

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Council Members present: Kwitowski, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

On motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 2017 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays. 0.

Copies of the bills under date of June 2, 2017 and June 9, 2017 were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays. 0.

By Mr. Jones Council File No. 15,990

Pending Official File Ordinance 14-2017

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500,000.00 from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received as a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development **Keystone Communities Program** which will be utilized to strategically improve neighborhood housing through acquisition and demolition of blighted properties, homeowner rehabilitation projects and resident-identified neighborhood beautification projects.

June 7, 2017. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Brennan having read Council File No. 15,990 now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 14-2017 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Brennan Council File No. 15,991

An ordinance amending the Zoning Code of the City of Erie, Article 2, 3 and 6 by adding a provision to allow an "**Urban Garden**" as a **Permitted Use** and "**Market Garden**" as a Special Exception in R-2, R-3 and RLB districts, defining such uses and requirements.

June 7, 2017. City Council on motion of Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington having read Council File No. 15,991 does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Winarski Council File No. 15,992

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$126,757.00 from unappropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof.
2017 INSURANCE FRAUD PREVENTION AUTHORITY

June 7, 2017. City Council on motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington having read Council File No. 15,992 does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones Council File No. 15,993

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,000,000.00 from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget as funding from the **Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP)** and will be utilized to assist in the planning and construction of a dental school in the City of Erie.

June 7, 2017. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Arrington having read Council File No. 15,993 does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones Council File No. 15,994

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$252,664.00 from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG '17) projects. **Pulled at the request of Economic and Community Development.**

By Mr. Jones Council File No. 15,995

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$658,639.00 from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the following **HOME (M17) projects. **Pulled at the request of Economic and Community Development.**

By Mr. Jones Council File No. 15,996

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,804,559.00 from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and \$14,000.00 program income for a total of \$2,818,599.00 for the following **FY 2017 projects. **Pulled at the request of Economic and Community Development.**

By Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington, Resolved, etc.

WHEREAS, Northwestern Pennsylvania is the most populated area of the Commonwealth which is not served by a community college; and

WHEREAS, City of Erie taxpayers currently pay taxes to support the Commonwealth's 14 existing community colleges; and

WHEREAS, Empower Erie was awarded funding through a consortium of local grant providers to work toward the establishment of a community college; and

WHEREAS, Empower Erie and Erie City Council have determined that should a community college open within Erie County that the high school students from the city of Erie could earn college credits through dual enrollment programs; and

WHEREAS, Empower Erie has determined that it would provide pathways to employment through designing the curriculum at the community college which would provide students with the specific skills needed by area employers; and

WHEREAS, a community college is critical to maintaining a well-educated and well-trained workforce to further the city of Erie's economic progress and prepare next-generation workers for a job market in which it is projected that more than 60 percent of new jobs over the next decade will require at least an associate degree; and

WHEREAS, a community college operating within Erie County would be accessible, affordable and able to provide transferable credits and a pathway to higher educational attainment for the students of the City of Erie.

AND NOW, THEREFORE, this 7th day of June, 2017 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Erie City Council of the City of Erie, the following:

1. Recitals. That the above recitals are incorporated as if more fully set further herein.
2. Declaration of Support. That the Erie City Council of the city of Erie supports Empower Erie in its efforts to establish a community college within Erie County.
3. Presentation of Resolution. That a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Empower Erie for their use in advocating for a community college.

THIS RESOLUTION, offered by Mr. David Brennan, is hereby approved by majority of the Erie City Council of the city of Erie on the date first indicated above.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski and Witherspoon. 5. Nays 2. Council members Winarski, Kwitowski.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the Mayor and City Controller are authorized to execute the Transportation Alternative Program Federal-Aid Reimbursement Grant Agreement **No. R170100001 (MPMS No. 108951)** between the City of Erie and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of transportation for the construction of the **2017 City of Erie Milling and Asphalt Resurfacing Federal Aid Local Route**

The total amount eligible to be [reimbursed to the Municipality](#) is \$500,000.00.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the City of Erie and **Bayfront East Side Taskforce** in which funds awarded to the City through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development **Keystone Communities Program** will be utilized to carry out the Neighborhood Housing Improvements project. The project will focus on acquisition and demolition of blighted properties, homeowner rehabilitation projects, and neighborhood beautification projects.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the City of Erie and **Erie Redevelopment Authority** in which funds awarded to the City through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development **Keystone Communities Program** will be utilized to carry out the **Neighborhood Housing Improvements project**. The project will focus on acquisition and demolition of blighted properties, homeowner rehabilitation projects, and neighborhood beautification projects.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are authorized and directed to execute an agreement between the City of Erie and **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine "LECOM"** to assist in the planning and construction of a **dental school** in the City of Erie not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the communication received from the [City Planning Commission](#) recommending the request of rezoning submitted by **Erie Insurance Exchange**, acting through its Attorney-in-Fact, Erie Indemnity Company, for the property that is currently classified as R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to **RLB (Residential Limited Business)** [the property](#) East 4th to East 5th Street middle of the 200 block east to Parade Street, East 5th to East 6th Street from the middle of the 200 block, east to German Street (where it will abut existing RLB and Commercial zones), and south side of East 6th Street from German Street east to the Commercial zone of Parade Street, (this would include only the properties facing East 6th Street), be hereby approved and authorizing and directing the City Clerk to advertise notice of a **Public Hearing** to be held before City Council, in City Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Erie, PA on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at approximately 8:00 p.m. concerning this request.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

Approving the Mayor's recommendation to appoint **Mr. Armand Chimenti** of 4223 Ellsworth Ave, Erie, PA 16509 to fill the vacancy of Mr. Gary Antalek to the Erie [Planning Commission](#). His term will expire 5/31/2021.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

A resolution authorizing and directing the proper City of Erie officials and the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to forgive and **exonerate** the below listed tax liens, together with all penalties, interest, and fees that have accrued, against the identified properties which have been acquired at various times by the [Redevelopment Authority](#) of the City of Erie for purposes of mitigating blight. * - Represents amount of just compensation as ordered by the Court of Common Pleas.

TAXPIN	Address	Tax Years	Total Taxes (at Face Value)
14010014021100	437 East 4 th St.	2016	1,822.10
17040028022100	963 W 6th St	2009,2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016	12,648.47
14010022020800	1023 West 10 th St.	2016	903.06
15020022011300	431 East 11 th St.	2016	613.45
15020022011200	435 East 11 th St.	2016	1,504.16
15020028023400	550 East 14 th St.	2016	543.15
18050002010500	2304 French St.	2016	240.17
18050011020400	2412 German	2016	12.90
18051024020800	1839 Prospect St. Ash St. BET 9 th & 10 th St.	2013	911.28
15020031012200	601 East 9 th St.	1996,1997, 1998, 1999	500.00*
15020031012100	601 East 9 th St.	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001	3,000.00*
	Totals		21,787.46

****Pulled at the request of Redevelopment Authority**

By Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington, 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 do hereby ratify and confirm the said transactions which are to be charged to the respective Budget Code Numbers, viz:

1. **McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP**, 1920 West 8th Street, Erie, PA 16505 for the preparation of the 2016 Annual Audit/Financial Report of the Finance Office of the City of Erie not to exceed the amount of **\$112,000.00**.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington, 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. **Dwyer Excavating**, 210 West Townhill Road, Waterford, PA 16441, for a demolition at 435 West 4th Street, for the Bureau of Economic and Community Development at a total cost **\$7,900.00**.
2. **Dwyer Excavating**, 210 West Townhill Road, Waterford, PA 16441, for a demolition at 525 East 25th Street, for the Bureau of Economic and Community Development at a total cost **\$7,400.00**.

3. **Leo's Pneumatics & Hydraulics, Inc.**, 1821 Franklin Avenue, Erie, PA 16510, for the repair of the ORF [Recovery Pump](#) #1 for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$3,245.00.
4. **Monitoring Solutions, Inc.**, 4440 High School Road, Indianapolis, IN. 46241-6402 for the emergency service and repair of the [Continuous Emission Monitors](#) (CEMS) for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$4,689.34.
5. **Perram Electric, Inc.**, 6882 Ridge Road , Wadsworth, OH 44281, for the removal and replacement of conduit at West 6th Street & Sassafras Street, for the Department of Public Works, of the City of Erie at a total cost of \$4,830.00.
6. **A.A. Anthony & Sons., Inc.**, 1450 West 21st Street, Erie, PA 16502 for concrete sidewalk and driveway at J.C. Martin Golf Course in the amount of \$9,675.00.
7. **CDW-G**, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL 60675-1515 for two (2) Synology Servers and ten (10) Datacenter Hard Drives needed to increase additional storage space for the Office of Computer Services at a cost of \$9,148.00.
8. **Synergy Business Forms, Inc.**, 3802 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505 for 2017 & 2018 tax bill envelopes and tax paper for the Office of City Treasurer at total cost of \$6,406.88.
9. **Proforma**, 3204 Glenwood Park Avenue, Erie, Pa 160508 for the 2017 & 2108 blank laser tax bill labels for the Office of City Treasurer at a total cost of \$3,690.00.
10. **BIU**, 1805 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506 for the [March 2017 Mechanical Inspections](#) for the Bureau of Code Enforcement at a total cost of \$12,193.30.
11. **The Hite Company**, P.O. Box 1754, Altoona, PA 16603-1754, for the amount of \$2,195.14 for two (2) lighted concrete bollard in Perry Square.

June 7, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.
 June 7, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

May 31, 2017

RE: Erie Redevelopment Design Review Committee

Dear Rose:

Please be advised that I have made the following appointment to the Western PA Authority Board.

Mr. Carl Wolfram has been appointed to fill the unexpired Port Authority Board term created by the resignation of Mr. Jeffrey Johnson. His term will expire 12/31/2018.

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

Sincerely

Joseph E. Sinnott
 Mayor

June 7, 2017, City Council on motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington adjourned at 10:39 A.M. by yeas Council Members Kwitowski, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

 President of City Council

Attest: _____
 City Clerk