

AGENDA

Erie County Council

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Public is invited to attend.



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

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

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 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. **CERTIFICATES AND CITATIONS**
 - A. Joe Giles
5. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
 - A. Lou Aliota
 - B. Others
6. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

February 21, 2023 - Regular Meeting
7. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or his Designee
 - B. Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerma
 - C. Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella
 - D. Other

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 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) (Tabled 2/21/23) (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.
- B. Second 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" (First Read 2/21/23)(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. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 16, 2023, "Second 2023 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance Full Time Assistant Public Defender" (First Read 2/21/23) (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.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 17, 2023, "Sixth 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,000 for CCAP Annual Summer Event"(Finance Committee)
With hosting the annual CCAP conference this year, these funds are needed for gifts for attendees, events, space for local vendors, and registration for County attendees.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 18, 2023, "Director of the Erie County Human Relations Commission Salary Ordinance"(Personnel Committee)
Council unanimously selected a new Executive Director of the Erie County Human Relations Commission and unanimously agreed on the starting salary of \$60,509/year. The new Executive Director will begin on March 13, 2023.

- C. Possible adoption of Resolution Number 14, 2023, "Approving the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement Between the PA Department Of Human Services- Office of Long Term Living and the County Of Erie"(Finance Committee)
The Department and the Pennsylvania Coalition of Affiliated Healthcare and Living Communities (PACAH) have worked together on a process to increase payments to county nursing facilities through an IGT program. The County IGT program helps generate additional funding for Medicaid payments for County nursing facilities to recognize, encourage, and maintain their role as critical safety net providers for the Medical Assistance population in the Commonwealth.
- D. Possible appointment of Kathleen A. Dahlkemper to the Erie County Convention Center Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (Rennie)(Personnel Committee)
This will be the first term for Mrs. Dahlkemper. She will replace Patrick S. Carrara whose term expired.
- E. Possible appointment of Dr. Timothy Pelkowski to the Erie County Board of Health. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (County Executive)(Personnel Committee)
Dr. Pelkowski will fill the unexpired term of Dr. Fernando Mirarchi who resigned.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- A. *The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.
*The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday, March 28, 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.