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ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Chairman Horton, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. at the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll recited the following prayer:

“Let us pray. When the foundations of the earth were formed, a cornerstone was laid. Can we begin to comprehend how immense the universe is? Can we consider the power of nature? We are speechless, in awe; words fail us of things we don’t understand. We speak to the awesomeness of eagles that soar effortlessly. Have we noticed that without understanding, we base our life on how small we are and are humbled by it all. We have come to a new day and everywhere we look spring explodes around us. As we continue into a new year, guide us to understand and do what is best for all we govern. We ask this in the name of our Lord. Amen.”.

Roll Call

The County Clerk called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Breneman
Mr. DiMattio
Mrs. Fatica
Dr. Foust
Mr. Leone
Mrs. Loll
Mr. Horton

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting
Joseph Maloney, CPA
Thomas Talarico, Solicitor
James Sparber, Director of Finance

**Hearing of
The Public**

Michael Adamus, 3518 Station Road, Harborcreek, PA; County Executive and Erie Mayor Roundtable on Disability Issues Co-Chair; Mr. Adamus commented that Erie’s transit service and the accompanying para-transit service is important to a large percentage of the population in the region. People rely on the EMTA and the LIFT to get to work, shopping, and cultural activities in both the city and the county. Because of it, they can pursue higher education from Mercyhurst-North East to Edinboro University. Most importantly, he commented, it is a necessity for their survival. The EMTA and especially the LIFT are the primary methods to get many with a disability, especially a mobility disability, to medical appointments and life extending treatments, such as dialysis. He further commented that these statements are not meant to support one side over the other. Instead, they are meant to point out who will suffer if this issue is not resolved. He stated that officials cannot allow the already marginalized of his population to suffer additional strife and serious, life-threatening harm, at the loss of the transit system which they rely on. As City Council and County Council negotiate their issues, remember the constituents you serve, and the oath you took to support and protect all. As a final thought, he stated he would like to invite both the City Council and County Council to select a member to join the Roundtables. He expressed the purpose of the Roundtable is to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor of Erie and the Erie County Executive. If a member for the respective Councils attended as well, these issues could be better explained and crises like this avoided. He said he would be happy to answer any questions now or in the future.

Passle Helminski, 5715 Langmore Lane, Erie, PA 16505; Ms. Helminski read the following statement:

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“Hello. I am speaking to you as the Chair of the Elderly and the Disabled Council of Erie County, a member of the Erie County Roundtable for People with Disabilities, a member of the Mayor’s Roundtable for People with Disabilities, and the Chair of the Transportation, Mobility and Accessibility Committee. Please use me as your resource. As per the article published in the Erie Times News on Monday, April 4, 2016: EMTA has an annual operating budget of \$18 million dollars; if the Charter is not renewed there is the potential loss of \$9 million from PennDOT and \$4 million dollar loss from the Federal Transit Administration; if the Charter is not renewed and EMTA no longer exists, the FTA will not recognize nor fund a newly established transit agency; the existing charter must be approved now to prevent FTA from holding back funds; failure to resolve this issue jeopardizes urban and rural services. The LIFT paratransit service and the Medical Assistance Transportation Program operate under the EMTA umbrella and will be directly affected and possibly cease operation without a charter extension; after September 14th the Charter will expire and funds for EMTA and LIFT will cease; the current Charter needs to be approved to prevent any potential disruption of, or end, to transit services; what you may not know is that Uber and our taxis are not accessible to people who use wheelchairs. You are the elected officials to whom we look to protect the above services for people with disabilities. We need your assistance to help us keep our jobs, go to chemotherapy, dialysis, medical appointments, school, etc.”.

Jessica Molczan, Advocacy Specialist, Voices for Independence; Ms. Molczan read the following statement:

