

MINUTES

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André R. Horton
Ellen Schauerma
Terry M. Scutella
Jim Winarski

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shank.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

The prayer or invocation was led by Mrs. Schauerma.

ROLL CALL

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

Others Present: Julie Slomski, Megan Moore, Solicitor Tom Talarico, Amy Swartzfager C.P.A., and Paul Lichtenwalter

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

William Burger

Mr. Burger did not speak.

Carl Anderson

Mr. Anderson did not speak.

Alicia Driver

Ms. Driver did not speak.

Sam Talarico

Mr. Talarico, Erie: Mr. Talarico stated it was important to establish the facts and hold elected officials accountable for their actions. He noted that he had said previously the budget was a statement of values, and obviously the majority of Council members do not hold the same values dear that he did. He also noted that he agreed Project Resolve was a worthwhile project for Erie County. He declared, however, the budget passed would break the contract between the County and its citizens for needed services. He argued they could disagree on the values, but not on the math, and that the budget was profoundly irresponsible, by spending money the County did not have to spend. He mentioned the PSU representative's speech to the Council at the Budget meeting, and stated it was disingenuous, condescending, threatening, misleading hyperbole. He quoted them as saying "we aren't asking for a handout, we're asking for a partner"; this is a falsehood, and they got the handout.

Others 3 Minutes

Jerry Servidio, Millcreek: Mr. Servidio thanked the Council for their work. He

noted Mr. Horton's emphasis on the black and brown populations, and hoped that the Council would support the organizations that lift up these communities. He stated that Mr. Horton voiced the impact the budget would have on those communities, but he stated that the impact would be felt by all of Erie County, as could be seen at the soup kitchens. He recited the comment by Chris Carroll that was in the paper, "Project Resolve was the highlight of the day, and a transformation project that would push this county forward." He stated the following comment questioned the integrity of the members of Council who voted for the project when Carroll stated "really thankful to the four members of the Council who pushed this through and who get to put their name on the project". He stated he hoped 5,000 jobs would appear, but they would have to wait and see. He wished a Merry Christmas to all.

Scott Rastetter, Washington Township: Mr. Rastetter stated that history repeats itself, and he was sure GECAC was up to the scrutiny of the Administration. He stated he was told to put a more positive spin on things, but it was tough to do at this time, with the players involved. He wished a Merry Christmas to all.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

November 1, 2022 - Regular Meeting A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 6-0.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or his Designee There was no report given by the Administration.

Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerman Mrs. Schauerman stated the Finance Committee met on December 1, 2023 and submitted to the agenda: Old Business: A-E and New Business: A-B, R-X.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella Mr. Scutella stated the Personnel Committee met on December 1, 2023, and submitted to the agenda: The Personnel Committee met on Dec. 1st and submit to the agenda New Business: C-Q.

Other There were no other reports.

OLD BUSINESS

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" Ms. Slomski gave 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". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 6-0.

(1st Read 11/23/22)(Finance Committee)

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)

Ms. Slomski gave a 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". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerma, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 6-0.

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)

Ms. Slomski gave a 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". A motion was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mrs. Schauerma, and carried 6-0.

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)

Ms. Slomski gave a 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". A motion was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 6-0.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 171, 2022, "Fifty-Eighth 2022 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$850,000 for Approved Additional Costs of Contracted

Ms. Slomski gave a 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". A motion was made by Mr. Scutella, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 6-0.

**Medical Services for the
Erie County Prison" (1st
Read 11/23/22)(Finance
Committee)**

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to amend the agenda, and move items A-D to a second reading, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-0.

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 172, 2022,
"Thirteenth 2022 Public
Health Fund Budget
Supplemental
Appropriation of \$6,650 for
Tuberculosis Grant"
(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 172, 2022, "Thirteenth 2022 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$6,650 for Tuberculosis Grant". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 6-0.

**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)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second 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". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 6-0.

**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)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 174, 2022 "Sixtieth 2022 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$11,019 for Prison Non-Bargaining Pay Plan Proposal". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 6-0.

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

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 175, 2022 "Reclassification of Two Assistant District Attorney Positions from NB17 to NB18 and Title Change". A motion was made by Mr. Scutella, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-0.

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 176, 2022**

Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 176, 2022 "Approving the 2023 Erie County Non-Bargaining Employees Pay Plan".

**"Approving the 2023 Erie
County Non-Bargaining
Employees Pay
Plan"(Personnel
Committee)**

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

First Reading of Ordinance Number 178, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Finance"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 178, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Finance".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 179, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Human Resources"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 179, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Human Resources".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 180, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Solicitor"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 180, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Solicitor".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 181, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant County Solicitor"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 181, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant County Solicitor".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 182, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Two Assistant County Solicitors"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 182, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Two Assistant County Solicitors".

Committee)

First Reading of Ordinance Number 183, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Public Defender"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 182, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Two Assistant County Solicitors".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 184, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant Public Defender"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 184, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant Public Defender".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 185, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Full and Part Time Assistant Public Defenders"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 185, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Full and Part Time Assistant Public Defenders".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 186, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Clerk"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 186, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Clerk".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 187, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Solicitor Retainer"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 187, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Solicitor Retainer".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 188, 2022 "Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Deputy Solicitor Retainer"(Personnel Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 186, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Clerk".

Possible Adoption of Ms. Slomski read Resolution Number 50, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor

Resolution Number 50, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Clerk of Records"(Finance Committee)	Contract for the Office of the Erie County Clerk of Records". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-0.
Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 51, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Sheriff"(Finance Committee)	Ms. Slomski read Resolution Number 51, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Sheriff". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-0.
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)	Ms. Slomski read 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". A motion to table the resolution was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 6-0.
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.	A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and approved 6-0.
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.	A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and approved 6-0.
Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 14-010-036.0-211.00 1025 E 4 ST	A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and approved 6-0.
Possible Sale of a Parcel	A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and

**from the Repository for approved 6-0.
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 18-050-009.0-
112.00 E 21 ST SS 40 X 135**

ADJOURNMENT

**-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.**