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Terry M. Scutella
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shank.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mrs. Schauerma, from Dr. Seuss "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory".

ROLL CALL

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

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

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were no speakers for the scheduled allotment of five minutes.

Members of the public are allotted three minutes to speak without prior notice:

Jennifer Eberlein, Community Program Manager for the Blue Zones Project Corry (also Ashley Lawson and Shannon Wohlford): Ms. Eberlein spoke about the Blue Zones Project, and stated that Corry was the first project in the Northeast Region of the United States. She presented several successes, including assisting the County of Erie in becoming an Approved Blue Zones Project Worksite; increases in several community Well-Being Index measurements; creating value in medical savings, productivity gains, grants, and media coverage to the sum of \$8 million; and highlighting policy work and building strong partnerships and collaborating with the community. She voiced her hope that the County Council will continue to support the Blue Zones work for its continued future growth.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

January 18, 2022

Previous minutes were approved on a motion from Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or his Designee There was no report from the County Executive's office.

Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerman Finance Chairwoman Schauerman reported that the Finance Committee met on January 27, 2022 and submitted to the agenda: Old Business A-F and New Business A-C, J, and P.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella Personnel Chairman Scutella reported that the Personnel Committee met on January 27, 2022 and submitted Old Business: G-P and New Business: D-I and K-O.

Other

OLD BUSINESS

Second 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 second reading of Ordinance Number 1, 2022 "Amending the Budget Total on the Face Sheet of Ordinance 109, 2021, '2022 General Fund Budget" .
A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.

Second 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 second 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". A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

Second 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 second 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".
A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

Second Reading of Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 6, 2022, "Second 2022

Ordinance Number 6, 2022, Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of "Second 2022 Library Cafe Project Started in 2021" . A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.
Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of Cafe Project Started in 2021"
(Finance Committee)

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 8, 2022, "Approving Harbor Creek Township LERTA Ordinance 2010-201-6, as Amended" Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 8, 2022, "Approving Harbor Creek Township LERTA Ordinance 2010-201-6, as Amended". A motion was made by Mr. Scutella, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.
Ordinance 2010-201-6, as Amended" (Finance Committee)

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 21, 2022, "Seventh 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of Café Project Started in 2021" Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 21, 2022, "Seventh 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$22,192 for Completion of Café Project Started in 2021". A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
(Finance Committee)

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 11, 2022,"2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance, First Assistant County Solicitor" Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 11, 2022,"2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance, First Assistant County Solicitor". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 4-3.
(Personnel Committee)

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 12, 2022,"2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance For Two Assistant County Solicitors" Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 12, 2022,"2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance For Two Assistant County Solicitors". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, carried 4-3.
(Personnel Committee)

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 13, 2022 "Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration" Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 13, 2022 "Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration". A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie to amend, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0. The numbers will change to reflect the HR Code, and be a grade NB25F. Ordinance 13, as amended, carried 7-0.
(Personnel Committee)

Committee)

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 14, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Public Defender" (Personnel Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 14, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Public Defender". Mrs. Rennie made a motion to amend, seconded by Winarski, carried 7-0. The amendment should reflect the NB22O rate of pay. Mrs. Rennie made a motion, as amended, seconded by Mr. Winarski, carried 7-0.
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 15, "2022 Fourth General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,840 for Increase in Starting Salary for Director of Veteran Affairs" (Personnel Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 15, "2022 Fourth General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,840 for Increase in Starting Salary for Director of Veteran Affairs". Mrs. Rennie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winarski, failed 0-7. Mr. Horton commented he would vote no based on the discussion at the caucus, and a vote was not the prescribed plan of action. Mrs. Rennie stated she hoped to see this go as a no vote, and that it could go back to the Administration, and through the process of the pay plan and reclassification with the Human Resources Department. Chairman Shank made a brief comment that after discussion in the caucus, the job, and not the person, was the focal point, and he would not support it.
Second 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)	Mrs. Rennie moved to amend the agenda, to include items L, M,N, and O (Ordinances 16-19, 2022) as one vote, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0. Ms. Inan gave a second 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".
Second 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	Ms. Inan gave a second 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".

Department, Change in Hours, and Increase in Wages" (Personnel Committee)

Second 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" (Personnel Committee)

Ms. Inan gave a second 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".

Second 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 second 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".

A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie, as amended to include 16-19 as one, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and failed 0-7.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 20, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Interim County Clerk" (Personnel Committee)

Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 20, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Interim County Clerk".

Mrs. Rennie made a motion to amend the amount to a NB18F position at \$61,756 annually, and to note it is a temporary position of three months, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.
Ordinance 20, as amended, carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- First Reading of Ordinance Number 4, 2022**
"Approving the 2022 General Fund Budget Waiver of the County Purchasing Code for a Tax Billing and Collection Software System from the Current Vendor" (Finance Committee)
 Mrs. Rennie made a motion to amend the agenda, and move items A, B, and I to a second reading, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, carried 7-0.
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 22, 2022**
"Approving the 2022 General Fund Budget Waiver of the County Purchasing Code for Erie County Department of Corrections to Purchase and Install Touch Screen Updates from Current Vendor" (Finance Committee)
 Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 22, 2022 "Approving the 2022 General Fund Budget Waiver of the County Purchasing Code for Erie County Department of Corrections to Purchase and Install Touch Screen Updates from Current Vendor".
 Mr. Horton motioned to move, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 7-0.
- First Reading of Ordinance 23, 2022 "Approval of the 2022 Erie County District Revision Commission Final Report" (Finance Committee)**
 Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance 23, 2022 "Approval of the 2022 Erie County District Revision Commission Final Report".
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 24, 2022**
"Appointed Official Salary Ordinance-County Solicitor Salary (Personnel Committee)
 Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 24, 2022 "Appointed Official Salary Ordinance-County Solicitor Salary".
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 25, 2022, "Eighth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,927 for Increase in County Solicitor Salary" (Personnel Committee)**
 Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 25, 2022, "Eighth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,927 for Increase in County Solicitor Salary".
- First Reading of Ordinance**
 Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 26, 2022 " Public Health

- Number 26, 2022 "Fourth 2022, Public Health Budget Revised Expenditure For Addition of Temporary Staff Line Item in Maternal & Child Health Bureau "(Personnel Committee)** Budget Revised Expenditure For Addition of Temporary Staff Line Item in Maternal & Child Health Bureau ".
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 27, 2022, "Ninth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,164 for Existing Employee to Move Into Vacant Position in County Executive Office" (Personnel Committee)** Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 27, 2022, "Ninth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,164 for Existing Employee to Move Into Vacant Position in County Executive Office" (Personnel Committee).
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 28, 2022 "2022 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditure for Temporary Increase in Wages and Hours of \$4,476 for Acting Deputy Director of Public Health" (Personnel Committee)** Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 28, 2022 "2022 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditure for Temporary Increase in Wages and Hours of \$4,476 for Acting Deputy Director of Public Health".
- First Reading of Ordinance Number 29, 2022 "Tenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,668 for Change for Director of Administration Salary Increase" (Personnel Committee)** Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 29, 2022 "Tenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$21,668 for Change for Director of Administration Salary Increase".
Mrs. Rennie made a motion to amend, to reflect the vote taken and the change of exhibit in Ordinance 13 and to use the same language for this Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, carried 7-0.
The Ordinance, as amended, was carried 7-0.
- Resolution Number 2, 2022, "A Resolution in Objection to PA State House Preliminary Redistricting Map Released December 16, 2021" (Finance Committee)** Ms. Inan gave a reading of Resolution Number 2, 2022, "A Resolution in Objection to PA State House Preliminary Redistricting Map Released December 16, 2021".
A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 5-2.
- Possible Reappointment of** Mr. Horton stated Ms. Austin has been a good appointment for the Planning

Lisa Austin to the Erie County Planning Commission representing District 2. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (Councilman Horton) (Personnel Committee)	Commission. Mr. Horton made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and approved 7-0.
Possible Appointment of Mark Sleppy to the Erie County Planning Commission representing District 5. Term to expire December 31, 2022. (Councilman Shank) (Personnel Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a reading of the Possible Appointment of Mark Sleppy to the Erie County Planning Commission representing District 5. Term to expire December 31, 2022. Chairman Shank stated, Mr. Sleppy was a good man who was looking for a way to serve his community, and this would be a good fit. Mrs. Rennie made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and approved 7-0.
Possible Waiver of Administrative Code Article II Section 5 A(1)(o) and Reappointment of Dr. Carla Picardo to the Erie County Board of Health. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a reading of the Possible Waiver of Administrative Code Article II Section 5 A(1)(o) and Reappointment of Dr. Carla Picardo to the Erie County Board of Health. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive appointment) Mrs. Schauerman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and approved 7-0.
Possible Appointment of Dr. Fernando Mirarchi to the Erie County Board of Health. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive) (Personnel committee)	Ms. Inan gave a reading of the Possible Appointment of Dr. Fernando Mirarchi to the Erie County Board of Health. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive appointment) A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and approved 7-0.
Possible Waiver of Administrative Code Article II Section 5 A(1)(o) and Reappointment of Dr. Richard Ortoski to the Erie County Board of Health. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive) (Personnel Committee)	Ms. Inan gave a reading of the Possible Waiver of Administrative Code Article II Section 5 A(1)(o) and Reappointment of Dr. Richard Ortoski to the Erie County Board of Health. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive appointment) Mr. Horton stated he would approve and make another exception to the Administrative Code, due to the times and circumstances, including the Covid-19 Pandemic and the loss of a Director of Health. He voiced that experience is needed now. A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and approved 7-0.
Possible Sale of a Parcel	Ms. Inan gave a reading of the Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for

**from the Repository for
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 04-019-066.0-
002.00 (Finance Agenda)**

Unsold Property at Index Number: 04-019-066.0-002.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerma, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and approved 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

**The next Finance/Personnel
Committee Meetings are Thursday,
February 10, 2022 at 4pm in room
114A, Erie County Courthouse or
via zoom. The next Regular
Meeting of County Council is
Tuesday February 15, 2021 at 6pm
in room 117, County Courthouse.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Scutella.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shank at 7:12pm.

**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.**