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Terry M. Scutella
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Shank.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR REFLECTION

Mrs. Schauerma recited an inspirational quote.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Brian Shank, Vice-Chair Mary Rennie, Charlie Bayle, Andre Horton, Ellen Schauerma, Terry M. Scutella, and Jim Winarski
Others Present: Julie Slomski, Megan Moore, Solicitor Tom Talarico, Deputy Solicitor Jay Stranahan

CITATIONS

Citations were presented posthumously to the following:

Lou Ann Nowosielski

Mr. Horton shared memories of "Ms. Lou" and stated that she would be missed. He referenced her deep faith, and noted that it was not customer service but her ministry of faith that was reflected in her efforts at Kraus' Store. Mr. Shank said it would be very odd to go into Kraus' Department Store now. He noted that he went to school with one of her sons, and knew them from Harborcreek. The family was unable to attend, and the citation would be delivered to them.

Paul T. Nelson

Mr. Shank presented the citation to the daughter of Mr. Nelson.

Scott Bremner

Mr. Shank presented the citation to WJET as the family was not in attendance.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

John May

John May did not speak at the meeting.

Sam Talarico

Sam Talarico, Erie: Mr. Talarico referred to the County Executive's zealous disapproval of Erie Community College and aggressive attempts to hinder its start and progress as a citizen, candidate, and elected official. He stated that the Council was presiding over and supporting the rapid decline of its primary funding source, which began with the Budget in November. He urged the County Council to stop the use of Erie Gaming Revenue Funds for other projects and

general County expenses.

Shelia Woeger

Ms. Woeger did not speak at the meeting.

Others:

Art Leopold, Millcreek: Mr. Leopold questioned what had changed in the last year as he remembers George Floyd. He gave accolades to Erie County Community College, and its first graduating class. He stated that the College would be a magnet for investment and higher education in the area. He shared information on a seminar to become certified to do business with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with speaker Kerry L. Kirkland, Deputy Secretary, Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities, and encouraged the Council to share the information with others.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

**May 9, 2023 Regular
Meeting**

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Scutella, seconded by Rennie, and carried 7-0.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

**County Executive and/or
his Designee**

There was no report offered by the County Executive or his designee.

**Finance Committee - Mrs.
Schauerman**

Mrs. Schauerman reported that the Finance Committee met on June 8th, and submitted to the agenda Old Business: A, B, & C and New Business: A,B,C,D,G,H,J,&L.

**Personnel Committee - Mr.
Scutella**

Mr. Scutella reported that the Personnel Committee met on June 8th, and submitted to the agenda Old Business: D and New Business:E, F, & K.

Other

There were no reports from the County Council members.

OLD BUSINESS

**Second Reading of
Ordinance Number 37,
2023, "Amending the
Administrative Code of
2021, Article III,
Purchasing and Sale
Procedures" (First Read
5/9/23)(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 37, 2023, "Amending the Administrative Code of 2021, Article III, Purchasing and Sale Procedures" . A motion was made by Schauerman, seconded by Bayle, and carried 4-3 (Horton, Rennie, Scutella).

Second Reading of

Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 39, 2023, "Second

Ordinance Number 39, 2023, "Second 2023 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$150,000 for Microsoft 365 Software Upgrade" (First Read 5/9/23)(Finance Committee)	2023 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$150,000 for Microsoft 365 Software Upgrade" . A motion was made by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski, and carried 7-0.
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 40, 2023, "Eleventh 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$11,678 for the Reorganization of Library Positions" (First Read 5/9/23)(Finance Committee)	Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 40, 2023, "Eleventh 2023 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$11,678 for the Reorganization of Library Positions" . A motion was made by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski, and carried 7-0.
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 41, 2023, "Fourth 2023 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$11,678 for the Reorganization of Library Positions" (First Read 5/9/23)(Personnel Committee)	Mr. Horton questioned Solicitor Talarico if there were any issues with the ordinance as it was written. The Solicitor stated there were no concerns with the ordinance as written.
<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	A motion to move Ordinance Number 52, 2023 and Ordinance Number 53, 2023 was made by Rennie, seconded by Schauerman, and carried 7-0.
First Reading of Ordinance Number 50, 2023, "2023 General Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditures of \$17,353 for Reduction of Transfer Line Due to Savings from Position Vacancy in Public Health"(Finance Committee)	Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 50, 2023, "2023 General Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditures of \$17,353 for Reduction of Transfer Line Due to Savings from Position Vacancy in Public Health".
First Reading of Ordinance Number 51, 2023 "2023 Restricted 911 Fund Balance Revised Revenue	Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 51, 2023 "2023 Restricted 911 Fund Balance Revised Revenue and Expenditures of \$9,930 for Reduction of Transfer Line Due to Savings from Position Vacancy in Public Safety".

**and Expenditures of \$9,930
for Reduction of Transfer
Line Due to Savings from
Position Vacancy in Public
Safety"(Finance
Committee)**

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 52, 2023, "Fourth
2023 Library Fund Budget
Supplemental
Appropriation of \$15,095
for Donations Received
from Esther Klugiewicz
Library Fund Through the
Erie Regional Library
Foundation"(Finance
Committee)** Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 52, 2023, "Fourth 2023 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,095 for Donations Received from Esther Klugiewicz Library Fund Through the Erie Regional Library Foundation".

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 53, 2023, "Fourth
2023 Public Health Fund
Budget Supplemental
Appropriation of \$736,599
for Public Health
Preparedness
Grant"(Finance
Committee)** Ms. Slomski gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 53, 2023, "Fourth 2023 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$736,599 for Public Health Preparedness Grant".
Mr. Horton noted that this situation underlined the importance of the Council having their own C.P.A., that a quarter of a million dollars was just now, in June, being brought forward to the Council.
A motion was made by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski, and carried 7-0.

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 54, 2023, "2023
Public Health Fund Budget
Revised Revenue and
Expenditures of \$17,353 for
Job
Reclassification"(Personnel
Committee)** Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 54, 2023, "2023 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditures of \$17,353 for Job Reclassification".

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 55, 2023, "2023
Public Safety Fund Budget
Revised Revenue and
Expenditures of \$9,930 for
Job
Reclassification"(Personnel
Agenda)** Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 55, 2023, "2023 Public Safety Fund Budget Revised Revenue and Expenditures of \$9,930 for Job Reclassification".

First Reading of Ordinance Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 56, 2023, "Waiver of

Number 56, 2023, "Waiver of Bid Requirements to Contract with Highway Safety Network Inc."(Finance Committee) Bid Requirements to Contract with Highway Safety Network Inc.".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 57, 2023 "Waiver of Bid Requirements to Contract with Erie Earn-It Program Inc."(Finance Committee) A motion to strike items H and J was made by Rennie, seconded by Horton, and carried 7-0.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 58, 2023 "2023 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$52,159 For Elimination of Public Health Educator Position in Highway Safety" Ms. Slomski gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 58, 2023 "2023 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$52,159 For Elimination of Public Health Educator Position in Highway Safety" .

Possible Adoption of Resolution 21, 2023 "Approving Sole Vendor Contract between the County of Erie and Erie Earn-It Program Inc."(Finance Committee) Item was struck on a previous motion.

Possible Waiver of Administrative Code Article II Section 5(B)(1)(a)(c) and Possible Appointment of Andy Dimperio to the Erie County Care Management. Term to expire December 31, 2026. (Bayle)(Personnel Committee) A motion to accept the appointment was made by Bayle, seconded by Schauerman, and carried 6-1 (Horton).
Mr. Horton stated, as per the Administrative Code and the Home Rule Charter, appointments should come from the district which the Councilperson represented. He noted that the candidate was impressive, but he would not support the appointment for the reason given.
Mr. Bayle stated that he acknowledged the rules that govern appointments, but that there was also the ability to waive the rules. He noted that he felt one of the most important values of an appointment was an overwhelming desire to serve and a particular skill set that makes them effective for the board or authority, which this candidate possessed, and why he submitted the appointment.

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 12-010-004.0-004.000(Finance Committee) A motion to approve the sale of the parcel was made by Schauerman, seconded by Rennie, and carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Horton reminded everyone that the Courthouse would be closed the next day for Flag Day, which was important to know. He then made a motion to adjourn at 6:35pm.

***The next Finance/Personnel Committee Meetings are Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 4pm in room 114A, Erie County Courthouse or via Zoom.**

***The next Regular Meeting of County Council is Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6pm in room 117, Erie County Courthouse or streamed live at the link provided on the County website.**

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