

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, November 17, 2020**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPTIONAL PRAYER OR INVOCATION** Mrs. Clear recited the Serenity Prayer.

**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; Amy Swartzfager; Joe Maloney

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

None to be heard.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None for approval

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS**

County Executive and/or her Designee No report to be heard.

**Finance Committee -Mrs. Clear** Finance Chairman Clear reported that the Finance Committee met Thursday, November 12, and put forth on the Agenda Old Business A through R, and New Business A through G.

**Personnel Committee - Mrs. Rennie** Personnel Committee Chairman Rennie stated no report.

## Other

**Citations** Councilman Anderson prefaced the reading of citation recipients by stating that they were all personally known to him, and asked that they be placed into the official minutes.

In addition to the three listed on the agenda, he added:

Mr. Stephen F. Bohen (1955-2020)

WHEREAS, Stephen F. Bohen passed from this world on November 4, 2020 at the age of 65 years. Steve was born July 27, 1955 in Erie the son of the late Richard Bohen and Jeanne Shufflin Bohen Niedzielski; and WHEREAS, Steve was a lifelong resident of Erie, a proud “Bay Rat;” he received a Master’s Degree in Communication Arts from Ohio State University, returning to Erie as an instructor for Gannon University; Steve was the play-by-play voice of the Gannon men’s and women’s basketball teams for many years; and WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his stepfather, John Niedzielski; two brothers, Timothy Bohen and Kenneth Niedzielski, and a sister, Anne Bohen McCuskey. Steve is survived by his siblings; Chris Niedzielski-Eichner (Phil), Maggie Bohen Barlow (Mark), Barb Niedzielski Sullivan (Joe), Bob Bohen, Terri Bohen (Joe Hanlin) and a brother-in-law, John McCuskey. He is the uncle of Ben Bohen (Peter DuBois), Jeremy Bohen (Tara Merjanoff), Liz McCuskey (Victor Richardson), Nora Niedzielski-Eichner (Mark Smith), JB McCuskey (Wendy), Erin Thompson (Dan Thompson), Alex Bohen, Michael Barlow, Sam Bohen, Chelsea Barlow, and Grace Bohen. Also surviving are eight great-nieces and nephews; and WHEREAS, as a Professor of Communications, Steve left a lasting impression on many of his students, including Carl Anderson, III, his student in the Fall of 1985. Councilman Anderson has shared many laughs, talks, and has enjoyed Steve’s support since that time. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join in remembrance of the life of Steve Bohen, a man whose joyful demeanor and orotund voice touched the lives of many. May he rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 17th day of November, 2020.

Mr. Anderson reminisced about Mr. Bohen's loved of Gannon sports and the history they shared as Mr. Anderson's first communications course taken in the Fall of 1985.

He went on to recognize Mr. Daniel Grzywinski, a childhood friend, naming him as a skilled and outgoing individual:

Mr. Daniel H. Grzywinski “Chopper Dan” (1967-2020)  
 WHEREAS, Daniel H. "Chopper Dan" Grzywinski passed from this world on November 9, 2020 at the age of 53 years. Dan was born in Erie on January 21, 1967 to the late Chester and Rose (Lata) Grzywinski; and WHEREAS, Dan recently retired for General Electric; worked in the tool and die field in several Erie area locations; was skilled in drawing and carpentry; and  
 WHEREAS, Dan lived life to its fullest; his quick wit and cheerful disposition was second to none; a musician through and through, Dan played guitar with several local bands; he enjoyed riding his motorcycle and loved adventure; and  
 WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Dan is preceded in death by two sisters, Betsy Guzowski and Carol Grzywinski, and his beloved feline son Stuart, whom he just lost this spring after more than 20 years. Dan is survived by two sisters, Catherine Gilewicz of Buffalo, N.Y. and Amy Grzywinski (Robert Burke) of Erie, one brother, Paul (Becky) Grzywinski of Albion, brother-in-law John Guzowski of Erie, half-brother David (Pamela) Grunzel, half-sister Patricia (Marty) Gloekler, many special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, close neighbors, and special friends, Sheryl Eppolito, Jennifer Dash-Luther and Tina Spadaccio, who remained dear to his heart, as well as the entire Spadaccio family. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join Councilman Carl J. Anderson, III in celebrating the life of “Chopper Dan” Grzywinski, a life-long friend, and a man whose joyful demeanor and gentle soul touched the lives of many. May he rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 17th day of November, 2020.

Mr. Anderson also recognize Mrs. Linda Palombi, of whom he held special regard for:

Mrs. Linda May Tillman Palombi (1935-2020) WHEREAS, Linda passed from this world on November 6, 2020 at the age of 84 years. Linda was born December 22, 1935, daughter of the late Elizabeth Tillman., in Erie, Pa.; and WHEREAS, Linda graduated from East High School in 1954; active in band, volleyball, basketball, and swim; voted as outstanding female athlete; met a group of lifelong friends lovingly referred to as “The Lunch Bunch.” She went on to work in the pathology lab of Hamot Hospital, and after meeting her husband and becoming a mother, went on to work at St. Mary’s Home of Erie East for 41 ½ years; retiring in 2011 as Dietary Supervisor; and WHEREAS, Linda enjoyed spending time with her loving husband of 63 years, Ron; the couple enjoyed traveling together, bowling, attending Cleveland Indians baseball, volunteering at St. John the Baptist School cafeteria and many events at

the Parish, and supporting one another's hobbies; Linda and Ron Sr. first held the Lisa Marie Palombi Woodruff Golf Tournament and later the Lisa Marie Palombi Woodruff Bowling Tournament, which annually benefited the Visiting Nurses Association; and WHEREAS, Linda's dedication to her family was unparalleled, traveling often to watch her children and grandchildren compete in sporting events out of town; playing an instrumental role in ensuring that each grandchild would have an opportunity for college education; and WHEREAS, Linda was preceded in death by her mother, Elizabeth Tillman; daughter, Lisa Marie Palombi Woodruff; twin sisters-in-law, Rose and Theresa Palombi; sister-in-law, Patti Palombi; brothers-in-law, George Palombi and Bud Watson; and niece, Melissa Watson. Other than her devoted husband of 63 years, Linda is survived by a son, Ron Palombi Jr. (Leslie Sherman); grandchildren, Emelia (Chuck) Lawrence and Johnny (Kaylee) Woodruff; great-granddaughter, Bella Charles Lawrence; sister-in-law, Grace Watson; and brother-in-law, Eugene Palombi. She will be missed by many nieces and nephews, Dale, Venessa, Greg, Gary, Patti, George, Gina, Mary, Michael, and Eugene Jr. (godson). NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join in celebrating the life of Mrs. Linda Palombi, a woman whose passion and zest for life touched all of those who knew her. May she rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 17th day of November, 2020.

**Lorena Zybowski**  
**(Councilman Anderson)**

Mr. Anderson offered personal comments on the love and caring nature of Mrs. Zybowski.

Mrs. Lenora Elizabeth Zybowski (1938-2020)

WHEREAS, Lenora Elizabeth Zybowski passed from this world on November 4, 2020 at the age of 82 years. Lenora was born August 3, 1938 to the late Loretta (Grieshober) and James Kinsinger, in Erie, Pa.; and WHEREAS, Lenora remained in Erie after graduating from Strong Vincent High School, taking a position at Hamot Hospital where she would later meet Raymond, her husband of nearly 60 years. Lorena took great pride in her five children, Paul, Patricia, Pam, Andrew, and Adam; and WHEREAS, after raising her children to school age, Lenora pursued an educational path of her own; she provided care to children from low-income families, as one of the first teachers in the Head Start Program; Lenora's passion for educating youth continued to shine, earning her a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Edinboro University; committed to her role at Head Start, she remained an educator until her retirement in 2005; and WHEREAS, Lorena's enthusiasm for gardening, backyard bird watching, playing the lottery, and spending time as the beloved matriarch of her large extended family, which serves as a humble reflection of all things simplistically great in life; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her parents and husband, Lenora was preceded in death by her brother, Ernest Briggs Jr, and her three sisters, Nancy Kline, Janet Miller and Dorothy Curry, and daughter-in-law, Jana. In addition to her children, Lorena is survived by many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and WHEREAS, Councilman Carl Anderson III, has a special friendship with the Zykowski family, including schoolmates Andy and especially, Adam. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join in celebrating the life of Mrs. Lenora Elizabeth Zykowski, a woman committed to the education of Erie County's youth, to her family, and friends. May she rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 17th day of November, 2020.

**William  
Wittenberg (Councilman  
Anderson)**

Mr. Anderson offered personal comments on Mr. Wittenberg's support, community service, and public enthusiasm for a Community College Education in Erie County.

Mr. William A. Wittenberg (1944-2020)

WHEREAS, William A. Wittenberg passed from this world on November 6, 2020 at the age of 76 years. Bill was born March 10 1944, son of the late William and Catherine Wittenberg; and WHEREAS, after graduating high school, Bill ascended thru the ranks of the U.S. Air Force; served during the Vietnam War; earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, amongst others; emerged as Master Sargent; retired after 26 years of service; and WHEREAS, Bill had served as the first Borough Manager of Wesleyville; was a member of the American Legion Carl Neff Post 571 and the Wesleyville Area Museum of Armed Forces Small Boats; Bill was active in education and training as the Special Project Coordinator for the Foster Care To Success Program; and WHEREAS, Bill is survived by three children, William P. Wittenberg, Jennifer Fisher (Karl) and John Wittenberg; two stepchildren, Pam Hand (Phil) and Steven Dicks (Kelly); four grandchildren, Austin, Thomas, William and Sarah Fisher; and four step-grandchildren, Autumn and Anthony Hand, and Georgia and Maggie Dicks. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join in celebrating the life of William A. Wittenberg, Erie County's biggest supporter for Community College Education, often speaking and writing of his views, and a man who dedicated his life to our Country and the Erie Community. We will forever be grateful. May he rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 17th day of November, 2020.

Chairman Horton jested about Mr. Wittenberg's correspondences at least

monthly on how Council could do better. He was a great public advocate.

**Sally Kohler (Councilman Anderson)**

Mr. Anderson offered personal comments on the bond with his former childhood teacher, growing into a strong friendship as adults. He commented on Sally's love for Erie, and Presque Isle, recounted a childhood memory of Sally hugging Ronald Reagan, and named her as one of the fundamental reasons he developed a love of politics.

Ms. Sara Carlow “Sally” Kohler (1929-2020)

WHEREAS, Sally passed from this world on November 4, 2020 at the age of 90 years. Sally was born December 7, 1929 to the late Sylvester and Sara M. Carlow, in Erie, Pa.; and WHEREAS, Sally graduated Villa Maria High School and Mercyhurst College, receiving a Carpe Diem Award; she earned her Master's Degree in Counseling through Gannon College. She served the students of the Erie School District through many positions held throughout the District: teaching at Harding Elementary School, a Guidance Counselor, a Home School Visitor, and her last position held prior to retirement, Dropout Prevention Coordinator. She touched the lives of countless children; and WHEREAS, Sally was actively involved in the Erie community; a longtime member of the Republican Party, serving as a local Republican Committee Woman; coordinator for the Greater Kahkwa Neighborhood Watch; chairwoman for the Erie County Juvenile Probation and Youth Advisory Board; original member of the Presque Isle Advisory Committee; and WHEREAS, Sally fought hard to protect and preserve Presque Isle State Park; leading protests and campaigns dedicated to the conservation and creation of safe and clean options for replacement sand at the beaches of the State Park. She was recognized for her dedication to Presque Isle, and Beach 11 was renamed “Kohler Beach” in honor of her persistent hard work; and WHEREAS, Sally was an active member of the Erie Yacht Club, the Erie Rotary Club, and St. Patrick’s Church. She was an avid reader, enjoyed bicycling, and travels to Europe and the Middle East; and WHEREAS, Sally is survived by three daughters, Ellen Croft (Joseph) of Raleigh, N.C.; Natalie Kohler of Erie and Rebecca Johnson (Gary) of Erie and two sons; Vice Admiral Matthew J. Kohler USN (Melanie) of Washington, D.C. and Michael J. Kohler of Erie. She was the grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of six. Sally is further survived by her two sisters, Judith Alstadt and Mary Pat Schlaudecker; and WHEREAS, in the fall of 1980, Sally Kohler, while a Counselor at Wayne School, learned of Ronald Reagan’s campaign route passing Wayne Middle School. Among the members of the entire student body was a thirteen year old 6th grader and member of the newspaper staff, Carl Anderson, III. When Mr. Reagan stopped his caravan, embraced Sally Kohler in friendship, and spoke to the student body, it left a lasting impression of community service for this young student. Sally and Carl enjoyed speaking of this experience during their long

