

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, March 28, 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. **CITATION**
 - A. Former County Executive Mark A. DiVecchio
5. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**
 - A. Kathy Schaaf
6. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
 - A. March 7, 2023 - Regular Meeting
 - B. March 23, 2023 - Emergency Meeting
7. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or his Designee
 - B. Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerman
 - C. Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella
 - D. Other

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. TABLED - 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 17, 2023, "Sixth 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,000 for CCAP Annual Summer Event" (First Read 3/7/23)(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. Any unspent funds will be returned to the General Fund.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 20, 2023, "Second 2023 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$54,523 for Mosquito Disease Control Additional Grant Funds Awarded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" (Finance Committee)

This PA Department of Environmental Protection grant was awarded in February 2023 with a total award of \$95,773. In preparing for the 2023 Budget for Mosquito Disease Control, the budget was prepared with level funding and therefore, the additional \$54,523 that was awarded needs to be added to the Mosquito Disease Control Bureau.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 21, 2023, "Seventh 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$182,687 for PA Opioid Settlement Revenue 2022 Carryover and Additional Funds Received in 2023 by the Office of the District Attorney and Creation of New Lines" (Finance Committee)

In continuation of Ordinance 114 of 2022, there are carry over and additional funds received. The revenue and expense lines need to be created as they were last year for this no-cost grant at the District Attorney's office will be receiving funds through the trust through 2038.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 22, 2023, "Eight 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$726,359 for Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant for the Erie County Gun Violence Reduction Initiative and Addition of New Position" (Finance Committee)
The District Attorney's office was awarded a PCCD grant of \$1,176,719 for a 2 year period(2023-2024). This is a no match, fully reimbursable grant with no cost to the County and \$726,359 will be received in 2023 and \$450,360 in 2024. This funding includes efforts to enhance and increase investigation and successful prosecutions of cases involving gun violence in Erie County. This grant also the hiring of a Class A County Detective and will be paid for by grant funds.
- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 23, 2023, "First 2023 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$47,017 for Reappropriation of State Aid-District from July - December 2022" (Finance Committee)
These funds are carried over revenue from July-December 2022 and are part of a negotiated agreement with District libraries throughout Erie County, Crawford County, and Commonwealth libraries. These funds must be expended by June 30, 2023.
- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 24, 2023, "Second 2023 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,000 for Donation from UPMC" (Finance Committee)
This donation from UPMC helps fund the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge, providing a new book to children under 12 years of age that register for the challenge.
- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 25, 2023 "Amendment to Ordinance No. 121, 2021-Restriction of ARPA Funds" (Finance Committee)
As of March 16th 2023, there is approximately \$4,034,776 remaining in the 2022 American Rescue Plan Fund Budget. This ordinance restricts \$3,500,000 of the funds to the approval of County Council.
- G. First Reading of Ordinance Number 26, 2023, "2023 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance for a Part Time Assistant Public Defender" (Personnel Committee)
This ordinance is to fill a vacated position.
- H. Possible adoption of Resolution Number 15, 2023, "Resolution Adopting the Erie County 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan" (Finance Committee)
The Erie County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Erie County Planning Commission have both thoroughly reviewed and approved the plan. A copy of the plan has been made publicly available through the County Council office since January 27th 2023. Prior to Council's possible adoption on March 28th 2023, a public hearing will be held.

- I. Possible reappointment of Michael Glass to the Erie County Convention Center Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (Bayle)
This will be a second term for Mr. Glass.
- J. Possible appointment of Richard E. Filippi, Esquire to the Erie County Convention Authority. Term to expire December 31, 2023. (Horton)
Attorney Filippi will be filing the unexpired term of Martha Nwachukwu who resigned. This will be his first partial term.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- A. *The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.
*The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday, April 11, 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.