

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on
Wednesday October 3, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Council Members present: Brennan, Evans, Horan-Kunco, Merski,
Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

On motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon, the reading of
the minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2012 were dispensed with and same adopted
with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members
Brennan, Evans, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

Copies of the bills under date of September 19, 2012, September 28, 2012 and
October 5, 2012, were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members
Brennan, Evans, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

By Mr. Evans, Council File No.15,816, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 35-2012
An Ordinance **amending** the Business Regulation and Taxation Code of the City
of Erie, Article 381, **Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA)**,
by identifying target and non-target areas, with 10-year residential property benefit
in target areas and a 5-year in non-target; providing a 50% abatement for new
commercial/industrial improvements within certain zoning districts, with additional
abatement for job creation, a 10-year benefit for all additional/alterations to
existing structures, continuing the need for an Appeals Board, and a ten-year
sunset provision.

By Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Seconded by Mr. Merski that Pending Official File Ordinance No. 35-
2012, is hereby amended to include, W-R (Waterfront Residential District) under Section 2
(e) "Investment Opportunity Area".

October 3, 2012, City Council adopt the amendment by yeas Council Members
Brennan, Evans, Horan-Kunco and Merski. 4. Nays 3. Mr. Winarski, Witherspoon and
Jones.

October 3, 2012. City Council on motion of Mr. Evans, Seconded by Mr. Winarski
having read Council File No. 15,816, now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 35-
2012 does hereby adopt on Final Passage as amended by yeas Council Members Brennan,
Evans, Horan-Kunco, Merski and Winarski. 5. Nays 2. Witherspoon and Jones.
October 3, 2012, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Witherspoon, Council File No. 15,817
An Ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$5,000.00** from unappropriated and
anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof. Police Drug and
Vice Program.

October 3, 2012. City Council on motion of Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mr.
Merski having read Council File No. 15,817, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas
Council Members Brennan, Evans, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones.
7. Nays. 0.
October 3, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, Resolved, etc.
That a letter be sent to Governor Thomas Corbett and to Gary Alexander, Secretary
of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, requesting that the proper officials of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reconsider their recent decision to declare the **City of Erie
as a rural designation** under Department of Public Welfare funding guidelines, which will
result in massive cuts in public services funds to needy non-profit organizations which
provide essential services to those in most need in Erie and Erie County.

October 3, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Evans,
Horan-Kunco, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.
October 3, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Evans, Resolved etc.

A RESOLUTION KEEPING ASIAN CARP OUT OF THE GREAT LAKES

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence represent the largest body of surface fresh water in the world and are a vibrant diverse ecosystem that is critically important to the economic well-being and quality of life of the Canadian and U.S. populations in the region;

WHEREAS, over 180 invasive species have entered the Great Lakes and its connecting water ways over the years and caused widespread damage and disruption to the natural balance of the system, as well as significant economic damage;

WHEREAS, one of the most serious threats ever presented by invasive species currently comes from Asian carp, including silver, bighead and black varieties;

WHEREAS, these varieties of carp were introduced to the southern United States for use in fish farms for algae control in the 1970's and escaped into the Mississippi River system.

WHEREAS, invasive species have already inflicted hundreds of millions in damage across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence, and invasive carp pose a serious threat to the \$7 billion sport and commercial fishery that support the economy and help define the culture of the entire region;

WHEREAS, the invasive carp have migrated northward through the Mississippi River system as far north as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, reducing significantly or eliminating populations of the more desirable species of fish because of their voracious food consumption and prolific reproduction;

WHEREAS, the invasive carp are threatening to enter the Great Lakes at a number of points across the region;

WHEREAS, many federal, state, provincial, and local government agencies in the United States and Canada have worked diligently and expended tens of millions of dollars over the past 10 years on a variety of projects to keep invasive carp out of the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed and operates an electric barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal that may have helped slow or stop the movement of the invasive carp larger than 4 inches toward Lake Michigan;

WHEREAS, including the invasive carp, there are 39 invasive species in the two basins that present a threat to cross over into the other basin in the near future;

WHEREAS, once an invasive species establishes itself in an ecosystem, it is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to eradicate it, and often inflicts serious damage on the ecosystem and imposes major costs in efforts to control it;

WHEREAS, Asian carp pose a dangerous risk of injury to recreational users on waters infested with Asian carp;

WHEREAS, Canadian and U.S. citizens across the basin have expressed serious concern about the invasive carp and other invasive species, and are demanding prompt action;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army of Engineers is conducting a multiyear, comprehensive study across the U.S. side of the Great Lakes basin called the "Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study" (GLMRIS) that examines 19 separate locations where invasive carp could cross from the Mississippi River Basin to the Great Lakes Basin, and considers a large number of potential ways to stop the further migration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the invasive carp in the Mississippi River system pose one of the greatest threats to the integrity and well-being of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem, including the 40 million Canadians and Americans who live there;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that preventing the invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence ecosystem needs to be approached with the greatest sense of urgency by all those responsible for dealing with this matter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical separation is the most effective way to keep invasive carp from entering Lake Michigan through the Chicago Area Waterway System, and such barriers would also prevent the movement of many other invasive species from one basin to the other; so,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical separation is feasible and can be done in a way that maintains or enhances water quality, flood control, and transportation in the system;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional steps must be taken in the interim to keep invasive carp out while the long term solution is put in place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Erie strongly urges all parties involved to identify a preferred solution to the invasive carp issue and move forward to implement that solution with the greatest sense of urgency.

October 3, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Evans, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

October 3, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Merski, Resolved etc.

Receiving the communications from **City of Erie Authorities** pursuant to **Act 339** listing the names, positions and salaries of their respective employees for the six month period ending June 30, 2012 and ordering same placed on file in the Office of Accounts, Finance and Budget:

The Erie Housing Authority	Erie Co. Convention Center Authority
The Erie Parking Authority	Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Erie Airport Authority	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Erie Redevelopment Authority	Erie Park Authority/Zoological Society
The Erie Water Authority	

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By Mr. Evans, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, Resolved, etc.

That the following amounts are transferred in the Office of Debt Service.

<u>Transferred From</u>			<u>Transferred To</u>		
<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>
\$9,065.04	460-1061-0000-4870	Note Int.	\$9,065.04	460-1061-0000-4805	Pitney Bowes Leases

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By Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to execute contracts between the City of Erie and the following individuals and/or companies for goods and/or services as noted and the City Council does hereby ratify and confirm the said transactions which are to be charged to the respective Budget Code Numbers, viz:

1. **Kelly-Creswell**, 1221 Groop Road Springfield, OH 45504 for a truck chassis mounted paint road striping unit for Paint & Sign Division for the Bureau of Streets at a cost of \$201,086.00.
2. **Suit-Kote Pennsylvania**, 10965 McHenry Street, Meadville, PA 16335 for the Proposed Micro Surfacing West 8th Street from Pittsburgh Avenue to Greengarden Road, at the unit price of \$4.47/SY, in the sum of not to exceed \$90,000.00.
3. **Suite-Kote Pennsylvania**, 10965 McHenry Street, Meadville, PA 16335 for the Proposed Crack Filling of Various City Streets, in the sum of \$75,000.00.
4. **Electrical and Mechanical Systems, Inc.**, 316 Cherry Street, Erie, PA 16507 for the Proposed Air Conditioning Units, South Central Fire Station-EECBG, in the sum of \$52,397.00.
5. **3Rivers Fire Equipment**, 1319 Airbrake Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145, for fifteen (15) sets each of bunker pants and jackets, for the Bureau of Fire at a total cost of \$30,645.00

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By Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Merski, Resolved, etc.

That the Purchasing Agent is authorized and directed to issue purchase orders to the following individuals and/or companies for goods and/or services as noted and the City Council does hereby ratify and confirm the said transactions which are to be charged to the respective Budget Code Numbers, viz

1. **Erie Truck & Trailer, Inc.**, 12737 Rt. 19 S., Waterford, PA 16441 for the purchase and installation of a hydraulic tarp system for the roll off truck used to transport sludge & ash to the landfill for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$11,081.00.

2. **Sinus Computer Solutions, Inc.**, 613 N.W. Loop 410, Suite 1000, San Antonio, TX 78216 for hardware and software maintenance renewal for a computer system for the Office of Computer Services at a cost of \$11,294.50
3. **David Milano Construction**, 2202 Zimmerly Road, Erie, PA 16506, for materials only, for the Bureau of Sewers/Treatment Department of Public Works at a total cost of \$15,079.69.
4. **Mayer Brothers Construction**, 1902 Cherry Street, Erie, PA 16502, for emergency curb installation, for the Bureau of Sewers/Collection, Department of Public Works at a total cost of \$18,200.00.
5. **Cramer Motors**, 10215 West Main Road, North East, PA 16428, for two (2) transmissions, less 2 core returns, for the Municipal Garage, Department of Public Works at a total cost of \$3,720.00.

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October 3, 2012 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

October 3, 2012 City Council on motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon, adjourned at 10:30 A.M. by yeas Council Members Brennan, Evans, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk