

## MINUTES

### Erie County Council

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Public invited to attend.



Brian Shank, Chairman  
Mary Rennie, Vice Chairwoman  
Charlie Bayle  
André R. Horton  
Ellen Schauerma  
Terry M. Scutella  
Jim Winarski

Erie County Courthouse  
140 W Sixth Street Erie, PA 16501  
Room 114A

## PUBLIC HEARING OF DRC PROPOSAL MINUTES

Thursday, January 27, 2022

### CALL TO ORDER

The hearing was called to order at 3:05pm.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Shank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Council present: Chairman Shank; Vice-Chairwoman Rennie; Charlie Bayle; Andre Horton; Ellen Schauerma; Terry M. Scutella

Also present: Nicole Inan; Megan Moore

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Freda Tepfer, Erie: Ms. Tepfer stated she was a member of the Commission, and the map she submitted had District 3 as all Erie, and that was a desirable thing. She discussed how it was brought to her attention that it would now be difficult for a Democratic representative to be elected in District 5. She felt that there were some imperfections to the map, but appreciated the work of her fellow Commission members.

**The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires the appointment of a District Revision Commission by County Council after the publication of the results of each Decennial Census of the population of the United States, to evaluate the Erie County Council Districts for equity in representation in relation to population.**

**As required by the Home Rule Charter, County Council must hold at least one (1) public hearing on the evaluation report provided by the Commission so citizens may ask questions. The proposal is available at <https://eriecountypa.gov/departments/council-districts/> or call 814-451-6303 for help.**

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Thanking the Commission:**  
**Thomas Hutzelman,**  
**Chairperson**  
**Freda Tepfer, M.Ed.**  
**Attorney Richard Vendetti**  
**Attorney Chad Vilushis**  
**Attorney Russell Warner**

**The members of the  
Commission were  
appointed by Erie County  
Council by Resolution  
Number 55, 2021 on  
November 16, 2021.**

**Other**

Mrs. Schauerma stated that she was sad to lose Franklin from her district, but understood the sense of it. She also expressed her thanks to the Commission for their hard work.

Mr. Horton declared his gratitude to the Commission. He voiced it was a difficult position, and thanked each person individually and as a whole.

Mrs. Rennie echoed the thanks and gratitude of the other council members. She too understood the changes to her district, and that they made sense, but were necessary and kept to a minimum.

Mr. Shank thanked the Commission for their work. He stated it is difficult to make everyone happy. He specifically expressed thanks for uniting Wesleyville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Horton moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.

**The next Regular Meeting  
of Erie County Council will  
be held February 1, 2022 in  
Room 117 of the Erie  
County Courthouse, 140 W.  
Sixth Street, Erie PA 16501.**