

AGENDA

Erie County Council

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Public invited to attend



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

Erie County Courthouse
140 West Sixth Street

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

5:00 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. Sheila Woeger
 - B. Freda Tepfer
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - A. November 29, 2021-Public Budget Hearing
 - B. November 30, 2021-Regular Meeting
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 Memoriam
 - E. Other
7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 82, 2021 "Amending Ordinance 45, 2018 to Revise the Erie County Human Relations Commission Ordinance" (Tabled 10/26/21)
Tabled on 10/26/21. Solicitor Talarico has provided Council with suggestions for consideration.
- B. 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" (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. Assessment Board awaiting application for tax free status by LECOM. (Tabled 10/12/21)
- C. Resolution Number 57, 2021 " Approving Changes to the Erie County Public Safety Advisory Committee Bylaws" (Tabled 11/16/21)
Changes to the bylaws were approved by the Board on October 7, 2021 in a properly declared meeting and by the required majority. The Council Solicitor has no issues.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 122, 2021, "Twelfth 2021 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$36,330 and Creation of New Line Item for CARES Funds (Finance Committee)
CARES funding for Erie and Crawford Libraries' Online Search expense line. No County funds in this Ordinance.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 123, 2021, "Fourth 2021 MH/ID Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$8,101,393 for Additional Emergency Rental Assistance Funds (Finance Committee)
This ARPA funding comes from the Federal Government down through the Commonwealth for direct assistance to individuals and households for expenses including rent, utilities, and energy. Funds expire in 2025. No County funds in this ordinance.
- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 124, 2021 "2021 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$46,000 and New Expense Lines for Court Ordered Placements" (Finance Committee)
When a new facility is used by the Courts for placement, it must be added to the County Budget for payment. The Council approves all new Budget Line Items.
- D. First Reading of Ordinance 125, 2021 "2021 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget Revised Expenditure of \$150,000 for Women/Minority Small Business Center" (Finance Committee)
Council appropriated funds to be administered by the Erie County Redevelopment Authority via Ordinance Number 65, 2021, promoting entrepreneurship of women in business. This Ordinance revises the distribution from the enterprise fund to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority for administration.

- E. First Reading of Ordinance 126, 2021 "2022 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget Revised Expenditure of \$150,000 for Women/Minority Small Business Center" (Finance Committee)
Council appropriated funds to be administered by the Erie County Redevelopment Authority via Ordinance Number 65, 2021, promoting entrepreneurship of women in business. This Ordinance revises the distribution from the enterprise fund to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority for administration.
- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 127, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for Director of Finance" (Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk. The face sheet of the Ordinances for these positions are based on 37.5 hours per week at an increase of 3 percent from 2021.
- G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 128, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for Director of Administration" (Personnel Committee)
- H. First Reading of Ordinance Number 129, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for the Office of Public Defender" (Personnel Committee)
- I. First Reading of Ordinance Number 130, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for the Office of County Clerk" (Personnel Committee)
- J. First Reading of Ordinance Number 131, 2021 " 2022 Appointed Officials Salary Ordinance for the Erie County Solicitor" (Personnel Committee)
County Council approves Solicitor Contracts for Row Offices, according to the Home Rule Charter.
- K. First Reading of Ordinance Number 132, 2021 "Approving the 2022 County Council Solicitor Retainer" (Personnel Committee)
County Council must approve all solicitor contracts per the Home Rule Charter. Council retains Thomas Talarico, Esquire as Solicitor. He also serves the Board of Elections.
- L. First Reading of Ordinance Number 133, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for Full Time and Part Time Assistant Public Defenders" (Personnel Committee)
The County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to approve all Appointed Official salaries each year.
- M. First Reading of Ordinance Number 134, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Erie County Non-Bargaining Employees Pay Plan" (Personnel Committee)
Approval of non-bargaining pay plan occurs each year. The wage increase is 3 percent for non-bargaining employees.

- N. Resolution Number 61, 2021, "Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Crawford County, Warren County and Erie County for a Regional Collaborative EMS Response Plan" (Finance Committee)
A collaborative regional effort of the Counties of Erie, Crawford and Warren to work closely in recruitment and retention and the development of a Regional Collaborative EMS Response Plan. Future consideration will include a Regional EMA Plan Administrator, funded by all three counties, primarily employed by Erie County Department of Public Safety. These items have not been considered in the 2022 budget.
- O. Resolution Number 62, 2021 "Approval of the 2022 Operating/Capital Budget of the Erie County Convention Center Authority and Associated Properties" (Finance Committee)
The County guaranteed the bond issues required to construct the Erie County Convention Center Authority's Sheraton Hotel complex (Ordinance 7, 2005) and Courtyard Hotel complex (Ordinance 15, 2014); one of the conditions for guaranteeing this existing debt was approval of budgets for the Erie County Convention Center Authority and its associated properties.
- P. Resolution Number 63, 2021 "Approving the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2020" (Finance Committee)
The governing bodies of all Member Municipalities approve the COG Audit and Financial Statements independently. Their delegates also approve the COG Audit & Financials at a duly organized meeting of the COG.
- Q. Resolution Number 64, 2021 "Approving the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022" (Finance Committee)
The governing bodies of all Member Municipalities approve the COG 2022 Budget independently. Their delegates also approve the COG Budget at a duly organized meeting of the COG.
- R. Resolution Number 65, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Controller" (Personnel Committee)
County Council approves Solicitor Contracts for Row Offices, according to the Home Rule Charter.
- S. Resolution Number 66, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Clerk of Records" (Personnel Committee)
County Council approves Solicitor Contracts for Row Offices, according to the Home Rule Charter.
- T. Resolution Number 67, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Solicitor Contract for the Office of

Erie County Sheriff" (Personnel Committee)

County Council approves Solicitor Contracts for Row Offices, according to the Home Rule Charter.

- U. Resolution Number 68, 2021 "Reaffirming the Appointment of First Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Hirz as Erie County District Attorney" (Personnel Committee)
Attorney Hirz will fill the unexpired term of District Attorney Jack Daneri; term expiring December 31, 2023. Per the Home Rule Charter, the Resolution shall be adopted by the County Council to fill any vacancy of an elected official.

- V. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 19-060-013.0-141.00 (Finance Committee)
An offer of \$250 by Elijah Luther for the parcel at W. 19th St NC, a 25 x 103 lot located near 19th and Chestnut Streets, in the City of Erie. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to utilize it as an art project and green space in coordination with the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network.

- W. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 27-006-093.0-012.00 (Finance Committee)
An offer of \$250 by Joseph A. Golden for the parcel at GE PKWY Lot 1, a 40 x 120 lot located near Lowry Avenue and Hilton (James) Street, in Harborcreek Township. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to maintain the grounds of the property, until an additional lot is obtained to build a home.

- X. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-051-013.0-202.00 (Finance Committee)
An offer of \$250 by Artem V Karnaukh for the parcel at Buffalo Road, a 42 x 100 lot located near Buffalo Road and Pear Street, in the City of Erie. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to add to existing property, and maintain the grounds.

- Y. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-050-014.0-132.00 (Finance Committee)
An offer of \$250 by Kevin Tornatore and Tammy Weigart for the parcel at 342 E 24th Street, a 30x135 lot, in the City of Erie. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to add to existing property and maintain the grounds.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. A Reorganization Meeting of Erie County Council will be held January 3, 2021 in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse.

The 2022 schedule of the Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, and Regular

Meetings will be duly advertised prior to the beginning of the year.

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.