

MINUTES

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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, July 21, 2020

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION

Mrs. Schauerman offered words by Congressman John Lewis, whom just recently passed: "Freedom is not a state; it is an act. It is not some enchanted garden perched high on a distant plateau where we can finally sit down and rest. Freedom is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society."

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Anderson; Mrs. Clear; Mr. Horton; 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 to be heard.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

June 9, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Brian Shank moved to approve the minutes from the June 9th Regular Meeting and the June 30th Special Meeting. This was seconded by Scott Rastetter and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

June 30, 2020 - Special Meeting

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

- County Executive and/or her Designee** Mr. Sparber stated no report on behalf of the County Executive.

- Finance Committee -Mrs. Clear** Mrs. Clear reported that the Finance Committee held a meeting on July 16, 2020. Finance Committee puts forth new business items A through I and M through W.

- Personnel Committee - Mrs.Rennie** Mrs. Rennie reported that the Finance Committee held a meeting on July 16, 2020. Finance Committee puts forth new business items J, K, & P.

- Other** None.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Anderson moved to amend the Agenda to include a citation on nomination of Ellen Schauerma n declaring July 23rd Carol Loll Day, as the Day Reporting Center that she fought so hard for will be hosting its grand opening on the 23rd. Additionally, he moved to amend Ordinances 32, 33 ,34, 41, & to a Second Reading, to combine items Q through W in one motion, and adding item X-- the re-appointment of Julie Boam to the Erie County Library Advisory Board.

Mrs. Schauerma n spoke to the diligence that Carol Loll displayed in working on the Erie County Resource Center.The current County Council would like to present her with a citation in congratulations on a job well done. In addition, Thursday July 23rd will be declared Carol Loll Day in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Anderson commended Councilwoman Schauerma n for bringing the citation forward. He stated Mrs. Loll was dedicated for more than 17 years in developing the Resource Center. He named Mrs. Loll as an honorable person that always did best for Erie County.

Chairman Horton requested that upon completion of the citation, Mr. Smith send it to all of Council and all of our regular agenda contacts.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 32, 2020, "Eighteenth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$53,307 from Prothonotary Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 32, 2020, "Eighteenth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$53,307 from Prothonotary Automation Fees Restricted Fund Balance." This was moved by Scott Rastetter, seconded by Mary Rennie and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Automation Fees
Restricted Fund Balance"
(Finance Committee)**

First Reading of Ordinance Number 33, 2020, "Nineteenth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$60,492 from Clerk of Courts Automation Fees Restricted Fund Balance" (Finance Committee) Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 33, 2020, "Nineteenth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$60,492 from Clerk of Courts Automation Fees Restricted Fund Balance." This was moved by Ellen Schauerman, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 34, 2020, "Twentieth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$36,909 from Register of Wills Automation Fees Restricted Fund Balance" (Finance Committee) Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 34, 2020, "Twentieth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$36,909 from Register of Wills Automation Fees Restricted Fund Balance" This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Brian Shank and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2020, "Twenty-First 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$38,562 for Three Year Agreement with Pictometry International" (Finance Committee) Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2020, "Twenty-First 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$38,562 for Three Year Agreement with Pictometry International"

First Reading of Ordinance Number 36, 2020, "First 2020 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$52,731 and New Line Items for ACT Against Violence and IV-B CARES Grant" Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 36, 2020, "First 2020 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$52,731 and New Line Items for ACT Against Violence and IV-B CARES Grant"

(Finance Committee)

First Reading of Ordinance Number 37, 2020, "Twenty-Second 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$28,961 and Creation of Bureau for DOJ COVID Emergency Supplemental Funding Program" (Finance Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 37, 2020, "Twenty-Second 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$28,961 and Creation of Bureau for DOJ COVID Emergency Supplemental Funding Program"

First Reading of Ordinance Number 38, 2020 "2020 CARES Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$24,359,328 for Establishment of CARES Fund to Administer and Disburse CARES Grant Funding" (Finance Committee-attached)

Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 38, 2020 "2020 CARES Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$24,359,328 for Establishment of CARES Fund to Administer and Disburse CARES Grant Funding"

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Mrs. Clear complimented the exemplary work of the CARES Act work team over the past several months; stating they have dedicated so many hours and days on analyzing and going over rigorous guidelines associated with the legislature. She stated that County Council takes the fiduciary responsibility to the tax payers of Erie County very seriously. Most Members of Council have only received the request about a week ago, so that is why a few additional days are being taken to further educate themselves. Mrs. Clear reminded that this is only a budget and it will be flexible and tweaked over the next few months. The extra few days will allow experts to assist Council in guiding them through the process. She would like to recognize the County Executive, Gary Lee, Honey Stempka, Melinda Mayr, Tina Mengine, & Chairman Horton for all of their dedication and to Council for their patience in this process.

Mr. Anderson thanked Chairman Horton and Finance Chair Clear on work being done on behalf of Council; complimenting their ability to move forward slowly and meticulously as this is moved to Council. He supports the efforts that are being taken. Issues that are coming forth include the Convention Center, issues with the City of Erie, issues with volunteers and EMT providers. He emphasized that Council needs to position the community in the best way possible. Mr. Anderson feels that there is a program that has been moved forward that puts Erie County in an unfair position when it comes to small-businesses; it uses CDFI's rather than the population of Erie County. He feels that Erie County may be able to do a Resolution through the Finance Committee to the State in request of finding out the status of those funds.

Chairman Horton commended Mrs. Clear on her service as finance chair. He

stated that from the beginning his hopes for her were to ensure that County Council was kept abreast. He commended her on the work being done on the \$24 million, and making sure that everything is in order. In seven years, he states, this Committee has been the most cohesive, enjoyable, creative, respectful group.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 39, 2020 " First 2020 Drug & Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$150,000 and New Line Item for CARES Funding of Behavioral Health/Substance Use Treatment Services"
(Finance Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 39, 2020 " First 2020 Drug & Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$150,000 and New Line Item for CARES Funding of Behavioral Health/Substance Use Treatment Services"

First Reading of Ordinance Number 40, 2020 " First 2020 MH/ID Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000 and New Line Item for CARES Funding of Behavioral Health/Substance Use Treatment Services"
(Finance Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 40, 2020 " First 2020 MH/ID Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$50,000 and New Line Item for CARES Funding of Behavioral Health/Substance Use Treatment Services"

First Reading of Ordinance 41, 2020 "2020 General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$29,547 for Two Additional Positions in the Voter Registration Office" (Personnel Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance 41, 2020 "2020 General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$29,547 for Two Additional Positions in the Voter Registration Office." This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Ellen Schauerman and carried in a 6 - 1 vote.

First Reading of Ordinance Number 42, 2020, "Twenty-Third 2020 General Fund Budget

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 42, 2020, "Twenty-Third 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$101,923 to Fund Balance for Elimination School Resource Officer Positions." This was moved By Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Rastetter.

Supplemental**Appropriation of \$101,923 to Fund Balance for Elimination School Resource Officer Positions" (Personnel Committee)**

Mr. Anderson motioned to Amend the title of this Ordinance to strike out "to Fund Balance," because the amount of the actual Supplemental Appropriation is not the amount that is going to Fund Balance; the actual amount is \$25,481. Seconded by Mr. Shank and Amendment passed in a 7-0 vote.

The Ordinance, as amended, was motioned by Mrs. Schauerman and seconded by Mrs. Rennie and passed in a 7-0 vote.

Resolution 30, 2020 "Exonerating All Outstanding Taxes, Penalties, Interest and Fees on Seven Properties Owned by the City of Corry" (Finance Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 30, 2020 "Exonerating All Outstanding Taxes, Penalties, Interest and Fees on Seven Properties Owned By the City of Corry." This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Scott Rastetter and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Resolution Number 31, 2020 "Approving Real Estate Appraisals Sought for 210 East 2nd Street, Erie PA" (Finance Committee)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 31, 2020 "Approving Real Estate Appraisals Sought for 210 East 2nd Street, Erie PA." This was motioned by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Shank. Attorney Talarico stated that the title should read "Permission to Appraise the property of 210 East 2nd Street, Erie PA." Mr. Anderson moved to Amend the title to Resolution 31, 2020, Mr. Shank seconded and passed in a 7-0 vote. The Resolution, as amended, was passed 7-0.

Resolution Number 32, 2020 "Approving a Professional Services Contract For Corey Johnson-Partner, Zelenkofske & Axelrod, Certified Public Accountants for Consultation on the County CARES Grant" (Finance Committee-Attached)

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 32, 2020 "Approving a Professional Services Contract For Corey Johnson-Partner, Zelenkofske & Axelrod, Certified Public Accountants for Consultation on the County CARES Grant." This was moved by Mary Rennie, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Resolution 33, 2020 "Adopting the Erie County Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan" (Finance

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution 33, 2020 "Adopting the Erie County Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan." This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Scott Rastetter and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Committee)

Possible re-appointment of Melissa Doerr Zdunski for a four-year term to the Erie County Board of Assessment Appeals ending March 31, 2024. (Mr. Shank-District 5 & Mr. Rastetter -District 6) This was moved by Ellen Schauerman, seconded by Brian Shank and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 39-006-007.1-007.75 Mr. Anderson motioned to combine items Q through W (Parcels) in one vote, seconded by Mrs. Clear. This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 33-053-225.0-001.70

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 07-025-052.0-007.00

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 07-025-052.0-003.00

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number: 07-025-052.0-001.00

Possible Sale of a Parcel from the Repository for

**Unsold Property at Index
Number: 07-025-052.0-
008.00**

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001.00**

ADJOURNMENT

Addition to the Agenda:

X. Possible Re-appointment to Julie Boam to the Library Advisory Board; Moved by Mrs. Clear and Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Mrs. Clear stated that the Library has had nothing but rave reviews of Ms. Boam and she is excited to be able to re-appoint her. This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

Chairman Horton asked Council's position on how the search for diversity of skill sets for the Community College Board is progressing. Mr. Rastetter offered that he has received several good candidates, and plans on interviewing.

Adjourned on the motion of Mr. Shank at 5:27pm.

**The next Finance and
Personnel Committee
Meetings are scheduled for
Thursday August 6, 2020 at
4 pm. The next Regular
Meeting of Council is
scheduled for 4 pm on
Tuesday, August 11, 2020.
Attendance will be open to
the public via zoom
conference until further
notice. Details will be
published on the County
website;
www.eriecountypa.gov.**