

November 4, 2009

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Public Hearing on 2010 Budget

Mr. Cleaver, Chairman, called to order a Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Caucus Room, Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Members Present: Mr. Cleaver, Chairman
Mr. Foust, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fatica
Mr. Giles
Mr. Leone
Mr. Mitchell

Members Absent: Mrs. Loll

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
Joseph P. Maloney, Council CPA
Jim Sparber, Director of Finance
Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting

Adjournment

There being no public testimony, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary

November 4, 2009 Minutes of Oct. 20, 2009 Reg. Mtg. apprvd. Agenda amended. Creation of New Line Item for HR HUD Grant adopted; Creation of New Line Items for Crt Ordered Placements adopted; Creation of New Line Item for Unrest. Bond Issue Fees adopted; Creation of Line Items for PLCB Grant in DA Ofc adopted; HVAC Addition & Security Card Reader adopted; Creation of Position & New Line Items for PCCD in PD Ofc adopted; Creation of New Line Items for Grant in Vet Affairs adopted. First Rdgs: MH/MR Revis. Rev. & Exp. to Reflect Revis. Rev & Expd Prjctns; 2010 budget ordinances. In Sprt of Epxanding Membership of COG adopted; Confirming Cnty Solicitor to Serve as Acting Cnty Exec adopted. Ronald Chapman and J. Hallenburg reappt'd to Erie Cnty Conservation District. Sr. Mariam Mashank reappt'd to Erie Cnty Housing Authority.

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Mr. Cleaver, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. in Court Room H of the Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the County Clerk called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Cleaver, Chairman
Mr. Foust, Vice Chairman
Mr. Fatica
Mr. Giles
Mr. Leone
Mrs. Loll
Mr. Mitchell

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Members Absent: None

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

Mr. Cleaver congratulated all elected officials in Erie County on their success. Hopefully, they will lead the City and the County in the right direction. Mr. Mitchell congratulated Mr. Cleaver on his re-election.

Minutes Mr. Leone moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009 Regular Meeting. Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance Committee Mr. Giles reported the Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 29, 2009 and began the meeting with an Executive Session to discuss with Council's attorney, Tom Talarico and the County Solicitor, Wally Knox, the current STIDA lawsuit and what position the county would take in that regard.

The Committee also approved second readings for Ordinances 137 through 142, and agreed to place on the agenda for first readings Ordinances 143 through 161 with the stipulation that Ordinance 143 would be moved to a second reading this evening. He explained this is a grant for Veterans' Affairs and is fairly routine. Also on the agenda are Resolutions 61 and 62, as well as the reappointment of Ron Chapman and J. Hallenburg to the Erie County Conservation District.

Personnel Committee Mr. Fatica reported the Personnel Committee met following the Finance Committee meeting and agreed to place Ordinance 142 on the agenda for a second reading.

New Line Items for HUD Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 137, 2009, "2009 General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures And Creation Of New Line Item For Human Relations HUD Grant." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

New Line Items Ct. Ordrd Placements Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 138, 2009, "2009 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Revised Expenditures And Creation Of New Line Items For Court Ordered Placements." Mr. Fatica moved to adopt; Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

New Line Item for Unrest. Bond Issue Fees Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 139, 2009, "2009 Gaming Fund Budget Revised Expenditures And Creation Of New Line Item For Unrestricted Bond Issue Fees." Mr. Mitchell moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded.

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New Line
Item for Unrest.
Bond Issue Fees

Mr. Leone stated that he must abstain from this issue based on the rule from the State Ethics Commission:

Ann Bruno
County Council Secretary
Erie County Courthouse
140 West 6th Street
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Mrs. Bruno:

As an employee of an architectural firm, I am required by the Ethic's Code (Ethic's Act) to abstain and refrain from speaking about any issue that might possibly involve this firm regardless of whether or not this firm would bid on the issue.

Sincerely,

/s/ Fiore Leone
County Council – 3rd District

Mr. Cleaver called for a vote on Ordinance Number 139, 2009, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-0-1, Mr. Leone abstaining.

New Line
Items for PLCB
Grant in DA Ofc

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 140, 2009, "Forty-Sixth 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation And Creation Of New Line Items For PLCB Grant In District Attorney's Office." Mr. Leone moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

HVAC Addition
& Security Card
Rdr System

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 141, 2009, "Forty-Seventh 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For HVAC Addition And Security Card Reader System." Mr. Leone moved to adopt; Mr. Mitchell seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Position & New
Line Items for
PCCD Grant in PD

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 142, 2009, "Forty-Eighth 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation, Creation Of A Position And New Line Items For PCCD In Public Defender's Office." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Agenda Amended

Mr. Giles moved to amend the agenda to include Ordinance Number 143, 2009 for a second reading and add Sister Mariam Mashank to be reappointed to the Erie County Housing Authority as Item X on the agenda. Mr. Leone seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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New Line
Items for Grant
In Vet. Affairs

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 143, 2009, "Forty-Ninth 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation And Creation Of New Line Items For Grant In Veterans Affairs." Mr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Giles noted for the students in the audience the first readings consist of budget ordinances. Because these are first readings, they are simply read in title only. On November 17th, they will be read in their entirety, and this is a much longer meeting.

First Readings

Mr. Smith gave first readings of the following ordinances:

Ordinance Number 144, 2009, "2009 MH/MR Fund Budget Revised Revenue And Expenditures To Reflect Revised Revenue And Expense Projections"

Ordinance Number 145, 2009, "2010 Domestic Relations Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 146, 2009, "2010 Planning Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 147, 2009, "2010 Library Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 148, 2009, "2010 Public Health Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 149, 2009, "2010 Public Safety Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 150, 2009, "2010 Pleasant Ridge Manor Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 151, 2009, "2010 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Reserve Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 152, 2009, "2010 Health Choices Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 153, 2009, "2010 Drug and Alcohol Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 154, 2009, "2010 Children and Youth Services Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 155, 2009, "2010 Mental Health/Mental Retardation Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 156, 2009, "2010 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 157, 2009, "2010 Gaming Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 158, 2009, "2010 Debt Service Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 159, 2009, "2010 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 160, 2009, "2010 General Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 161, 2009, "2010 Real Estate Tax Levy"

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Mr. Giles commented for the audience that the sum total of the ordinances just read set the budget for the various departments starting in January 2010 and the net impact of that is approximately \$350 million.

In Sprt of Expanding
COG

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Resolution Number 61, 2009, "In Support Of Expanding The Membership Of The Erie Area Council Of Governments." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded.

Mr. Leone asked how many municipalities this involves. Mr. Giles responded that he attended the COG meeting today in Millcreek Township, and this is just suggesting that the door be opened to those who want to join the COG if they feel it is important. What makes this interesting is the change in state law regarding tax collection. This can be done electronically in some partnership and all of the municipalities, including the city, are interested in using this methodology going forward to some degree. The e-government piece of this is making what has been typically done in the past expanded and more attractive to municipalities. Things will be done in a new and technologically sensitive way so that this will end up being a very attractive package.

Mr. Cleaver called for a vote on Resolution Number 61, 2009, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Cnty. Solicitor to
Act As Cnty Exec.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Resolution Number 62, 2009, "Confirming The County Solicitor To Serve As The Acting County Executive." Mr. Leone moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ronald Chapman
Appt'd to Erie Cnty
Conservation District

Mr. Leone moved to reappoint Ronald Chapman to the Erie County Conservation District; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

J. Hallenburg appt'd
To Erie Cnty
Conservation District

Mr. Foust moved to reappoint J. Hallenburg to the Erie County Conservation District; Mr. Leone seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Sister Mariam Mashank
Reappt'd to Housing Auth.

Mr. Giles moved to reappoint Sister Mariam Mashank to the Erie County Housing Authority; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary
