

MINUTES

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Scutella called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR REFLECTION

An inspirational quote was offered by Mrs. Schauerman.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Terry Scutella, Chair, Chris Drexel, Vice Chair, Charlie Bayle, Rock Copeland, Andre Horton, Ellen Schauerman, and Jim Winarski
Others Present: Karen Chillcott, Megan Moore, Tom Talarico, Esq., Colin Domowicz

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Jerry Servidio, Millcreek: Mr. Servidio stated that after his comments at the previous meeting, Mrs. Schauerman called him to talk about assessments and the ability to appeal them again. He noted that was true, but not the point of his oratory. He voiced the idea that the Council worked for the people and got services for free from the city and different townships. He stated that the Council should go to the school districts and put a moratorium on their practice, and it was just another back door tax. He would like to see an attempt by the Council to stop it.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 20 and September 3 meetings was offered by Mr. Horton and seconded by Mr. Winarski. The motion carried 7-0.

Yea: All

Nay: None

August 20, 2024 - Regular Meeting

September 3, 2024 - Regular Meeting

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or his Designee	No report was offered by the County Executive.
Finance Committee - Mr. Copeland	Mr. Copeland gave a report on items moved from the Finance Committee to the agenda.
Personnel Committee - Mr. Winarski	Mr. Winarski gave a report on items moved from the Personnel Committee to the agenda.

Other

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 56, 2024, "Thirteenth 2024 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$52,000 for Electronic Monitoring Program Initiation" (First Read 9/3/24) (Finance Committee)	Ordinance 56, 2024 received a second reading by Ms. Chillcott. A motion was made by Mr. Horton and seconded by Mrs. Schauerman. Mr. Horton spoke about the ordinance; he stated he'd like a conversation with President Judge Walsh and Mr. Catalde. He expressed dislike of taking away someone's driver's license for child support and the stigma of a monitor. He also thought that they could report to the big building that they were paying for in the Erie Central Mall for reentry. He stated that it should be looked at because it's a horrible policy. The motion carried 7-0. Yea: All Nay: None
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 57, 2024, "First 2024 Domestic Relations Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$52,000 for Electronic Monitoring Program Initiation and Creation of a New Line Item" (First Read 9/3/24) (Finance Committee)	Ordinance 57, 2024 received a second reading from Ms. Chillcott. A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0. Yea: All Nay: None
Second Reading of Ordinance Number 58, 2024, "County Council Adoption of the City of Erie Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance and Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Programs" (First Read 9/3/24) (Finance	Ordinance 58, 2024 received a second reading from Ms. Chillcott. A motion was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0. Yea: All Nay: None

Committee)

Second Reading of Ordinance Number 59, 2024, "Approval of Agreement between the County of Erie and SEIU Local 668 – Erie County Prison Employees- Corrections Counselors, Clerks, and Bookkeepers" (First Read 9/3/24) (Personnel Committee)

Ordinance 59, 2024 received a second reading by Ms. Chillcott. A motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski, and passed 7-0.

Yea: All

Nay: None

Resolution Number 24, 2024, "Approval of Tentative Lease Agreement with Moxie Three Real Estate LLC for Space Located at 901 West 12th Street, Erie Pennsylvania for Erie County Records Warehouse" (Tabled 9/3/24) (Finance Committee)

A motion was made to remove Resolution 24, 2024 from the table by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Drexel, and carried 7-0.

Yea: All

Nay: None

A motion to pass Resolution 24, 2024 was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Bayle, and carried 7-0.

Yea: All

Nay: None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Possible appointment of EJay Fyke to the Erie County Community College Board of Trustees. Term to expire August 31, 2030. (Horton)

A motion was to approve the appointment of EJay Fyke to the Erie County Community College Board of Trustees by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and carried 7-0.

Yea: All

Nay: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Horton and the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm.