

## MINUTES

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shank.

### OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mrs. Schauerma.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Shank, Vice-Chairwoman Rennie, Charlie Bayle, Andre Horton, Ellen Schauerma, Terry Scutella, and Jim Winarski

Others Present: Julie Slomski, Megan Moore, Joe Maloney CPA, Amy Swartzfager CPA, Deputy Solicitor Jay Stranahan, Paul Lichtenwalter, and Chris Carroll

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

#### **Danny Jones**

Danny Jones, Erie, GECAC: Mr. Jones expressed his thanks to the Council for the opportunity to voice his concerns regarding the removal of funds for the GECAC Senior services, GED/Adult Education program, and Summer Jam Youth Job program. Mr. Jones presented a brief description of the worthwhile services, and the benefits of each to the citizens of Erie County. He stated that the granting of funds had never relied on the condition of their bank funds. He questioned why other groups were afforded funds without an application or RFP process. He stated it would not be prudent for them to utilize their reserves to fund programs. He noted that he supports Erie Together. as they are a partner of GECAC, and GECAC is the financial conduit for the program, but that they were not equipped to spearhead a program like Summer Jams. He commended the community members for showing their support for GECAC. He announced his hope of working with the Council and County Executive to improve services for the citizens of Erie County as a team.

#### **Art Leopold**

Mr. Leopold was not able to attend.

#### **Freda Tepfer**

Freda Tepfer, Erie: Ms. Tepfer stated dismay that nothing was done at the ARPA ad hoc meeting, but proposals were added at the last minute with no details. She

expressed concern over Project Resolve and using \$5M in county money to fund it when it will not be the first battery facility out there. She stated the County Executive's job is to be the County Executive, not be Mr. Economic Development. She noted the word 'handicapped' is a relic, and it should be accessible. She listed which agenda items she supported, and which items she did not support. She professed that she agreed with Andre Horton, and ARPA money should not be put into the County Executive's redevelopment scheme. She stated that essential services are necessary for the possibility to stay and age in place, and make the area livable.

**Karen Hund**

Ms. Hund did not attend.

**Carl Anderson**

Mr. Anderson did not attend.

**Kyle Hagstrom**

Kyle Hagstrom, Edinboro, GECAC: Mr. Hagstrom introduced himself and his program, RSVP, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. He noted that it was for persons 55 and older, but they had determined they were 55 and better. He stated the volunteers assist 15 different non-profit organizations, and are representatives of every district in the county. He revealed that there are over 400 volunteers that provide services to the community, and work toward betterment of self, both socially and cognitively. He stated they are a bi-partisan group that are impactful on the community.

**Amy Bridger**

Amy Bridger, Harborcreek, Penn State Behrend: Ms. Bridger thanked the Council for the time and consideration they have given to Project Resolve. She stated they extended the discussion and forwarded the proposal at the request of the previous Council, who saw two uses for the federal funding, first as relief for families that suffered because of the pandemic and second to look forward and lay the groundwork for an economic renaissance. She mentioned the County Covid-19 Economic Report and its call for transformative projects. She cited Project Resolve as a long-term, regional strategy that would strengthen the competitive manufacturing base, but would need a community effort. She referenced the Brookings report and stated that the Erie manufacturing base was losing ground, and the cause was a failure to invest in innovative programs. She maintained that this project would need government, industry, and university funding. She announced that PSU had pledged \$5M, only if the local community stood with them, and that PSU was looking for a partner, not a handout. She announced that the money requested from the ordinances on the agenda would be the only request from PSU for money for the building construction. She stated schematics would be done in 2023 and construction would take another 18 months after approval. She stated that the project would support manufacturing companies that have a critical need for research and development support, and in turn would add approximately 5,000 jobs to the community. She closed by stating that it was disheartening to PSU and their industry partners to see the project pitted against other efforts in the community, particularly DEI issues. She noted those programs and the agencies that provide them are essential to the success of the community, and should be funded. She maintained Project Resolve to be a generational opportunity to provide immediate and long-term economic

relief.

### **All Other Speakers - 3 Minutes**

Edison Nicholson, Erie, Youth Leadership Institute of Erie: Mr. Nicholson suggested that ARPA funds being used for certain agencies would be the most impactful in the minority communities. He expressed the need for the Council members to go out into the different communities to experience programs first hand, and really research and get in touch with what is happening in the community. He invited the Council to the Institute's open house on Dec. 14th.

Beth Terp, Erie: Ms. Terp noted that she has come to Council three times to speak on behalf of the financial need for the GED/Adult Education programs at GECAC, and that today she wanted to speak about the human cost and need. She listed the partnerships around Erie County that her department has with other human needs departments, such as the Mercy Center, Adult Probation, Lakeshore, SafeNet, and others. She implored the Council to realize that these people need help and services. She recited stories of how her program worked together to help people thrive and overcome their issues, better their lives, and become better citizens of Erie County.

Homer Smith, Erie, GECAC Board Member: Mr. Smith stated the Board, Administration, and staff of GECAC are committed to continuing to serve the population of Erie County. He noted the funds the County has provided for almost 50 years as a partner with GECAC, has made it an agency known throughout the nation. He thanked the Council, and asked them to continue funding and supporting GECAC.

Sam Talarico, Erie: Mr. Talarico voiced his opposition to Ordinances 145 & 146 and Project Resolve, noting two reasons, math and values. He stated poverty could be viewed all throughout Erie County, except one place, Knowledge Park, and giving them money made no sense. He declared the budget was a statement of values, and this budget was an abject forfeiture of the compact that the County has had with the most needy of the community and to provide human services. He stated with a \$10M deficit, a responsible administration would do two things: cut expenses and raise revenue. He maintained that if the ordinances passed, it would be the same old trope; the neediest people of Erie County pull yourself up by your bootstraps even though you don't have any boots. He questioned when GECAC started representing the bad guys, and noted it was when the County Executive took office.

Janet Kelly, Millcreek: Ms. Kelly wanted to reiterate her support for the GECAC program. She stated people would not end up in homes, like Pleasant Ridge Manor, if they had more support to stay in their homes. She said giving money to education pulls people out of poverty, and poverty creates crime. She stated what happens in the city would follow throughout the county. She spoke about her appalment at the behavior of the County Executive, and stated that she and other retired people were watching how the Council was voting and allocating Erie County Funds.

**MINUTES FROM  
PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and the minutes were approved 7-0.

**10-18-22 - Regular Meeting**

**10-7-22 Special Meeting-  
ARPA Ad-Hoc**

**REPORTS OF COUNTY  
OFFICIALS**

**County Executive and/or  
his Designee**

Paul Lichtenwalter thanked the Council for their hard work, and hoped that the information his department gave them would help them make good decisions.

**Finance Committee - Mrs.  
Schauerman**

Mrs. Schauerman stated the Finance Committee met on Thursday November 17th and submitted to the agenda: Old Business Items A – V, and New Business: Items A-H.

**Personnel Committee - Mr.  
Scutella**

Mr. Scutella stated The Personnel Committee met on Thursday November 17th and submitted to the agenda: New Business: Items I and J.

**Other**

Mr. Horton prefaced his remarks by stating he enjoyed working with his colleagues. He noted that he would be talking about slavery. He recited an early draft of the resolution regarding racism as a public health crisis (Res.43, 2020). He announced that black people want all the same things white people want for their families, and for 222 years and counting the policies and budget of Erie County have not reflected that. He noted that the ARPA funds and projects like the Erie Investment Playbook all say they are looking through the prism of equity, but it doesn't line up. He refrained from reciting any more of the draft because he stated everyone gets the gist. He maintained that for over 222 years in Erie County, black and brown, and noted it didn't say Asian, Pacific, Latino, or anything else -that made the cut in the new version to make it more palatable, and passed 7-0, weren't represented. He stated no one from city to country wanted to talk about history, and the residual effects of racism that still affect his community and children. He noted as they go forward and 'look through this prism', he thought this would be a healthy reminder. He mentioned the idea of space, and that it should be inviting to people. He expressed how he realized it was not inviting to the black and brown people in the courthouse when his tenure began, and he had the order of Council pictures changed so the current picture was next to the Chambers, and they had a sense of space. He thought it was

important, as they are looking through a prism, to add a layer.

Mr. Scutella spoke about Project Resolve, and stated that all of the Council members support the project, but that giving \$5M was a stretch. He stated with this budget, the Council has the means to help the entire County of Erie when they are in need. He reiterated that he supports Project Resolve, but not using \$5M of the county funds because the people come first.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Rennie moved to amend the agenda to move all items not concerning the budget to the beginning of the agenda, and vote on Ordinance 145 and Ordinance 146 after the budget items, seconded by Mrs. Schauerma and carried 7-0.

### **Second Reading of Ordinance Number 145, 2022 "2022 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$2,500,000 and Creation of New Line Item for Project Resolve"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 145, 2022 "2022 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$2,500,000 and Creation of New Line Item for Project Resolve".

A motion was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mrs. Schauerma, and carried 4-3 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella).

Mrs. Rennie stated on the record she does not agree with that, and it is not an appropriate use of ARPA funds.

Mr. Horton stated he also would not support it, it was not an acceptable use of ARPA funds, and the solicitor gave them a lengthy letter stating why they should not approve it.

Mrs. Schauerma stated using this money will help people for their future, and ARPA experts have said it is okay to use this money.

### **Second Reading of Ordinance Number 146, 2022 "First 2022 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,500,000 from Unrestricted Gaming Funds and Creation of New Line Item for Project Resolve"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 146, 2022 "First 2022 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,500,000 from Unrestricted Gaming Funds and Creation of New Line Item for Project Resolve".

A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerma, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 4-3 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella).

Mr. Horton stated that using already designated funds was irresponsible, and that the state only gave \$1M and showed a bad use of county funds at 5xs the amount given by the state.

### **Second Reading of Ordinance Number 147, 2022 "2023 Erie County Community College Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 147, 2022 "2023 Erie County Community College Budget". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerma, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

### **Second Reading of**

Mrs. Rennie made a motion to add the action sheet, seconded by Mr. Winarski,

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| <b>Ordinance Number 148, 2022 "2023 Debt Service Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)</b>                                              | and carried 7-0.<br>Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 148, 2022 "2023 Debt Service Fund Budget". A motion, as amended, was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Second Reading of Ordinance Number 149, 2022 "2023 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)</b>                 | Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 149, 2022 "2023 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget".<br>A motion was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 6-1 (Horton).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Second Reading of Ordinance Number 150, 2022 "2023 Health Choices Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)</b>                          | Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 150, 2022 "2023 Health Choices Fund Budget".<br>A motion to include action sheets 1 and 2 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.<br>A motion to move as amended was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Second Reading of Ordinance Number 151, 2022 "2023 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)</b> | Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 151, 2022 "2023 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Fund Budget".<br>A motion to include action sheets 1-3 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.<br>A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Second Reading of Ordinance Number 152, 2022 "2023 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)</b>                  | Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 152, 2022 "2023 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget".<br>A motion to include action sheets 1-3 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.<br>A motion to amend the face sheet to \$7,523,756.00 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.<br>A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.                                                                                              |
| <b>Second Reading of Ordinance Number 153, 2022 "2023 Children and Youth Services Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)</b>             | Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 153, 2022 "2023 Children and Youth Services Fund Budget".<br>A motion to include action sheets 1-12 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.<br>A motion to include action sheets 13 and 14 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and failed 0-7.<br>A motion to amend the face sheet, \$72,150,657, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.<br>A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. |

Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 154, 2022 "2023 Planning Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 154, 2022 "2023 Planning Fund Budget".  
A motion for action sheets 1-3 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to amend the face sheet, \$8,315,884 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to move, as amended, by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 155, 2022 "2023 Domestic Relations Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 155, 2022 "2023 Domestic Relations Fund Budget".  
A motion to include action sheets 1-4 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to include action sheet 5 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to amend the face sheet, \$5,620,962, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 156, 2022 "2023 Library Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 156, 2022 "2023 Library Fund Budget".  
A motion to include action sheets 1 and 3 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to amend the face sheet, \$8,276,404, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 157, 2022 "2023 Public Health Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 157, 2022 "2023 Public Health Fund Budget".  
A motion to include action sheets 1-11 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to amend the face sheet, \$17,161,545, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 158, 2022 "2023 Public Safety Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 158, 2022 "2023 Public Safety Fund Budget".  
A motion to include action sheet 1-7 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to amend the face sheet, \$9,882,344, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.  
A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr.

Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 159, 2022 "2023 Gaming Fund Budget"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 159, 2022 "2023 Gaming Fund Budget".

A motion to include action sheet 1 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 2 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 5-2(Bayle, Shank)

A motion to include action sheet 3 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 4 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 6-1 (Bayle).

A motion to include action sheet 5 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 6-1 (Bayle).

A motion to include action sheet 6 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 7 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 6-1 (Horton).

A motion to include action sheet 8 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 9 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Horton).

A motion to include action sheet 10 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 11 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and failed 1-6. (Bayle) Mr. Horton stated you should be a 501c3 to get funds, which this group is not as they have a fiscal agent, GECAC. He stated they had been under the umbrella of GECAC since its foundation, it doesn't look good to try and usurp the parent company's duties. Mrs. Rennie stated she spoke with the administrator of Erie Together, and they are not prepared to conduct a replacement of the summer jams program, but could work in conjunction with the program to help facilitate student success. She would vote no, but stated it might be something to look at later down the line, they just weren't ready for prime time right now.

The Council CPA gave an updated amount with ordinances passed thus far of the Gaming Revenue transfer to the General Fund to try to fill the deficit of the budget, \$4,389,639.00.

Mrs. Rennie stated that she would vote yes to this action because the Gaming Revenue was committed to the Community College, whether they agreed with it or not, and they were legally liable for it. Mr. Horton concurred, they had a commitment of \$4M to the Community College. He stated he was concerned this is a road they keep going down, promising funds and then retracting them. He would also support this action, and stated balancing the budget with committed funds is not good business.

A motion to include action sheet 12 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and failed 3-4 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella).

The CPAs discussed actions the Council could take between the Gaming Fund and the General Fund.



Mrs. Rennie stated the reason for this action was that the money released through the Gaming Fund is not sustainable over time. The County has to choose what will be included within its operational budget. She stated the agencies in the competitive grant process were part of the operational budget at one time, but moved to the Gaming Fund when that money was received. She mentioned that other counties include things like the Area Agency on Aging in their budget, and it will be a tough decision on what stays and what goes. Mr. Horton stated he agreed with most of Mrs. Rennie's comments, but the unrestricted funds were a way to level the playing field for the citizens and smaller non-profits.

Mrs. Rennie put forth action sheet 13, decreasing the transfer by \$743,472 to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Horton, and failed 3-4 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella).

A motion to amend the face sheet, \$13,900,158.00 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauermaier, and carried 6-1 (Horton).

A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauermaier, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 160, 2022 "2023 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget" (First Read 11/1/22) (Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 160, 2022 "2023 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget".

A motion to include action sheet 1 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauermaier, and carried 7-0.

A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 161, 2022 "2023 Pleasant Ridge Manor Operating Fund Budget" (First Read 11/1/22) (Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 161, 2022 "2023 Pleasant Ridge Manor Operating Fund Budget".

A motion to include action sheet 1 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauermaier, and carried 7-0.

A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 162, 2022 "2023 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Fund Budget" (First Read 11/1/22) (Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 162, 2022 "2023 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Fund Budget".

A motion was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauermaier, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 163, 2022 "2023 Erie County**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 163, 2022 "2023 Erie County Care Management Budget".

A motion to include action sheets 1-4 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by

**Care Management  
Budget"(First Read  
11/1/22)(Finance  
Committee)**

Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to amend the face sheet, \$22,446,997, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

**Second Reading of  
Ordinance Number 164,  
2022 "2023 American  
Rescue Plan Fund  
Budget"(First Read  
11/1/22)(Finance  
Committee)**

A motion for a 15 minute break at 1:59pm.

