

May 19, 2010 Minutes of May 4, 2010 Reg. Mtg. Apprvd. First Rdgs: Library SA & Creation of New Line Items for Family Search Prgm; Line Item for Tracking Collection Reimbursements; Line Item for Port Access Tower Expend. & Maint.; Gen. Fund SA for Transfer to PS for Port Access Tower Prjct. In Sprt of Three Yr Agrmt Btwn Cnty of Erie & Erie Earn It Prgm adopted. Sale of Parcels apprvd.

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Dr. Foust, 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, Erie, Pennsylvania. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the County Clerk called the roll:

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

May 19, 2010

Members Absent: None

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

Minutes Mr. Leone moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 4, 2010; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance Committee Mr. Fatica reported the Finance Committee met on May 13, 2010 and agreed to place on the agenda Ordinances 64, 65, 66, and 67 for first readings. Also on the agenda for possible adoption is Resolution Number 26 along with the possible approval of the sale of 15 parcels from the repository for unsold properties.

Personnel Committee Mr. Fatica's Comments Mrs. Loll reported that no personnel items were placed on the agenda.

Mr. Fatica thanked Mr. Smith, Clerk of Elections, and his staff for an outstanding job on the Primary Election held yesterday. Everything ran smoothly and professionally.

Dr. Foust's Report Dr. Foust asked that the following letter be included in the minutes:

May 17, 2010

Joseph S. Kujawa, Chairman
Board of Millcreek Township Supervisors
3608 West 26th Street
Erie, PA 16506-2037

Dear Mr. Kujawa:

Thank you for speaking to Erie County Council at its public meeting on the 4th of May. Regarding your allegations of abuse of power on the part of Mrs. Weber, the Erie County Controller, no elected official is above the law. If infractions occur, they need to be investigated. If they aren't, the public would quickly lose confidence in the officials who represent them.

Per your request, and following the receipt of a letter from Councilman Leone requesting a discussion on the matter, I solicited the "sense of Council" during an informal discussion after our Finance Meeting on the 13th of May. During that discussion, no consensus developed to formally investigate the matter for the following reason: your allegations have been forwarded to the Attorney General of Pennsylvania who has a litany of professionals trained to investigate such allegations. As a result, and at this time, Erie County Council feels more comfortable with this matter being addressed by the Attorney General rather than a Councilmanic Investigation.

Erie County Council's lack of formal action regarding the matter should not be perceived as a judgment of any kind regarding Mrs. Weber's alleged abuse(s) of power. County Council reserves the right to address your allegations later if necessary.

Thank you again for bringing this issue to light. If I can be of further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dr. Kyle W. Foust, Chairman

Erie County Council

cc: Members of Council

Barry Grossman, County Executive

First Readings

Mr. Smith gave first readings of the following ordinances:

Ordinance Number 64, 2010, "Third 2010 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation And Creation Of New Line Items For Family Search Program"

Ordinance Number 65, 2010, "Fourth 2010 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation And Creation Of New Line Item For Tracking Collection Reimbursements"

Ordinance Number 66, 2010, "Fifth 2010 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation And Creation Of New Line Item For Port Access Tower Expenditures And Maintenance"

Ordinance Number 67, 2010, "Twenty-Fourth 2010 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Transfer To Public Safety Fund For Port Access Tower Project"

In Sprt of Three
Yr Agrmt Btwn
Erie Cnty & Earn It

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 26, 2010, "In Support Of A Three Year Agreement Between The County Of Erie And Erie Earn-It Program, Inc." Mr. Leone moved to adopt; Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Sale of Parcels
From Repos.
Approved

Mr. Giles moved for the approval of the sale of parcels from the repository at Index Nos:

15-020-031.0-207.00	24-012-036.8-074.38
17-040-021.0-130.00	31-008-045.0-009.00
18-050-033.0-228.00	33-016-019.0-268.24
21-054-092.1-001.87	33-016-019.0-268.37
21-054-092.2-001.74	33-016-019.1-268.96
24-002-007.0-039.00	33-026-159.0-002.58
24-002-007.0-040.00	33-056-242.0-099.81
24-012-036.4-074.28	

Mr. Leone seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary
