

MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shank.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

The optional prayer or invocation was led by Mrs. Schauerma.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Shank, Vice-Chairwoman Rennie, Charlie Bayle, Andre Horton, Ellen Schauerma, Terry M. Scutella, and Jim Winarski
Others Present: Julie Slomski, Megan Moore, Solicitor Tom Talarico, Amy Swartzfager C.P.A., Paul Lichtenwalter, and Doug Smith

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Carl Anderson

Carl Anderson, Erie: Mr. Anderson professed his pride in working with all council members to unanimously pass out of the box, cutting edge ideas to bring down silos, bring forward inclusive and fair ideas so that no group got everything and everyone got something, and seed money to uplift our human capital, the most important part of economic development in any community. He affirmed that county government is not set up for economic development, but to deliver human services. He defended his theory that an unhealthy environment for the human capital would undermine any economic development, and that a balance between the two is necessary to create a solid foundation for a healthy community. He listed programs that they had funded, and stated that the County Council had to step up and stop the County Executive from undermining these programs, and restore funding to these vital programs. He noted that close attention needed to be paid to those that supported the County Executive's outrageous behavior. He stated that the County Executive was the biggest obstructionist to positive progression, like the broadband project of Summit. He maintained that the County Executive negotiated in bad faith, lied to achieve self-serving and one-sided political agendas through bullying and threats, and put the county government at risk of multiple lawsuits. He stated that he created an atmosphere of chaos, divisiveness, isolation, inequity and uncertainty which caused a toxic environment. He noted that his sincere hope was for the momentum of the previous year to be retained. He stated that the County had missed its moon-shot moment by using ARPA funding to balance the ongoing

operational expenses with no vision, but blind divisiveness.

Sam Talarico

Sam Talarico, Erie: Mr. Talarico stated it was not possible to separate the individual from the office. He listed the lies of the County Executive prior to his election, and while in office so far, and emphasized that this behavior could not be condoned. He professed that the County Executive lied, and when confronted with a lie he told, would respond with another lie. He noted that the lies had even seeped into the recent vetoes, citing the misinformation about MECA the County Executive gave to veto their funding. He also referenced the County Executive's lack of compunction regarding the mentally and physically disabled, and the screenshots of his mocking behavior. He stated the County Executive wanted to lead Erie County to economic development, but that only applied if he could take credit for it. He gave the example of the EMI and Savocchio Park projects that were designs of the Redevelopment Authority, and stated that the County Executive viewed that entity as a competitor, not an asset. He claimed that the County Executive was humiliated by his failure to dismiss ECRDA board members, based off a lie, and dismissed by Pennsylvania case law. He noted the open hostility towards women, namely the Director and former County Executive, by the current County Executive, and stated that the veto of Savocchio Park was the perfect opportunity for retaliation and denial of credit due. He declared the Council members' actions, refusing to publically explain their reversal of votes and support of the vetoes, as outrageous and questioned the lack of transparency and accountability. He maintained that those Council members and the entire administrative staff had been complicit in the promulgation of lies, vengeance, antipathy to minorities, and misogyny, which are now integral components of the decision-making process of Erie County government.

Ann Logue, Erie: Ms. Logue stated that she came to the meetings because she thought that the Council members were honorable, and would make good decisions to counteract the actions of the County Executive. She expressed her disgust that instead, Council members voted out of friendship with Brenton Davis, and that was not democracy. She noted she may be a lowly taxpayer, but she was angry about the racist actions of the County Executive, and Council members supporting those actions by cutting funding because they are friends with him. She stated that Council members proclaimed they were going to be the people's voice and for democracy, but that they were only speaking for themselves and Brenton Davis. She voiced her discontent and stated she was not alone.

Tiffany LaVette, Erie, Chair of DEIC: Ms. LaVette stated that the Board of the DEIC worked through 2022 with threats of de-funding and removal from the board, which was difficult and slowed down their process. She said that public comments that questioned the integrity of the commissioners were unacceptable; the Commission was filled with members who lived and served in the community. She noted the excitement of the board having the positions filled, and the hope that it would alleviate the scrutiny and threats that they had endured. She proclaimed their vision was to create an environment where all

BIPOC people felt welcomed and included in the County. She thanked the Council for the additional members, and stated they looked forward to all they could do for the BIPOC community and all of Erie County, and not being known as the worst place for black people that look like her to live there.

Scott Rastetter, Washington Township: Mr. Rastetter acknowledged the integrity of Perry Wood, Director of ECGRA, and stated he really had his finger on the pulse of Erie County, especially non-profits and places that need money to develop the County. He stated that there were great assets in Erie, such as the Convention Center, Warner Theatre, and the baseball park, that could add to the bottom line, but they had been under-utilized for the last ten years. He noted that when he protested former County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper for total partisan and Machiavellian tactics, they thought it was great, but now there is Mr. Davis, who is the same way, but on steroids. He discussed the highlights of the County Executive's plan that he shared with him the previous year, and stated they were not new ideas and from someone inexperienced. He noted that rigorous military training rarely transitions to civilian governance easily, civilians will only obey orders for a short time. He announced that there were no positives to the plan, and it would cause a lot of damage. He claimed that people that are egomaniacal and full of b.s. sell hate, and make ambiguous promises that sound like hope; they do not grow up or change, and are trouble. He said the best they could hope for would be, as it was a democracy not a monarchy or dictatorship, was for his attitude to change, and his minions to wise up.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

**November 23, 2022 -
Budget Meeting**

A motion to accept the minutes of the November 23, 2022 Budget Meeting was made by Mr. Scutella, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 7-0.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

**County Executive and/or
his Designee**

Doug Smith, Director of Administration, stated his thanks to the Council for their work during the year. He said that it was not always an easy job, but the Davis Administration was grateful. He noted that although they may not always agree, the Council was respected, and hoped that the next year would be smoother, and they would continue to work together.

**Finance Committee - Mrs.
Schauerman**

Mrs. Schauerman stated the Finance Committee met on December 15th and submitted to the agenda New Business: A-G.

**Personnel Committee - Mr.
Scutella**

Mr. Scutella stated the Personnel Committee met on Dec. 15th and submitted to the agenda Old Business A-M and New Business: H-P.

Other

Vice-Chairwoman Rennie described how she had sounded the alarm this time last year about the upcoming budget, and suggested ad-hoc committees be established to address vital things, including the budget, contract negotiations

(even though not part of their normal purview, it was a dire situation), budget deficits, to reign in community grants without harming the good work the valuable organizations do. She noted that the time for a thoughtful approach to the budget and potential austerity measures was at the beginning of the year, not the end; there were none in sight at any point of the year. She proclaimed that the Council members could disagree, but they needed to be counted on to act with integrity, to investigate thoughtfully, and reach conclusions that could be reasonably vetted publically. She stated that the maneuvers and processes of the Administration had become frighteningly routine; ordinances were submitted without necessary financial information, supporting exhibits, program descriptions, or documentation. She noted that requests for information had been ignored and access to the Financial Management System, for deep budget analysis and monitoring, had been rejected. She relayed the message that had been given to her by numerous people from different departments, that County employees were told not to talk to the County Council. She stated that it was her belief that the 2023 budget presented by the Administration was a bad-faith budget, and not balanced as claimed. She referenced suggested multiple large fund transfers that were supposed to stop the hemorrhaging of tax payer dollars. She noted, that some of that was inherited, but more so it was self-inflicted over the past eleven months. She maintained that everyone in business management should understand that when you have the responsibility for overseeing an operation, you must know what your assets, infrastructure, and needs are to be successful. She maintained that there was no attention to that, and would question any business acumen there. She declared that the budget process was marred by bad faith, and was deeply disappointed because the Council members were better than that. She revisited the Budget Meeting, and discussed how there were administrative action sheets presented repeatedly and, at the last minute, trying to insert big ticket budget items without any needed or supporting information; even the entities that were to lead the proposed initiatives knew nothing about them. She stated the end product was the passing of a budget that restored some funding to vital services, but also had the dubious distinction of being singularly the worst budget deficit this county had ever seen, and that night's agenda would make it worse still. She noted that the certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting that was awarded to the County for more than 24 years was given an increased bond rating, which then allowed the County to fund large projects. She described what she saw as a frantic effort by the Administration weekly to assure the Council that the County was swimming in money and not to be concerned about deficit spending and raiding the Gaming Revenue and other funds. She rebutted that idea, noting that professionals were telling them there was a need to be worried, and four years of spending would do a lot of damage. She discussed the previous meeting, and the vetoes of the County Executive, and gave an account of the rationales put forth by the County Executive explaining those vetoes. She noted that they could be easily countered, and had no good, supporting, documents. She questioned why Council members would change their votes, except to simply coincide with the County Executive. She stated it was deeply disappointing, but they would have to address it within their own hearts. She stated that working in government was about doing a job well, with integrity and professionalism, investigating and, if

wrong, owning up and changing . She offered that politics didn't work that way; it was more about impressions, winning, and conquering. She recounted a presentation at the Jefferson by Urban Planner Tony Griffin, which described the ill effects of constantly using a "grass is greener approach" for economic development and not utilizing what was within the community. She stated it was well documented that the approach did not work. She maintained that not keeping the focus on the local infrastructure, and not investing locally, as the vetoed items would have done, would be futile. She stated for the record that she is deeply disappointed about the vetoed items, that she speaks for truth, integrity, and that the attention of the Council should be for the greater good.

Councilman Horton stated that he wanted to speak about his friend that recently passed away, Darnell Stallworth. He described Mr. Stallworth as a longtime poll worker who was passionate about Erie County and its people, a founding member of Erie County United, a pillar of the Erie community, and an organizer with Keystone Progress who worked tirelessly with multiple organizations fighting for racial equality, for poor and working-class families, and union livable wages. He stated it would be fitting to acknowledge his contributions to Erie County, the Board of Elections, and to the greater Erie community at large, as well as the Democratic Progressive movement and climate change movement, and that he would be missed. He noted Mr. Stallworth was from Philadelphia, and had been all things Philly, but once he moved to Erie, he was all things Erie. He stated that at the last meeting he had read the draft of the Resolution that declared racism a health emergency crisis, and noted that sometimes conversations are hard to have, but necessary. He noted that throughout all communities, in all areas, from the Council's own resolution, to the Erie Investment Playbook, to the DEIC, corporate Erie, Erie Insurance, and the Chamber of Commerce, it was said things were looked at through the prism of equity. He described how it looks through the prism of a black man, and that was that white America had never embraced black people as equal, but always as inferior, subservient, abused, oppressed, lied to, incarcerated, and under educated, but always promoted through the prism of equity. He revealed that he lived in L.A. at the height of the apartheid movement, and noted people were blessed to see that system dismantled, but many of the pillars of that system remained in place. He submitted to the communities mentioned previously that black people do not believe you, Native Americans do not believe you. He maintained that they had been lied to in this country, as long as this country had existed, and most recently they had been lied to about \$10M, that turned into \$3.7M, to \$3.5M. He questioned why black people would believe anything that white America, white Pennsylvania, white Erie County told them about an investment playbook. He described the Gradual Abolition Act of 1780, which was designed to supposedly free slaves; a slave was freed at 28 years of age, but his wife and children remained enslaved until they were 28 years old, and so it perpetuated the system of slavery, as well as the fact that they were given nothing to help them start a new life, no food, clothing, or land--it was the white man that was given reparations for freeing his slaves. He noted that whites are not superior, and blacks are not inferior, but something was done to black people, as a whole, as a people, and things cannot be looked at through that prism

without having that conversation, tough as it may be. He stated that the conversation about reconciliation, ethics, conduct, conflict, and nepotism had to be had, not to embarrass, but to move forward, and there was no human way possible to move forward, in Erie or the country, without dealing with the great sin. He established the fact that while no one there was a slave or slave owner, some clearly benefited and some did not benefit. He noted that there was generational wealth, and that it was criminal that 98% of the housing stock in Erie County was owned by white people, and no one sees anything wrong with that figure. He stated that it wasn't because black people made bad investments or didn't know what they were doing, but because slaves were not given land, black GIs were not given land when they came home, only the white GIs were given land. He reiterated that whites are not superior, they just had boots to pull up. He suggested that, for a snapshot of Erie County, people look at the membership of the Chamber, and a startling picture would emerge of the demographics--how many white, black, women, Latinos, and since everyone was all up in arms about the Asian-Pacifics, them too. He said that ARPA funds were intended for black and brown communities most affected by the pandemic, and who were historically discriminated against. He professed that you cannot call a community thriving without dealing with these issues. He noted that the community had worked hard to pull away from silos and to build bridges, but if you asked Erie County residents if they felt safer or better than a year ago, they would say no they did not. He also maintained that it had only taken eleven months to destabilize all the hard work, and economic development, that had been worked for in Erie County. He declared a conversation needed to be had about the business relationships, political donors, and personal investments of those in office, like his family was often subjected to undergoing. He announced that there were supposed to be three distinct, supposedly equal branches of government for checks and balances, but he was disappointed, as this was not the case. He gave the analogy that you can't work at Burger King and wear a McDonalds uniform. He asked his colleagues who they worked for, which of the supposed distinct and equal branches they upheld. He stated that since it didn't seem like the Erie community wanted to have the conversation, he would come back each week and further the conversation, and quote the PA Manual. He stated that when slavery is talked about, it is the pretty '12 Years a Slave' version, and they don't bring in battered dogs and horses like the Humane Society, or drag in the Holocaust numbers and prisoners like the Jewish community, but wear it every day, and can't blend in or assimilate even if they wanted to do so. He noted that nothing could be done without a conversation. White institutions had red-lined black and brown people in Erie, county and city. He noted his Native American friends, and the celebration of the Commodore Perry statue in the park, and it should be examined too, like is being done in the South, and examine the history. He talked about the city, and they said they needed to collect data and it's evidence-based. He stated no data needed to be gathered, as it was already collected in the census, when the city sends out their survey it's laughable because they already have all the information needed. He stated it's the same data they used to get state and federal funds, funds that never come down to the poor people that are counted on to receive the funds. He said they were arguing about black people getting \$3.5M out of the \$570M budget, and before ARPA they

weren't in the budget at all. He said it was easy to beat up on the most vulnerable amongst people, children, seniors, black and poor people, but they would not do it under the cover of darkness, not from upstairs or from downstairs, because they would have the conversations.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 176, 2022 "Adoption of Erie County Human Resources Code, Approval of 2023 Erie Non-Bargaining Employees Pay Plan, and Pay Grade Listings"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 176, 2022 "Adoption of Erie County Human Resources Code, Approval of 2023 Erie Non-Bargaining Employees Pay Plan, and Pay Grade Listings". Mrs. Rennie made a motion to amend the ordinance with new language in their packet for the pay plan and human resources code, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 6-1 (Horton).

Mrs. Rennie stated she would vote in favor but under protest, because this is another example where this should have been submitted by the Administration within the budget, as well as the new positions that were not explained well enough. Mr. Horton stated he would not support it for the same reasons given by Mrs. Rennie, but also as a protest vote, until black and brown communities are given more consideration. He stated he knew that there was a problem with employee wages, and understood it needed to be dealt with too.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 177, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 177, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it until black and brown communities are given more consideration, and whose median family income is \$30-40K less than white citizens in Erie County.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 178, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Finance"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 178, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Finance". A motion was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it until black and brown communities are given more consideration, and they own only 2.5.% of the housing stock in Erie County.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 179, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Human Resources"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 179, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Director of Human Resources". A motion to amend and increase the salary was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mrs. Rennie stated she had sympathy for pay equity and parity, but this should have been brought forward in the budget process, and this was more evidence of the Administration not being transparent, but she would vote for it. Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it until black and brown communities are given more consideration, and who live in substandard housing conditions. A motion, as amended, was

made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it until black and brown communities are given more consideration, because it is immoral when others live in substandard conditions.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 180, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Solicitor"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 180, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Solicitor". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this, as it was immoral.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 181, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant County Solicitor"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 181, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant County Solicitor". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this, as a protest vote, until there is support for black and brown communities, even though the county government is a leader in the forefront of change, but corporate Erie and larger non-profits and employers have a responsibility.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 182, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Two Assistant County Solicitors"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 182, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Two Assistant County Solicitors". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it, until black and brown people are given more consideration, as it was immoral to allow members of the community to live in such substandard conditions, and it had been 222 years and counting, and there needed to be a conversation.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 183, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Public Defender"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 183, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Public Defender". A motion was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it, until black and brown people were given more consideration, our loved ones and neighbors were living in substandard conditions, human services were failing, OCY should be paid more attention to instead of salaries.

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 184, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant Public Defender"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 184, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - First Assistant Public Defender". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it, until black and brown people were given more consideration, as a protest vote, black and brown people were left behind for 222 years, and a conversation should be had on reconciliation and honesty about who works where and who is benefiting from what.

Second Reading of

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Ordinance Number 185, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Full and Part Time Assistant Public Defenders"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)	Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - Full and Part Time Assistant Public Defenders". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it, until black and brown people were given more consideration, but if he voted yes to any, it would be this one, as many black people are incarcerated and can't afford an attorney on their \$17K income. Even though they only make up 7% of the county, they make up 50-60% of the population of the jail, and until those numbers are inverted, and blacks can get loan approval instead of red-lining, he would not support this.
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 186, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Clerk"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)	Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 186, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Clerk". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it as a protest vote, until black and brown people and businesses are given more consideration, in the form of low interest loans and grants.
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 187, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Solicitor Retainer"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)	Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 187, 2022 "2023 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Solicitor Retainer". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 6-1 (Horton). Mr. Horton stated he would not support this or anything like it, until black and brown people were given more consideration, and help was given to become whole, and some kind of reconciliation was in place, although he knew all the work their solicitor did to assist this distinct branch of government.
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 188, 2022 "Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Deputy Solicitor Retainer"(First Read 12/6/22)(Personnel Committee)	Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 188, 2022 "Appointed Official Salary Ordinance - County Council Deputy Solicitor Retainer". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 6-1 (Horton).
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	A motion to amend the agenda, and move items A, C, and D to a second read, was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
First Reading of Ordinance Number 189, 2022, "Second Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$3,075,920 for Additional State and Federal Revenue in 2022"(Finance	Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 189, 2022, "Second Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$3,075,920 for Additional State and Federal Revenue in 2022". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mrs. Rennie, and carried 7-0.

Committee)

First Reading of Ordinance Number 190, 2022, "First 2023 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,100 for Completion of Safety and Security Upgrades Started in 2022 in 2023 Budget and Creation of New Line Item"(Finance Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 190, 2022, "First 2023 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$12,100 for Completion of Safety and Security Upgrades Started in 2022 in 2023 Budget and Creation of New Line Item".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 191, 2022 Approving the Sales Proposal for Services to be Rendered by KnowInk(Finance Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 191, 2022 Approving the Sales Proposal for Services to be Rendered by KnowInk". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 6-1 (Shank).

First Reading of Ordinance Number 192, 2022 "Approving the Sales Proposal for Services to be Rendered by Runbeck"(Finance Committee) Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 192, 2022 "Approving the Sales Proposal for Services to be Rendered by Runbeck". A motion was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

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 motion was made to remove Resolution 52, 2022 from the table by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. A motion to amend was made by Mrs. Rennie, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. 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 was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and carried 7-0. Mr. Horton stated he would support this against his better judgment, because he fears, as has happened before, they will come down later and ask for more than support, but for money. Mrs. Rennie stated that blue economy had become a buzz word, but hopes to see tangible recommendations, and is cautiously optimistic.

Resolution Number 53, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Controller"(Finance Committee) Ms. Slomski read Resolution Number 53, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Solicitor Contract for the Office of the Erie County Controller". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.

Committee)

- Resolution Number 54, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Operating/ Capital Budget of the Erie County Convention Center Authority and Associated Properties "(Finance Committee)** Ms. Slomski read Resolution Number 54, 2022, "Approving the 2023 Operating/ Capital Budget of the Erie County Convention Center Authority and Associated Properties". A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.
- Possible reappointment of Mary Jo Campbell to the Erie County Human Relations Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (Councilman Scutella)** A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.
- Possible reappointment of Christine Mitchell to the Erie County Human Relations Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (Councilman Shank)** A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.
- Possible reappointment of Katrina L. Byrd to the Erie County Human Relations Commission. Term to expire on December 31, 2026. (Councilman Horton)** A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
- Possible appointment of Kenneth Brasington to the Erie County Human Relations Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (Councilwoman Rennie)** A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.
- Possible reappointment of Dr. James Y. Lin to a four-year term for the Erie County Care Management. Term to expire on December 31, 2026. (Councilman Scutella)** A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mrs. Schauerman, 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)

A motion to remove from the table was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

Possible appointment of Dr. Ricardo L. Escajadillo to the Erie County Diversity Equity and Inclusion Commission. Dr. Escajadillo will replace David González, M.S. who resigned. Term to expire December 31, 2024.(Councilman Winarski)

A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mr. Winarski, seconded by Mr. Scutella, and carried 7-0.

Possible appointment of Mario Andrew Medina, Esq. to the Erie County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission. Term to expire on December 31, 2025. (County Executive)

A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 5-2 (Horton, Rennie). Mrs. Rennie stated she would vote no as a protest, due to the way things were handled with the DEIC by the Administration, and it was done improperly. Mr. Horton stated he too would vote no, Ms. Dixon had served honorably, and should not have been removed. Mr. Talarico stated that it was his legal opinion she was never removed, and objected to the vote. The County Clerk, Ms. Slomski, questioned if they should continue with the vote. Chairman Shank stated it was on the agenda and could have been questioned in caucus.

Possible appointment of Charles "Boo" Hagerty to the Erie County Redevelopment Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2027. (County Executive)

A motion to approve the appointment was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Shank stated it had been a privilege to be the Chair. He thanked Ms. Swartzfager, Mr. Talarico, and Ms. Slomski.
A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Rennie at 7:34pm.

-There will be a Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 1:00 pm in room 117, Erie County Courthouse or streamed live at the link

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