

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

Council Members present: Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon. 7. Yeas. 0. Mrs. Arrington absent.

On motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Ms. Allen, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of February 7, 2017 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon. 6. Nays. 0. Copies of the bills under date of February 16, and February 23, 2018, were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski, Witherspoon and 6. Nays. 0.

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Council File No. 15,616

An ordinance amending Part V (**Traffic Code**), Title Five (Stopping, Standing and Parking), **Article 521** (Parking Generally), **Article 523** (Parking Meters) and **Article 530** (Immobilization of Vehicles), by increasing penalty provisions, re-designating off-street parking facilities, authorizing the issuance of parking permits, deleting reference to the City of Erie Traffic Court and adding **Article 531** (Administrative Reimbursement).

February 21, 2018. City Council on motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski having read Council File No. 15,616, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays 0.

February 21, 2018 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Ms. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Winarski, Resolved, etc.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ERIE, THAT

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation (PA) is the process, and the result, of the psychological manipulation of a child into showing unwarranted fear, disrespect or hostility towards a “targeted” parent/and or other family members.

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation involves the programming of a child to align with the “favored” parent as a means to meet their emotional and psychological needs. The narcissistic or self-centered parent will manipulatively use conditional displays of affection combined with conditional displays of hostile rejection to coerce the child into severing contact with their other parent; and

**WHEREAS**, The pathology of Parental Alienation represents a form of emotional and psychological domestic violence in which a narcissistic or self-centered spouse/or ex-spouse will use the child/children as a weapon to inflict emotional trauma on the other spouse for any perceived grievances and is a form of child psychological abuse calling for an appropriate child protection response; and

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) is an abnormal psychological condition most often observed in children affected by high conflict divorce/separation or during custody modifications and is a result of exposure to Hostile-Aggressive Parenting; and

**WHEREAS**, Hostile-Aggressive Parenting (HAP) is a general pattern of behavior, manipulation, actions or decision-making of a person that either directly or indirectly creates undue difficulties or interference in the relationship between a child and their other parent. HAP is not limited to parents, but can also apply to grandparents, extended family members or any other person or agency having some control or influence over the child; and

**WHEREAS**, Children suffering from the effects of Parental Alienation or Hostile-Aggressive Parenting should not be given the opportunity to “choose” one parent over the other by a family court judge that is not trained in

psychology or by a Parental Alienation expert since the effects on a child of the loss of a parent and the relationship will cause significant immediate and long-term developmental pathology in a child; and

**WHEREAS**, Children should not be used as weapons or pawns to inflict emotional pain or to enjoy financial gain as an unjust enrichment for a parent or anyone in local or state government that would benefit from the conflict; and

**WHEREAS**, With awareness comes education and understanding that the need to end the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love is the duty of all; and

**WHEREAS**, Children should be allowed to love both parents and to be able to receive love of both parents in return!

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Erie proclaims "Parental Alienation Awareness Day" will be observed annually, every April 25<sup>th</sup>, from this day forward.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Allen, Resolved, etc.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ERIE, THAT

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the City of Erie and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process for the decennial drawing of state legislative and congressional districts of near equal population; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment has often resulted in gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

- **WHEREAS**, the creation of a truly independent citizens' redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship as favored by Fair Districts PA will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment process that respects political subdivisions and communities of interest, will prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate, will promote transparency, the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries, and allow for public input, and will fully comply with the constitutional requirement that "no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward" be divided "unless absolutely necessary"; and

**WHEREAS**, recent legislation, House Bill 722 and Senate Bill 22 have been introduced in the current legislative session to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Erie, Pennsylvania does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action of a constitutional amendment that would among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both legislative redistricting and congressional reapportionment to an independent citizens' redistricting commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all the members of the Erie City Council delegation in the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That 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 **December 31, 2107** is hereby received and ordered to be placed on file in the Office of Accounts, Finance and Budget:

Erie Regional Airport Authority	Erie County Convention Center Authority
Erie Housing Authority	Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority
Erie Park Authority/Zoological Society	Erie Parking Authority
Erie Water Authority	Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Erie Redevelopment Authority	