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 164, 2022 "2023 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget".

A motion was made to include action sheet 1 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion was made to include action sheet 3 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton said, as previously stated, there wasn't enough information given about this and he would vote no. Mrs. Schauerman clarified that this was money being accepted, not granted.

A motion was made to include action sheet 4 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and failed 3-4 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella). Mrs. Schauerman stated she wanted to see them succeed, but wanted to wait until the board was set up and everything was straight before giving them any money. Mrs. Rennie noted that there was a second sheet for the DEI. She stated the problems with the DEI had been created by the Administration. She stated funding did need to be dedicated to the work of the DEI, even though legal efforts were being mounted, but the need still existed and support was vital. She thought the second action sheet was a good compromise for those uncomfortable with the first, and would vote for the second. Mr. Horton stated it was unusual to talk about the next action sheet when still on the previous sheet. He stated he heard from the Administration and his colleagues that they wanted to give funding, but after they straightened things out. He questioned where this money would come from later. He stated other entities had been given money without having things straightened out. He stated it was offensive, like they were saying black people didn't know how to handle money. It might be true on some level, as black people rarely had money. He stated there was a difference between delayed and denied. He stated that since they were talking about the next action sheet, the commission was started so black people didn't have to go to white funders to ask for money. He thought the people on the dais had good intent, but didn't understand what was done to black people, and aren't in the condition they are in because they don't know how to pull themselves up by their bootstraps, they don't have boots. He put this action sheet in, and doesn't expect it to pass, but wants it out in the public to be seen. Clarification by CPA.

A motion was made to include action sheet 5 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Bayle).

A motion was made to include action sheet 6 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. (\$18,677,864 left)

Mr. Horton stated the language should not be included about the funds not being dispersed without a submitted plan of action and approved by the Council. He said if they don't do that for other boards, it shouldn't be done to this one. Mrs. Schauerman reiterated she supports the DEI, but this is not the time to disburse

the money. Mr. Horton stated if this passed, the money would go to the Redevelopment Authority, not the DEI, and that is not appropriate and bias to keep the last sentence on the sheet. He stated they are autonomous and shouldn't have to come back to the Council. Mr. Scutella stated the issues with the DEI are from the County Executive, and no one else. Mr. Horton asked whether he could amend the action sheet. He asked if they would accept a friendly amendment, and it was accepted, and the language would be removed.

A motion was made to include action sheet 7 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and failed 3-4 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella). Mr. Horton questioned if they understood what they voted on, the entire action sheet. The vote stands.

A motion was made to include action sheet 8 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 5-2 (Bayle, Horton). Mr. Horton stated it was a great organization, but had a problem with the verbiage.

A motion was made to include action sheet 9 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 4-3 (Bayle Horton, Winarski).

A motion was made to include action sheet 10 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion was made to include action sheet 11 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 5-2 (Bayle, Winarski). Mrs. Rennie felt this program more development and planning. Mr. Horton stated the homeless population and has grown and money is needed right now. This should not be put off. He stated every shelter in the city has a plan on the books, they just don't have money. He said the money should go to boots on the ground. (\$11,672,276 left)

A motion was made to include action sheet 12 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion was made to include action sheet 13 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion was made to include action sheet 14 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion was made to include action sheet 15 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 4-3 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella). Mr. Horton stated ARPA funds were intended for entities most negatively impacted by the pandemic, and couldn't in good conscious vote for this sheet when money was withheld from the DEI. (\$9,534,776 left)

Mr. Horton stated the next sheets have no details, but had huge amounts of money. He said that seemed wrong, considering what they did to the DEIC. 16-20 were pulled.

A motion was made to include action sheets 21 and 22 by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. (\$16,705,975-updated expense amount)

A motion to amend the face sheet, \$16,705,975, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Horton).

**Second Reading of  
Ordinance Number 165,  
2022 "2023 General Fund**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 165, 2022 "2023 General Fund Budget".

A motion to include action sheets 1-27 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by

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Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 28 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Bayle).

A motion to include action sheet 29 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 30 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

Clarification by CPA about the next several sheets. Mrs. Rennie stated more funds could always be gained in a supplemental appropriation.

