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Erie County Council

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André R. Horton, Chairman
Carl Anderson, III, Vice Chairman
Kim Clear
Scott Rastetter
Mary Rennie
Ellen Schauerman
Brian Shank

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

**OPTIONAL PRAYER OR
INVOCATION**

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Anderson; Mr. Horton; Via Phone: Mrs. Clear; Mr. Rastetter; Mrs. Rennie; Mrs. Schauerman; Mr. Shank

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, James Sparber, Tracey Fugagli, Thomas Talarico; Nicole Inan

**HEARING OF THE
PUBLIC**

None present.

**MINUTES FROM
PREVIOUS MEETING**

NONE

**REPORTS OF COUNTY
OFFICIALS**

County Executive and/or her Designee None at this time.

Members of County

Council

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Number 16, 2020 "Ninth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$100,000 for Transfer to ECGRA COVID-19 Response Fund" Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 16, 2020 "Ninth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$100,000 for Transfer to ECGRA COVID-19 Response Fund."
This was moved by Mr. Anderson and Seconded by Mrs. Schauerman.

Mr. Anderson moved to amend the agenda to move Ordinance 16, 2020 as a second reading; to add Resolution 13, 2020 "To Continue the State of Emergency in Erie County;" and Further amend Resolution 13, 2020 to include the date April 2, 2020. This was seconded by Seconded Kim Clear.

No discussion on the amendment. Roll call on the amendment, passed 7-0.
No discussion on the Ordinance as amended. Roll call on the amended Ordinance 16, 2020, passed 7-0.

Clerk will ensure language properly added to Ordinance to reflect April 2, 2020.

Ordinance Number 17,2020 "Extending the Local State of Emergency Declaration in Erie County" Mr. Smith advised Mr. Horton that Council could vote to take no action on this item; followed by action of Resolution 13, 2020. Mr. Smith read the title-only of Ordinance 17, 2020. Mr. Anderson moved to have the Ordinance moved to a second, no action taken.

Mr. Smith read Resolution 13, 2020 in it's entirety "To Continue the State of Emergency in Erie County," WHEREAS, in response to the grave dangers presented to the citizens of Erie County, Pennsylvania by the COVID 19 Disease global pandemic, County Executive Dahlkemper declared a "State of Emergency" on March 16, 2020; and WHEREAS, such an "emergency declaration" by the County Executive, is permitted under the Erie County Emergency Operations Plan, approved by County Resolution 33, 2018; and WHEREAS, under Pennsylvania Statutes 35 Pa.C.S.A.7501 (b) "... the (State of Emergency)declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess

of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision...”. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of the County of Erie pursuant to Article II, Section 3B1 of the Home Rule Charter and Pennsylvania Statutes 35 Pa.C.S.A.7501 (b), that the local “State of Emergency” in Erie County is hereby continued, but is set to expire on April 2, 2020 without additional authorization by County Council. This was moved by Mr. Anderson, Seconded by Mr Shank, and passed in a 7-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shank moved to adjourn at 12:47 PM.