

AGENDA

Erie County Council

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Public is 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, April 19, 2022

5:00 P.M. – Council Caucus

6:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/c/eriecountypa>

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

April 5, 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 48, 2022 "2022 Library Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$2,500 And Creation of New Line For Temporary Staff In County Coordination Aid Bureau" (Finance Committee)
Monies from computer supplies will be moved to a temporary staff line to pay for a delivery driver.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 47, 2022, "Twenty-second 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$30,000 for PCorp Loss Prevention Grant" (Finance Committee)
This is a \$30,000 PCorp Loss Prevention Grant through the County Commissioners Association for installation of parking lot pole lights at the Public Defender office and installation of driveway pole lights at the Edmund L. Thomas Adolescent Center.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 59, 2022 "Waiving Section 4 of Erie County LERTA Ordinance 59, 1980 and Approving the Revised LERTA Program in the City of Corry" (Finance Committee)
This amendment is enacted to eliminate real estate tax abatement and relief for industrial properties in the LERTA district within the City and to extend "2042" the effective date of the existing Ordinance until December 31, 2023; the other taxing bodies have approved.

- C. First Reading of First Reading of Ordinance Number 60, 2022 "General Fund Budget Removal of Restriction from \$16,800 in the County Council Budget" (Finance Committee)
This is the 2021 restricted appropriation from the 2021 budget of \$16,800 for the purchase of office furniture for County Council offices from A.J. Grack Business Interiors.

- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 61, 2022, "Second 2022 ARPA Fund Budget Revised Expenditure of \$280,000 And To Unrestrict Community Futures Funds" (Finance Committee)
This is a companion to the \$330,000 in ARPA funds appropriated to finance three positions in County Economic Development, the Department that will perform work that responds to the " negative economic impacts of the public health emergency" by assisting small businesses and impacted industries increase their local footprint and attract workers.

- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 62, 2022 "Twenty-third 2022 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$330,000 to Create Three Positions in the Business & Economic Development Bureau" (Finance Committee)
This is a companion to the \$280,000 in ARPA funds appropriated to finance three positions in County Economic Development, the Department that will perform work that responds to the " negative economic impacts of the public health emergency" by assisting small businesses and impacted industries increase their local footprint and attract workers.

- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 63, 2022, "Twenty-fourth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$72,735 for Court Reporters Salary Increase" (Personnel Committee)

Due to a continued problem with employee retention, the Courts Department is looking to increase the current salary of the court reporters by \$5 per hour, for an added expenditure of \$72,735. The upgrade has been evaluated by J.L. Nick.

- G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 64, 2022 "Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance, First Assistant Public Defender" (Personnel Committee)
This ordinance is to set the salary for the First Assistant Public Defender.

- H. First Reading of Ordinance Number 65, 2022 "Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance Full Time Assistant Public Defender" (Personnel Committee)
This ordinance is to set the salary for the Full Time Assistant Public Defender.

- I. First Reading of Ordinance Number 66, 2022 "Twenty-fifth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$40,305 for the Creation of Grant Administrator Position in the Finance Department" (Personnel Committee)
This ordinance would create a new position, Grant Administrator, for the Finance Department. Increasing applications for money from the community, and loss of personnel make it an imperative addition to the department. The position has been evaluated by J.L. Nick.

- J. Resolution Number 10, 2022 "Approval of Amendment to the Corrections Food Service Contract between Trinity Group Services Inc. and the County of Erie" (Finance Committee)
Trinity Group Services has come to Warden Sutter to indicate that an increase in the current contract cost is needed to combat huge increases in their labor/supply costs. They have stated quite clearly that they are losing money on the contract and may withdraw unless an increase is approved. Director Sparber and County Executive Davis support the contract increase in this situation and request an amendment to the current contract. They do not favor going to a new bid at this time, due to concerns over higher costs than what is proposed by Trinity.

- K. Resolution Number 11, 2022 "Approval of Amendment to the Corrections Medical Services Contract between Wexford Health Sources and the County of Erie" (Finance Committee)
Wexford Health Sources has come to Warden Sutter to indicate that an increase in the current contract cost is needed to combat huge increases in their labor/supply costs. They have stated quite clearly they are losing money on the contract, and may withdraw unless an increase is approved. The Administration requests an amendment to the current contract. The Administration does not favor going to a new bid at this time, due to concerns over higher costs than what is proposed by Wexford.

- L. Resolution Number 12, 2022 letter in support of an increase of \$294M in Medical Assistance(MA) funding in the 2022-2023 PA State budget. (Finance Committee)
This is a resolution for Council to write a letter in support of Pleasant Ridge

Manor and all seventeen counties that operate a county-owned long-term care facility.

- M. Possible Appointment of Suzanne Weber to the Erie Regional Airport Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (Chairman Shank) (Personnel Committee)

Ms. Weber would fill the unexpired term of Mr. Brad Peganoff.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 4pm in room 114A Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.
- The next Regular Meeting of the County Council is Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6pm in room 117, Erie County Courthouse or via live-stream on YouTube.
- 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 . Public must be present to speak.