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ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Dr. Foust, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. at the Union City High School LGI Room, 105 Concord Street, Union City, PA. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Loll recited the following prayer:

“Let us pray. We would like to thank you first for the recovery of one of our past members, Paul Foust. Thank you for the speedy recovery so that he could attend, with his family and friends, the anniversary of his wedding. We ask that he continue in good health. O Christ, give us patience, faith and hope that we can and will do our best to serve the people who trust us to make decisions for them. Teach us by your words to be stronger than the dark, the light, the wrong and the right. Give our lives meaning and direction and the opportunity to do our best no matter what the circumstances. We remember we live and die and Christ died and lived. Amen.”.

Dr. Foust thanked members of Council for their kind words and prayers over the last few days.

Mr. DiMattio gave a general welcome to all in attendance from the Union City area. He thanked members of the Union City Borough and the School District Board for letting Council use their facility. He gave a special welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Arden Earl. Mr. Earl is a D-Day veteran who was part of the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry that stormed the beaches of Normandy, and who just returned from France after being there with other members of his group to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Mr. DiMattio thanked Mr. Earl for his service to the country.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk  
James Sparber, Director of Finance  
Sue Ellen Pasquale, General Accounting Manager  
Erick Friedman, IT Director

**HEARING OF  
THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Randy Barnes, Harborcreek Township; Mr. Barnes talked about the agreement the County has with the GEIDC since 2006. The County agreed to take out a bond and give the GEIDC \$3 million to buy large acres of property. GEIDC is to prepare quarterly reports to the County and the last

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one he saw was in April of 2012. Mr. Barnes questioned whether DevelopErie has been keeping Council apprised of the projects. He felt that there were eight quarters that are showing no report. This money was given to the GEIDC interest free, but it means that taxpayers are paying the interest on that bond. He felt it was important that County Council demands and reviews reports from the GEIDC and what they are doing with this money. He also stated that the GEIDC is supposed to get Council approval on these projects.

Mr. David Robinson, Union Township, Executive Director of the Union City Family Support Center; Mr. Robinson wanted to speak in support of Resolution 40, 2014, regarding the Pre-K for NWPAC Campaign. He stated a large part of the UCFSC's work is pre-school education programs. He also wanted to thank Councilman Horton for getting the ball rolling and moving the issue on the summer jobs program. He stated it was the right move for County Council to step in and support this initiative. There were 40 applications taken in the first hour in Union City. He stated that there are several organizations in the area that are willing to hire these young people this summer. He asked Council to nurture it next year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Leone moved to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2014, regular meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Fatica and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND/OR HER DESIGNEE**

Mr. Sparber stated there was no report for this meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Fatica reported that the Finance Committee met on June 12 2014, and agreed to move the following items onto the agenda: New Business: Ordinances Number 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, and 81, along with Resolutions 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40; the appointment of Ms. Luvennise Gamble to the Human Relations Commission Advisory Board, and sale of parcels from the repository.

Dr. Foust expanded on this stating that Ordinances 75, 2014 up to and including Ordinance 82, 2014, would be moved to second readings.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. DiMattio reported on the Personnel Committee meeting that immediately followed the Finance Meeting on June 12, 2014. He stated that the Personnel Committee agreed to add the following items to the agenda: Under New Business – Ordinance Number 82, 2014, which is a companion ordinance to Ordinances 78, 79, and 80.

**REPORTS BY COUNCIL**

Mr. DiMattio stated it was nice to be out in Union City. He gave an update on KLN and the Troyer Plant issue. Things seem to be moving ahead as planned, but not as quickly as everyone would like. Mercyhurst University completed their archaeological dig and there are no Native American artifacts on the property where the construction will take place. KLN would like to see things move a bit quicker, but are confident they will be frying chips around July 7<sup>th</sup>. KLN has had over 1,000 applicants and have hired between 80 and 100 people thus far. Mr. DiMattio feels that this development is a huge win for Erie County, and more so Waterford and Union City due to location. He hopes that this is just the beginning of bigger and better things regarding an economic impact for the area.

Mr. Breneman stated that he had the opportunity to attend one of the Destination Erie events in Millcreek. The turnout and dialogue was great. He encouraged everyone to attend one of these events and participating if possible. Mr. Breneman also had the opportunity to see the turnout for job applicants for the Summer Jobs and More Program. The youth were very well prepared and had their parents or guardians with them. He felt that because of the equitable stipulations that

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were put in place in separating the application and selection period and favoring the lottery selection of qualified candidates, Council will be able to see a more accurate picture of not only the need but also the interest by the youth. He hopes to have employers embrace this program in the future and see it as an opportunity for them to train the next workforce.

Mr. Breneman also wanted it added to the record that today is his son, Elijah's, third birthday.

**MOTION TO AMEND  
THE AGENDA**

Dr. Foust explained to the audience that oftentimes they will move things from a first reading onto a second reading to dispose of them more quickly. He stated that this would occur with most business on tonight's agenda. He further explained that resolutions require only one reading, as well as other matters on the agenda, and that there would not be a lot of debate as most of the discussion occurred at the Finance and Personnel Committee meetings, which are held the previous Thursday of the Tuesday regular meeting.

Mr. Leone moved to amend the agenda and to have Ordinances 75 through 82 moved to second readings. This was seconded by Mr. Horton and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 74, 2014** – Gen.  
Fund Rev. Exp. Of  
\$52,500 & Creation of  
Bus. Svc. Rep. Pgm.  
Line Item

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 74, 2014, "2014 General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$52,500 and Creation of a *Business Service Representative Program* Line Item."

**SECOND READINGS**

**Ord. 75, 2014** – 16<sup>th</sup> Gen.  
Fund. SA of 2 MS Tablets  
Donated by NWPA ERG

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 75, 2014, "Sixteenth 2014 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of Two Microsoft Surface Tablets Donated by the Northwest PA Emergency Response Group". This was moved by Mr. DiMattio, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 76, 2014** – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Pub. Health SA of  
\$5,288 for Add'l  
Funding in Aids  
Grant Bureau

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 76, 2014, "Fourth 2014 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,288 for Additional Funding in Aids Grant Bureau". This was moved by Mr. Fatica, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 77, 2014** – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Gen. Fund SA of \$430  
For Co. Solicitor Ofc.  
Supplies

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 77, 2014, "Seventeenth 2014 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$430 for County Solicitor Office Supplies". This was moved by Mr. Leone and seconded by Mr. DiMattio.

Mrs. Loll made a motion to amend the face sheet and exhibit of Ordinance Number 77, 2014, to read \$43 instead of \$430. This was seconded by Mr. Horton and Ordinance Number 77, 2014, as amended, carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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**Ord. 78, 2014** – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Gen. Fund SA of  
\$101,966 & Line  
Item for County  
IT Dept.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 78, 2014, “Eighteenth 2014 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$101,966 and Creation of Line Items for County Technology Department”. This was moved by Mr. Fatica and seconded by Mr. Breneman.

Mr. Breneman commented that he met with Mr. Friedman and was very impressed by the work that he has accomplished and what is planned for the future. Mr. Breneman feels that there will be true cost savings and some real impact on the County as a whole.

Mr. Fatica noted that Mr. Friedman was in the audience and thanked him for attending tonight’s meeting.

Ordinance Number 78, 2014, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 79, 2014** –  
Library Fund Rev.  
Exp. Of \$8,000 for  
Costs Share with IT  
Dept.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 79, 2014, “2014 Library Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$8,000 for Costs Share with the County Technology Department”. This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Horton, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 80, 2014** –  
Public Health Fund  
Rev. Exp. Of \$230 for  
Costs Share with IT  
Dept.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 80, 2014, “2014 Public Health Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$230 for Costs Shared with the County Technology Department”. This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. DiMattio, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Ord. 81, 2014** – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Public Health Fund  
SA of \$10,000 for  
Tobacco Grant Bur.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 81, 2014, “Fifth 2014 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,000 for Tobacco Grant Bureau”. This was moved by Mr. Fatica and seconded by Mr. Horton.

Mr. Fatica commented that the Health Department is on the track of e-cigarettes because they’re not sure how to handle this issue because they are advertised everywhere. Mr. Fatica stated that they present a health risk and the Health Department is very concerned about his issue, especially with the youth.

Ordinance Number 81, 2014 carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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**Ord. 82, 2014** –  
Pub. Safety Rev.  
Exp. Of \$95,516 for  
Positions Moving  
To County IT Dept.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 82, 2014, “2014 Public Safety Fund Budget Revised Expenditures of \$91,516 for Positions Moving to County Technology Department”. This was moved by Mr. DiMattio, seconded by Mr. Leone, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Res. 36, 2014** –  
Auth. To File App. For  
Funds with PA DCED –  
Emerg. Sol. Grant Pgm.

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 36, 2014, “Authorization to File Application for Funds with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Emergency Solutions Grant Program”. This was moved by Mr. Leone, seconded by Mr. Fatica, and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 37, 2014** –  
Exon. Of Taxes  
In City of Erie &  
School District

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 37, 2014, “Exonerating Taxes on One Abandoned Trailer/Property #18-050-030.0-219.00 in the City of Erie and the City of Erie School District”.

**Res. 38, 2014** –  
Exon. Of Taxes In  
Union City Borough  
& UCA School Dist.

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 38, 2014, “Exonerating Taxes on One Abandoned Trailer/Property #41-004-006.1-008.93 in Union City Borough and the Union City Area School District”.

**Res. 39, 2014** –  
Exon. Of Taxes in  
Iroquois School  
Dist. & Wesleyville  
Borough

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 39, 2014, “Exonerating Taxes on One Abandoned Trailer/Property #50-001-009.0-1.65 in the Iroquois School District and Wesleyville Borough”.

Mr. Leone made a motion to vote on Resolutions 37, 38, and 39 all at once. This was seconded by Mr. DiMattio and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**Res. 40, 2014** –  
In Support of the Pre-K  
For PA NWPA  
Campaign

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 40, 2014, “In Support of Pre-K for PA NWPA Campaign”. This was moved by Mr. Fatica and seconded by Mr. Horton. Mr. Horton commented that Pre-K is a moral issue and that every child should be offered an affordable kick start to their education. There will be benefits that will be reaped as a county and as a society, and he feels this campaign is a win-win for the business community, the educators, and the families of Erie County.

Mr. Fatica stated that he and Mr. Horton are co-sponsoring this resolution. He further commented that education has changed and that kindergarten is now 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and children are expected to know how to read, write, their numbers, colors, etc. This program gives students a leg up in their education. Resolution 40, 2014, then carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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**BOARD/AUTHORITY  
APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Fatica moved to appoint Luvennisse Gamble to a four year term on the Human Relations Commission Advisory Board. This was seconded by Mrs. Loll and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

**SALE OF PARCELS**

Mr. Fatica moved to approve the Sale of Parcels from Repository for Unsold Property at Index Numbers 22-005-014.0-014.00, 31-013-047.3-003.87, and 33-030-054.0-013.00. This was seconded by Mr. Horton and carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Deneé M. Breter, Council Secretary

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