

January 3, 2012

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Reorganization Meeting

Mr. Smith, County Clerk, called to order a Reorganization Meeting of the Erie County Council at 11:00 a.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll recited a prayer.

Roll Call

Mr. Smith called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Beeman
Mr. Cleaver
Mr. Fatica
Dr. Foust
Mr. Giles
Mr. Leone
Mrs. Loll

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
Thomas Talarico, Council CPA
Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting

Chairman Elected

Mr. Smith opened the floor for nominations to the office of County Council Chairman. Mr. Leone nominated Mr. Fatica; Dr. Foust seconded. Mr. Leone moved to close the nominations; Dr. Foust seconded the motion. There being no objections, the nominations for the office of County Council Chairman were closed.

Mr. Smith called for the vote on the nomination of Mr. Fatica, and Mr. Fatica was elected to the office of County Council Chairman in a unanimous roll call vote.

Vice Chairman Elected

Mr. Fatica opened the floor for nominations for the office of County Council Vice Chairman. Mr. Leone nominated Mr. Giles; Dr. Foust seconded. Mr. Leone moved to close the nominations; Dr. Foust seconded. There being no objections, the nominations for the office of County Council Vice Chairman were closed.

Mr. Fatica called for a vote on the nomination of Mr. Giles as Vice Chairman of County Council and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Presentation To Mr. Leone

Mr. Fatica noted that it is a tradition to present a plaque to the outgoing chairman of Council. However, this time Mr. Smith and Mr. Fatica put their heads together to come up with what he feels is a wonderful gift for Mr. Leone. He presented Mr. Leone with a humidor.

Mr. Leone expressed his appreciation for the gift and read the inscription:

*Thank you for your service as Chairman of Erie County Council
1979, 1983, 1987, 1992, 2004, 2007 and 2011*

A round of applause followed.

New Chairman's
Comments

Mr. Fatica stated that Council has some large issues on the table which will be addressed in the upcoming year. Council Members have been provided a copy of a proposed meeting schedule for 2012 and he asked Council Members to advise either him or Mrs. Bruno of any potential conflicts.

Mr. Fatica appointed Mr. Giles to act as Finance Chairman. Mr. Giles brings considerable experience to this position. Serving as Chair of the Personnel Committee will be Mrs. Loll who also brings considerable experience to the table.

Mr. Fatica again noted that Council has many issues pending and Council will deal with them in the same manner Council has been known to deal with them; in a very fair, honest and sincere manner. He can see great distances, as someone once sagaciously said, "we have stood on the shoulders of giants." The people sitting here with Mr. Fatica have moved this Council forward with professionalism, expertise and knowledge. It is tough to beat the experience that Mr. Giles, Mr. Leone, Dr. Foust, Mr. Cleaver, Mrs. Loll and Mr. Beeman bring to the table, as well as from a historical perspective.

Mr. Fatica expressed his happiness and appreciation at being elected Chairman of Council and thanked everyone for their vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary
