

MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shank.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

The invocation was recited by Mrs. Schauerma: "What lies behind us, and what lies before us are but tiny matters compared to what lies within us." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Shank, Vice-Chairwoman Rennie (via phone), Charlie Bayle, Andre Horton, Ellen Schauerma, Terry M. Scutella, Jim Winarski

Others Present: Nicole Inan, Jim Sparber, Ericka Knight, Tom Talarico, Esq., Amy Swartzfager, CPA, Megan Moore

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Jennifer Eberlein

Jennifer Eberlein declined the five minutes allotted.

Freda Tepfer, Erie: Ms. Tepfer voiced her concern about Ordinance 47, 2022, and the County Executive's attempt to increase the number of members on the Board of Health. She stated it was akin to "packing the courts", and with all the different support and health groups, that it was inappropriate for one person to be able to appoint four people, and aim to change the direction of the Board of Health. She hoped the Council would think hard before making such a radical change to a very important board.

Gerald Servidio, Millcreek: Mr. Servidio expressed his concern about the County Clerk position not having been filled yet, and the lack thereof affecting the upcoming primary. He stated there was an available, able, and enthusiastic candidate, Julie Slomski. He hoped that Republican politics were not impeding the decision. He implored Council to finalize the position, and for all of the Council to serve all of Erie County, not their party. Mr. Servidio discussed the impropriety of anyone sharing quotes on the printing of the ballots, and that it was wrong. Lastly, he discussed the plate fee, \$5, that was enacted around 2017

and was supposed to be to help the rural communities with bridges. He stated that \$550K was appropriated to the city of Erie, and that was unconscionable, and should be rescinded.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

March 1, 2022 - Regular Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, March 1, 2022, were approved 7-0 on a motion by Mr. Scutella, and a second by Mr. Winarski.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or his Designee

There was no report from the County Executive Office at this time.

Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerman

Chairwoman Schauerman reported that the Finance Committee met on March 10, 2022 and submitted to the agenda:
Old Business A-C; New Business: A-E.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella

Chairman Scutella reported that the Personnel Committee met on March 10, 2022 and had no items to submit to the agenda.

Other

Citation to Mr. Bill Hagerty presented by Mr. Horton

Mr. Horton presented Mr. Bill Hagerty with the citation, and thanked him for his endless dedication to the residents of Erie County.

OLD BUSINESS

Second 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)

Ms. Inan gave a second 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". A motion was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and was carried 7-0.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 42, 2022, "Sixteenth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$102,500

Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance 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". A motion was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.

**For Carryover of Unspent
2021 Blue Zones Donations
to 2022 Public Health Fund
Budget" (Finance
Committee)**

**Second Reading of
Ordinance Number 43,
2022, "Seventeenth 2021
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)**

Ms. Inan gave a second reading of Ordinance 43, 2022 "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". A motion was made by Mr. Scutella, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 46, 2022,
"Eleventh 2022 General
Fund Budget Supplemental
Appropriation of \$6,000 to
Receive Donations in
Veterans Affairs for
Veterans Treatment
Court" (Finance
Committee)**

Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance 46, 2022 "Eleventh 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$6,000 to Receive Donations in Veterans Affairs for Veterans Treatment Court".

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 47, 2022
"Amending Article II,
Section 5D 2(c)(iv) of the
Administrative Code of
Erie County-Board of
Health" (Finance
Committee)**

Ms. Inan gave a first reading of Ordinance 47, 2022 "Amending Article II, Section 5D 2(c)(iv) of the Administrative Code of Erie County-Board of Health".

**Resolution Number 6, 2022,
"In Support of the
Application to the State and
Cooperation Agreement
Among the Erie County
General Authority, Berry
Plastics Corporation and
the County of Erie for a**

Ms. Inan read Resolution 6, 2022 "In Support of the Application to the State and Cooperation Agreement Among the Erie County General Authority, Berry Plastics Corporation and the County of Erie for a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant". A motion was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Schauerma, and carried 7-0.

**Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program Grant"
(Finance Committee)**

Resolution Number 7, 2022 "In Support of the Oliver Hazard Perry Shipyard & the Perry Class Frigate Project on Presque Isle Bay" (Finance Committee) Ms. Inan read Resolution 7, 2022 "In Support of the Oliver Hazard Perry Shipyard & the Perry Class Frigate Project on Presque Isle Bay". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.

Chairman Shank discussed the impact this would have on Erie County. He stated the museum would be an anchor for the Bayfront, and help it come alive. He stated it would be a privilege to have this piece of history in Erie County.

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-077.0-017.00 (Finance Committee) A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Horton, and the sale was approved 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Winarski and the meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via zoom. The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday April 5, 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.