

MINUTES

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

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR REFLECTION

Mrs. Schauerman read a reflection.

ROLL CALL

Present: Terry M. Scutella, Chair, Rock Copeland, Vice Chair, Charlie Bayle, Chris Drexel, André Horton, Ellen Schauerman, Jim Winarski
Also present: Karen Chillcott, Megan Moore, Tom Talarico, Esq., Jay Stranahan, Esq., Colin Domowicz.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Others - 3 Minutes

No members of the public spoke.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

January 2, 2025-Organization Meeting

Mr. Copeland motioned approve all the minutes as a single vote. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drexel and carried 7-0.

Yea-7

Nay-0

A motion to approval all the minutes was made by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Drexel, and carried 7-0.

Yea-7

Nay-0

December 18, 2024-Special (Ordinance Veto Override) Meeting

December 10, 2024-Regular Meeting

December 6, 2024-Special (Budget Veto Override) Meeting

November 21, 2024-Budget Meeting

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Executive and/or his Designee No report was offered.

Finance Committee - Mr. Copeland Mr. Copeland stated that the Finance Committee brought forth A and B, as well as I thru K.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Winarski Mr. Winarski stated that the Personnel Committee brought forth Old Business A and New Business C, D and E.

Other Mr. Copeland stated that he attended several meetings over the last few weeks and was pleased with the new employee of the Land Bank. Stated that he was excited to see all the good work that was coming. He also attended an ECCRA organizational meeting and was interested and pleased at how that was run.

OLD BUSINESS Mr. Copeland made a motion to move New Business C and D to a second read. Seconded by Mr. Winarski. Motion carried 7-0.
Yea: 7
Nay: 0

Mr. Copeland make a motion to move New Business I, J and K to a single vote. Seconded by Mr. Drexel. Motion carried 7-0.
Yea: 7
Nay: 0

Ordinance Number 97, 2024, "2024 Appointed Official Salary Ordinance-Full Time Assistant Public Defender" (First Read 12/10/24)(Personnel Committee)

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Number 1, 2025, Ordinance 1, 2025 received a first reading by Ms. Chillcott.

**"2025 General Fund
Budget Supplemental
Appropriation of \$124,227
for Prosecuting Cold Cases
Using DNA Grant and
Creation of New Line
Items" (Finance
Committee)**

Ordinance Number 2, 2025, Ordinance 2, 2025 received a first reading by Ms. Chillcott.

**"Approval of Waiver of Bid
Requirements under the
Purchasing Code and
Approval of Sole Vendor
Contract between
Environmental Systems
Research Institute, Inc.
(ESRI) and the Erie County
Health Department"
(Finance Committee)**

Ordinance Number 3, 2025, Ordinance 3, 2025 received a second reading by Ms. Chillcott. Mr. Copeland requested an increase in the contract by 3% due to the additional workload, was seconded by Mr. Drexel, and carried 7-0.
"2025 County Council Solicitor Retainer"
(Personnel Committee) Motion to adopt, as amended, was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Copeland, and carried 7-0.
Yea: 7
Nay: 0

Ordinance Number 4, 2025, Ordinance 4, 2025 received a second reading by Ms. Chillcott. Mr. Horton requested an increase in the contract by 3% due to the additional workload, seconded by Mr. Drexel, and carried 7-0. Motion was made by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried 7-0.
"2025 County Council Deputy Solicitor Retainer"
(Personnel Committee) Yea: 7
Nay: 0

Ordinance Number 5, 2025, Ordinance 5, 2025 received a first reading by Ms. Chillcott.

**"2025 Appointed Official
Salary Ordinance-Full
Time Assistant Public
Defender" (Personnel
Committee)**

**Possible appointment of
Darrell A. Smith, B.S.,
CADC to the Erie County** Motion to accept by Mr. Horton, seconded by Mr. Drexel. Motion carried, 7-0.
Yea: 7

Gaming Revenue Nay: 0
Authority. Term to expire
December 31, 2029.
(Horton)

Possible appointment of Motion to accept by Mrs. Schauerman, seconded by Mr. Winarski. Motion
Krista Perry Lamb to the carried, 7-0.
Human Relations
Commission. Term to Yea: 7
expire December 31, 2028. Nay: 0
(Winarski)

Possible reappointment of Motion to accept by Mr. Copeland, seconded by Mr. Horton. Motion carried, 7-
Susannah Faulkner to the 0.
Erie County Land Bank.
Term to expire December Yea: 7
31, 2029. (Copeland) Nay: 0

"Possible Sale of a Parcel Motion to accept all repository slaes by Ms. Schauerman, seconded by Mr.
from the Repository for Winarski. Motion carried, 7-0.
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 14-010-022.0- Yea: 7
116.00 Nay: 0

"Possible Sale of a Parcel
from the Repository for
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 15-021-007.0-
223.00

"Possible Sale of a Parcel
from the Repository for
Unsold Property at Index
Number: 18-051-024.0-
223.00

ADJOURNMENT

***The next Finance/Personnel** Meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm on a motion by Mr. Horton.
Committee Meetings are
Thursday, January 23, 2025, at
4pm in room 114A, Erie County
Courthouse or via Zoom.
***The next Regular Meeting of**
County Council is Tuesday,
January 28, 2025, at 6pm in room
117, Erie County Courthouse or
streamed live at the link provided
on the County website.

***Members of the public wishing to speak at an upcoming Regular Meeting of Council or those requiring specific accommodation are encouraged to call or email the Council Office at (814) 451-6303 or councilrequests@eriecountypa.gov, no later than the end of business 5 days prior to the meeting. The public must be present at the meeting to speak.**