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Terry M. Scutella
Jim Winarski

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shank.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mrs. Schauerman, "Keep your face always towards the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you."

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Shank; Vice-Chairwoman Rennie; Mr. Bayle; Mr. Horton; Mrs. Schauerman; Mr. Scutella; Mr. Winarski

Also Present: Nicole Inan, James Sparber, Ericka Knight, Tom Talarico, Amy Swartzfager, and Megan Moore.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Duryea Paige

Duryea Paige was not in attendance.

Other

The following was submitted due to the inability to appear in person:

Dear County Council Members,

We have read recently in the Erie Times that the newly elected County Executive is proposing significant raises for upper level county staff administrators/directors. We are outraged that is being proposed before the new administration has been in office only two weeks.

After a reasonable amount of time which would allow for the measurement of performance (which should be determined by council) a review should be completed. Any raises that are earned by performance should be then given in line with the current county pay plan formulas as are in Erie county standards. Otherwise you would be opening Pandora's box and creating all sort of issues with other groups of county employees which could lead to significant disruption in county labor peace.

Does the county executive also have in his plan exactly how the increases will be supported; this is supposed to be a man who ran on fiscal responsibility. When he

comes to council with a budget that reflects his wishes then you have a vehicle which can be discussed and negotiated. The proposal is foolhardy at best, outrageous and shows little thought to the governing process. Please table this proposal until there are sufficient facts available to make a reasonable and conscious decision.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jay and Diane Kallor
516 Monoca Drive
Erie, PA 16505
(814) 456-****

Freda Tepfer, Erie: Ms. Tepfer spoke about Martin Luther King, remembering his assassination and the speech "I've been to the mountain". She expressed that while listening to the debates about voting rights, she hoped that the diversity and democracy in our community, state, and country will long endure. She questioned why a large amount of money was rescinded from the Diversity Commission, and hoped that it would be explained at some point. She encouraged the Council not to keep reappointing the same people to the Boards and Authorities.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Mrs. Rennie moved to include all previous meeting minutes into one vote, seconded by Mrs. Schauerma, carried 7-0.
There was a roll call vote to accept the minutes, carried 7-0.

**December 14, 2021-
Regular Meeting**

**December 16, 2021-Special
Meeting**

**January 3, 2022-
Reorganization Meeting**

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

**County Executive and/or
his Designee**

County Executive offered no report at this time.

**Finance Committee - Mrs.
Schauerma**

Finance Chairwoman Schauerma reported that the Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 13, 2022 and submitted to the Agenda: Items A-H, U, and V.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella	Chairman Scutella reported that the Personnel Committee met on Thursday January 13th, and submitted items I-T and W-Y to the agenda.
Other	Vice-Chairwoman Rennie stated that there had been discussion about items on the agenda, and reiterated there was need for more discussion on them, but as there would be no action on them, and they were only at the first read, it would not happen that night.
<u>OLD BUSINESS - None</u>	There were no items for this section of the agenda.
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	Vice-Chairwoman Rennie made a motion to amend the agenda and move items E, G, I, and J to a second reading, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, carried 7-0.
First Reading of Ordinance Number 1, 2022 "Amending the Budget Total on the Face Sheet of Ordinance 109, 2021, '2022 General Fund Budget'" (Finance Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 1, 2022 " Amending the Budget Total on the Face Sheet of Ordinance 109, 2021, "2022 General Fund Budget" .
First Reading of Ordinance Number 2, 2022 "Repealing Ordinance 125, 2021 "2022 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget Revised Expenditure of \$250,000 for Women as Minority in Small Business Center" (Finance Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 2, 2022 "Repealing Ordinance 125, 2021 "2022 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget Revised Expenditure of \$250,000 for Women as Minority in Small Business Center".
First Reading of Ordinance Number 3, 2022, "First 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$14,400 for Creation of Tuition Reimbursement Line within the Courts Budget" (Finance Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 3, 2022 "First 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$14,400 for Creation of Tuition Reimbursement Line within the Courts Budget".
First Reading of Ordinance Number 4, 2022, "First 2022 Library Fund Budget Supplemental	Vice-Chairwoman Rennie made a motion to strike Ordinance Number 4, 2022, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**Appropriation of \$24,950 to
Receive Grant Funds that
were Awarded in 2021"
(Finance Committee)**

First Reading of Ordinance Number 5, 2022, "2022 Library Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditure of \$1,000 for PA Humanities Council Grant for Blasco Library Teen Reading Lounge" (Finance Committee) Ms. Inan gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 5, 2022 "2022 Library Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditure of \$1,000 for PA Humanities Council Grant for Blasco Library Teen Reading Lounge". Mrs. Rennie made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, carried 7-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 6, 2022, "Second 2022 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of Café Project Started in 2021" (Finance Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 6, 2022 "Second 2022 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of Café Project Started in 2021".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 7, 2022, "Second 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,540 and Creation of New Line Item for Bulletproof Vests in the Sheriff Department" (Finance Committee) Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 7, 2022 "Second 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,540 and Creation of New Line Item for Bulletproof Vests in the Sheriff Department". Mrs. Schauerman made a motion to move, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Rennie, and passed 7-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 8, 2022, "Approving Harbor Creek Township LERTA Ordinance 2010-201-6, as Amended" (Finance Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 8, 2022 "Approving Harbor Creek Township LERTA Ordinance 2010-201-6, as Amended".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 9, 2022, "First 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,482 and Creation of New Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 9, 2022 "First 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,482 and Creation of New Position in the Health Department". Mrs. Schauerman made a motion to move, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and passed 7-0.

**Position in the Health
Department" (Personnel
Committee)**

First Reading of Ordinance Number 10, 2022, "Third 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,482 for Creation of New Position in the Health Dept." (Personnel Committee) Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 10, 2022 "Third 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,482 for Creation of New Position in the Health Dept.". Mr. Horton made a motion to move, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and passed 7-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 11, 2022, "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance, First Assistant County Solicitor" (Personnel Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 11, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance, First Assistant County Solicitor".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 12, 2022, "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance For Two Assistant County Solicitors" (Personnel Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 12, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance For Two Assistant County Solicitors".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 13, 2022 "Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration" (Personnel Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 13, 2022 "Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 14, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Public Defender" (Personnel Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 14, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Public Defender".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 15, "2022 Fourth General Fund Budget Supplemental Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 15, 2022 "2022 Fourth General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,840 for Increase in Starting Salary for Director of Veteran Affairs".

**Appropriation of \$10,840
for Increase in Starting
Salary for Director of
Veteran Affairs"
(Personnel Committee)**

First Reading of Ordinance Number 16, 2022, "Amending the Human Resource Code - Second 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,211 for Temporary Promotion of Acting Deputy Director to Acting Director of the County Health Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages" (Personnel Committee)

Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 16, 2022 "Amending the Human Resource Code - Second 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,211 for Temporary Promotion of Acting Deputy Director to Acting Director of the County Health Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 17, 2022, "Fifth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,211 for Temporary Promotion of Acting Deputy Director to Acting Director of the County Health Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages" (Personnel Committee)

Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 17, 2022 "Fifth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,211 for Temporary Promotion of Acting Deputy Director to Acting Director of the County Health Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 18, 2022 "Amending the Human Resource Code - Third 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,587 for Temporary Promotion of Health Promotion & Quality Improvement

Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 18, 2022 "Amending the Human Resource Code - Third 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,587 for Temporary Promotion of Health Promotion & Quality Improvement Director to Acting Deputy Director of the County Health Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages".

**Director to Acting Deputy
Director of the County
Health Department,
Change in Hours, and
Increase in Wages"
(Personnel Committee)**

First Reading of Ordinance Number 19, 2022 Sixth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,587 for Temporary Promotion of Health Promotion & Quality Improvement Director to Acting Deputy Director of the County Health Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages" (Personnel Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 19, 2022 "Sixth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,587 for Temporary Promotion of Health Promotion & Quality Improvement Director to Acting Deputy Director of the County Health Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 20, "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Interim County Clerk" (Personnel Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first read of Ordinance Number 20, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Interim County Clerk".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 21, 2022, "Seventh 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of Café Project Started in 2021" (Finance Committee) Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 21, 2022 "Seventh 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of Café Project Started in 2021".

Resolution Number 1, 2022 "Approving the 2022 Accounting Services Agreement of Maloney Reed Scarpitti & Company LLP for County Council" (Finance Committee) Ms. Inan read Resolution Number 1, 2022 "Approving the 2022 Accounting Services Agreement of Maloney Reed Scarpitti & Company LLP for County Council". Vice-Chairwoman Rennie made a motion to move, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and was approved 7-0.

Possible Reappointment of On suggestion from Mr. Talarico, Vice-Chairwoman Rennie moved to amend the

Michael McCormick to the Erie County Convention Center Authority representing District 7. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (Councilwoman Schauerman) (Personnel Committee)

Memorandum to add "Possible Waiver of Administrative Code Article II. Section 5 A(1)(o)" and Possible Reappointment of Michael McCormick to the Erie County Convention Center Authority representing District 7. Term to expire December 31, 2025."

Mrs. Schauerman stated, Mr. McCormick had been training and working closely with the retiring Chairman Richards in order to take his place. They requested that Mr. McCormick was left on the Authority Board to serve.

Mr. Horton commented that he too believed it was important to maintain a certain level of experience and expertise on the Authority Board. He mentioned the possible impending retirement of Mr. Wells. He stated it was right to take this action.

Mrs. Rennie made a motion to vote as amended, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and was approved 7-0.

Possible Appointment of Lawrence A. Sapienza to the Erie County Convention Center Authority representing District 5. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (Councilman Shank) (Personnel Committee)

Chairman Shank expressed his reason for submitting Mr. Sapienza for this possible appointment. He stated that Mr. Sapienza wanted to do something for the community, now being a retired law enforcement official.

Mrs. Rennie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bayle, was approved 7-0.

Possible Reappointment of James Cardman to the Erie County Planning Commission representing District 7. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (Councilwoman Schauerman) (Personnel Committee)

A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Schauerman stated this would be Mr. Cardman's last term and he does an excellent job. She voiced his eagerness to get started on his second term.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Horton acknowledged the good job Chairman Shank has done in his new position, both on the dais and behind the scenes, and thanked him for his professionalism.

The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via zoom. The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday February 1, 2022 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.