

MINUTES

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

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Scutella called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 06:00 PM and led the Pledge and Allegiance.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR REFLECTION

Schauerman provided an inspirational quote.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Scutella; Vice Chairman Drexel; Mr. Bayle; Mr. Copeland; Mr. Horton; Mrs. Schauerman; Mr. Winarski.
Staff Present: Clerk Karen Chillcott; Deputy Clerk Megan Moore; Solicitor Thomas Talarico; Financial Advisor Colin Domowicz.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Jerry Savidio, Millcreek - Jerry addressed GECAC's value to the community, and its justification for any requested funding. Jerry questioned the postponement of Ordinance 13, 2024. Furthermore, Jerry expressed appreciation for the Council's effort.

Freda Tepfer, City of Erie - Freda highlighted the benefits of increased public involvement and awareness because of the Library issue, and emphasized support for the Council while holding them accountable and community involvement. Freda also called for additional sidewalks and pedestrian access.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

June 4, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Horton moved to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2024, Regular Meeting. This was seconded by Schauerman and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

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 June 13th, 2024.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Winarski Mr. Winarski reported on the items that were moved forward from the Personnel Committee meeting on June 13th, 2024.

Other

OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chair Drexel moved to amend the agenda to move Ordinance Numbers 44, 45, 46 and 47 from first readings under New Business to Second Readings. This was seconded by Copeland 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 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
Read 6/4/24) (Finance
Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a second 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". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Bayle and carried in a 5 - 2 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- N
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- N	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

**Second 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 Read 6/4/24) (Finance
Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a second 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". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski 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 37,
2024, "Second 2024 Public
Health Fund Budget
Supplemental
Appropriation of \$15,766
for Additional MDC Grant**

Ms. Chillcott gave a second 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". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Bayle and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Funds from the PA
Department of
Environmental Protection"
(First Read 6/4/24) (Finance
Committee)**

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

**Second 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 Read 6/4/24)
(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a Second 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".

This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski 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 39,
2024, "Amendment to the
Administrative Code,
Article II, Section 2C3,
*Department of Public
Health*" (First Read 6/4/24)
(Finance Committee)**

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

This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Copeland and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

**Tabled Item: Ordinance
Number 13, 2024, "2024
Appointed Official's Salary
Ordinance - Director of
Administration" (First
Read 2/13/24) (Tabled
2/27/24)**

No Action Taken.

NEW BUSINESS

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 40, 2024, "Ninth
2024 General Fund Budget
Supplemental
Appropriation of \$74,879
For Release of Restricted
Automation Fees in the
Prothonotary Office"
(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 40, 2024 "General Fund Budget Release of Restriction on Automation Fees of \$74,879 and Transfer to the Prothonotary Office".

First Reading of Ordinance Ms. Chillcott gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 41, 2024 "General Fund

Number 41, 2024, "Tenth 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$92,017 For Release of Restricted Automation Fees in the Clerk of Courts Office" (Finance Committee) Budget Release of Restriction on Automation Fees of \$92,017 and Transfer to the Clerk of Courts Office".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 42, 2024, "Eleventh 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$174,859 For Release of Restricted Automation Fees in the Register of Wills Office" (Finance Committee) Ms. Chillcott gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 42, 2024 "General Fund Budget Release of Restriction on Automation Fees of \$174,859 and Transfer to the Register of Wills Office".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 43, 2024, "Twelfth 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$308,973 For Release of Restricted County Record Improvement Funds" (Finance Committee) Ms. Chillcott gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 43, 2024 "General Fund Budget Release of Restriction on \$308,973 of the County Record Improvement Funds".

First Reading of Ordinance Number 44, 2024, "Sixth 2024 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,351 for Esther Klugiewicz Library Fund Donation" (Finance Committee) Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 44, 2024, "Sixth 2024 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$15,351 for Esther Klugiewicz Library Fund Donation". This was moved by Copeland, seconded by Schauerman and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

First Reading of Ordinance Number 45, 2024, "Seventh 2024 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation 2024 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,000 for Donation from UPMC for 2024 Summer Reading Challenge Sponsorship" (Finance Committee) Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 45, 2024, "Seventh 2024 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation 2024 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,000 for Donation from UPMC for 2024 Summer Reading Challenge Sponsorship". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Drexel and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y

**2024 Summer Reading
Challenge Sponsorship"
(Finance Committee)**

Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

**First Reading of Ordinance
Number 46, 2024, "Eighth
2024 Library Fund Budget
Supplemental
Appropriation of \$500 for
Donation from the
Riverview Intermediate
Unit for the Remake
Learning Program"
(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 46, 2024, "Eighth 2024 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$500 for Donation from the Riverview Intermediate Unit for the Remake Learning Program". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Drexel and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

**Ordinance Number 47,
2024, "Fourth 2024 Public
Health Fund Budget
Supplemental
Appropriation of \$637,376
for Additional Grant Funds
For Public Health
Preparedness from the PA
Department of Health"
(Finance Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 47, 2024, "Fourth 2024 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$637,376 for Additional Grant Funds For Public Health Preparedness from the PA Department of Health". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

**Possible Approval of
Resolution Number 15,
2024, "Approval of the
Redevelopment Assistance
Capital Program Grant
Application and the
Cooperation Agreement
among the Erie County
General Authority, the
Enterprise Development
Center of Erie County, and
the County of Erie for the
EMI Property Development
Project" (Finance
Committee)**

Ms. Chillcott read in title only Possible Approval of Resolution Number 15, 2024, "Approval of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant Application and the Cooperation Agreement among the Erie County General Authority, the Enterprise Development Center of Erie County, and the County of Erie for the EMI Property Development Project". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Drexel and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

**Possible Approval of
Resolution Number 16,
2024, "Resolution of the
County of Erie Authorizing
the Filing of an Application
for Funds with the**

Ms. Chillcott read in title only Possible Approval of Resolution Number 16, 2024, "Resolution of the County of Erie Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania". This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Copeland and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" (Finance Committee)

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

Possible appointment of Rebecca Hover to Erie County Care Management. Term to expire December 31, 2027. (Schauerman)

Ms. Chillcott announced the Possible appointment of Rebecca Hover to Erie County Care Management. Term to expire December 31, 2027. This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

Possible appointment of Mark B. Louis to Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. Mr. Louis will replace Carol Loll who resigned. Term to expire December 31, 2025. (Schauerman)

Ms. Chillcott announced the possible appointment of Mark B. Louis to Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority. Mr. Louis will replace Carol Loll who resigned. Term to expire December 31, 2025. This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 08-033-147.0-006.00

Ms. Chillcott stated the parcel numbers, 08-033-147.0-006.00, brought forth for sale. This was moved by Schauerman, seconded by Winarski and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Scutella- Y	Drexel- Y
Bayle- Y	Copeland- Y
Horton- Y	Schauerman- Y
Winarski- Y	

ADJOURNMENT

Horton moved to adjourn at 06:19 PM.

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