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

That **Mr. John Alacce** 4141 Page Street, Erie, PA 16510 is hereby appointed to the **Towing Review Board**.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That **Casimir J. Kwitowski** is hereby appointed to the **Towing Review Board** to represent City Council.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That **Mr. Howard Bibbs** of 2931 Chestnut Street, Erie, PA 16508 is hereby appointed to the **Towing Review Board**.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That **Deputy Chief Jon Nolan** is hereby appointed to the **Towing Review Board** is hereby received.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the proposed **Repository sale** of property commonly known as [260 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street](#), Erie, PA and identified by Erie County Assessment Index Number 118-050-011.0-136.00 by the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to Caren **Shamae Grayson**, **950 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street**, Erie, PA in the amount of \$250.00 is hereby approved.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the following amounts are transferred in the **Streets Department**

Transferred from:			Transferred to:		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$6,287.55	002-0713-0000-4047	Heat, Light & Power	\$6,287.55	002-0713-0000-4054	Rentals

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Ms. Allen, 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. Superior, LLC (formally SunGard Public Sector, Inc.,** 12709 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, IL for the Finance PLUS Workflow Center License Fees & Maintenance, and PLUS Financials Consulting & Project Management used by Finance, Payroll, Human Resources, Code Enforcement and the Office of City Treasurer for the City of Erie at a total amount of \$20,545.08.
- 2. Uniform Outfitters, LLC,** 1227 Powell Avenue, Erie, PA 16506 for a two (2) year agreement for supplying uniforms embroidery and boots per Bid #6454-2018 for all Bureaus of the Department of Public Works at unit prices.
- 3. Creative Imprints,** 2670 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16505 for a two (2) year agreement for supplying silk screened & embroidered uniforms per Bid #6454-2018 for all Bureaus of the Department of Public Works at unit prices.
- 4. Clark-McKibben Safety Products,** 2001 Hampton Road, Erie, PA 16502, for supplying uniforms, per Bid # 6454-2018 for all Bureaus of the Department of Public Works at unit prices.
- 5. Day Ford, Inc.,** 1600 Golden Mile Hwy., Monroeville, PA 15146 for the purchase of **two (2) 2018 Ford F-250 4x4 work trucks** for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Refuse & Recycling in the amount of \$52,895.00.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon, 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. Five Star Equipment,** P.O. Box 176, Dunmore, PA 18512 for the [rental of a grader](#) for the Bureau of Streets, at a total cost of \$5,756.25.
- 2. Edwin M. Wintermyer,** 4017 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, for arbitration fees for the City of Erie and Dailey & Lorringer for the Office of City Solicitor at a total cost of \$2,379.28.
- 3. CMS Communications,** 722 Goddard Avenue, Chesterfield MO 63005 for eleven (11) [replacement switches](#) that form the infrastructure for the computer network on each floor and at off-site buildings for the Office of Computer services at a cost of \$13,200.00.
- 4. Fire-Fly Fire Equipment Sales,** 9525 Franklin Center Road, Cranesville, PA 16410 for [repairs to a hydraulic cylinder](#) on Tower 2 for the Bureau of Fire at a total cost of \$4,600.00.
- 5. David Milano Construction,** 2202 Zimmerly Road, Erie, PA 1650 for materials only to repair a street cave in at 628 Peach Street and install a sanitary manhole behind 1652 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street in an alley for the Bureau of Sewers: \$2,027.06 (Material Costs Only) \$2,190.30 (Material Costs Only) Total \$4,217.36.
- 6. Johnson McQueen, Inc.,** 4331 Dunn Valley Road, McKean, PA 16426 for the purchase and installation of [solar blinds in five rooms](#) for the Bureau of Police at a total cost of \$3,375.00.

7. **Erie Center on Health & Aging**, 406 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16507 for a Senior Walking and Tai-chi Fitness Program for the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Erie at a total cost of \$13,000.00.
8. **Miller Bros. Co.**, 2111 State Street, Erie, PA 16503 for the purchase for two (2) 751cc 60" ZTR mowers for the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Parks at a total amount \$16,471.00.
9. **Ray Showman, Jr. Excavating, Inc.**, 12671 Route 19S, Waterford, PA 16441 for [grader and labor](#) for the Bureau of Streets at a total cost of \$23,450.00.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski and Witherspoon 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

#### WAIVE RULES

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

That the communication is hereby received from Mayor Joseph Schember that Massimo Sala is appointed as administrator to the Towing Review Board.

February 7, 2018. City Council adopt waive rules by yeas Council Members Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Winarski, Witherspoon. 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski 6. Nays. 0.

February 21, 2018. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

February 21, 2018, City Council on motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Ms. Allen adjourned at 9:31 P.M. by yeas Council Members Allen, Kwitowski, Merski, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski 6. Nays. 0.

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President of City Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk