

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 6th Street, Room 117
Erie, PA 16507

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

5:00 P.M. – Council Caucus

6:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
 - A. William Burger
 - B. Carl Anderson
 - C. Alicia Driver
 - D. Sam Talarico
 - E. Others 3 Minutes
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

November 1, 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 167, 2022, "Second 2022 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000 from Release of Restricted Act 152 Demolition Funds" (1st Read 11/23/22)(Finance Committee)
The Act 152 (PA Act 152 of 2016) Demo Fees Fund was established by Ordinance 139, 2017, to allow the Recorder of Deeds of a County to collect a fee of no more than \$15.00 for each deed and mortgage reported. The fees are used for the demolition of blighted property.
- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 168, 2022, "Fifty-Sixth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000 from Release and Transfer of Restricted Act 152 Demolition Funds to the Planning Fund" (1st Read 11/23/22)(Finance Committee)
This is a companion to the previous ordinance showing the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Planning Fund.
- C. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 169, 2022, "Third 2022 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$70,000 from Release of Restricted Act 137 Affordable Housing Funds" (1st Read 11/23/22)(Finance Committee)
The Optional County Affordable Housing Fund Act (PA Act 137 of 1992) was established to allow the Recorder of Deeds of a County to collect a fee of no more than \$13.00 (amended by Ordinance 125, 2017) for each deed and mortgage reported. The fees are used for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing throughout Erie County.
- D. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 170, 2022, "Fifty-Seventh 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$70,000 from Release and Transfer of Restricted Act 137 Affordable Housing Funds to the Planning Fund" (1st Read 11/23/22)(Finance Committee)
This is a companion to the previous ordinance showing the transfer of \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Planning Fund.
- E. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 171, 2022, "Fifty-Eighth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$850,000 for Approved Additional Costs of Contracted Medical Services for the Erie County Prison" (1st Read 11/23/22)(Finance Committee)
Resolution 11, 2022 gave approval of an amended contract with Wexford Health Inc. for increased costs of mandated inmate care. This appropriation would pay for those services.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 172, 2022, "Thirteenth 2022 Public Health Fund

Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$6,650 for Tuberculosis Grant" (Finance Committee)

This is an additional \$6,650 grant received from the PA Department of Health. These funds must be spent by 12/31/22 and Director Mrenak respectfully asks for a second read.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 173, 2022, "Fifty-Ninth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$24,301 for Furniture in Planning Community and Development Office"(Finance Committee)

At the end of 2021, the Erie County Superfund budget had funds that were allocated to pay an invoice for furniture that was ordered to be placed in the Planning Community Development office. There was confusion with the invoice and the invoice was dated incorrectly for 2022. The Administration is requesting that the \$24,301 that was allocated for this purchase in 2021 be appropriated to pay this invoice before the end of 2022. The Administration is also respectfully asking for a second read.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 174, 2022 "Sixtieth 2022 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$11,019 for Prison Non-Bargaining Pay Plan Proposal"(Personnel Committee)

To encourage retention and recruitment for the Prison Supervisory Staff, this ordinance is to immediately correct the pay discrepancy for the last month of 2022. The Supervisory Staff includes: Warden, Deputy Wardens, Captains, and Lieutenants. A second read is respectfully requested.

- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 175, 2022 "Reclassification of Two Assistant District Attorney Positions from NB17 to NB18 and Title Change"(Personnel Committee)

This is a reclassification of two Assistant District Attorney positions that are presently vacant. There are not any additional funds needed.

- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 176, 2022 "Approving the 2023 Erie County Non-Bargaining Employees Pay Plan"(Personnel Committee)

In anticipation of labor negotiations and the need to adjust the low starting rates for new hires, the Administration contracted with Infinity Resources to assess the current pay plan and recommend updates based on current market conditions.

- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 177, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration(Personnel Committee)

The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.

- G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 178, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary

Ordinance - Director of Finance"(Personnel Committee)

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- H. First Reading of Ordinance Number 179, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Human Resources"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.
- I. First Reading of Ordinance Number 180, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Solicitor"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.
- J. First Reading of Ordinance Number 181, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant County Solicitor"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.
- K. First Reading of Ordinance Number 182, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Two Assistant County Solicitors"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.
- L. First Reading of Ordinance Number 183, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Public Defender"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.
- M. First Reading of Ordinance Number 184, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant Public Defender"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director

of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.

- N. First Reading of Ordinance Number 185, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Full and Part Time Assistant Public Defenders"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.
- O. First Reading of Ordinance Number 186, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Clerk"(Personnel Committee)
The Erie County Home Rule Charter requires County Council to set the salaries of these Appointed Officials by Ordinance: Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Human Resources, County Solicitor, Public Defender and Staff, and County Clerk.
- P. First Reading of Ordinance Number 187, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Solicitor Retainer"(Personnel Committee)
Approving the 2023 County Council Solicitor Retainer for Thomas Talarico, Esquire.
- Q. First Reading of Ordinance Number 188, 2022 "Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Deputy Solicitor Retainer"(Personnel Committee)
Approving the 2023 Deputy County Council Solicitor Retainer for Jay Stranahan, Esquire.
- R. Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 50, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Clerk of Records"(Finance Committee)
Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for Peter J. Sala, Esquire.
- S. Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 51, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Sheriff"(Finance Committee)
Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for Peter J. Sala, Esquire.
- T. Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 52, 2022 "Sole Vender Contract between New Localism Associates and Erie County Government for Blue Economy Study Road Mapping Opportunities for Great Lakes Economic Growth"(Finance Committee)
A \$50,000 Gates Grant through the National Association of Counties is funding a study, led by New Localism Associate's Founder, Bruce Katz. The study will be a positioning brief on emerging domestic and international blue economy efforts.
- U. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 07-025-060.0-001.00 W WASHINGTON 150 X 100 X 112.

An offer of \$250 was made by DIANNE and JERRY HAMILTON for the parcel at W WASHINGTON 150 x 100 x 112. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidders intend to maintain the property.

- V. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 16-030-043.0-228.00 924 W 17 ST 30 X 132.5.

An offer of \$250 was made by JASMINE L. BURNS for the parcel at 924 W 17 ST. The other taxing bodies have approved this sale. Bidder would like to build a multi-family unit, one for a primary residence and one for a rental.

- W. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 14-010-036.0-211.00 1025 E 4 ST

An offer of \$250 was made by PETER DE VERA OF ZIP ENTERPRISES for the parcel at 1025 E 4 ST. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to increase the value with proper maintenance and care.

- X. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 18-050-009.0-112.00 E 21 ST SS 40 X 135

An offer of \$250 was made by GARRY WILLIAMS, SR. for the parcel at E 21 ST SS 40 X 135. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to put a fence around the parcel to make his yard bigger.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. -The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.
 -The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 6pm in room 117, Erie County Courthouse or streamed live at the link provided on the County website.
 -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, no later than the end of business 5 days prior to the meeting. The public must be present at the meeting to speak.