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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

Vice Councilwoman Clear thanked Councilwoman Schauerman for allowing her to give the invocation that evening, and she shared two quotes:
I think there is no higher calling in terms of a career than public service, which is a chance to make a difference in people's lives and improve the world.
She stated she knows that is why each and every member of the Council is here and that she is honored to have served with you.
At the center of the universe is a loving heart that continues to beat and that wants the best for every person. Anything we can do to help foster the intellect and spirit, and emotional growth of our fellow human beings, that is our job.
Those of us who have this particular vision must continue against all odds. Life is for service. -Fred Rogers

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Anderson; Vice Chairwoman Clear; Mr. Horton; Mr. Rastetter; Mrs. Rennie; Mrs. Schauerman; Mr. Shank

Also Present: Douglas Smith; James Sparber; Erika Knight; Thomas Talarico; Amy Swartzfager; Megan Moore, Nicole Inan

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Sheila Woeger

Sheila Ellen Woeger, City of Erie-Spoke in disapproval of Thomas Talarico as County Council Solicitor. She stated the reason being because when she ran for public office she was disqualified by Mr. Talarico and Mr. Doug Smith because she was in violation of the Election Code by working in the Voter Registration Office. Mr. Talarico knew or should have known her opponent, Mr. Paul Urbaniak, was also in violation and should have been disqualified under the Code of Conduct, nepotism, because his wife also worked in this office, but said no wrong doing was found. Ms. Woeger's time elapsed, and she stated she would return at another time.

Freda Tepfer

To : Erie County Council

From : Freda Tepfer

Date: December 14, 2021

RE: Human Relations Commission Ordinance and By Laws Proposed Changes

I had hoped to address the council in person however in an abundance of caution I am quarantining until I receive the results of a COVID test. I don't think I am ill but nevertheless I want to avoid having regrets about spreading disease. Since I had been on the agenda I hope you will allow this letter to be read.

As previously mentioned within the document there are 4 uses of term Handicap and 2 uses of the term mental retardation. These can easily be found through searching and should be removed.

I am concerned about the proposed changes to the Human Relations Commission Ordinance and By Laws. It appears the proposed changes concentrates a large amount of authority and decision making in the Executive Director with little or no direct accountability to the Commission. Any accountability seems to be to the council. That is not how most independent commissions boards and authorities function.

The Human Relations Commission has been defined in the proposed ordinance changes as the Appointed Commission and Advisory Board and the Staff. The Document specifies certain duties or roles of the enforcement commission and others of the Human Relations Commission putting the Executive Director on an equal footing with no accountability to the appointed commission, only to the County Council. The Staff was added in this proposed change.

5. The office staff, who are hired by Erie County Council, serve at the pleasure of County Council, and are subject to and abide by the policies and procedures of the Erie County Personnel Code. Staff responsibilities ~~are to be defined in a Human Relations Commission Practices and Procedures manual and shall include:~~

The proposed changes removes the commission from the authority to make rules and replaces it with the Executive Director. The proposed changes gives the Executive Director a large amount of power in the preparation of By Laws and Changes

This is new wording

Erie County Council working in conjunction with the Director/Administrator of The Erie County Human Relations Commission may prepare and submit Bylaws to Erie County Council for their approval to comport with the Administrative Code and the County Ordinance.

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed by an affirmative vote of no less than two thirds (2/3's) of the regular members of the Enforcement Commission with the specific concurrence of the Director/Administrator.

The proposed changes gives the Executive Director the power of determining the validity of complaints, determining if conciliation has been possible or not, making voluntary settlements. Previously these were given to the Commission.

The Bylaws changes removes the commission from the hiring of staff, and reporting to the county council not the commission. The Director in this proposed changed document would have all authority to hire staff hiring, training of staff, and supervision of program services.

The Director/Administrator shall report to the Commission on agency activities any other information that would be deemed necessary would be given at the discretion of the Director/ Administrator. It makes the assignment of duties the responsibility of the county council.

Please take the time to have these documents reviewed by the attorney, and the commission and advisory board. Please carefully consider whether it is appropriate to place so much authority of an independent Commission in the hands of its staff, staff not accountable to it. Please consider whether the Executive Director should have so much discretion in determining the validity of complaints and the resolution of them.

Freda Tepfer M Ed

(copy of letter presented to County Council)

Speaking for 3 Minutes:

Lydia Smith, City of Erie (Homeless): Ms. Smith spoke in concern for the homeless population. She stated that there are more than can fit in the shelter and there was nowhere for them to go. She questioned if there is money for the homeless for rental assistance aid to get them off the street. They are told they can't stay here, but where are they supposed to go? Mr. Horton was the one to urge her to have her voice be heard. Chairman Anderson offered suggestions of current aid available and stated there has been more money from the ARPA Fund to assist the homeless. Mr. Horton offered his personal assistance to Ms. Smith, and stated he's seen the homeless and been homeless. Vice Chairwoman Clear thanked Ms. Smith for sharing with the Council.

Deontae Cooley, City of Erie: Mr. Cooley spoke about funding appropriations for people like him, the younger generation. He stated that funding is available but the population is ignorant of the knowledge and skill to know about and acquire the funds, and they need these funds. He stated more information needs to be put forth to access the funds. He stated more education is needed about government, finances, credit repair, life insurance and taxes to name a few. He stated he is only one person, and he doesn't know how to access these funds to do more. He feels that more needs to be done for people who lack knowledge, but have the skills to take themselves to the next level and be successful with this government funding. Advocacy is needed in the community for people to access it, and they can't do it alone. He needs them, the Council, to help.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

November 29, 2021-Public Budget Hearing A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, and seconded by Mr. Horton, to accept the minutes of November 29 and November 30, 2021. Passed 7-0

**November 30, 2021-
Regular Meeting**

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or her Designee There was no report from the County Executive.

Finance Committee -Mrs. Clear Finance Chairwoman Clear reported that the Finance Committee met on Thursday, December 9, 2021 and submitted to the agenda: Old Business A-C, and New Business A-E, N-Q, and V-Y.

**Personnel Committee -
Mrs. Rennie**

Personnel Chairwoman Rennie reported the Personnel Committee met on Thursday, December 9, 2021 and submit to the agenda New Business F-M, R-U.

Citation in Memoriam

Eugene Sorrentino

Mrs. Schauerman remembered Mr. Sorrentino and stated she was fortunate enough to meet him when running for office. She respected him very much. His citation should be dedicated to politics as well, and I'll remember him always. He was a character you will never forget.

Shank: A man is not gauged by his height, it's the people he knows, loves, and talks to. He stated he was tough on me because Navy guys love giving Army guys a hard time. There is no in between, he liked you or didn't. He stopped at his house after his death, and looked at the chair that was still there. Mr. Shank thanked him for helping him get where he is today. He stated they lost a patriot, a family guy, who loved his country and his community.

Other

Mrs. Schauerman stated this is a report from my heart. She has had the honor to serve with Kim, Scott, and Carl. She hopes they continue as friends. It's been an honor and privilege to serve with you, and thank you for your service to Erie County. I'm going to miss you.

Mr. Horton prepared some comments, but wisdom probably speaks better things. He stated he was reminded tonight that he still has a lot to be thankful for, and he is blessed. He stated he buried three sons before they were 30, and holidays are not always happy. I forget how blessed I am at times, and go into the community, like Emmaus Soup Kitchen, to remember, and not forget. He addressed Lydia Smith and stated he hoped she would come back. The advocacy, like that of Diana Ames, is what we need to get back to now. Some places and people can be downright cruel, which are supposed to help. He applauded Ms. Smith and her bravery, and stated that he would do everything he could to help get a roof over her head.

Mrs. Rennie stated there had been a wide range of testimony that night, sublime to otherwise. She stated what has been seen tonight reaffirmed her faith in humanity, and the dedication needed to support one another. She stated her report had to do with the structure of county government. The County Council depends on certain things to perform well. It needs effective meetings, public discussion, and respect for the process of County Council, like any lawful meeting or election. Mrs. Rennie stated she was a detail and rule-bound librarian. The last few years have been a learning process, and at times difficult. After the meetings last Thursday, this was brought to a head. She stated the agenda for that evening had ordinances for appointed and non-bargaining employee salaries. Previously, the Council has matched what was done for union-represented employees. She stated this particular year has been markedly different, and despite the transition of government, there has been a negative effect on the County Council process of setting salaries. The Agenda was approved and then changed, and rather than the standard 3%, it was left blank with a 3-10 % range

of increases. The County Executive-elect was there but could not stay because of the extended time of the Finance Committee meeting. She stated this was a process of filibustering. Within the Personnel Agenda there was an unprecedented ask for salaries to be set and increased for those appointed officials to be brought in during the transition. The County Council stands to work with anyone, but it has its own processes, like the setting of the agenda, and allowing for discussion. By the time the Personnel Committee started, members had left, and it was physically impossible, due to exhaustion, for those present to do these processes. She felt this was a tactic to pass the agenda items through without these processes. When the transition team was formed, a liaison to the Council was also named. The liaison made the case for the County Executive-elect requests. She expressed that the County Executive can make the case for what they need with recommendations or appointments, make an ask for salaries, and make it by expressing their vision with their teams' qualifications, knowledge, and experience. She voiced that the Council stands ready to be receptive, but it needs to be done in a proper way. The County Executive should not expect to draw on the resources or personnel of the County Council, but use their own. The Council processes must remain constant. She stated, more than anything, that this is her concern because of the recent process of circumventing and blocking discussion, and so forth, and the Council needs to make sure that does not happen again.

Mr. Shank offered his goodbyes to the Council members leaving, but it's a new beginning. He also offered to Mr. Doug Smith, thank you and goodbye, but we know where to find you. He stated he will miss the banter back and forth, everything he has done for him, and wished him the best.

Mrs. Clear wanted to say thank you to every person she has worked with in the last 2 years, thank you for what you have given and taught her. She cherished the last two years more than you will ever know. She wanted to say thank you from the bottom of her heart. It has been an honor to serve, it truly has been 2 of the most amazing years of her life, and she is a better person for knowing them. Thank you.

Mr. Rastetter stated he wanted to thank everyone for sure. This has been one of the best County Councils ever. Everyone contributes and has been dynamite, including Doug Smith, who will be great upstairs. He stated that he hoped everyone has a great rest of their lives, and thanked them all very much.

Chairman Anderson stated when I began to be involved in this community 35 years ago, his father told him if you're going to stand up, stand up for something, not against everything. Every time I've stood up, it has been for everything that is important for each day of our lives for everyone in this community. This unusual group came together and made something really unusual happen in this community, that will pay dividends for years, like the community college. There have been so many people throughout the community that have come together to fight for this community college. He stated there is one person that has more courage than all of us, and that is Scott Rastetter. He endured immense pressure to vote against the community college, but he stood up because he believed it

would change the trajectory of lives of Erie County for generations. He expressed he wouldn't speak on the negative, but about what unites us. Scott, Andre, and I had four new colleagues come on board and they became great adversaries, and great allies. This is a group that has come together, united, believing in our hometown and each other. He stated they were one of the first counties in the country and state to have progressive and forward-thinking ideas to invest the Covid and Cares funding, that will pay dividends for generation to come. They created the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Commission, the foundation for a fire authority and rail commission. He urged all to be vigilant, because democracy is fragile right now. He stated there are forces that want to undermine democracy, and as a centrist, he meant both the left and the right. We have to stay vigilant so that doesn't happen. He stated that only by us working in unity to accomplish things can they continue to forge forward and accomplish the things to drive us through this pandemic and put us in a position to be stronger and more united than before. I believe in this community, the strength of the community, and the future of this community. He said he would never stop believing in this community. He stated that, with all our differences, the Council became united to do the work of the people of this community. He said it couldn't be done without the staff as well. He stated he sees the vision of the County Council as cohesive and united, growing for a positive and better tomorrow. He expressed to all who allowed him to participate in a brief moment of their life that he was honored, and thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 82, 2021 "Amending Ordinance 45, 2018 to Revise the Erie County Human Relations Commission Ordinance" (Tabled 10/26/21)