A motion to include action sheet 31 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 5-2 (Bayle, Shank).

Clarification from CPA. Mrs. Rennie stated again, funds can be gained by a supplemental appropriation. A motion to include action sheet 32 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 34 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 35 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 37 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 5-2 (Scutella, Winarski).

A motion to include action sheet 39 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. Clarification needed.

A motion to include action sheet 41 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. Clarification needed.

A motion to include action sheet 42 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 43 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. Clarification needed.

A motion to include action sheet 44 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and failed 2-5 (Horton, Rennie). Clarification needed. Mr. Scutella stated this position would protect the County. Mrs. Rennie stated it was a duplication of duties, and the Director should be taking care of this duty.

A motion to include action sheet 45 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 46 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 47 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheets 48-53 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. Mrs. Rennie stated these are revenue-producing potions, and would support them.

A motion to include action sheets 54-56 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 57 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 58 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 59 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs.

Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Rennie).

Clarification from CPA on sheets. A motion to include action sheets 60-68 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 70 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to include action sheet 72 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. Ten minute break to calculate fund totals.

A motion to include action sheet 73 was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. (Net affect -\$29,845 Domestic Relations, -\$8,429 Children and Youth, + \$1,721 Planning, -\$12,000 Library, - \$205,182 Public Health, and -\$22,432 Public Safety)

Mr. Horton stated no one wants to increase the tax rate. He stated it would be appropriate, but there wasn't the will. He stated next year they were looking at a \$15M deficit, and citizens should be prepared for an increase next year. He noted they had to increase revenue, or decrease expenditures, and it was unsustainable to continue the status quo. He stated using the fund balance was bad practice. He noted things on the horizon didn't add up. He thanked his colleagues. He said they know they will be critiqued and work for \$10,800 and are putting on a \$570M budget because they love this county.

Result of (-/+), change in the fund balance appropriated in the general fund - \$3,149,051, and updated expenditure of general fund is \$123,850,362.

A motion to amend the face sheet, \$123,850,362, was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

A motion to move, as amended, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 4-3 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella).

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 166, 2022 "2023 Real Estate Tax Levy"(First Read 11/1/22)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 166, 2022 "2023 Real Estate Tax Levy".

A motion was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0 with no increase to the millage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 167, 2022, "Second 2022 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000 from Release of Restricted Act 152 Demolition Funds"(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 167, 2022, "Second 2022 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000 from Release of Restricted Act 152 Demolition Funds".

- First 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" (Finance Committee)** Ms. Slomski gave a First 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".
- First 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" (Finance Committee)** Ms. Slomski gave a First 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".
- First 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" (Finance Committee)** Ms. Slomski gave a First 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".
- Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 33-016-019.1-268.51 (Finance Committee)** A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Horton, and the parcel was approved 7-0.
- First 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" (Finance Committee)** Ms. Slomski gave a First 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".

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**Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 48, 2022 "Approval of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Application and the Cooperation Agreement among the Erie County General Authority, Shearer's of Waterford, and the County of Erie for the Shearer's Waterford Industrial Building Project"(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski read Resolution Number 48, 2022 "Approval of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Application and the Cooperation Agreement among the Erie County General Authority, Shearer's of Waterford, and the County of Erie for the Shearer's Waterford Industrial Building Project". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

**Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 49, 2022 "Approving the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023"(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski read Resolution Number 49, 2022 "Approving the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023". A motion was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

**Possible appointment of Jonathan Atkinson to the Erie County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission. Term to Expire December 31, 2025. (Councilman Scutella)(Personnel Committee)**

A motion was made by Mr. Bayle to table the appointment, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 4-3 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella). No discussion was considered.

**Possible appointment of David A. Rubino to the Erie County Community College Board of Trustees. Term to Expire 8/31/24. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0.

A motion to break was made by Mrs. Rennie, and a 15 minute break was given at 12:48pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Shank thanked everyone and the meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

**A. -The next Finance/Personnel**

**Committee Meetings are Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.**

**-The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday, December 6, 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](mailto: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.**