

May 12, 2009 Minutes from Reg. Mtg. April 28, 2009 approved. PH SA for Completion of Software Contract adopted; Library SA for Donation of Bookmobile Awning adopted; Gen. Fund SA "Tap Into Erie" Grant adopted; Gaming Fund SA for Econ. Dev. Initiative Transfer to Gen. Fund for "Tap Into Erie" Grant adopted; In Sprt of Agmt Btwn Erie, Corry, Millcreek Twp & Cnty Erie for JAG adopted; Gaming Fund SA for HS Initiative & Public Safety Assets adopted; Gen. Fund SA for Sheriff Overtime From 5th St Security adopted; Gen. Fund SA to Reinstate Pt Time Adm. Clerk in HRC adopted; Public Sfty SA for Creation of 8 Telecom. Positions adopted. First Rdgs: Library Fund SA for Donation from Friends of Library; Gen Fund SA for Transfer to C&Y; Gen. Fund SA for Transfer to PH; Appt'd Off. Salary Vacancy in Pt Time Asst PD Position; C&Y Fund SA for Transfer of Positiosn Btwn ELT Shelter & ELT Deten. Cntr; PH SA for Upgrade of Environ. Health Pos per Arb. Award. Exon. Taxes on 38 Abandoned Trailers/Props in Corry SD, Cty of Corry, Concord Twp & Wayne Twp adopted. In Sprt of PA Senate Bill 419 adopted. Aprvl of Sale of Parcels from Repository.

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 the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse. 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

Members Absent: Mr. Mitchell

Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
Thomas Talarico, Council Solicitor
Sean Wiley, Director of Administration
Jim Sparber, Director of Finance
Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting

Minutes Mr. Giles moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 28, 2009. Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance Committee Mr. Giles reported the Finance Committee met on May 7, 2009 and agreed to place on the agenda Ordinances 62 through 66 and Ordinance 72 for second readings; Ordinances 73 through 75 for first readings, as well as Resolutions 29 and 30. Also on the agenda is the approval of the sale of several parcels from the repository.

Personnel Committee Mr. Fatica reported the Personnel Committee met on May 7, 2009, and agreed to place on the agenda for second readings Ordinance 67, 68, 69, and 71, as well as 76, 77, and 78 for first readings.

Council Summer
On The Road
Show

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Mr. Cleaver noted that Council will be starting its annual "On The Road Show" in June. The dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, June 9, 2009	Corry City Building 100 South Center Street Corry, PA 16407
Tuesday, July 21, 2009	Girard Borough 34 Main Street Girard, PA 16417
Tuesday, August 18, 2009	North East Township 10300 West Main Road North East, PA 16428
Tuesday, September 15, 2009	Springhill Senior Living Community 2323 Edinboro Road Erie, PA 16509

Mr. Giles wished to point out that this was one of the first times a joint Finance Committee and Personnel Committee meeting was held that was very brief.

Mr. Foust's
Report

Mr. Foust reported that some movement has been made in response to the resolution passed by Council in support of the high speed rail corridor that is missing from the National Rail Plan. In addition to resolutions he received from various municipalities that he mentioned at the last Council meeting, he has received additional resolutions from Franklin Township, Greene Township, Waterford Borough, Summit Township, and Greenfield Township. Mr. Foust also received a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation which casts doubt on how much of a real national rail plan there is, and gives hope to the fact that this plan can be amended in the future if pressure can be continued to be applied to those who will have influence over those decisions. The next local meeting for this particular issue is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. That agenda will include discussion on the formation of some sort of local group to act as the advocates to include the Buffalo through Erie to Cleveland corridor.

Mr. Fatica's
Report

Mr. Fatica reported that he sponsored Resolution No. 30, 2009 which is on this evening's agenda. He explained this is in support of Senate Bill 419 which would allow for the electronic publication of legal notices. Currently, legal notices must be advertised in printed material. The Senate and House are trying to come together on this issue so that municipalities and counties can advertise on their own websites. He further explained that there will be conditions, but this is a first step. Mr. Fatica thanked Mr. Talarico for providing him advice on this matter. This is a state ordinance; local municipalities and counties cannot do this on their own. This must be done through the state. The resolution will be sent to other agencies and municipalities in the surrounding area. Representatives, particularly Jane Earll's Office, has been very cooperative in this matter and wanted to know whether support exists for this bill. Mr. Fatica believes it has support and noted that Erie County spends thousands to advertise in printed press; money that could be spent elsewhere.

Agenda
Amended

Mr. Leone moved for a second reading of Ordinance Number 73, 2009, "Third 2009 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Donation From Friends Of The Library." Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

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PS SA for Software
Contract

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 62, 2009, "Fifth 2009 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Completion Of Software Contract." Mr. Leone moved to adopt; Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Library Fund SA
For Donation of
Bookmobile Awning

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 63, 2009, "Second 2009 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Donation Of Bookmobile Awning." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Leone seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Gen. Fund SA for
Tap Into Erie Grant

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 64, 2009, "Twenty-Second 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For "Tap Into Erie" Grant And The Creation Of A New Line Item." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Leone seconded.

Mr. Leone moved to amend the Ordinance to add the following language:

"Amended to Unrestrict \$20,000 from Competitive Grants/Business Attraction
001-002010-006209"

Mr. Giles seconded the motion to amend, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Cleaver called for a vote on Ordinance Number 64, 2009, as amended, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Gaming Fund SA
For Econ. Devl.
Initiative

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 65, 2009, "Ninth 2009 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Economic Development Initiative Transfer To General Fund For "Tap Into Erie" Grant And The Creation Of A New Line Item." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinances 66 and 72
Tabled

Mr. Giles moved to table Ordinance Number 66, 2009, "In Support Of An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Erie City, Corry City, Millcreek Township And The County Of Erie For A Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award" and Ordinance Number 72, 2009 "Tenth 2009 Gaming Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Human Service Initiatives And Public Safety Assets." Mr. Leone seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Hire of Staff Acct
Position in Ad. Prob.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 67, 2009, "2009 General Fund Budget Hire Of Staff Accountant Position In Adult Probation Pursuant To Section 11AJ Of The County Personnel Code." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Sheriff Overtime
Fails

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 68, 2009, "Twenty-Third 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Sheriff Overtime From 5th Street Security." Mr. Foust moved to adopt. Mr. Fatica seconded, and the ordinance failed in a roll call vote of 3-3, Mrs. Loll, Mr. Leone, and Mr. Cleaver voting no.

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Pt. Time Adm.
Clerk in HRC
Reinstated

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 69, 2009, "Twenty-Fourth 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation To Reinstate The Part Time Administrative Clerk In The Human Relations Commission." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded.

Mr. Foust moved to amend the ordinance and Exhibit B of the ordinance to correct the position number as follows: 0002210-003 ~~4~~. Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Creation of 8
Telecomm.
Positions Apprvd

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 71, 2009, "Sixth 2009 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For The Creation Of Eight (8) Telecommunicator Positions." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded.

Mr. Giles pointed out that the Finance Committee meeting was attended by Joe Weindorf, his staff, as well as representatives from the City of Erie Fire and Police along with the Millcreek dispatching system. As a result of those discussions, Council was reassured that in the reorganization of the department, there is no anticipated significant increase in staffing, and also with respect to the PEMA review of the department, which is a standard review process to make sure that every system is in place and working according to design, there is no implication, as well, that there would be a request for an increase in staff. Knowing both of these issues, Council is comfortable with the ordinance as presented this evening.

Mr. Cleaver called for a vote on Ordinance Number 71, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Donation From
Friends of Library

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 73, 2009, "Third 2009 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Donation From Friends Of The Library." Mr. Leone moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded.

Mr. Giles reported that the Friends of the Library held their celebration on Saturday, May 9th at the Library thanking all of the many volunteers who work at the library system. Both Mr. DiVecchio and he were present for that celebration. Mr. Giles noted this is a nice event for many of the volunteers who are retirees and provide both value and support to the library system. This is much appreciated.

Mr. Cleaver called for a vote on Ordinance Number 73, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

First Rdgs

Mr. Smith gave first readings of the following ordinances:

Ordinance Number 74, 2009, "Twenty-Sixth 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Transfer To The Children & Youth Services Fund"

Ordinance Number 75, 2009, "Twenty-Seventh 2009 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Transfer To The Public Health Fund"

Ordinance Number 76, 2009, "2009 Appointed Official's Salary Ordinance Vacancy In Part Time Assistant Public Defender Position" (Personnel Committee)

Ordinance Number 77, 2009, "Second 2009 Children & Youth Services Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Transfer Of Positions Between ELT Shelter and ELT Detention Center"

Ordinance Number 78, 2009, "Sixth 2009 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Upgrade Of Environmental Health Position Per Arbitration Award"

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Exon. Taxes on Aban.
Trailer/Prop

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 29, 2009, "Exonerating Taxes On Thirty-Eight Abandoned Trailers/Properties In The Corry Area School District, City Of Corry, Concord Township, And Wayne Township." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

In Sprt. of Senate
Bill 419

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 30, 2009, "In Support of Pennsylvania Senate Bill 419 Allowing for Electronic Publication Of Legal Notices By Municipalities." Mr. Fatica moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded.

Mr. Giles noted that this is one of the many issues that have come before the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. Through Mr. Leone and the County Governance Committee, as well as the Board of CCAP, this has been historically lobbied for and it is good to see this issue moving forward.

Sale of Parcels Apprvd.

Mr. Foust moved to approve the sale of parcels from the repository at Index Nos:

07-025-051.0-001.00
21-034-039.0-005.00
21-034-039.0-006.00
21-035-016.0-111.00
21-035-016.0-102.00
21-035-040.0-001.00
21-035-041.0-001.00
21-035-041.0-002.00
21-035-041.0-003.00
40-012-046.0-001.15

Mr. Leone 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
