

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, August 11, 2020**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION** Mr. Shank offered the words of Abraham Lincoln: "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth."

**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**

Chief Jeff Hawryliw -- Thanking County Council and the County for their support. He stated that that, although to some people it may look like a lack of support sometimes, he understands that it is a democracy and every voice is heard. Echoed the need for help with property taxes; stating that with COVID the team is still working and answering calls and they are strapped for finances; he requested that a County Tax Break continue to be considered. Chief Hawryliw stated that they were looking towards some of the funding from Act 26 to assist in defraying the costs.

Chairman Horton -- Thanked the Fire Chief and Fairfield Hose for their contributions. He stated that during this pandemic it would be a shame to take someone's home due to delinquent taxes. Mr. Horton stated that this was an issue that needs addressed.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**July 21, 2020 - Regular Meeting** Mr. Shank moved to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting. This was seconded by Mrs. Rennie and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**

**County Executive and/or her Designee** No report provided.

**Finance Committee -Mrs. Clear** Finance Committee Chairman Clear reported that the Finance Committee met on August 6, 2020 and submit for the agenda: Old Business Items A-E, and New Business Items A - M, & O - R.

**Personnel Committee - Mrs. Rennie** Personnel Committee Chairman Rennie reported that the Personnel Committee met on August 6, 2020 and submit for the agenda New Business Items N & S.

**Citation - Mrs. Gladys Grack** Mr. Anderson presented a citation for Mrs. Grack, a life-long resident of Erie, whom passed at the age of 93 years. He mentioned her son, AJ Grack, a long time business owner in the community, and Gary Grack, whom is retired from National Fuel and whom have been very active in the community. We join in as they celebrate the life of Gladys. Mr. Anderson asked that this citation be read into the minutes:  
 Mrs. Gladys R. Troncone Grack (1926-2020)  
 WHEREAS, Gladys Grack passed from this world on July 20, 2020 at the age of 93 years. Gladys was born October 6, 1926, to the late Frederico and Alessandria Amato Troncone; and WHEREAS, Gladys was a gift of light in times of trouble; offering advice, comfort, and praise in times of need to all in her life; Gladys never failed to surprise people with her inspirational spirit and her pluck; and WHEREAS, Gladys enjoyed spending time with her friends at the Erie Senior Center on West 8th Street; she fancied time at the Casino; most of all, her joy was in dancing, singing, spending time with her family; and WHEREAS, Gladys' unforgettable sense of humor was her means to passing along joy; sometimes corny; sometimes irreverent, even shocking; always delivered with maximum effect and that classic smile; and WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony J. Grack; her son, Ronald Grack; a daughter-in-law Bonnie Grack; five brothers and one sister. Gladys is survived by her sons, David Grack, Anthony "A.J." Grack (Dory) and Gary Grack, all of Erie. She is also survived by her grandchildren, David (Amy), Anthony (Angela), Julie, Ashley (Jesse), Sophia, Sylvia, Gabrielle (James), Dominic and Carmen, eleven great-grandchildren, and her cherished caregiver, Tammy Caccione. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join in celebrating the life of Mrs. Gladys Grack, a woman dedicated to bringing joy to her family, friends, and all she encountered.

May she rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 11th day of August, 2020.

Mr. Anderson also formally added the citation mentioned at the previous meeting on behalf of Carol Loll and her contribution to the Day Reporting Center, stating she was instrumental in ensuring that funding was received for that. She worked 17 years on this project, and it was her last legacy item she completed before leaving Council. Chairman Horton, Councilwoman Clear, and Councilman Shank were all present at the opening. Mrs. Loll was moved by the plaque in her honor that hangs in the Center. County Executive, Judge Trucilla, and Council joined together in naming that day Carol Loll Day. Mr. Anderson asked that this citation be read into the minutes:

With Honor & Gratitude - Carol J. Loll Day, July 23, 2020

WHEREAS, County Council Member Carol J. Loll served the citizens of the 7th District for 24 years from 1996 to 2019; and WHEREAS, Councilwoman Loll began researching the idea of a day reporting center in 2002 as a tool for alternative sentencing for non-violent crimes that would alleviate crowding in the Erie County Jail, reduce costs and provide an opportunity for persons to work, learn new skills, dignity and hope; and WHEREAS, Mrs. Loll worked to get a building through a 2003 Bond Issue, but did not give up when it didn't pass; pressed three other Administrations and her fellow Council Members over the next 15 years; toured the Franklin County Day Reporting Center in 2017 spreading seeds that were about to sprout; and WHEREAS, Carol's efforts and collaboration brought results with Resolution 23, 2018 passed on March 20: In Support of Erie County Government Establishing a Day Reporting Center in Erie County" and placement of funds in the 2019 County Budget; and WHEREAS, today's grand opening comes in thanks to the hard work of many people but notably, Director of Erie County Adult Probation/Parole Paul Markiewicz, President Judge John J. Trucilla, 2018 Members of Council Fiore Leone, Andre' Horton, Kyle Foust, Kathy Fatica, Scott Rastetter & Carl Anderson III, and County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council, the President Judge of Erie County Common Pleas Court and the Erie County Executive, join a grateful citizenry in Proclaiming Thursday July 23, 2020, Carol Loll Day in the County of Erie for her tireless effort over seventeen years to bring this resource to the citizens of Erie County. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County on the occasion of the Grand Opening of the Erie County Community Resource Center-Day Report Center, this 23rd day of July, 2020.

Mr. Anderson recognized the memory of Bettie Vincent. She was an active community participant. He stated he had known her for her wit, intelligence, her commitment to the community and her family. Mrs. Vincent's citation was

presented to her family the day of her funeral. Mr. Anderson asked that this citation be read into the minutes:

Mrs. Bettie J. Jones Vincent (1937 - 2020)

WHEREAS, Bettie Vincent transitioned into her heavenly home on July 17, 2020, at the age of 82 years; born in Heidelberg, Mississippi to Willie and Hazel Jones; and

WHEREAS, Bettie relocated to Erie, PA as a preteen, graduating from Academy High School; matriculated at Gannon University and Edinboro University, acquiring various continuing education certificates in management, human resource management, labor relations, employee relations, diversity, public relations; and

WHEREAS, A pioneer in the Erie community, she was "...dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other as they move from poverty to self-sufficiency" – the consistent message of the Greater Erie Community Action Committee (GECAC), of which she was instrumental in developing over her 50-year career. Her roles spanned from Executive, Deputy Executive Secretary, Office Clerical Supervisor, Office Manager Special Assistant to the Chief Officer, Financial Services Supervisor, and Public Relations Director. Bettie spent 40 years as the lead human resources professional; developing GECAC's human resource department from infancy; and WHEREAS, Bettie was committed to the Erie community; during her tenure at GECAC, she managed and organized the annual GECAC Dinner and assisted in the organization of the R. B. Wiley/Walter Osborne Golf Tournament. The tournament has raised thousands of dollars for student scholarships; was affiliated with the American Management Association of America, American Personnel Association of America and Human Resource Management Association; served as a board member of the Booker T. Washington Center, Catholic Charities, Erie County Diabetes Association, Gannondale Residential Center, HANDS Corp., Safenet and United Way of Erie County Personnel Committee; was active and served in leadership roles with MET Carroll Assembly #62, Loyal Ladies-former Loyal Lady Ruler, Pharoah Court #196, Daughters of Isis-former Commandress, Sequoyah Court #39, Heroines of Jericho-former Most Ancient Matron and Orpha Chapter #21, and Order of Eastern Star-former Worthy Matron. Bettie was also a member of the Council of Regents of the Eagles Nest Leadership Corporation; and WHEREAS, Bettie's hard work and dedication to the community landed her recognition in the 2008 edition of the "Talk Magazine" as an Influential African-American Woman in Pennsylvania, one of 12 Women Making History from the Mercy Center for Women, Othella Myers-Johnson Community Service Award, R. Benjamin Wiley Spirit of GECAC Award, and one of three recipients of the 2019 Saint Mary's Home Ageless Erieite Award; and WHEREAS, Bettie lived a rich full life, had a deep impact on the Erie community and on anyone who interacted with her, led a life of compassion and conviction; she will be greatly missed by her two sisters, Olivia Jones Brock (Bishop Dwane Brock) Erie, Pa. and Patricia Jones, Erie, Pa.; one brother Jimmy L. Jones (Lisa) Charlotte, N.C.; four sons Robert V. Vincent (Radhica), Alvin L.

Vincent, Lawrence E. Vincent and Darren J. Vincent (Jacqueline); and one daughter Angela C. Vincent. She is further survived by one stepdaughter, Lyn Twillie-Darby (James), all of Erie, PA; sister-in-law Melvra Simmons, New York, N.Y.; 20 grandchildren including four of whom she reared: Jovan, Jon, and Endia Vincent, and Tremaine Johnson; 23 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; eight step great-grandchildren; a paternal great aunt, Katherine Jones Jackson, Jackson, Miss.; and four godchildren, Veronica Gambill-Harden, Sharisse Gore Dahle, Gina Gore and George Gore, Jr. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join in celebrating the life of Bettie Vincent, a woman who epitomized the meaning of civic duty, and dedicated her life to the development of a community of opportunity; this County, her family, and her community will forever be grateful. May she rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 24th day of July, 2020.

**Citation - Fairfield Hose Company**

Mr. Shank presented Fairfield Hose Company's Chief Hawryliw with a citation in honor of their 75th Anniversary. Mr. Shank acknowledged that Chief Hawryliw falls under family wings in serving the Company.

Chief Hawryliw thanked Council for the recognition. He called service in the volunteer fire company a "dying art;" describing the willingness to have crew who work a 9-5 job and then volunteer to work the Company with calls all throughout the night. The Chief stated that there are currently 5 generations serving at the Company. The Chief stated that his Great-Grandfather and five others began the Company with \$50 each. He thanked all of the dedicated members.

Chairman Horton thanked the Chief and Councilman Shank. It is a value to help friends and neighbors on a daily basis.

**Fairfield Hose Company, 75th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, Fairfield Hose Company, VFD was established in August 1945 through the out of pocket contributions of its original members who saw a community in need and took action; and WHEREAS, the Fairfield Hose Company has grown over the last 75 years and gone through countless changes, but its dedicated volunteers remain a constant source of pride and a blessing to residents; and WHEREAS, Fairfield Hose Company saves Harborcreek Township residents millions of dollars with its entirely volunteer fire, ambulance, and rescue service; one of three fire departments serving Harborcreek Township, Pennsylvania, it has assets of over \$1.2 million dollars; and WHEREAS, Fairfield's first Chief was Donald Tinsman, who served for 53 years; dedicated men of grit have followed: Ron Hawryliw -6 years, Jim Hawryliw-14 years, and the current chief, Jeff Hawryliw -2 years; all worked up

the ranks, earned necessary certifications and had the votes and confidence of their mates; and WHEREAS, Joseph Campbell once wrote “A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself;” Hero could not be defined more clear than the commitment of the men and women of Fairfield Hose Company, who for 75 years have said yes, when the call came; and WHEREAS, in 2019 alone the Hose Company answered 1053 calls, are on track for over 1000 in 2020, whether the call of duty is for fire fighters, ambulance, or rescue service providers---they answer. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council, join a grateful citizenry in recognizing Fairfield Hose Company VFD during their 75th year; true paragons of devotion who continue to earn the respect, honor and confidence of their neighbors in Harborcreek Township, Erie Countians all, and their peers across the Commonwealth, and the nation. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County on the occasion of this 11th day of August 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Second 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 7-21-20)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2020, "Twenty-First 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$38,562 for Three Year Agreement with Pictometry International." This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Brian Shank and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Second 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" (First Reading 7-21-20)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second 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." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Ellen Schauerman and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 37, 2020, "Twenty-Second 2020 General Fund Budget**

Mr. Smith gave a Second 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" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mary Rennie and carried

**Supplemental Appropriation of \$28,961 and Creation of Bureau for DOJ COVID Emergency Supplemental Funding Program" (First Reading 7-21-20)**

in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Second 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 7-21-20)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second 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" This was moved by Mary Rennie, seconded by Brian Shank and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Second 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 7-21-20)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second 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"

Mr. Anderson mentioned that in the last 4 Ordinances passed, Council and Government have stepped forward to help our community. The community has been waiting for the help to arrive. Finance Chair Clear and the Council Chair have been working very hard to ensure people who need this help are receiving it. Behavioral, Substance Abuse, and Depression will surely be increased.

Chairman Horton gave his support for this Ordinance. He stated that addiction and behavioral health effect the vast majority of the community in some way. He emphasized that in times of crisis those things become exacerbated. Many of the support groups have gone online and not everyone can access those. Spoke of the high number of overdoses in the community.

This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Brian Shank and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Clear Moved to amend the agenda to reflect items D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, & N as 2nd Readings, and Resolution 38, 2020 amended to become Resolution

34, 2020. This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 43, 2020, "Second 2020 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$51,323.57 Municipal Stormwater Assistance Program Grant and New Line Item for Feasibility Study in Millcreek Township"** Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 43, 2020, "Second 2020 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$51,323.57 Municipal Stormwater Assistance Program Grant and New Line Item for Feasibility Study in Millcreek Township"

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 44, 2020, "Third 2020 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$51,323.57 Municipal Stormwater Assistance Program Grant and New Line Item for Feasibility Study in City of Erie"** Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 44, 2020, "Third 2020 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$51,323.57 Municipal Stormwater Assistance Program Grant and New Line Item for Feasibility Study in City of Erie"

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 45, 2020, "Second 2020 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$400,000 and New Line Items for Family First Transition Act Grant"** Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 45, 2020, "Second 2020 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$400,000 and New Line Items for Family First Transition Act Grant"

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 46, 2020, "Third 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$30,000 for Biobot Project Donation from Erie"** Mr. Smith gave a Second reading of Ordinance Number 46, 2020, "Third 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$30,000 for Biobot Project Donation from Erie Community Foundation." This was moved by Ellen Schauerma, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Community Foundation"**

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 47, 2020, "Third 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$17,317 For Donations From The Esther Klugiewicz Library Fund and Erie County Public Library Book Endowment"** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 47, 2020, "Third 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$17,317 For Donations From The Esther Klugiewicz Library Fund and Erie County Public Library Book Endowment." This was moved by Mary Rennie, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 48, 2020, "Fourth 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,000 For Unanticipated Grant Donations from the PA Humanities Council for the Teen Reading Lounge"** Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 48, 2020, "Fourth 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,000 For Unanticipated Grant Donations from the PA Humanities Council for the Teen Reading Lounge." This was moved by Mary Rennie, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 49, 2020, "Fifth 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$23,930 For Donations from the Friends of the Library"** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 49, 2020, "Fifth 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$23,930 For Donations from the Friends of the Library." This was moved by Mary Rennie, seconded by Brian Shank and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 50, 2020, "Sixth 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,000 for Additional Matching Funds from Friends of the Library for ECGRA Beehive Grant."** Mr. Smith gave a Second reading of Ordinance Number 50, 2020, "Sixth 2020 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$20,000 for Additional Matching Funds from Friends of the Library for ECGRA Beehive Grant." This was moved by Mary Rennie, seconded by Kim Clear.

**Appropriation of \$20,000 for Additional Matching Funds from Friends of the Library for ECGRA Beehive Grant"**

Councilman Anderson congratulated Library Director Blaine Dessy for all of the Ordinances put forward especially with the Friends of the Library, and the Donations they received. He pointed out that Ordinance 50, 2020 is a match from the Friends of the Library being contributed by Mike Paris and Perry Wood of ECGRA in continued success and funding of the Beehive program. Mr. Anderson states that the beehive program has been a tremendous success and has become a true asset to the community.

Ordinance carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 51, 2020, "Twenty-Fourth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$125,000 for Additional Expenses for the Erie County Community College"**

Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 51, 2020, "Twenty-Fourth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$125,000 for Additional Expenses for the Erie County Community College"

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 52, 2020, "First 2020 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$125,000 for Transfer to the General Fund for the Community College"**

Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 52, 2020, "First 2020 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$125,000 for Transfer to the General Fund for the Community College"

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 53, 2020, "Twenty-Fifth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$147,845**

Mr. Smith gave a First Reading of Ordinance Number 53, 2020, "Twenty-Fifth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$147,845 for Additional Expenses for the General Election" This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Brian Shank.

Chairman Horton commented that the Primary Election was very illuminating.

**for Additional Expenses for the General Election"** He emphasized that generally during the November General Election, more people typically vote. He thanked the staff of County Council and Elections for their work. He voiced concern in the sheer volume of expected mail-in and absentee ballots to be cast. Mr. Horton would like to hold meetings with the staff and make sure that all due diligence is being done.

The Ordinance was carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 54, 2020, "Twenty-Sixth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$963,944 and Creation of New Line item for 60% State Reimbursement for New Voting Machine"** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 54, 2020, "Twenty-Sixth 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$963,944 and Creation of New Line item for 60% State Reimbursement for New Voting Machine." This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Kim Clear.

**Supplemental Appropriation of \$963,944 and Creation of New Line item for 60% State Reimbursement for New Voting Machine"** Councilman Anderson congratulated Doug Smith on the work he has done on this in particular, Director Tonia Fernandez, and help from Council. Last year Council worked diligently to bring a new voting system through Dominion Voting to Erie. Mr. Anderson stated that although this amount was a little less than anticipated, it is still a substantial amount that will be saved by the citizens of Erie County. Shares the concerns about the new voting system and the manual labor that needs to be completed. He is confident in the teams drive and efforts to get the work done, and stressed the importance of being vigilant going forward.