friendship over the years. NOW THEREFORE WE THE UNDERSIGNED Members of Erie County Council join in celebrating the life of Ms. Sara Carlow “Sally” Kohler, a woman dedicated to a better Erie County for all. May she rest in peace. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and the Seal of Erie County this 17th day of November, 2020.

Chairman Horton added that he remembered her for the conversations they exchanged in time as her sons were part of the Strong Vincent swim team; a powerhouse in the area. She will her surly missed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to handle New Business prior to Old Business; Seconded by Mr. Anderson, and passed 7 to 0.

After New Business Items were acknowledged, Old Business Items were continued.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 83, 2020 "2021 Debt Service Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 83, 2020 "2021 Debt Service Fund Budget." Face Value of Ordinance: \$9,526,457. This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded as presented by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 84, 2020 "2021 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 84, 2020 "2021 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget." Face Value of Ordinance: \$34,798,458. This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 85, 2020 "2021 HealthChoices Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 85, 2020 "2021 HealthChoices Fund Budget." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson. Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 3 and Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie asked that it be noted that should this grouping pass, that \$4,307 in Grant Funding will be lost to Erie County residents. HealthChoices gives Pennsylvanians greater access to the health insurance they need; there are no County dollars involved with this.

Mr. Anderson noted that the first items of the following Ordinances are to reduce the over-time by 10%, reduce non-essential supplies by 5%, and reduce non-essential travel by 10%. He further clarified that departments will further have the ability to re-adjust their budgets if these items become a necessity of their 2021 ability to do their work. If they adjust as needed, then those grant funds are not in actuality lost. The purpose of this current action is to show each of the departments that Council is paying attention to overtime, supplies, and unnecessary travel.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$120,744,266.

On Action Sheets 1 through 3: Passed 5 to 2, Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Kim Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action items 4 and 5; seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the coversheet reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$120,739,959; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 85, as amended passed 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voted no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 86, 2020 "2021 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 86, 2020 "2021 Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities Fund Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman. Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 3 and Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie asked that it be noted that should this grouping pass, that \$8,817 in Grant Funding for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities will be lost to the community. It provides a broad array of services for families and individuals in Erie County. She additionally submitted that when a department is almost fully funding by grant services, it is somewhat disingenuous to suggest they can move funds around at will. It puts undue burden on the services in Erie County.

Mr. Anderson noted that each department has the ability within their department, and per union contracts when over time is necessary they have to accept such. This is to ensure the public that over-time is truly essential and not being taken advantage of and that Council is paying attention to what is happening throughout the County in every department.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$28,970,988.

On Action Sheets 1 through 3: Passed 5 to 2, Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.



Kim Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action items 4 and 5; seconded by Mr. Anderson; approved 7 to 0.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the coversheet reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$28,962,171; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 86, as amended passed 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voted no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 87, 2020 "2021 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 87, 2020 "2021 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman. Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 3 and Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie asked that it be noted that it puts an undue burden amongst the departments to provide services. Should this grouping pass, that \$3,398 in Grant Funding that does not involve tax payer dollars is lost.

Mr. Anderson noted that each department has the ability within their department to move money around, and although revenue may be decreased, there is still room for movement within their budgets to cover the necessary elements. The burden is on Council to responsible to the taxpayer. This is to ensure essential work is being completed and is to the best benefit of the citizen of Erie County.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$6,697,505.

On Action Sheets 1 through 3: Passed 5 to 2, Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Kim Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action items 4 and 5; seconded by Mr. Anderson; approved 7 to 0.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$6,694,107; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 87, as amended passed 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voted no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 88, 2020 "2021 Children and Youth Services Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 88, 2020 "2021 Children and Youth Services Fund Budget." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 3 and Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie asked that it be noted that this portion of the fund has two County shares within it; 80% of the amounts on these three lines are funded by grants. The need for these services have increased dramatically over the past year.

Mr. Anderson agrees that the services are increasing. He reiterated that each department has the ability within their department to move money around, and although revenue may be decreased, there is still room for movement within their budgets to cover the necessary elements. Additionally, he noted the ability of departments to request supplemental appropriations from Council if necessary. Again reiterating that Council is being vigilant.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$67,009,382.

On Action Sheets 1 through 3: Passed 5 to 2, Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Kim Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action items 4 through 8 seconded by Mr. Anderson; approved 7 to 0.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$66,912,648; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 88, as amended passed 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voted no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 89, 2020 "2021 Planning and Community Development Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 89, 2020 "2021 Planning and Community Development Fund Budget." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 3 and Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie asked that it be noted that the bulk of the funds that have been decreased come from grant sources. A political move should not be the cause of these changes, and there is no practical value.

Mr. Anderson recognizes the tenacity of Mrs. Rennie. He disagrees that it a necessary political statement; no picking and choosing of departments or lowering of morale, as it is across the board. Acknowledges that it does effect some more than others, but that grant dollars can be leveraged.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$7,757,421.

On Action Sheets 1 through 3: Passed 5 to 2, Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Kim Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action items 4 and 5; seconded

by Mr. Anderson; approved 7 to 0.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$7,754,493; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 89, as amended passed 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voted no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 90, 2020 "2021 Domestic Relations Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave Second Reading of Ordinance Number 90, 2020 "2021 Domestic Relations Fund Budget." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to include only action sheet 1; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 2 through 4; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 7 to 0.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$5,433,863.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet to reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$5,432,063; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 90, as amended passed 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voted no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 91, 2020 "2021 Library Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave Second Reading of Ordinance Number 91, 2020 "2021 Library Fund Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda read only action sheet 1; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 6 to 1, Chairman Horton voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 3 & 4; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 7 to 0.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$7,557,928.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet to reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$7,557,878; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 91, as amended passed 7 to 0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 92, 2020 "2021 Public Health Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 92, 2020 "2021 Public Health Fund Budget." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

**Committee)**

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 34;  
Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie noted that the majority of the action sheets from 1 to 34 are majority grant funded. With COVID on the rise it is not a necessity to cut from these lines.

Mr. Anderson stated the necessity of being conscientious and diligent. Council has invested more confidence, hope, and security in the Health Dept. during these COVID pandemic times. The County Executive first started by asking for \$3 million off the top, then CARES Funding of which went to the Health Dept., Council set aside money from reserve accounts and Gaming Funds, The health Dept. came with an \$8 million dollar grant of which was not yet seen. Public Health has been supported, and needs to be used in most essentially needed areas; just as across the board.

Approved 5 to 2, Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 35 through 39;  
Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 7 to 0.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$13,423,750.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet to reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$13,342,565; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 90, as amended passed 6 to 1, Mrs. Rennie voted no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 93, 2020 "2021 Public Safety Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 93, 2020 "2021 Public Safety Fund Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 4;  
Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Approved 5 to 2, Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 5 through 7;  
Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 7 to 0.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$9,448,531.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet to reflect the Face Value of the

Ordinance to \$9,413,440; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 93, as amended passed 7 to 0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 94, 2020 "2021 Gaming Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 94, 2020 "2021 Gaming Fund Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 & 2; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 7 to 0.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 3, 4, 6, & 7; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 7 to 0.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to read action sheet 5 alone; Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Shank stated that it should not be a City of Erie funding, it needs to be a County of Erie project. Passed 5 to 2; Mr. Shank & Mr. Rastetter voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to read action sheet 8 alone; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Chairman Horton clarified that he will not be abstaining from the charity that his brother is leading, per recommendation of the solicitor not needed. Failed 1 to 6; Mr. Shank voting yes.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to read action sheet 9 alone; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson noted that with all of the entities named in this Ordinance are an investment in the human capital. Additionally, Council believes that these funds should be being received from the General Fund, however the County Executive moved this money to the Gaming Revenue Funds. Due to the COVID crisis, Council has supported this and for transparency reasons Council has moved to the General Funds. Council is being fiscally responsible and expect no less from the grantees. Passed 6 to 1; Mrs. Rennie voted no.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$13,513,704.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet to reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$13,698,860; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 94, as amended passed 7 to 0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 95, 2020 "2021 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 95, 2020 "2021 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and passed 7 to 0.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$923,500.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 96, 2020 "2021 Pleasant Ridge Manor Operating Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 96, 2020 "2021 Pleasant Ridge Manor Operating Fund Budget." This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to read action sheet 1 alone; Seconded by Mr. Anderson; passed 7 to 0.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$930,218,205.

Mrs. Clear moved to approved Ordinance 96 as amended, seconded by Mr. Anderson, passed 7 to 0.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 97, 2020 "2021 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Reserve Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 97, 2020 "2021 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Reserve Fund Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson, and passed 7 to 0.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$1,254,974.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 98, 2020 "2021 Erie County Care Management Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 98, 2020 "2021 Erie County Care Management Budget"

This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheet 1 & 2; Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie pointed out that 100% of the funds that are proposing to reduce are covered by Medical Assistance. May prove difficult, if not impossible to achieve.

<please note for those viewing the public video at this time there was a power

failure and meeting was not fully recorded; no numbers were discussed during down time.>

Mr. Anderson discussed the need to address the debt of the ECCM and further the need for vigilance.

Chairman Horton & Mrs. Rennie voting no on action sheets 1 & 2; passed 5 to 2.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$16,460,955.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet to reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$16,447,297; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Mrs. Clear moved to approved Ordinance 98 as amended, seconded by Mr. Anderson, passed 6 to 1; Mrs. Rennie voting no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 99, 2020 "2021 General Fund Budget" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 99, 2020 "2021 General Fund Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 1 through 14; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 5 to 2; Chairman Horton & Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 15 through 18; Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson clarified that these two items reflect changes with the County Clerk and staff in Council and Elections. He acknowledged the knowledge, commitment, & dedication of the Council staff. Further, he noted that in the past adjustments to the pay plan have not made it down to Council and they are trying to adjust accordingly. He feels that it was especially noticeable with the significant efforts that were needed and that were executed in the most recent election.

Mrs. Rennie agrees that this is well needed and deserved, however because of the way it is being presented in the budget and not the typical procedure not going through the County Executive and Human Relations, on principle she will have to vote no. Approved 6 to 1; Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 19 & 20; Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie noted that both 19 and 20 have expenditure increase, when there are expenses being cut across departments. Again on principle, Mrs. Rennie would have preferred this went through a different procedure. Mr. Anderson stated that

the election under the current situation, that these are reasonable adjustments. They may have been oversights or things that have changed due to situation, but Mr. Anderson does not feel that they are exceptions but adjustments to preliminary budget. Passed 7 to 0.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 21 through 56; Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Rennie noted that these deal with County dollars and in adult and juvenile probation that there will most likely be requests for ordinances to follow, also concerned about the reduction in prison operations.

Mr. Anderson added that Council recognizes the work that needs to continue to be done across the board in all departments in Erie County, and pointed out the specification in these action sheets as "non-essential over time" and "non-essential expenditures," and if departments need supplemental funding, they do have the ability to come before Council to make such requests.

Passed 5 to 2; Chairman Horton and Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 57 through 60; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Passed 7 to 0.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to group action sheets 61 through 64; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Passed 7 to 0.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to act on action sheet 65 alone; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Passed 4 to 3; Chairman Horton, Mrs. Clear, & Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to act on action sheet 66 alone; Seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson commented that Council has accepted the responsibility of the Convention Center and Erie Events. It is unclear as to whether the fall under COVID relief funding. If Council does not invest in this community partner, then likely a 60 million dollar turn over will occur to county government. County Executive has not brought down an Ordinance to attempt addressing this issue. Council is hopeful that County Executive realizes that Erie Events does qualify and that those funds would reduce the amount needed to put in to the budget.

