance 45, 2018 to Revise the Erie County Human Relations Commission Ordinance" (Finance Committee-Tabled 10-26-21)
Tabled on 10/26/21. Document under review by Council Solicitor Talarico.

- C. Resolution Number 41, 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" (Finance Committee-Tabled 10-12-21)
One of the properties considered in this agreement is currently taxable, and must apply to the Erie County Tax Assessment Appeals Board for non-taxable status before any further action may be taken. Only the Board may grant such status. Solicitor Talarico suggests the item be stricken from the agenda on Tuesday. Tabled 10/12/21

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 111, 2021, "Eleventh 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$16,000 for National Endowment of the Arts 2021-2022 Grant" (Finance Committee)
These funds are to be used for "Big Read" Library Programming and supplies between 2021 and June 2022. The Library will expend \$8500 this year and restrict \$7500 for next year.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 112, 2021 "Amending Ordinance 88, 2021 "Ninth 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,450 Friends of the Library Donation" (Finance Committee)
This corrects a mistake on the original Exhibit for Ordinance 88, 2021.
- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 113, 2021, "Third 2021 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$87,339 for PennDot Professional Fees" (Finance Committee)
Creation of a long-term transportation plan is required by federal law, and it must be updated every five years. If the current plan isn't updated by March 2022, federal transportation funds will be jeopardized.
- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 114, 2021, "Thirty-Second 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$85,000 for Public Defender Building Roof Replacement" (Finance Committee-Attached)
This represents the difference between the \$130,000 provided in ARPA funds and the low bid which was \$215,000. The new roof will be metal. Select windows flashing and other building issues will be addressed. Currently, water is leaking into the building.
- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 115, 2021 "Appointment of Members to the Erie County Rail Futures Commission" (Finance Committee-Attached)
The seating of Members is required, so the Commission may organize, conduct business and ultimately receive funding. Each Council District will be represented and the County Executive will have two appointees.

- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 116, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Erie County Community College Budget" (Finance Committee)
The County Council approves this budget each year.
- G. Resolution Number 55, 2021 "Appointing the Erie County District Revision Commission" (Finance Committee-Attached)
The Home Rule Charter requires that "within three (3) months after the publication of the results of the decennial census of the population of the United States, Council shall appoint, by a majority vote of the total members of the Council, a District Revision Commission to evaluate the County Council districts for equity in representation in relation to population."
- H. Resolution Number 56, 2021 "Approving the Settlement Agreement Between Millcreek Township, The Millcreek Township School District and National Church Residences (NCR) of Millcreek and the County of Erie" (Finance Committee)
NCR challenged the "taxable" status of its property with the Board of Tax Assessment Appeals. NCR took the matter to Common Pleas Court. The "Settlement" between parties is Court ordered. The other taxing bodies and NCR have signed the agreement.
- I. Resolution Number 57, 2021 " Approving Changes to the Erie County Public Safety Advisory Committee Bylaws" (Finance Committee)
Changes to the bylaws were approved by the Board on October 7, 2021 in a properly declared meeting and by the required majority.
- J. Resolution Number 58, 2021 "Amending Resolution 38, 2021 to Add the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit to the Agreement between the Erie County Department of Health and Thirteen Erie County School Districts to Support Enhanced Pandemic Coordination, Mitigation and Education" (Finance Committee-Attached)
Resolution adds this amendment to the already approved agreement the Erie Tri-County Intermediate Unit to recipients of the Public Health Fund.
- K. Resolution Number 59, 2021 "Approving Agreement between the Erie County Department of Public Health and the Erie County Technical School to Support Enhanced Pandemic Coordination, Mitigation and Education" (Finance Committee-Attached)
This approves agreement for the school district and IU5 in Erie County. It provides funding for a Pandemic Coordinator at the ECTS.
- L. First Reading of Ordinance Number 93, 2021 "2022 Debt Service Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
Ordinances 93 -110 are *First Readings* of the budget ordinances for 2022. County Council will consider passage of the 2022 Budget at a Special Meeting on November 30 at 4pm. The amounts found on the face sheets may be altered by Council Action sheets as permitted under the home Rule Charter.
- M. First Reading of Ordinance Number 94, 2021 "2022 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- N. First Reading of Ordinance Number 95, 2021 "2022 HealthChoices Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)

- O. First Reading of Ordinance Number 96, 2021 "2022 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- P. First Reading of Ordinance Number 97, 2021 "2022 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- Q. First Reading of Ordinance Number 98, 2021 "2022 Children and Youth Services Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- R. First Reading of Ordinance Number 99, 2021 "2022 Planning and Community Development Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- S. First Reading of Ordinance Number 100, 2021 "2022 Domestic Relations Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- T. First Reading of Ordinance Number 101, 2021 "2022 Library Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- U. First Reading of Ordinance Number 102, 2021 "2022 Public Health Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- V. First Reading of Ordinance Number 103, 2021 "2022 Public Safety Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- W. First Reading of Ordinance Number 104, 2021 "2022 Gaming Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- X. First Reading of Ordinance Number 105, 2021 "2022 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- Y. First Reading of Ordinance Number 106, 2021 "2022 Pleasant Ridge Manor Operating Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- Z. First Reading of Ordinance Number 107, 2021 "2022 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Reserve Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- AA. First Reading of Ordinance Number 108, 2021 "2022 Erie County Care Management Budget" (Finance Committee)
- BB. First Reading of Ordinance Number 109, 2021 "2022 General Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)
- CC. First Reading of Ordinance Number 110, 2021 "2022 Real Estate Tax Levy" (Finance Committee)
- DD. First Reading of Ordinance 117, "2021 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$2,000 to Cover Shortage in Temporary Staff Line of Maternal & Child Health Bureau" (Personnel Committee)
Excess funds from a vacancy would move laterally to fill a shortfall in temporary staff line item in the Maternal & Child Health Bureau of the Erie County Department of Health.
- EE. First Reading of Ordinance Number 118, 2021, "Thirty-Third 2021 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,298 for Public Defender Part-time to Full-Time Position and Increase in Expense Lines" (Personnel Committee)
High caseloads for part time APD's and additional Central Court hearings at City hall make

this request particularly crucial. Currently, open/active cases number in excess of 1,783.

These figures do not include juvenile cases as there is no application process for juveniles as they are deemed indigent pursuant to Pennsylvania statute. Promoting internally will make the transition smooth.

- FF. First Reading of Ordinance Number 119, 2021 "Amending Ordinance 122, 2020-Erie County Non-Bargaining Employees Pay Plan and Revised Expenditures in the Public Safety Fund of \$34,634" (Personnel Committee)

Proposed changes to the base wages of telecommunications employees at Erie County 911 are requested to reverse the loss of radio operators. Through improved retention, the operation can improve working conditions and lower stress and burn-out among employees.

- GG. First Reading of Ordinance Number 120, 2021" Approving a Starting Grade for the New Court Solicitor" (Personnel Committee)

The Court Solicitor position is very important to the Court Branch. In order to fill an open position, it is requested that the current applicant, who has 30 years of experience receive a wage above step C. This requires Council approval.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday December 9, 2021 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via zoom. The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday December 14, 2021 at 6pm in room 117, County Courthouse.

Members of the public wishing to speak at an upcoming Regular Meeting of Council or those requiring specific accommodation are encouraged to call or email the Council Office at (814) 451-6303 or Councilrequests@eriecountypa.gov