

MINUTES

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Terry M. Scutella, Chairman
Chris Drexel, Vice Chairman
Charlie Bayle
Rock Copeland
André R. Horton
Ellen Schauerma
Jim Winarski

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Scutella called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 06:01 PM and led the Pledge and Allegiance.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR REFLECTION

Schauerma provided an inspirational quote.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Scutella; Vice Chair Drexel; Mr. Bayle; Mr. Copeland; Mr. Horton; Mrs. Schauerma; Mr. Winarski.

Staff Present: Clerk Karen Chillcott; Deputy Clerk Megan Moore; Solicitor Thomas Talarico; Financial Advisors Kenny Bonus and Colin Domowicz.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Darrell Roberts
Lou Aliota

Darrell Roberts did not speak.
Lou Aliota did not speak.

Others

Matt Texter, District 3 – Appreciation was expressed to the Council and District 3 representative, for their transparency. Remarks were made regarding agenda item Ordinance Number 13, 2024, "2024 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance - Director of Administration," with a suggestion to use the median household income of Erie, PA residents to establish the salary; additionally, to release the ARPA funds.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Horton moved to approve the minutes from the April 18th Special Veto Meeting, April 30th and May 14th Regular Meetings. This was seconded by Schauerma and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

April 18, 2024- Special VETO Meeting

April 30, 2024- Regular Meeting

May 14, 2024- Regular Meeting

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or his Designee

Finance Committee - Mr. Copeland Mr. Copeland reported on the items that were moved forward from the Finance Committee meeting on May 23rd, 2024.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Winarski Mr. Winarski reported on the items that were moved forward from the Personnel Committee meeting on May 23rd, 2024.

Other

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 31, 2024, "Seventh 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,000 for AOPC Safety & Security Grant Reimbursement and Creation of New Line Item in the Safety and Training Bureau"(First Read 5/14/24) (Finance Committee) Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 31, 2024, "Seventh 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,000 for AOPC Safety & Security Grant Reimbursement and Creation of New Line Item in the Safety and Training Bureau". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Bayle and carried in a 7 - 0 vote. Scutella- Y Drexel-Y Bayle- Y Copeland-Y Horton- Y Schauerman- Y Winarski-Y

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 32, 2024, "Eighth 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,979,640 and Creation of New Line Item for Prison Roof Replacement" (First Read 5/14/24) (Finance Committee) Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 32, 2024, "Eighth 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,979,640 and Creation of New Line Item for Prison Roof Replacement" This was moved by Copeland, seconded by Schauerman. Mr. Horton contributed to the discussion by stating that he would be voting against Ordinance Number 32, 2024. He remarked that the appropriation should have been included during the budget process and indicated that he would be more inclined to support it at that time.

Mr. Copeland contributed to the discussion by remarking that he agreed with

Council Member Horton but would be voting in support of Ordinance Number 32, 2024, because the roof replacement needs to be done.

Scutella called for the vote, and passed 5-2.

Scutella- Y Drexel- N

Bayle- Y Copeland- Y

Horton- N Schauerma- Y

Winarski- Y

**Second Reading of
Ordinance Number 33,
2024, "Amendment to the
Administrative Code,
Article II, Section 5D3a
Erie County Conservation
District, As Amended"
(First Read 5/14/24)
(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 33, 2024, "Amendment to the Administrative Code, Article II, Section 5D3a Erie County Conservation District, As Amended". This was moved by Schauerma, seconded by Bayle.

Horton contributed to the discussion and stated that he would be supporting Ordinance Number 33, 2024. He advocated for three-year term limits, just as Council members have set term limits, to provide new individuals with opportunities to serve and to bring fresh perspectives. While acknowledging that this is a specialized industry and some have faced challenges in making appointments, he expressed that 12-year terms are sufficient.

Copeland asked for clarification on Horton's planned support.

Horton restated he would be voting yes in support.

Scutella called for the vote, and failed 2-5.

Scutella- N Drexel- Y

Bayle- N Copeland- N

Horton- Y Schauerma- N

Winarski- N

**Second Reading of
Ordinance Number 34,
2024, "Approval of Waiver
of the Bid Requirements
under the Purchasing Code
and Approval of Sole
Vendor Contract between
Erie County and Runbeck
Election Services"(First
Read 5/14/24) (Finance
Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 34, 2024, "Approval of Waiver of the Bid Requirements under the Purchasing Code and Approval of Sole Vendor Contract between Erie County and Runbeck Election Services".

This was moved by Schauerma, seconded by Winarski and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y Drexel- Y

Bayle- Y Copeland- Y

Horton- Y Schauerma- Y

Winarski- Y

**Second Reading of
Ordinance Number 13,
2024, "2024 Appointed
Official's Salary Ordinance
- Director of
Administration" (First
Read 2/13/24) (Tabled)**

No Action Taken.

2/27/24) (Personnel
Committee)

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2024, "First 2024 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,979,640 and Creation of New Line Item for Prison Roof Replacement"
(Finance Committee)

Ms. Chillcott gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2024, "First 2024 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,979,640 and Creation of New Line Item for Prison Roof Replacement".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 36, 2024, "First 2024 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$184,008 for the PA DCED HOME CHDO Grant for HANDS"
(Finance Committee)

Ms. Chillcott gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 36, 2024, "First 2024 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$184,008 for the PA DCED HOME CHDO Grant for HANDS".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 37, 2024, "Second 2024 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,766 for Additional MDC Grant Funds from the PA Department of Environmental Protection"
(Finance Committee)

Ms. Chillcott gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 37, 2024, "Second 2024 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,766 for Additional MDC Grant Funds from the PA Department of Environmental Protection".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 38, 2024, "Third 2024 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$39,700 for Beach Grant Award from PA Department of Health" (Finance Committee)

Ms. Chillcott gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 38, 2024, "Third 2024 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$39,700 for Beach Grant Award from PA Department of Health".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 39, 2024, "Amendment to the Administrative Code, Article II, Section 2C3, Department of Public Health"

Ms. Chillcott gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 39, 2024, "Amendment to the Administrative Code, Article II, Section 2C3, *Department of Public Health*".

**Health" (Finance
Committee)**

**Possible Adoption of
Resolution Number 13,
2024, "Approval of the
Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program Grant
Application and the
Cooperation Agreement
among the Erie County
General Authority, Gannon
University, and the County
of Erie for the Gannon
University Athletics
Complex Project" (Finance
Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott read in title only Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 13, 2024, "Approval of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant Application and the Cooperation Agreement among the Erie County General Authority, Gannon University, and the County of Erie for the Gannon University Athletics Complex Project". This was moved by Schauerma, seconded by Horton and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.
Scutella- Y Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y Copeland- Y
Horton- Y Schauerma- Y
Winarski- Y

**Possible Adoption of
Resolution Number 14,
2024, "Approval of the
Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program Grant
Application and the
Cooperation Agreement
among the Erie County
General Authority, Gannon
University, and the County
of Erie for the Institute for
Health and Cyber
Knowledge Project"
(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott read in title only Possible Adoption of Resolution Number 14, 2024, "Approval of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant Application and the Cooperation Agreement among the Erie County General Authority, Gannon University, and the County of Erie for the Institute for Health and Cyber Knowledge Project". This was moved by Horton, seconded by Schauerma and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.
Scutella- Y Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y Copeland- Y
Horton- Y Schauerma- Y
Winarski- Y

Horton contributed to discussion prior to adjournment on his opinion of the first and second readings of the ordinances.

ADJOURNMENT

Horton moved to adjourn at 06:14 PM.