Mrs. Rennie acknowledges that Erie Events adds quality of life to Erie Area and economy. She acknowledged the commitment that Erie County has to this entity. Preference would be to not commit to this and to pursuit other avenues.



Passed 5 to 2; Chairman Horton & Mrs. Rennie voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to act on action sheet 67 alone, amending the revenue to \$2,267,837; Seconded by Mr. Anderson; passed 7 to 0.

Council took a brief recess, moved by Mrs. Clear & Seconded by Mr. Anderson, to allow the financial advisor to calculate the updated numbers.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to act on action sheet 68 alone; Seconded by Mr. Anderson; passed 7 to 0

Mrs. Clear moved to recess, Mr. Anderson second.

Face Value of Ordinance: \$110,591,045.

Kim Clear moved to reflect the cover sheet to reflect the Face Value of the Ordinance to \$114,849,030; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and passed 7 to 0.

Ordinance 99, as amended passed 5 to 2, Chairman Horton & Mrs. Rennie voting no.

**Second Reading of Ordinance Number 100, 2020 "2021 Real Estate Tax Levy" (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a Second Reading of Ordinance Number 100, 2020 "2021 Real Estate Tax Levy" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Clear moved to amend Ordinance to reflect .596 on each \$100 on assessed value; Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Approved 4 to 3; Chairman Horton, Mrs. Rennie, & Mr. Shank voting no.

Mrs. Clear moved to pass the Ordinance as amended, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Approved 5 to 2; Chairman Horton & Mrs. Rennie voting no.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 105, 2020, "Thirty-Third 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$134,282**

Mr. Smith gave a first Reading of Ordinance Number 105, 2020, "Thirty-Third 2020 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$134,282 Recovered from GEIDC/DevelopErie in Bankruptcy Proceedings" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson. Mrs. Clear moved to amend the agenda to move to a second reading; this was seconded by Mr. Anderson and carried in a 7-0 vote. As amended, the Ordinance passed 7 to 0.

**Recovered from  
GEIDC/DevelopErie in  
Bankruptcy Proceedings"  
(Finance Committee)**

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 106, 2020, "Fourth 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$60,000 To Increase the Revenue Grant line and Professional Fees in the Tobacco Use Prevention Program" (Finance Committee)** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 106, 2020, "Fourth 2020 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$60,000 To Increase the Revenue Grant line and Professional Fees in the Tobacco Use Prevention Program" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 107, 2020 "Approving the 2021 Erie County Community College Budget" (Finance Committee)** Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 107, 2020 "Approving the 2021 Erie County Community College Budget" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**First Reading of Ordinance Number 108, 2020 "2020 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$66,355 For ELC Enhancing Detection Bureau Elimination of Six Positions and the Creation of Six Positions" (Finance Committee)** Kim Clear moved to amend the agenda for Second Reading. This was seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7-0 vote. Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 108, 2020 "2020 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$66,355 For ELC Enhancing Detection Bureau Elimination of Six Positions and the Creation of Six Positions" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Resolution Number 56, 2020 "Approving the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the County of** Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 56, 2020 "Approving the Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the County of Erie and Related Funds for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2019" This was moved by Ellen Schauerma, seconded by Scott Rastetter and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Erie and Related Funds for  
Calendar Year Ending  
December 31, 2019"  
(Finance Committee)**

**Resolution Number 57,  
2020 " Re-Appointment of  
Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC  
to Perform Comprehensive  
Single Audit for Erie  
County and Related Funds  
for the Year Ending  
December 31, 2020"  
(Finance Committee)**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 57, 2020 " Re-Appointment of Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC to Perform Comprehensive Single Audit for Erie County and Related Funds for the Year Ending December 31, 2020" This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**Possible Sale of a Parcel  
from the Repository for  
Unsold Property at Index  
Number: 08-037-127.0-  
015.00 (Finance  
Committee)**

Chairman Horton called for a motion for the parcel. This was moved by Kim Clear, seconded by Carl Anderson and carried in a 7 - 0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The next Finance and  
Personnel Committee  
Meetings are scheduled for  
Thursday, December 3rd,  
2020 at 4 pm. The next  
Regular Meeting of Council  
is scheduled for 4 pm on  
Tuesday, December 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).**