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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Shank.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair, Brian Shank; Vice Chair Mary Rennie; Charlie Bayle, Andre Horton, Ellen Schauerman, Terry Scutella, and Jim Winarski
Others Present: Julie Slomski, Megan Moore, Brenton Davis, Paul Lichtenwalter, and Chris Carroll

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 19, 2023 "First 2023 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$445,765 and Creation of a New Line Item for the Domestic Hot Water Boiler Replacement Project at the Erie County Prison"(Finance Committee)

Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance 19, 2023 "First 2023 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$445,765 and Creation of a New Line Item for the Domestic Hot Water Boiler Replacement Project at the Erie County Prison".

A motion to move to a second was made by Scutella, seconded by Horton, and carried 7-0.

Mr. Horton stated he wanted to reiterate that an expenditure of this size and magnitude should have had fore-thought and been brought to the Council at Budget time. He stated they were told by operations that the equipment was at the end of life, and parts were no longer available, which did not happen in one day. He noted this was not a small expenditure, and the Council should not be given an ultimatum to grant the money or, in this instance, the prison would be done. He stated in the future he wanted more leeway and vision as to what was coming.

Mrs. Rennie concurred with Mr. Horton's statements, and noted that the purpose of the 3-Year Plan was to identify possible capital needs. She stated they would need to look for it in the plans, and a possible separate sheet with a listing of the large capital needs may be a good idea.

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance 19, 2023 "First 2023 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$445,765 and Creation of a New Line Item for the Domestic Hot Water Boiler Replacement Project at the Erie County Prison". A motion was made by Schauerman, seconded by Scutella, and carried 7-0.

Mrs. Rennie noted for the record that the line item on Exhibit A submitted by the Finance Department was incorrect. The correct number was read into record by Paul Lichtenwalter, 080-080010-099500. Mr. Lichtenwalter also stated for the record that a previous ordinance from last year also used that incorrect number. Mr. Bayle stated Operations had been beat up, but they were appreciated for trying to save the tax payers money, and thanked them for work.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10am on the motion of Bayle.

***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.**

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