

May 22, 2007 Minutes from May 1, 2007 Reg. Mtg. approved. Agenda Amended. Gen. Fund S.A. to E911 Fund adopted; Gen. Fund. S.A. to EMA Fund adopted; Library Fund S.A. for Donation from Technology Mgmt Assoc. adopted; E911 S.A. for Reorg. Of Staff adopted; EMA S.A. for Elimination of Positions adopted; Creation of Line of Credit for Erie County Care Mgmt. adopted. First Rdgs. S.A. for Purchase of KVM Switch; Gen. Fund Budget for transfer to other funds; MH/MR SA. For Transfer from Gen. Fund; D & A S.A. for Transfer from Gen. Fund; Dom. Rel. S.A. for Transfer from Gen Fund; E911 S.A. for Transfer from Gen. Fund; PH S.A. for Transfer from Gen. Fund; Library S.A. for transfer from Gen. Fund; EMA S.A. for Transfer from Gen. Fund; PRM S.A. for Transfer from Gen. Fund; Appt. Officials Salary part-time Public Defender position. \$816,000 Tax Exempt Note Boys & Girls Club of Erie Prjct. adopted; \$2,600,000 Tax Exempt Note Community Resources for Independence Prjct. adopted; Support of Amendments to HRC Advisory By-Laws adopted. Sale of Parcel approved.

#### ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Mr. Leone called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Smith called the roll:

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

Members Absent: Mr. Augustine  
Mr. Mitchell

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk  
Sean Wiley, Director of Administration  
Stephanie Freeman, Director of Finance  
Thomas Talarico, Council Solicitor

Citation Presented  
To George H. Hooker

Mr. Foust asked Chief Hooker to come forward, and noted that Chief Hooker retired after 12 years with the Wesleyville Police Department following 25 years with the Pennsylvania State Police. Mr. Foust has had the pleasure of knowing Chief Hooker for approximately ten years, as Chief Hooker provided internship to Mr. Foust's students from Mercyhurst College. Chief Hooker has always been a true public servant and enthusiastic about his job. Although the Borough of Wesleyville will miss him, he will continue working at the Presque Isle Downs. Mr. Foust presented Chief Hooker with a citation and congratulated him on his years of service. A round of applause followed.

Hearing of  
The Public

Stacy Sharples, 1138 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, approached Council and stated that she has been appearing before Council for ten years. When a child is placed for adoption through OCY, the child will either end up in a mental institution, prison or in some type of harm. Her children were placed for adoption by OCY, and her sons have been in and out of mental institutions as well as her daughter. This county has covered up everything that's been done wrong. There have been investigations, but nothing was done. Gary Lucht is still covering things up. She is tired of telling her children this wasn't her fault.

Minutes Mr. Giles moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 1, 2007. Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance Committee Mr. Foust reported the Finance Committee met on May 17, 2007 at the Union City High School prior to the public hearing regarding gaming funds, and agreed to place on the agenda Ordinances 46, 47, and 48. Under New Business, the Committee also agreed to place on the agenda Ordinances 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61, as well as Resolutions 30, 31, and 32. In addition, the possible sale of parcel from repository was placed on the agenda.

Personnel Committee Mr. Cleaver reported the Personnel Committee met on May 17, 2007 in Union City and agreed to place on the agenda for second readings Ordinances 49 and 50, and for a first reading Ordinance 62.

Agenda Amended Mr. Giles moved to amend the agenda to include Ordinance Number 51, 2007 for a second reading due to the constraints regarding the new corporation, Erie County Care Management, Inc. Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Loll's Report Mrs. Loll reported that on May 8, 2007, she attended a voting machine demonstration at the Elk Creek Township Building. Although the turnout was low, the effort on the part of the Clerk of Elections and the poll workers to once again educate the public on the use of machines was appreciated.

On May 10, 2007, Mrs. Loll had the privilege of being invited to attend the Kennedy Peace Center and Library Dedication Ceremony at the Community Country Day School. She stated it was in honor of the late Reverend Charles Kennedy and Mrs. Mary Beth Kennedy for pioneering quality education and offering hope to children in Erie County. The school has been extensively renovated, and more renovations are planned for the near future. The new library is in need of books in all categories. Knowing Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Loll is confident she can accomplish this with the help of her family.

Mr. Giles' Report

Mr. Giles reported that he had received a letter from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dated May 4, 2007:

Dear Mr. Giles:

Thank you for submitting a copy of the Erie County Human Relations Commission's Ordinance Number 39.

Mr. Giles explained this ordinance, recently adopted by Council, amended the language to reflect the federal requirements.

The FHAP Division forwarded the ordinance to the Department's Office of General Counsel for a legal analysis on May 4, 2007. We anticipate a response from the OGC in approximately 90 days and will forward the response to you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Myron P. Newry  
Acting Director  
FHAP Division of HUD

Mr. Giles further explained that this issue will open the door for federal funding for the Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Foust asked Mr. Giles whether the amount was \$500,000 or less, and Mr. Giles responded the amount was approximately \$530,000 over a three year period. When this matter was

discussed, Mr. Giles was cautioned with some issues; one being that when this money comes, it comes with strings attached; a piece of this must go to training as the agency is very particular about this from a legal point of view. Also, a time commitment on the part of the elected officials and the commission side in terms of supporting this is also expected. Mr. Giles gave assurance that both requirements would be complied with.

Almshouse  
Cemetery

Mr. Giles also wished to extend his gratitude to the *Times News* for the article in today's newspaper regarding the Almshouse Cemetery. Although it primarily focuses on the Coroner with respect to his role and relationship to the cemetery, this has been something near and dear to Mr. Giles' heart for many years. A grant has been secured through Representative Evans for some capital improvements to the cemetery, and a request will be made to the county to match that grant. No capital work has been done on the site for a number of years, and the desire is not only to make this a dignified place, but to make sure it is maintained properly as well.

Mr. Foust's  
Report

Mr. Foust submitted the following report:

On May 8, 2007 Mr. Foust attended the Six Mile Park Committee meeting. The consultant hired to complete the master site plan for the park was present at this meeting to answer any questions and review a time line for the plan.

On May 11, 2007, Mr. Foust attended the Apprentice Competition held at Neville Island in Pittsburgh. This competition was sponsored by the Greater Pennsylvania Regional Council of Carpenters.

Gen. Fund S.A. E911  
for Dept. Reorganization

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 46, 2007, "Thirteenth 2007 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation to E911 Fund for Department Reorganization." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Gen. Fund S.A. EMA  
For Dept. Reorganization

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 47, 2007, "Fourteenth 2007 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation to EMA Fund for Department Reorganization." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Donation from Erie  
Tech. Mgmt. Assoc.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 48, 2007, "Second 2007 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Donation from Erie Technology Management Association." Mr. Foust moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

E911 S.A. for Reorg.  
Staff, Waiver of  
Personnel Code

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 49, 2007, "Third 2007 E911 Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for the Reorganization of E911 Staff, Waiver of Section 11A (5) (j) of the Personnel Code, and Creation of a New Line Item." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Cleaver seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

EMA S.A. Elimination  
Of Positions

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 50, 2007, "Third 2007 EMA Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Elimination of Positions and Creation of a New Line Item." Mr. Cleaver moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Creation of Line of  
Credit for Erie Cnty.  
Care Mgmt., Inc.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 51, 2007, "Fifteenth 2007 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation, Creation of a Line of Credit for Erie County Care Management, Inc. and a New Line Item." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Cleaver seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

First Readings

Mr. Smith gave first readings, in title only, of the following ordinances:

Ordinance Number 52, 2007, "Sixteenth 2007 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation to General Accounting for the Purchase of a KVM Switch and Creation of a New Line Item"

Ordinance Number 53, 2007, "2006 General Fund Budget Revised Expenditures for Transfers to Other Funds"

Ordinance Number 54, 2007, "Second 2006 MH/MR Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 55, 2007, "Second 2006 Drug and Alcohol Abuse Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 56, 2007, "Second 2006 Domestic Relations Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 57, 2007, "Sixth 2006 E911 Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 58, 2007, "Fourteenth 2006 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 59, 2007, "Twenty-Second 2006 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 60, 2007, "Tenth 2006 EMA Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 61, 2007, "First 2006 Pleasant Ridge Manor Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation for Transfer from the General Fund"

Ordinance Number 62, 2007, "2007 Appointed Officials Salary Ordinance for a Vacancy in Part Time Assistant Public Defender Position"

Gen. Auth. Tax  
Exempt Note Boys  
& Girls Club of Erie

Mr. Leone called for a reading of Resolution Number 30, 2007, "Erie County General Authority \$816,000.00 Tax Exempt Note Boys & Girls Club of Erie, Inc. Project." Mr. Smith gave a reading in title only. Mr. Leone confirmed with Attorney Talarico, Council Solicitor, that this resolution did not have to be read in its entirety. Mr. Leone then called for a motion to adopt. Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Gen. Auth. Tax  
Exempt Note  
Comm. Resources  
For Independence  
Prjct.

Mr. Smith gave a reading, in title only, of Resolution Number 31, 2007 "Erie County General Authority \$2,600,000.00 Tax Exempt Note Community Resources for Independence Project." Mr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Amendments to  
By-Laws of HRC  
Advisory Board

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 32, 2007, "In Support of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Erie County Human Relations Commission Advisory Board." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; and Mr. Foust seconded the motion.

Mr. Giles pointed out that on page 84 of the Finance Agenda, it indicates the mission statement: "Community Resources for Independence is committed to preserve, and enhance and enrich the quality of life for all people with disabilities."

Mr. Leone called for a vote on Resolution 32, 2007, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Sale of Parcel  
From Repository

Mr. Foust moved for the sale of parcel from repository for unsold properties at Index Number: 18-050-024.0-205.00. Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary

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