

AGENDA

Erie County Council

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Public is invited to attend.



Brian Shank, Chairman
Terry M. Scutella, Vice Chairman
Charlie Bayle
André R. Horton
Ellen Schauerman
Tom Spagel
Jim Winarski

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

SPECIAL VETO MEETING

Monday, December 18, 2023

5:00 P.M. – Council Caucus

6:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- A. Mary Rennie
- B. Freda Tepfer
- C. Jerry Servidio
- D. Doris Cipolla
- E. Anna McCartney
- F. Jenny Tompkins
- G. John Vanco
- H. Pamela Tilley
- I. Others - 3 Minutes

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Exoneration of Taxes on Parcel 47-007-021.0-018.50 (Finance Committee)
- B. Exoneration of Taxes on Parcel 46-008-061.0-001.27 (Finance Committee)
- C. Exoneration of Taxes on Parcel 24-004-007.2-012.91 (Finance Committee)
- D. Exoneration of Taxes on Parcel 27-053-213.0-001.30 (Finance Committee)

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Number 134, 2023 "County Council Action to Override the Executive's Veto of December 11, 2023"

To override the veto, an affirmative vote of a majority plus one (5 votes) is needed.

6. **County Council moves to override the following vetoes of the Executive as each attempts to increase or add to the budget contrary to the budgetary process outlined under the Home Rule Charter Article VIII, Sections 3 through 6:**

- A. Veto of Action Sheet 25d, to increase adoption subsidies to \$1,201,344, of Ordinance Number 102, 2023 "Children and Youth Services Fund Budget"

**Action Sheet Adopted 5-2 (Bayle, Schauerman)
Ordinance 102, 2023, As Amended, Adopted 7-0.**

- B. Veto of Action Sheet 29, to increase advertising by \$22,500, of Ordinance Number 103, 2023 "2024 Planning and Community Development Fund Budget"

**Action Sheet Adopted 6-1 (Schauerman)
Ordinance 103, 2023, As Amended, Adopted 7-0**

- C. Veto of Action Sheet 72, to add position #002200-010 HR Generalist and increase expenditures by \$68,427, of Ordinance Number 114, 2023 "2024 General Fund Budget"

**Action Sheet Adopted 4-3 (Bayle, Schauerman, Shank)
Ordinance 114, 2023, As Amended, Adopted 7-0**

- D. Veto of Action Sheet 73, "to add position #002812-005 IT Specialist II and increase expenditures by \$64,101, of Ordinance 114, 2023 "2024 General Fund Budget"

**Action Sheet 73 Adopted 4-3 (Bayle, Schauerman, Shank)
Ordinance 114, 2023, As Amended, Adopted 7-0**

7. **County Council moves to override the following vetoes of the Executive to reduce the wages and benefits of the Planning Department and to eliminate the funding of outside counsel for the position of legal services to our indigent population:**

- A. Veto of Action Sheet 70, to reduce Wages and Benefits, of Ordinance Number 103, 2023 "Planning and Community Development Fund Budget"

- B. Veto of Action Sheet 74, to reduce ARPA funding of outside counsel department (\$1,600,119), of Ordinance 113, 2023 "2024 American Rescue Plan Act Fund Budget"

**Action Sheet 74 Adopted 6-1 (Horton)
Ordinance 113, 2023, As Amended, Adopted 6-1 (Horton)**

8. **County Council moves to override the following reductions to the budget as the action now taken by the Executive to eliminate or reduce the following items was not introduced or presented to Council in the Executive's proposed budget on October 1, 2023, contrary to the budgeting process outlined under the Home Rule Charter Article VIII, Sections 3 through 6:**

- A. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-043 occupied bargaining position (Blasco) Library Clerk (\$51,755.78) to \$0
- B. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-047 occupied bargaining position (Blasco) Library Clerk (\$31,865.80) to \$0
- C. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-040 occupied bargaining position (Blasco) Library Clerk (\$31,865.80) to \$0
- D. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-038 occupied bargaining position (Blasco) Library Clerk (\$81,491.86) to \$0
- E. Line item Reduced: 054-017100-042 vacant part-time bargaining position (Blasco) Library Clerk (\$17,144.91) to \$0
- F. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-066 occupied part-time bargaining position (Blasco) Library Clerk (\$22,397.89) to \$0
- G. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-039 occupied bargaining position (Blasco) Technical Services Clerk (\$46,650.01) to \$0
- H. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-002 vacant non-bargaining (Blasco) Social Media Coordinator position (\$46,650.01) to \$0
- I. Line Item Reduced: 054-017100-002700 Fees and Services for the cost of paid interns, reduce to \$22,200 from \$40,200
- J. Line Item Reduced: 054-017300-006 occupied part-time bargaining position (Millcreek Branch) Part-Time Clerk (\$37,975.11) to \$0
- K. Line Item Reduced: 054-002330 Library Maintenance & Repair, reduce to \$50,000 from \$70,000
- L. Line Item Reduced: 001-003210-013 Realty Records Clerk (\$42,618.14), a vacant bargaining position in the Recorder of Deeds office to \$0
- M. Line Item Reduced: 001-004010-006 Clerk Typist/Receptionist (\$40,271.28), a vacant non-bargaining position in Adult Probation, to \$0

- N. Line Item Reduced: 050-003710-025 Administrative Clerk (\$55,517.56), a vacant non-bargaining position in Domestic Relations, to \$0
- O. Line Item Reduced: County Council 002520 – Professional Fees (\$270,400), reduce to \$239,400
- P. Line Item Reduced: various budget lines under the Human Relations Commission (\$258,380), reduce to \$1 per line
- Q. Line Item Reduced: 001-003230-4051 Register of Wills software (\$60,000), to \$0
- R. Line Item Reduced: 001-003240-4051 Prothonotary software (\$133,000) to \$0
- S. Line Item Reduced: 008650 – Pleasant Ridge Manor (\$999,996), reduce to \$500,000

9. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There will be a Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in room 117, Erie County Courthouse. Further details to follow.