

November 1, 2011 – Public Hearing 2012 Budget

Mr. Leone, Chairman, called to order a Public Hearing on the 2012 Erie County Budget at 6:00 p.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the County Clerk called the roll:

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

Members Absent: Dr. Foust

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

Adjournment There being no public testimony, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary

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November 1, 2011 Minutes of Oct. 18, 2011 Reg Mtg. approved. Agend Amended. Grant Funds for Bridge Inspec. adopted. Liquid Fuels SA for Bridge Inspections adopted. Creation of New Pos. & New Line Items for Refugee Health Grant adopted. First Rdgs: Domestic Rel. Fund Budget; Planning Fund Budget; Lib. Fund Budget; PH Fund Budget; PS Fund Budget; PRM Fund Budget; PRM Dep. Reserve Fund Budget; HealthChoices Fund Budget; D&A Fund Budget; C&Y Fund Budget; MH/MR Fund Budget; Liquid Fuels Fund Budget; Gaming Fund Budget; Debt Svc Fund Budget; Empl. Fringe Benefit Fund Budget; Gen. Fund Budget; Real Estate Tax Levy. PH SA For Tob. Grant; Estab. Crim. & Civ. Penalties for Viol of Pa Retail Food Safety Act; PS Revis. Rev. & Expend. Apprv. Revis. To FY 2009 CDBG adopted. Apprvl of 4 Yr Agrmt Btwn Cnty of Erie & Highmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield adopted. Rescind. Res. Number 35, 2011 adopted. Ratifying Sale of Erie Cnty Real Prop. adopted. In Sprt of Prev. Wage for Erie Cnty Prjcts adopted. Ebony B. Davis appt'd to HRC Brd. Christopher Parker reappt'd to Airport Auth.

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Mr. Leone, 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, Mrs. Loll recited a prayer.

Roll Call The County Clerk called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Leone, Chairman  
Mr. Fatica, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Beeman  
Mr. Cleaver

Dr. Foust  
Mr. Giles  
Mrs. Loll

Members Absent: None

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

Mr. Leone recognized students from Penn State Behrend and Cathedral Preparatory School in the audience.

Minutes

Mr. Giles moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 Regular Meeting. Mr. Fatica seconded and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Finance  
Committee

Dr. Foust reported the Finance Committee met on October 27, 2011 and agreed to place Ordinances 94 and 95 on the agenda for second readings. Under New Business, the Committee agreed to place Ordinances 97 through 113, which are budget items, as first readings. Also on the agenda are Ordinances 114 through 116 for first readings. The Committee discussed during caucus moving those to second readings. The possible adoptions of Resolutions 42 through 47, as well as the appointment of Ebony Davis to the Human Relations Commission and the reappointment of Chris Parker to the Erie Regional Airport Authority.

Personnel  
Committee

Mr. Cleaver reported the Personnel Committee met on October 27, 2011 and agreed to place Ordinance 96, 2011 on the agenda for a second reading.

Mr. Giles'  
Report

Mr. Giles reported that the General Assembly has to redistrict seats for the Senate and the House. The plan was released yesterday, and Mr. Giles noted that before the redistricting this area had five members of the General Assembly on the House side and that has now been reduced to four. The seat that was relocated was John Evans' seat and in turn, the House Member who is from Mercer now has a district from Mercer up to and through Fairview, and from the middle part of Crawford County up to Lake Erie as well. Brad Roae and Michele Brooks are the representatives, one of them has had experience as a county commissioner. Mr. Giles' concern is that this area once had five seats and now has four dedicated to Erie County and that does cause some concern. There is also some recommended change in the Senate seat as well. It has expanded in terms of the base for Jane Earll's seat and he believes she is almost all of Erie County.

The base of this is what has happened to the population in Pennsylvania. While the local population has remained flat, Centre County's population has increased dramatically and there is a population going east of State College. The same number of seats will be in the House and Senate, but their location and geography have changed. Erie County will be losing a voice to help advance any issues that may arise.

Mr. Leone explained to the audience the procedure for ordinances and resolutions.

Agenda  
Amended

Dr. Foust moved to amend the agenda to include Ordinances 114, 115, and 116 as second readings. Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Grant Funds for  
Bridge Inspections

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 94, 2011, "Third 2011 Planning Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$500,000 In Grant Funds For Bridge Inspections." Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Liquid Fuels SA  
For Bridge Inspec.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 95, 2011, "Fifth 2011 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For \$100,000 For Bridge Inspections In Erie County." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Refugee Health  
Grant

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 96, 2011, "Ninth 2011 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$3,419, Creation Of New Position And New Line Items For Refugee Health Grant." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Cleaver seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

First Rdgs.

Mr. Smith gave first readings of the following ordinances:

Ordinance Number 97, 2011, "2012 Domestic Relations Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 98, 2011, "2012 Planning Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 99, 2011, "2012 Library Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 100, 2011, "2012 Public Health Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 101, 2011, "2012 Public Safety Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 102, 2011, "2012 Pleasant Ridge Manor Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 103, 2011, "2012 Pleasant Ridge Manor Depreciation Reserve Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 104, 2011, "2012 Health Choices Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 105, 2011, "2012 Drug and Alcohol Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 106, 2011, "2012 Children and Youth Services Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 107, 2011, "2012 Mental Health/Mental Retardation Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 108, 2011, "2012 Liquid Fuels Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 109, 2011, "2012 Gaming Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 110, 2011, "2012 Debt Service Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 111, 2011, "2012 Employee Fringe Benefit Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 112, 2011, "2012 General Fund Budget"

Ordinance Number 113, 2011, "2012 Real Estate Tax Levy"

Tobacco Grant From  
Inc. in Comm. Fund.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 114, 2011, "Tenth 2011 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation Of \$120,000 For A Tobacco Grant From An Increase In Commonwealth Funding." Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

Estab. Penalties for  
Viol. Of Pa. Retail  
Safety Act

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 115, 2011, "Establishing Criminal And Civil Penalties For Violation Of The Provisions Of The Pennsylvania Retail Food Safety Act And Civil Penalties For Violation Of The Food Employee Certification Act." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 5-2, Mr. Beeman and Mr. Cleaver voting no.

Agenda Amended

Dr. Foust moved to amend the agenda to include Ordinance Number 117, 2011, "2012 Erie County Care Management Budget." Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

PS Revis. Reven. &  
Expend. & Creation  
Of New Bureau for  
HMRF Grant

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 116, 2011, "2011 Public Safety Fund Budget Revised Revenues And Expenditures Of \$82,732 And The Creation Of New Bureau For HMRF Grant." Mr. Fatica moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

Apprvg. Revis to  
2009 CDBG

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 42, 2011, "Resolution Approving A Revision To Erie County's FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Apprvl of 4Yr  
Agrmt for Empl.  
Health Ins.

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 43, 2011, "Approval Of Four Year Agreement Between The County Of Erie, Highmark Blue Cross-Blue Shield Of Western Pennsylvania And Hubbard Bert Karle Weber, Inc. For Employee Health Insurance Products And Administration." Mrs. Loll moved to adopt; Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Auth. ECIDA to  
Dev. Plan for Prop.  
TIF

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 44, 2011, "Authorizing The Erie County Industrial Development Authority To Develop A Tax Increment Financing Plan For A Proposed TIF District To Include All Or Part Of The Hessinger And Robison Redevelopment Area (Pending Certification) And Designating A Representative From The County Of Erie To Participate In The Development Of A Tax Increment Plan For This Proposed TIF District." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded.

Dr. Foust moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Section 2. Cooperative Actions

The appropriate public officials of the County of Erie are hereby ~~directed~~ **encouraged** to take such actions in cooperation with the ECIDA and any participating taxing bodies in furtherance of the development of an acceptable TIF Project Plan that will be brought before the Erie County Council and to schedule and conduct any and all public hearings required by the Act to permit public comment prior to final approval and implementation of any TIF Project Plan.

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

Mr. Leone noted two names need to be added as representatives. As liaison, Mr. Leone will be one of those representatives and he will find out from Mr. Elliot of the Erie County Industrial Development Authority if he would like someone from administration as the other representative. Otherwise, Mr. Leone will appoint another council member. Mr. Leone called for a vote on the resolution as amended, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Rescind. Res.  
35, 2011

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 45, 2011, "Rescinding Resolution Number 35, 2011."  
Mrs. Loll moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Ratify. Sale of  
Parcel

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 46, 2011, "Ratifying The Sale Of Erie County Real  
Property Parcel Number 29-006-012.0-011.00." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mrs. Loll seconded, and it  
carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

In Sprt of  
Prevail. Wage  
Erie Cnty Prjcts

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 47, 2011, "In Support Of Prevailing Wage For Erie  
County Projects." Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll  
call vote.

Ebony David appt'd  
To HRC Brd.

Mr. Giles moved to appoint Ebony Davis to the Human Relations Commission. Dr. Foust seconded,  
and it was unanimously approved.

Christopher Parker  
Reappt'd to  
Airport Auth.

Dr. Foust moved to reappoint Christopher Parker to the Erie Regional Airport Authority. Mrs.  
Loll seconded, and it carried in unanimous roll call vote.

First Rdg.

Mr. Smith gave a first reading of Ordinance Number 117, 2011, "2012 Erie County Care  
Management Budget."

Adjournment

There being no further, business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary

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