“Erie’s transportation system provides a vital service essential to our community. Many citizens of the City of Erie and Erie County are 100% dependent upon public transportation to maintain their ability to live independently and to contribute financially to the community by maintaining employment. Without available transportation to maintain employment, fewer citizens of the City and County of Erie will be paying taxes and those citizens who are homeowners will be unable to afford their property taxes. Many Erie Citizens spend money on public transportation every day to achieve activities of daily living such as shopping for groceries, traveling to pharmacies for life sustaining medications, and attending entertainment events that bring revenue into both the City of Erie and Erie County. As the City and County negotiate a new transportation Charter agreement, I encourage you as representatives of all Erie residents to spend one week accomplishing every activity of your daily life that involves travel by utilizing Erie’s public transportation system. This is what numerous City and County residents must do 365 days a year. It is my hope that after you have this experience, you will better understand how vital it is for members of County and City government to stop viewing the transportation Charter issue as an issue of power and control, realize how the lack of a transportation Charter will negatively affect the citizens of both the City of Erie and Erie County, as well as the economic stability of both the city and the county, and work together to develop and implement a new transportation Charter agreement before the current agreement expires in September. As an advocacy specialist for a disability rights organization that serves 459 Erie County residents, in addition to residents with disabilities in multiple other counties, and as a citizen of Erie who utilizes public transportation, I encourage you to consider appointing an equal number of representatives of the City and the County to the EMTA Board, and to appoint an additional position on the Board to a citizen who utilizes public transportation as their primary method of travel, to offer their insight on transportation issues affecting the citizens of the City of Erie and Erie County. Fulfilling the transportation needs of the citizens you have been elected to serve is not a matter of power and control. Access to public transportation is a matter of survival. Thank you.”.

Joseph Aguglia, Human Relations Commission; Mr. Aguglia gave an overview of the HRC, which was re-established in 2006. He handed out a one page synopsis to all of Council. The HRC is also a member of both the Mayor Roundtable and County Executive Roundtable. He discussed Fair Housing testing and discrimination. This includes a control subject, someone with a disability, a person of color, or someone from another community, who tests the housing market to see how they are treated. HRC receives funding from three separate entities for reviewing, evaluating, and obtaining information. This funding includes CDBG funding, Act 137, and Millcreek Township funding for the same testing. The HRC would like to generate more cases by way of housing as

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the vast majority of the cases with HRC are employment cases. He stated that the HRC has spent roughly \$50,000 on advertising from HUD in 2009 through 2010. The housing cases didn't increase as much as they had hoped. He felt that by doing this type of testing, the housing cases may increase. He invited all of Council to attend the Fair Housing seminar on April 27th. It has been well attended and Council members have attended in the past. There will also be an employment seminar on June 23rd. This seminar has typically 150 attendees including a cross section of employers, job seekers, and attorneys. The County Executive's office has spoken at these seminars as well. He then stated that in 2006 there was only County and City funding received but this funding has increased since that time.

Chairman Horton asked about racial discrimination and the disabled, and wanted to know if there has been testing with the LGBT community. Mr. Aguglia stated that this type of testing has not been done yet, but it has been discussed for the future.

Mr. Leone then commented that typically Council does not respond to citizens speaking, but because Mr. Aguglia is an employee of the County, Mr. Leone suggested that Mr. Smith schedule Mr. Aguglia periodically for the Finance and Personnel Committee meetings so members of Council can question many of the issues and concerns that have been expressed. Mr. Leone did not want to break protocol for the "Hearing of the Public" section of the meeting.

Andy Vye, 1027 West 37th Street, Erie, PA; private citizen not representing any organization. Mr. Vye stated that there are many cities that have transit links, like light rail, and stations where people can gather, get on the train, and head downtown. Around the transit links in those areas, the properties values of businesses and residences kept their value during the recession in 2008. These properties kept their values 40% better than properties that were further away from those transit links. He stated the reason is people are tired of the expense of automobiles. If you can use the bus instead of a car, you give yourself an \$8-10 thousand raise per year. There are many companies, such as PayPal, who are aware of social justice issues and they are sensitive to moving into an area that is, or is not, concerned about its citizens. He stated that vibrant cities that are on the increase or improving, have moved away from the car culture because they have an influx of young people who don't want to spend their money on cars, they would rather use mass transit. He suggested to remember these larger issues try to aim Erie County and encourage Erie City to move toward a more vibrant view of the future rather than the current managed decline.

Julie Minich, 1027 West 37th Street, Erie, PA; All Aboard Erie Assistant Executive Director; she stated that the charter issue is very important. 33% of Erie's population uses the bus; 20% is transit dependent. There is another 13% who use the bus for convenience, such as going to class. At Penn State Behrend, there is a \$200 parking fee per year. If a student decides not to have a car, they will save \$10,000, along with \$250 per year. She felt that the Charter needs to be renewed. She believes in home ownership and she bought a house on a bus line, which she stated it was a hard thing to do. She stated that the realtors did not know the routes, did not know the times. Her home is on three bus lines and she only has to walk a block and a half to one particular line to go downtown. She stated that All Aboard Erie is a transit advocacy group and she has real interest in keeping the busses going. She bought her home because it was on a bus line. She then invited all to the next Erie City Council meeting. All Aboard Erie is organizing a rally of support around charter negotiations and they are asking everyone to wear green, as in go, to keep the busses going. It will be next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The community supports bus service and are asking that community leaders to come together.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Leone made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2016 regular meeting. This was seconded by Dr. Foust and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Reports of County Officials

Dr. Foust stated that the Finance Committee met on April 7, 2016, and agreed to place Ordinances 22-24, 26-27, 2016, Resolutions 10, 12-17, 2016, a board appointment, and sale of parcels on the agenda.

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Mr. Breneman stated that the Personnel Committee met immediately following the Finance Committee meeting and agreed to place Ordinance Number 25, 2016, on the agenda.

Mrs. Loll read the following report:

“I received a request to have a group of teens help with the clean-up of church property. I contacted Bob Blakely of Juvenile Probation and told him of the request and he had Tom Burkett call to set it up. Tom is the director of Juvenile Probation Community Service who sets up the juvenile crews for work in the community. They are very busy and the schedule is very hard to fit in a new project. I put him in touch with the church that had made the request.

On Monday, April 4, along with John Grappy and Kathy Wyrosdick, attended the Conneaut Township Meeting. John was there to inform them of the Next Generation Radio System progress and answer any questions they had.

Kathy was there to inform them that they had the opportunity to send a representative to the monthly meetings to report back what is going on in the Planning Department.

There was a constituent there that asked about the GEIDC and the complications they are having. He has read the articles about the financial problems that they are having and didn't realize they are an autonomous organization and not connected with county government. He was asking what part, if not all, of the county government was possibly declaring bankruptcy under Section 7 or 11. I informed him of the disconnect to county government that GEIDC has and he seemed to accept and understand the answer.

On Friday, April 8th, I attended the Erie County Firefighters Dinner at Perry Highway Hose Co.

I received a call from a Girard Borough resident that wants to be involved with the beautification of the borough store fronts. I contacted Rob Stubenbort, the Borough Manager, about this and at this time, it is a legal matter. He will call me when and if it is something that can be solved by the Borough with a group of interested citizens.”.

Mrs. Fatica read the following report:

“I attended the Erie Regional Airport Authority meeting on March 23rd. Director Chris Rogers reports United Airlines that owns United Ground Express will be taking over ground handling duties from Wisconsin Air in Erie, beginning August 3, 2016. The result will be new equipment, facility upgrades and additional staffing. This is very similar to what Delta Airlines did when they brought in Delta Global Services a few years ago. It is expected that American Airlines will do the same at some future date.

The Airport will be hosting the 6th Annual Aviation Day Boy Scout Event on April 19th. This is a fun day for the scouts as well as the airport volunteers.

Greg Hayes of North Coast Flight School announced plans for a long term expansion of the flight school including an associate degree program in conjunction with EUP at Porreco College. A spring open house will be held on the flight school grounds on May 21st.

On April 8th, Councilwoman Loll and I attended the Erie County Firefighters Association Public Safety Awards Banquet at the beautiful facility at Perry HRC. Police officers, fire fighters, EMTs, as well as other community members, were recognized for their contribution to the safety of our community. Director John Grappy presented an update on the Next Generation Radio System and thanked all the departments for their cooperation and contributions in this program.”.

Dr. Foust wanted to make a few comments regarding EMTA, especially to the comments made tonight, and he wanted to assure everyone that the issues they spoke of tonight, they have no greater advocates than Erie County Council. He stated that Council certainly understands those

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issues that go back to the time that the County took over the LIFT Program to stabilize that program and expand that program. He stated that as issues have gravitated to the County and transferred to the County level, Council cannot think of anything that has gotten worse as a result. Everything has been strengthened and enhanced and Council sees EMTA in general, and issues surrounding the issues discussed tonight, to be enhanced as well. He commented that a good example of that is in the plan put forth a few months ago included a Citizens Advisory Council to include people that will bring up issues and be more sensitive to those issues. Dr. Foust stated that he has never felt that this is about an issue of control and power, even though those are somewhat wrapped up in it. This is about a more efficient system, more financial and geographic balance and equality to the system and board make up, and about more accountability as a result of more account of what is going on. Currently, the make up of the Board is skewed to city residents. Mr. DiMattio and Mrs. Loll have no representation from their particular districts. County Council and County government, because it is Home Rule, is set up to represent ALL of Erie County, including the City. He said that he doesn't know how many times he has heard that 80% of the ridership is in the City. That is true, but that also means 100% of the ridership is in the County. He stated that we are one area and we need to start acting like we are one area if we are going to improve our community and have a new way of thinking about how to conduct business, about how to solve the future problems. Dollars are going to be short and it's going to be very difficult to achieve all of the goals if we keep thinking in terms of city versus county. It is one region. In general, he commented that there is no interest to stop bus service or any type of service as it exists right now. There is money in the budget to be able to fund everything for this year and this Council is committed to doing that into the future and allow the City to keep the same level of service they have, probably expanded and enhanced, and use that money to solve other problems within their city limits and municipal boundaries. Dr. Foust hopes that they can get there soon and is always an optimist that it will happen, but he is not so sure right now. He wanted to assure the citizens that Council stands with them and Council are advocates and are working to help solve and enhance solutions to those problems in the future.

