

AGENDA

Erie County Council

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Public is invited to attend.



Brian Shank, Chairman
Mary Rennie, Vice Chairwoman
Charlie Bayle
André R. Horton
Ellen Schauerman
Terry M. Scutella
Jim Winarski

Erie County Courthouse
140 W 6th Street, Room 117
Erie, PA 16501

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

5:00 P.M. – Council Caucus

6:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **OPTIONAL PRAYER OR REFLECTION**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
 - A. Freda Tepfer
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - A. December 20, 2022- Regular Meeting
 - B. February 7, 2023- Regular Meeting
6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or his Designee
 - B. Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerman
 - C. Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella
 - D. Citations and Certificates
 - Certificate for Constable Carl Prindle
 - Citation for DeMitta Moore
 - Citation for Ross Hugh Peters
 - E. Other

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 9, 2023, "Second 2023 ARPA Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,500,000 and Creation of New Line Item for Project NePTWNE" (First Read 2/7/23)(Finance Committee)

The funds will be expended by the Erie County General Authority and would allow for renovation of an existing facility that would be dedicated to the study and remediation of contaminants affecting Lake Erie and its drinking water. The overall focus of the program is to assist in conservation and remediation approaches to help ensure a safe water resource for the region. This project works in tandem with project RESOLVE, a regional strategy working to address plastic and waste pollution that affects the health of freshwater supplies such as Lake Erie. The cost of the project is \$3,000,000, and would receive \$1,500,000 in private funding in addition to this investment.

- B. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 10, 2023, "2023 ARPA Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditures of \$5,000,000 for Municipal GAP Funding" (First Read 2/7/23)(Finance Committee)

To support, empower, and advance Erie County municipalities, the County is providing CSLFRF/ARPA funds to create a Municipal Infrastructure Grant Program. Funds may be used to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet. These funds would be administered by the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development.

- C. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 11, 2023, "Amendment to 2023 Gaming Fund Budget" (First Read 2/7/23)(Finance Committee)

As a follow up to the discussion at the January 19th 2023 Finance meeting, this is intended to document the results of the action taken by the County Executive's line item veto on December 15th, 2022.

- D. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 12, 2023, "Amendment to 2023 ARPA Fund Budget" (First Read 2/7/23)(Finance Committee)

As a follow up to the discussion at the January 19th 2023 Finance meeting, this is intended to document the results of the action taken by the County Executive's line item veto on December 15th, 2022.

- E. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 13, 2023, "Amending Ordinance Number 165, 2022 '2023 General Fund Budget' to Reflect Changes of Vetoed Items" (First Read 2/7/23)(Finance Committee)

This ordinance was created by the Davis Administration in response to the December 15, 2022 Special Meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 14, 2023 "Fifth 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$126,500 for Ballot Sorter Purchase in the Conduct of Elections"(Finance Committee)

This is a follow up to Ordinance 192 of 2022 to allocate the \$126,500 from the General fund.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 15, 2023 " An Ordinance of the County of Erie, Pennsylvania Authorizing and Directing the Execution and Delivery of a Guaranty Agreement for the Benefit of Pleasant Ridge Manor and Compliance with the Provisions Thereof and Incurring Nonelectoral Debt Thereby; Approving a \$700,000 Letter of Credit Agreement from Pleasant Ridge to First National Bank of Pennsylvania; Directing the Proper Officers of the County to Take Necessary Actions; and Repealing All Inconsistent Ordinances"(Finance Committee)

This letter of Credit is a very inexpensive financial backstop for the Pleasant Ridge Manor Workers Compensation program. It has been done for many years. If the instrument is unused, it is paid back immediately.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 16, 2023," Second 2023 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance Full Time Assistant Public Defender"(Personnel Committee)

Per Article V, 2(C)(2) of the Home Rule Charter, the County Council shall establish the salary of all Assistant Public Defenders. The Council previously approved Ordinance 185, 2022 establishing the salaries. There is now an opening in the Public Defender's Office due to the departure of a tenured Assistant Public Defender.

- D. Resolution Number 8, 2023 "Approval of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Application and the Cooperation Agreement among the Erie County General Authority, Saint Vincent Health Center, Allegheny Health Network, and the County of Erie for the Saint Vincent Hospital Expansion Project"(Finance Committee)

This is a \$2,000,000 grant that was awarded from the Office of the Budget of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in which the Erie County General Authority is working with Saint Vincent Health Center and Allegheny Health Network for the Saint Vincent Hospital Expansion Project.

- E. Resolution Number 9, 2023 "Appointment of Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to Perform an Audit of Pleasant Ridge Manor and Preparation of Form 990 for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022"(Finance Committee)

Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC will audit the financial statements of Pleasant Ridge Manor and prepare form 990 for the calendar year of 2022.

- F. Resolution Number 10, 2023 "Appointment of Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to Perform an Audit of Pleasant Ridge Manor Pension Plan for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022"(Finance Committee)

Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC will audit the financial statements of Pleasant Ridge Manor Pension Plan for the calendar year of 2022.

- G. Resolution Number 11, 2023 "Appointment of Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to Perform an Audit of Erie County Care Management and Preparation of Form 990 for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022"(Finance Committee)
Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC will audit the financial statements for the calendar year of 2022 for Erie County Care Management and prepare form 990.
- H. Resolution Number 12, 2023" Appointment of Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to Perform an Audit of the County of Erie for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022"(Finance Committee)
Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC will conduct a single audit of the entire County as a whole for the calendar year of 2022.
- I. Resolution Number 13, 2023 "Approving Revisions to the Bylaws of Human Relations Commission"(Personnel Committee)
This resolution will give approval to the correct version of the HRC Bylaws.
- J. Possible appointment of Shalan Anderson to the Erie County Public Safety Advisory committee. Term to expire on December 31, 2023. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)
Ms. Anderson will fill the unexpired term of Andrew Pennock, who moved from the area.
- K. Possible appointment of Earl Brown to the Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)
This will be a second term for Mr. Brown.
- L. Possible appointment of Thomas G. Wilkinson to the Erie County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Term to expire December 31, 2023. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)
Mr. Wilkinson will fill the unexpired term of Deborah Phillips, who resigned.
- M. Possible appointment of Paul Kokhanevich to the Erie County Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)
Mr. Kokhanevich will fill the unexpired term of Mario Medina, Esq., who resigned.
- N. Possible appointment of Michael D. Orr to the Erie County Planning Commission. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)
This will be the first term for Mr. Orr, replacing John Groh.

- O. Possible appointment of Suzanne Weber to the Erie County Land Bank. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)
This will be the first term for Ms. Weber, replacing Dottie Schloss.
- P. Possible appointment of Todd J. Deitrick to the Erie County Convention Center Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2024. (Terry Scutella)(Personnel Committee)
Mr. Deitrick will replace Thomas Doolin, who resigned.
- Q. Possible appointment of Eric Rogers to the Erie County Airport Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2027. (Charlie Bayle)(Personnel Committee)
This will be the first term for Mr. Rogers, replacing Gregory Hayes.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. *The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.
*The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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.