

AGENDA

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 117

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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. Gerald Servidio
 - B. Jennifer Eberlein
 - C. Ashley Lawson
 - D. Shannon Wohlford
 - E. Lou Aliota
 - F. Others
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

February 15, 2022 - Regular Meeting
6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or his Designee
 - B. Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerma
 - C. Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella
 - D. Other
7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 30, 2022, "Eleventh 2022 General Fund Budget Waiver of Purchasing Code for Multi-Year Voicemail/Auto Attendant Service Contract" (Finance Committee)
Per Administrative Code Article III Section 1 D1, County Council shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to waive defects in form with respect to such contracts. The Erie County Office of Operations wishes to waive the Purchase Code for a supposedly more cost-effective multi-year contract.
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 31, 2022, "First 2022 ARPA Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,272,348 to Appropriate 2021 Funds Into the 2022 Budget" (Finance Committee)
American Rescue Plan Act funds that were not used in 2021 require reallocation to 2022 for use.
- C. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 32, 2022, "Twelfth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$571,284 For Creation of New Line Items and Reappropriation of Revenue Replacement Funds To Be Used in 2022" (Finance Committee)
Ordinance reflects Erie County revenue losses. Reappropriation of funds will be allocated to Maintenance & Repair, Capital Outlay, & the Firefighters Grant.
- D. Second Reading of Ordinance 33, 2022 "Thirteenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$85,000 for Reappropriation of 2021 Funds for Public Defender Building Roof Replacement" (Finance Committee)
Funds assigned the previous year for the new roof of the Public Defender Office Building need to be reallocated for payment in 2022. Removed from Ordinance 32, 2022 for clarity.
- E. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 34, 2022, "First 2022 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$73,960 For Creation of New Line Item and EMS Plan Administrator Position and Start Up Equipment" (Finance Committee)
Appropriation of funds for the position created by Resolution 61, 2021 "Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Crawford County, Warren County, and Erie County for a Regional Collaborative EMS Response Plan".
- F. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2022 "2022 ARPA Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditures of \$213,353 For Creation of New Line Item, EMS Plan Administrator Position, Start Up Equipment and To Restrict Funds For Use in 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026" (Personnel Committee)
This is a companion ordinance requesting funds for the EMS Plan Administrator.
- G. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 36, 2022, "Fourteenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$51,032 For Creation of New Line Item, EMS Plan Administrator Position and Start Up Equipment" (Personnel Committee)

This is a second companion ordinance requesting funds for the EMS Plan Administrator.

- H. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 38, 2022, "Amending the Human Resource Code - Fifteenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,380 For Director of Human Resources Salary Increase" (Personnel Committee)

This is the companion ordinance to the Appointed Official Salary Ordinance-Director of Human Resources, which allows funds to be allocated from the General Fund to pay the differential in proposed salary. Exhibits have been added to reflect potential amendment by Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 39, 2022 "An Ordinance of the County of Erie ("the County") Authorizing and Directing the Execution and Delivery of a Guaranty Agreement for the Benefit of Pleasant Ridge Manor ("Pleasant Ridge") and Compliance with the Provisions Thereof and Incurring Nonelectoral Debt Thereby; Approving a \$700,000 Letter of Credit Agreement from Pleasant Ridge to First National Bank of Pennsylvania; Directing the Proper Officers of the County to Take Necessary Actions; and Repealing All Inconsistent Ordinances" (Finance Committee)

This letter of Credit is a very inexpensive financial backstop for the Pleasant Ridge Manor Workers Compensation program. It has been done for many years. If the instrument is unused, it is paid back immediately.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 40, 2022, "Fourth 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,437 for Increase in Mosquito Disease Control Grant Funds Awarded by Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" (Finance Committee)

This is an appropriation of funds received through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in January of 2022. In preparing the 2022 budget for Mosquito Disease Control, the budget was prepared with level funding to \$41,250. When the grant was awarded in January 2022, the funding was increased to \$42,687.21. The ordinance accounts the difference into the line.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 41, 2022, "Fifth 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$102,500 For Reappropriation of Unexpended 2021 Blue Zones Donations For Use in 2022" (Finance Committee)

Donation funds received in 2021, and not used, will be reallocated in 2022 for the Blue Zones project.

- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 42, 2022, "Sixteenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$102,500 For Carryover of Unspent 2021 Blue Zones Donations to 2022 Public Health Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)

This is a companion ordinance to reallocate the unused donation funds for the

Blue Zones project from 2021 to 2022.

- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 43, 2021, "Seventeenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$819,951 For Creation of New Line Items and PCCD Grant in the District Attorney's Office" (Finance Committee)

The Erie County District Attorney's Office was awarded a PCCD Grant (UnifiedErie 3-Prong Violence Reduction Strategy) in the amount of \$1,627,463.00 for a 2-year period (2022-2023). This is a no-match, fully reimbursable grant award with no cost to Erie County. \$819,978.00 is the awarded amount for 2022.

- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 44, 2022 "Approving a Waiver of Bid Requirements of County Purchasing Code to Select _____ for Printing Erie County 2022 Primary and General Elections" (Finance Committee)

With a need to prepare paper ballots for mail-in, absentee and in-person voting, it is necessary to assign an experienced printing vendor to support the integrity of the election.

- G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 45, 2022 " Amending Ordinance 37, 2022 "2022 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for the Director of Human Resources" (Personnel Committee)

The Administration respectfully requests reconsideration of the salary set for the Director of Human Resources, and additionally requests a retroactive salary increase to the date of hire.

- H. Possible Appointment of Gary J. Winschel to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority representing District 1. Term to expire on December 31, 2026. (Councilman Scutella) (Personnel Committee)

This would be the first term for Mr. Winschel.

- I. Possible Appointment of Thomas G. NeCastro to the Erie County Assessment Appeals Board representing the City of Erie. Term to expire on April 1, 2025. (Councilpersons Horton, Rennie, Winarski) (Personnel Committee)

This would be the first term for Mr. NeCastro.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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