Chairman Horton echoed the sentiments of Mr. Anderson. CARES funding will assist, hopefully at minimum in space available to accommodate the volume of mail coming in. Mr. Horton added that, not only has Mr. Smith been successful in completing these tasks, but he has managed to do it during a time in which there has been almost a complete overhaul of staff between the Council Office and the Voter Registration Offices. He stated his support in providing every tool necessary in ensuring the ability of keeping the sanctity of the vote and to make sure the process runs smoothly.

Ordinance carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 55, 2020 "Fourth 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$40,000 of Additional Safe & Healthy Communities"** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 55, 2020 "Fourth 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$40,000 of Additional Safe & Healthy Communities Grant Funding." This was moved by Mary Rennie, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Grant Funding" (Attached)****First Reading Ordinance Number 56, 2020 "Fifth 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$1,526,414, Creation of New Bureau and Lines for ELC Enhancing Detection Grant" (Attached)**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 56, 2020 "Fifth 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$1,526,414, Creation of New Bureau and Lines for ELC Enhancing Detection Grant. "This was moved by Ellen Schauerma, seconded by Carl Anderson.

Mr. Anderson stated that the public safety and public health of our community is paramount amongst everything else that is being done. Never anticipated that this pandemic would have lasted this long. We need to ensure that the community knows that Council will assist when able in regard to public health. Moving forward on this with the premise that the CDC may be coming forward with up to 8 million dollars as told by the Department of Health; a significant assistance in bringing the Department of Health into the 21st century. When funds come through from the CDC, the first amount of money that will be given through this Ordinance, will be reimbursed.

Attorney Talarico concurred with Mr. Anderson. He stated that this is the first COVID-19 money that are being distributed that provides hiring employees and paying wages. Attorney Talarico stated that after a brief review, it appears that there are quite a few people to be hired. He reminded Council to remember that while trying to take care of the immediate problems, it also means swelling the budget at the end of the year and potential significant tax increase. Traditionally, Council has looked at Ordinances such as his closely because the Administration is representing that these positions are needed because the current positions are being focused on the COVID-19; he questioned what happens once the COVID issues are over and the purpose of the grant dries up. His concern is what will happen with new hires, and if they would get absorbed into the system. While it is terrific that Erie County has its own Health Department, and that it is very good, but Council has some obligations to the tax players to balance the needs of the Health Department with the money it will cost in the future.

Councilman Shank voiced concern over the amount of money the wages will equate to for some of the positions, for example \$130,000. He stated he is not for more and bigger government, and will not support adding more positions. Supports the work being done by the Health Department, but emphasized that Council needs to be fiscally responsible. He further explained these are permanent fixtures--wages, dental, health, etc.; he doesn't have an issue with per diems or overtime because they are temporary.

Mr. Anderson further commented that although they are permanent positions, they are permanent-temporary positions during the cycle of this CDC grant of the suspected \$8 Million. He said he is willing to take a leap of faith due to a letter stating that CDC has a grant letter sent to Erie County. He warned that if this inaccurate, they will not have another opportunity to ask again. When the

grant funding is over, the jobs will be as well. He assured that Administration and Health Department would be held to that, and encourages active vigilance.

Councilman Rastetter reiterated that he wanted to leave this as a First Reading, because there are numerous details needing to be reviewed and who will be held responsible at the end of the grant. He voiced concern that 47 will end and the 14 that will remain will be over \$100,000 yearly; a significant amount.

Councilwoman Clear stated that her understanding was that decisions made during budget time will be able to reflect changes and that would be the time to hold the Administration and Public Health accountable, once the funds are depleted. Attorney Talarico corrected Mrs. Clear in that Council has the authority to create the positions, so by passing this Ordinance would be establishment of those positions. At budget time, if Council has some issues with the budget, these employees would need to be removed from the Health Department, which is a much more difficult process. Mrs. Clear clarify, that those positions could indeed be cut. Attorney Talarico went on to state that he was unaware of the \$8 million dollar cycle. He offered that, over the years, limiting the grant was an option; once that grant would run out, the position would be eliminated. Attorney Talarico offered that the Ordinance would be able to be amended for change of language.

Chairman Horton voiced that there is no substitution for safety. He addressed Mr. Rastetter's concern stating that Council has had that information for a month. Numbers are spiking in the county, and the only thing we can do to encourage the strength of the economy - is to keep the curve down. Need to keep the spread down and need utilization of contact tracers. 1 of 10 Health Departments of 67 counties. Will be supporting this Ordinance; he feels this is the most important thing that we can do combat COVID-19 in the community. Businesses, schools, and multiple industries are planning on opening with no plan, and the health department has to go inspect so that business can be opened. Public Health and Public Safety should be tantamount. Can't put a premium on good health. Mr. Horton views is as an investment in the tax payer.

Councilwoman Schauerman - As scrolling through the salaries, they need to be divided by the number of employees. Mr. Horton concurs.

Mr. Anderson states that he is supporting this. He reiterated his point of taking a leap of faith, because this is one time we don't have the funds that are committed to us. As we came out of the Thursday Finance Meeting, he assumed that Attorney Talarico was going to review the Ordinance and make language suggestions in reflection to the 8 million. Attorney Talarico assured that Council can always remand or amend. He clarified he is not aware of the 8 million, so not sure how to limit that. Would like to identify the grant that those monies came in on, and limit those employees to that amount of money. Mr. Anderson

requested that Attorney Talarico follow up with Melissa Lyon in the commitment that the CDC has made for the \$8 million.

Ordinance was carried in a 5 - 2 vote.

**Resolution Number 35,  
2020 "Approving the 2020  
Community Development  
Block Grant- COVID 19  
Application and  
Authorizing its Submission  
to the Pennsylvania  
Department of Community  
and Economic  
Development"**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 35, 2020 "Approving the 2020 Community Development Block Grant- COVID 19 Application and Authorizing its Submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development" This was moved by Ellen Schauerma, seconded by Brian Shank and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Resolution Number 36,  
2020 "County Of Erie Fair  
Housing Resolution"**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 36, 2020 "County Of Erie Fair Housing Resolution" This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Resolution Number 37,  
2020 "Designating The  
Northwest Pennsylvania  
Regional Planning And  
Development Commission  
As The Agency to Submit a  
Request to the  
Pennsylvania Department  
of Economic and  
Community Development  
(DCED) to Seek an  
Extension of the Term of  
Keystone Opportunity  
Zone Benefits as it Relates  
to Certain Fairview  
Township Parcels that are  
Presently Designated as  
Keystone Opportunity  
Zones (KOZ), in the**

Moved to table by Mrs. Schauerma, Seconded by Mrs. Clear; voted 7-0 to table.

**Fairview Business Park,  
Erie County,  
Pennsylvania"**

**Resolution Number 38,  
2020 "Approving The  
County Council Response  
To The 2021-2023  
Erie County Operational  
and Capital Plan"  
(Attached)**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 34, 2020 "Approving The County Council Response To The 2021-2023 Erie County Operational and Capital Plan"

Chairman Horton thanked Councilwoman Rennie for chairing the committee and Councilpersons Clear and Schauerman for pushing it back out quickly.

This was moved by Carl Anderson, seconded by Kim Clear and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Possible re-appointment of  
Joseph Giles to a four year  
term ending December 31,  
2023 on the Office of  
Children & Youth  
Advisory Board  
Representing District 5  
(Mr. Shank)**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Possible re-appointment of Joseph Giles to a four year term ending December 31, 2023 on the Office of Children & Youth Advisory Board Representing District 5. Mr. Shank welcomed the re-appointment of Mr. Giles. This was moved by Brian Shank, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Horton asked that prior to adjournment, he be able to take a quick poll on the appointments of Trustees Board for the Community College. Special Meeting will be held toward the end of next week or early the following week. He will check with the administration on her progression n the appointments. Offered Council to call anytime.

Mr. Anderson thanked the Chairman for taking extra time on Ordinance 56, 2020 this evening, as usually we come to the meeting and already had decisions made. It was refreshing to be able to talk the concerns out.

Chairman Horton thanked his colleagues for being vigilant, and Attorney Talarico for his straight forward approach. Attorney Talarico briefed Council on the appeal from Senator Scarnatti on the College.

Carl Anderson moved to adjourn at 05:42 PM, seconded by Brian Shank.

**The next Finance and  
Personnel Committee**

**Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 4 pm. The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for 4 pm on Tuesday, September 8, 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](http://www.eriecountypa.gov).**