Mrs. Schauerma made the motion to remove the item from the table, which was seconded by Mrs. Clear, and carried 7-0.

A second reading was given by Mr. Smith. A motion was made by Mrs. Clear and seconded by Mr. Rastetter.

Mrs. Clear made a motion to amend the language of the ordinance in Section IV, I., iii., to strike the use of mental retardation and replace it with intellectual disabilities, an oversight in the first reading. This was seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 6-1.

Ordinance 82, as amended, carried 7-0.

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)

Chairman Anderson gave a brief description of the situation with the resolution. It would be removed from the table and voted down.

Mrs. Clear made a motion to remove it from the table, and Mrs. Schauerma seconded the motion, and it was carried 7-0.

Mr. Smith read Resolution 41 in title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mr. Rastetter, and failed 7-0.

Resolution Number 57, 2021 " Approving Changes to the Erie County Public Safety Advisory Committee Bylaws" (Tabled 11/16/21) Mrs. Clear made a motion to remove it from the table, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
Mr. Smith gave a reading in title only.
Mrs. Clear made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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) Mrs. Clear made a motion to amend the agenda: move A-M to a second reading, vote as 1 for V-Y, and introduce Resolution 69. This was seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 122, 2021 in title only.
Mrs. Clear made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Rastetter, and carried 7-0.

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) Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 123, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mr. Shank, and carried 7-0.

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) Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 124, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

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) Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 125, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mr. Rastetter.
Mrs. Clear made a motion to amend, to read \$250,000, and Women as Minority in Small Business, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
Ordinance 125, 2021, as amended, carried 7-0.

- 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)** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 126, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Clear.
A motion was made by Mrs. Clear to amend, \$425,000 and Women as Minority in Small Business, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 7-0.
Ordinance 126, 2021, as amended, carried 7-0.
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 127, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for Director of Finance" (Personnel Committee)** Mrs. Rennie made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Horton, and the Council dismissed at 8:32 pm.
The Council returned at 9:09 pm.
Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 127, 2021,
A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 128, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for Director of Administration" (Personnel Committee)** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 128, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Clear, and carried 7-0.
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 129, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for the Office of Public Defender" (Personnel Committee)** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 129, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mr. Rastetter, and carried 7-0.
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 130, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for the Office of County Clerk" (Personnel Committee)** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 130, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Clear, and carried 7-0.
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 131, 2021 "2022 Appointed Officials Salary Ordinance for the Erie County Solicitor" (Personnel Committee)** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 131, 2021.
A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, and seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 132, 2021 "Approving the 2022 County Council Solicitor Retainer" (Personnel Committee)	Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 132, 2021. A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, and seconded by Mr. Rastetter. Mrs. Rennie made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Horton, to read \$50473 on the face sheet as decided at Budget and Personnel sessions, carried 7-0. Ordinance 132, 2021, as amended, carried 7-0.
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)	Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 133, 2021. A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Clear. A motion to amend was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, to update the exhibit to step L. Mr. Horton stated there was no point in increasing when no one is appointed. The Council can return to the increase when necessary. Mrs. Clear withdrew her motion to amend. Ordinance 133, 2021, as presented, carried 7-0.
First Reading of Ordinance Number 134, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Erie County Non-Bargaining Employees Pay Plan" (Personnel Committee)	Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 134, 2021. A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mrs. Rennie. Mr. Shank made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Rastetter, to change level 14 to 15 for the position of Election Supervisor, and to follow the new guideline of 7: this provision does not apply to appointed officials by Home Rule Charter, and guideline of 8: the Erie County Home Rule Charter requires the County Council to set the salaries of these appointed officials by ordinance, Director of Administration, Finance, Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender, and County Clerk. **The grades and pay chart in the County pay plan are guidelines for minimum pay. They take into account the level of responsibility, but not their relative experience and credentials. The final level of pay is determined after weighing those factors in the job market.** Mrs. Rennie stated the grades and pay are not strict guidelines for minimum pay. They cover the range of pay from a person's entrance to the job until they leave, and the range does take into account the level and responsibility. She would remove those two sentences at the least, as they are not accurate. Mr. Shank stood by his initial reading. Mrs. Clear agreed with Mrs. Rennie Mr. Talarico gave counsel on the subject(inaudible). Mr. Shank and Mr. Rastetter concurred with Mr. Talarico, striking all lines after Clerk**. Roll call for amendments 4-3. Ordinance 134, 2021, as amended, carried 5-2.
Resolution Number 61, 2021, "Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Crawford County,	Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 61, 2021. A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Clear, and carried 7-0. Mr. Shank proudly supports this to make the community safer. Chairman Anderson thanked Jessica Horan Kunco and John Grappy, and others,

Warren County and Erie County for a Regional Collaborative EMS Response Plan" (Finance Committee)

for all their extra work on this project. These are the services of the future, and a launching board for an authority. He applauds all involved.

Resolution Number 62, 2021 "Approval of the 2022 Operating/Capital Budget of the Erie County Convention Center Authority and Associated Properties" (Finance Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 62, 2021.

Mrs. Clear made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

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)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 63, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and passed 7-0.

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)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 64, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and passed 7-0.

Resolution Number 65, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Controller" (Personnel Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 65, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and passed 7-0.

Resolution Number 66, 2021 "Approving the 2022 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Clerk of Records"

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 66, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and passed 7-0.

(Personnel Committee)

**Resolution Number 67,
2021 "Approving the 2022
Solicitor Contract for the
Office of Erie County
Sheriff" (Personnel
Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 67, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mr. Rastetter and passed 7-0.

**Resolution Number 68,
2021 "Reaffirming the
Appointment of First
Assistant District Attorney
Elizabeth Hirz as Erie
County District Attorney"
(Personnel Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 68, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mr. Rastetter, and passed 7-0.

**Possible Sale of a Parcel
from the Repository for
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 19-060-013.0-
141.00 (Finance
Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a listing of parcel addresses.

A motion was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Clear, and passed 7-0.

**Possible Sale of a Parcel
from the Repository for
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 27-006-093.0-
012.00 (Finance
Committee)**

**Possible Sale of a Parcel
from the Repository for
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 18-051-013.0-
202.00 (Finance
Committee)**

**Possible Sale of a Parcel
from the Repository for
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 18-050-014.0-
132.00 (Finance
Committee)**

Resolution 69, 2021 “Authorizing the County of Erie to Enter Into the Settlement Agreements with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., and Agree to the Terms of the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution of 69, 2021, which was added to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Mrs. Clear, seconded by Mr. Rastetter, and passed 7-0. Chairman Anderson congratulated County Executive Dahlkemper, her Solicitor, and all others pursuing this settlement. This killing machine is a detriment to the community, and a settlement doesn't compare to the destruction caused. Attorney General Shapiro and all others are to be commended on the work done here.

Chairman Anderson addressed his colleagues, in particular Mr. Horton, to apologize for his actions in the executive session. He spoke of unity and togetherness, and then lost his temper, and he apologized. Mr. Horton accepted his apology.

He stated this Council has been a joy in his life.

ADJOURNMENT

A Reorganization Meeting of Erie County Council will be held January 3, 2021 in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse. Chairman Anderson wished everyone a happy and merry holiday. Mrs. Clear made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Anderson at 9:42 pm.

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.