Mr. DiMattio received an email from Patricia Weber, the property manager for the senior apartments for HANDS in McKean and Edinboro. She, along with the residents, are concerned about the EMTA issues. She had two residents request to move back into the city because they are concerned that the current bus lines and services will change with the change in this Charter. He stated that nothing could be further from the truth and he assured her of that. He stated he will go and speak to the residents as well. He stated that Council has no intent of changing management at EMTA. This is about funding and board representation, this is not about when the busses are going to run, how the routes run, etc. If anything, with the County funding, it is hoped that those services would be enhanced and make it better, and possibly, with the right funding and model going forward, those routes will increase to especially serve outside the city of Erie and enhance what goes on in the city. He stated Mr. Adamus commented about the City and the County getting together and continue to negotiate. He commented that the County has invited the City NUMEROUS times and the number of letters sent are endless, and it has not happened. Council will work diligently to get this done and get it done correctly to the benefit of all the residents of Erie County. The division of the city and the county does not end at Pittsburgh Avenue. He stated that they are all Erie County residents and it is their duty that all citizens are served correctly.

Mr. Breneman commented that a lot of people may have seen the sign on West 12th Street saying \$30 million dollars being held up because two councils are fighting, and it's been playing out in the media. He stated that in looking at all the news articles this goes back over a year, and City officials knew then that County wanted to negotiate some changes before they even voted on the charter. He also stated that EMTA passed the Charter in a 6-3 vote with those very issues at hand. He stated that it's being played out in the media that it's Council vs. Council and he felt it might be giving too much credit to City Council, but they haven't been in the driver's seat on this. Of all the requests for meetings, they haven't even responded to the requests. For an issue that must be so important to them that they didn't even come back with counter proposals or come to their partner in transit for 50 years. Since the Tullio administration when he came to the County and asked the County to pay more to alleviate the City of financial burdens, one would think that if that partnership was so important to them, they would meet and work together. He felt that Council may have had too high of expectations for City Council to do this because Council sees itself as a

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legislative body representing the County, including representing the City. He commented that Council probably should have taken the City at its word a year ago where they said the charter is fine the way it is, let's not change it, and voted for it. They have not changed their tone at all in over a year. Council may have been foolish to think that they could reach out, knowing that the Mayor wasn't going to negotiate, but to think that the legislative counterparts in the City would represent their citizens and do their job to negotiate this to come to some sort of resolution in the span of more than a year. From the get go, they never changed their tune and never participated in any discussion. To those who use the transit service every day and need it daily, he commented that Council has not been sitting back for over a year waiting this out. Council knew that a charter takes time and knew it was an issue so the discussions were started very early on knowing that September, 2016, would come quickly. Nothing was ever set in stone, they were proposals and are a direct result of trying to get the City counterparts into a negotiation. Every time the City was approached, Council was met with silence and stonewalling, which resulted in another step by the County. Nothing set in stone but steps were taken just in case because Council is aware the timeline is coming around. Because of those actions, Council knows that this will be in good hands because at the end of the day, transit service will not be disrupted and those jobs will be safeguarded because the County had the foresight to take the necessary steps into account. The County did not want to come off as "bullies", but that's how it's being portrayed even though every option was given. He believes that transit services will proceed with uninterrupted service because of the actions taken by the County.

Mr. Leone stated he agreed with his colleagues regarding EMTA statements. The County has taken over 911 services from the City of Erie and that has been very successful. The County has taken over the Convention Center and that has been very successful. The County has taken over library services and has been very successful with that. The County also has the Human Relations Commission that was taken over from the City of Erie. This has been very successful as well. He does not understand how someone can say this is a political ploy by Council to try to get more control. All the County is looking for is to give citizens a much better service than they present have. He is a city resident and two of his constituents spoke today. It is difficult for him to understand, as a city resident, paying city and county taxes. He is being taxed twice for EMTA services. Does it make sense to have it be just one taxation? It is a metropolitan service and as such it should be a service by the County. It will be a much better service in the near future.

Mr. Leone then read the following report:

"In Mr. Barnes' Tuesday, March 8th speech, he made some excellent points. Let me express my thanks for his concerns. Having said that, I must express my views in the area of County government. Council members are all part time officials of County government. Each of them, with the exception of a few, have full time employment elsewhere. It is at times impossible for every member to attend all the meetings held by the organization they are appointed liaison to. This in itself leads members to depend on the individuals that report to us as giving us the correct information.

In the case of GEIDC, at every Council caucus when interviewing those individuals, we were assured that the \$3 million owed Erie County was safe. To the credit of Mr. Maloney, our CPA, he was always unsure and continued to caution us in this area.

Mr. Barnes' comments and views were and are correct. We need to be more vigilant in this area. Please also understand we all make mistakes and now we need to correct these mistakes. We, along with the County Executive, are taking that issue to heart and intend to make changes to do just that.

As a Council member, I have made many mistakes and wish I could go back and make the changes. I don't disagree that the previous CEO from GEIDC made many mistakes. However, as I view the Board of this organization – realtors, lawyers, bankers, business CEO's and others, how did they allow this fiasco to happen? Land that was purchased for far above the assessed value – I

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ask how did realtors allow this and vote for this to happen? How did bankers on this Board allow borrowing of these funds?

In the end, all of us need to review what happened and make changes so we have greater input in these decisions. I realize that we have no control over Board and Authority members. This has to change. Mr. Barnes was gracious when he said we made these mistakes, let's go on from there and learn from our mistakes and become more vigilant with our oversight responsibilities.

In conclusion, I thank Mr. Barnes for his bringing this issue to our attention.

I note that CCAP stated that the Civil Service Modernization Bill is moving forward in the Senate. They intend to make various changes in the Civil Service system. As a Council member that has fought for years to make changes, I am not impressed with this particular change. It helps in some ways; however, the change doesn't accomplish what needs to be accomplished. We will continue to deal with a system that in my estimation is unacceptable to Erie County. We need to pursue a system that eliminates the Civil Service in County areas. I intend to pursue this issue with the Administration and Personnel Department in an effort to speed up this goal. Many other counties have accomplished this task and we need to follow their lead."

Chairman Horton echoed his colleagues' sentiments with regards to the EMTA issue and thanked the citizens for coming out and having their say. He stated that this hinges on just three issues at hand, the first being the fact that no one does a 50 year contract anymore so there is no way the County could be a good steward of taxpayer money and enter into a 50 year agreement. The second is that as long as the funding formula for local match remains the same, there must be a change in the Board composition. The last is Council can't negotiate by themselves. This can only get better with communication by City legislators and with their outright refusal to sit down and negotiate is, in Mr. Horton's opinion, reprehensible with the September date looming large. He stated that as a city resident who is represented by that body, he is a little dismayed that they would not step up to the plate and do the job that they were elected to do. One thing that Council has been adamant about is not to disrupt services. As long as the funding formula remains the same, that is not a good business formula and the County can't move beyond that point because the City won't even negotiate. He stated that as Mr. Adamus and Ms. Minich organize their rally, he asked that they go with the thought that the County has no desire to micromanage the operations or change routes, and the County is in a better position to fund and has offered to do so, and the City won't even negotiate. He stated that all should feel free to contact their representatives or anyone on Council if there are concerns with the County's position on EMTA. Disabled or not, the County has the citizens, the LIFT and EMTA employees, on their minds as this issue progresses.

OLD BUSINESS

Ord. 22, 2016 – GF SA of \$1,125 for County Wellness Activities

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 22, 2016, "Ninth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$1,125 and Creation of Fees Line Item for County Wellness Activities". This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA

Dr. Foust moved to amend the agenda and make Ordinances 24 and 27, 2016, as second readings. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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NEW BUSINESS

**Ord. 23, 2016 – Cap.
Proj. SA of \$4,032,681
For Renovations**

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 23, 2016, “Second 2016 Capital Projects Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,032,681, Creation of Line Items for Renovations to Blasco Library, Prison, and Public Defender Office.

**Ord. 24, 2016 – GF SA
Of \$16,200 for PCorp
Safety Improvement
Grant**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 24, 2016, “Tenth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$16,200 and Creation of Line Item for PCorp Safety Improvement Grant”. This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 25, 2016 – GF SA
Of \$33,988 for Hiring of
Court Reporter**

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 25, 2016, “Eleventh 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$33,988 for Hiring of Court Reporter”.

**Ord. 26, 2016 – GF SA
Of \$4,289,910 for
IGT to Benefit PRM**

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 26, 2016, “Twelfth 2016 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,289,910 and Creation of Line Item for Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) to Benefit Pleasant Ridge Manor”.

**Ord. 27, 2016 – Request
Upon EMTA to
Transfer Assets to
Erie County**

Mr. Smith gave a second reading, in its entirety, of Ordinance Number 27, 2016, “Request Upon the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority to Transfer its Assets to Erie County.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of the County of Erie, pursuant to Article II, Section 3B(1)(of the Erie County Home Rule Charter and pursuant to the Act of 2001, June 19, P.L. 287, No. 22, Section 1, as amended, the Municipal Authorities Act (53 Pa.CSA. §§5619 and 5622), the County of Erie hereby signifies its desire and intention to acquire the assets and assume the obligations of the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority and, to such end, hereby requests the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority to convey, transfer, assign and set over to Erie County all of its property, real and personal, tangible and intangible, including, without limitation, any rights to or interests in real estate, equipment and vehicles, government contracts, grant applications, funding agreements, construction, union and purveyor contracts and any other third party agreements. **FURTHER**, Erie County requests that the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority express its desire and intention to abide by the mandate of Erie County by notifying the County in writing of its desire and intention to do so within fifteen (15) days of the date of receipt of this Ordinance. **FURTHER**, the transfer of assets as herein contemplated by the County, shall be made to Erie County or the Erie Regional Transit Authority as the County shall so determine. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption”.

This was moved by Dr. Foust and seconded by Mr. Leone.

Mr. DiMattio commented that this is a very important issue. There have been many EMTA Board meetings that Mr. DiMattio has attended, along with other Council members when able, but he found it strangely suspicious that there was no one from the media this evening with this ordinance on the agenda.

April 12, 2016 Ordinance Number 27, 2016, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 10, 2016 –
In Support of IGT
Agreement**

Dr. Foust moved to table Resolution 10, 2016. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 11, 2016 –
Approval of the DCNR
Application for Erie
County Greenways Plan**

This resolution was pulled by the Administration prior to tonight's meeting.

**Res. 12, 2016 – In
Opposition to Waukesha
Diversion Application**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 12, 2016, "In Opposition to Waukesha Diversion Application". This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Breneman, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 13, 2016 – In Support
Of 2-1-1 Referral
System**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 13, 2016, "In Support of Establishing 2-1-1 Referral System in County of Erie". This was moved by Mr. Breneman, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 14, 2016 – Appr.
Appt. of Deputy Tax
Collector in Corry**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 14, 2016, "Approving the Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector in the City of Corry". This was moved by Mr. DiMattio, seconded by Dr. Foust, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 15, 2016 – Exon.
Of Taxes in Conneaut
Twp./NWSD**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 15, 2016, Exonerating Delinquent Taxes on One Abandoned Trailer/Property #04-008-056.0-015.50 in Conneaut Township and the Northwestern School District". This was moved by Dr. Foust, seconded by Mrs. Loll, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 16, 2016 – Exon.
Of Taxes in Springfield
Twp./NWSD**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 16, 2016, "Exonerating Delinquent Taxes on One Abandoned Trailer/Property #39-024-050.1-011.49 in Springfield Township and the Northwestern School District". This was moved by Dr. Foust, seconded by Mrs. Loll, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 17, 2016 – Exon.
Of Taxes in McKean
Twp./Gen. McLane SD**

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 17, 2016, "Exonerating Delinquent Taxes on Three Abandoned Trailers/Properties #31-001-020.2-013.55, 31-001-020.2-013.82, and 31-013-047.2-003.98 in McKean Township and General McLane School District". This was moved by Dr. Foust, seconded by Mrs. Loll, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**BOARD/AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Breneman moved to approve the appointment of Luisa Marengo-Heifner to an unexpired four-year term on the Erie County Human Relations Commission. This was seconded by Mr. Leone and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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SALE OF PARCELS

Dr. Foust moved to approve the Sale of Parcels from Repository for Unsold Property at Index Number 15-021-006.0-128.00. This was moved by Dr. Foust, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary
