

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 St., Room 117
Erie, PA 16501

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 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. Jerry Servidio
 - B. Jason Spangenberg
 - C. Ron Bole
 - D. Mike Whiteman
 - E. Others
5. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

March 28, 2023- Regular Meeting
6. **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**
 - A. County Executive and/or his Designee
 - B. Finance Committee - Mrs. Schauerma
 - C. Personnel Committee - Mr. Scutella
 - D. Other

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Second 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" (First Read 3/28/23)(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. Second 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" (First Read 3/28/23)(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. Second 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" (First Read 3/28/23)(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. Second Reading of Ordinance Number 25, 2023 "Amendment to Ordinance No. 121, 2021-Restriction of ARPA Funds" (First Read 3/28/23)(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.

- E. 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.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 27, 2023 "Amending the Exhibit for Ordinance Number 97, 2022 'Second 2022 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$235,514 to Move the Location of the Match for Keystone Grant for Blasco Library Renovations to the Capital Projects Budget'" (Finance Committee)
This ordinance corrects an account number error in the original exhibit of Ordinance 97, 2022.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 28, 2023, "Third 2023 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$13,500 for Additional Tuberculosis Grant Funds" (Finance Committee)
Additional funding was granted by the PA State Health Department after they received additional federal dollars for these programs.
- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 29, 2023 "2023 Children & Youth Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$15,000 for the Creation of Expense Line Items due to Court Ordered Placements" (Finance Committee)
Placement of children in facilities is done through court order. If new facilities are utilized, an expense line must be added to the budget for their payment.
- D. First Reading of Ordinance Number 30, 2023, "Ninth 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$60,000 for Increase in Professional Fees Line in Human Resources Department" (Finance Committee)
The Human Resources Department is in continued labor negotiations to settle six remaining collective bargaining agreements, and is requesting this money in light of the projected work.
- E. First Reading of Ordinance Number 31, 2023, "First 2023 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,000,000 and Creation of New Line Item for Continuation of the Fire/EMS Transformational Grant Program" (Finance Committee)
Of the \$26M budget, the Erie County Department of Public Safety was allocated \$1M from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Budget and \$300,000 from the 2021 General Fund Budget following the transfer of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement funds to the General Fund. Originally, an additional \$1M was supposed to be allocated to Public Safety from the 2022 ARPA budget, and this is why gaming funds are now being suggested. The Department of Planning and Community Development and the Department of Public Safety created the Fire/EMS Transformational Grant Program to incentivize: (1) development of merger/collaboration plans or strategies to improve service area coverage, (2) training and education, (3) recruitment/pipeline development, (4) retention strategies, and (5) innovative strategies to help address the crisis facing Erie County emergency services.

- F. First Reading of Ordinance Number 32, 2023, "Tenth 2023 General Fund Supplemental Appropriation of \$38,252 For Veterans Affairs Office Relocation and Related Expenses" (Finance Committee)
This is a companion piece to the resolution for the lease to relocate the Veterans Affairs Office from the Courthouse to the Erie Intermodal Transportation Center to better serve our Veterans. This supplemental appropriation includes a transition expense of \$24,252 for office furniture, phone service, and office expenses. The additional yearly operating expense will be \$14,000 per year including rent, internet, and general operating expenses.
- G. Resolution Number 16, 2023 "Approval of Lease Agreement between the County of Erie and EMTA for Suite#2-208 East Bayfront Parkway" (Finance Committee)
In continuation of the supplemental appropriation ordinance, this relocation of the Veterans Affairs Office to the Erie Intermodal Transportation Center will provide full ADA access, extensive parking and encourage the Veterans to utilize services. Many Veterans will not come to the courthouse, and many are left frustrated by the lack of parking, especially those with physical issues. The five year lease comes at a cost of \$11,400 per year. The move will also allow the IT Department necessary space to serve the Courthouse properly (including bring back some staff from DPS).
- H. Resolution Number 17, 2023 "Approving Salary for New Erie County Director of Business & Economic Development" (Finance Committee)
This resolution, submitted by the Administration, approves the salary for the new Erie County Director of Business & Economic Development.
- I. Resolution Number 18, 2023 "Resolution ECDPH Donation of Unused Dental Equipment to MHEDS" (Finance Committee)
The Health Department(ECDPH) donated dental equipment on March 30, 2023 to the Multi-Cultural Health Evaluation Delivery System (MHEDS). The ECDPH had a \$100,000 grant agreement with the Highmark Foundation from July 2016-June 2017 to set up and start providing dental services using a licensed Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner (PHDHP) as the provider. The ECDPH used the funds to hire a contracted PHDHP and purchase the following dental equipment for \$33,372: Equipment sterilizer (cost \$2,355); Dental x-ray equipment (cost \$8,995), Dental chair (cost \$3,604), Cart for dental equipment (cost \$7,810), Dexis Imaging Software (cost \$8,995), and Portable X-ray machine for mobile clinics (cost \$6,613).
- J. Resolution Number 19, 2023 "In Support of Sarah A. Reed Children's Center St. Ann's Campus Enhancement: Phase I" (Finance Committee)
This resolution lends the support of the County Council to Sarah A. Reed Children's Center St. Ann's Campus Enhancement Project to acquire additional funding.

- K. Possible reappointment of Ronald Whitey Cleaver to the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. Term to Expire December 31, 2027. (Winarski)
This will be the second term for Mr. Cleaver.
- L. Possible appointment of Rebecca Hover to Erie County Care Management. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (Schauerman)
Ms. Hover will replace Richard Wagner whose term expired.
- M. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-080.0-024.00 Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 184
An offer of \$250 was made by ROBERT & DARCY YAPLE for the parcel at Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 184. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidders intend to clean up and maintain the property.
- N. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-080.0-025.00 Lake LeBeouf Gardens Lot 185
An offer of \$250 was made by ROBERT & DARCY YAPLE for the parcel at Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 185. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidders intend to clean up and maintain the property.
- O. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-076.0-027.00 Lake Leboeuf Gardens Lot 125
An offer of \$250 was made by JOSHUA BUZZANCO for the parcel at Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 125. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to consolidate lots and turn into buildable property.
- P. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-076.0-028.00 Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 126
An offer of \$250 was made by JOSHUA BUZZANCO for the parcel at Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 126. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to consolidate lots and turn into buildable property.
- Q. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-076.0-029.00 Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 127
An offer of \$250 was made by JOSHUA BUZZANCO for the parcel at Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 127. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to consolidate lots and turn into buildable property.
- R. Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 47-026-076.0-001.00 Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 128
An offer of \$250 was made by JOSHUA BUZZANCO for the parcel at Lake LeBoeuf Gardens Lot 128. The other taxing bodies have approved the sale. Bidder intends to consolidate lots and turn into buildable property.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. *The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.
- *The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday, April 25, 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.