

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Council members present: Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7.

On motion of Mr. González, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2007 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to members of City Council by yeas Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

Copies of the bills under date of March 16, 2007 were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0., with the exception of invoices to the NATO Centers, on which Mrs. Jenkins-Husband abstained from voting.

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By Mr. Thompson, Council File Ordinance #15,510, Pending Official File Ordinance #19-2007,

an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$30,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue of \$20,000.00 received from Erie Neighborhood Watch Council and \$10,000.00 received from #015-0000-0000-3641 Contributions (Pennsylvania Sea Grant Program) and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to Account #015-0707-0000-4075 Bridges & Streets for the City of Erie Bikeway, East Lake Road.

March 14, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

March 14, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. González, Council File Ordinance #15,511

an ordinance amending the Business and Taxation Code of the City of Erie, Article 330, **Landlord Licensing**, by clarifying exemption for Housing Authority Property.

March 14, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. Mr. Cappabianca. 1.

March 14, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, Resolved, etc.,

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's lease for the **weather station** located at the Erie International Airport is set to expire in September 2007, and

WHEREAS, NOAA is studying the need to renew the base as to the effect of the present ASR 11 radar unit installed in 2006, as it compares to the weather stations older radar's ability to detect lake effect snow, and

WHEREAS, the Erie weather station is our only lifeline to predicting severe weather for the Erie area within a one hundred mile radius thus allowing for adequate forecasts and appropriate warning to our local area citizens, businessmen, industries and schools, so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Erie that we strongly urge the proper officials of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U. S. Department of Homeland Security. U. S. Senators Specter and Casey and U. S. Congressman Philip English to extend the present lease extension beyond September 30, 2008.

March 14, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

March 14, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the request from \_\_\_\_\_ to **vacate a public alley** approximately 10' x 165' located to the south of **Glenwood Boulevard** and west of Sunnysdale Blvd. and also the request of City Council to review the feasibility of assessing adjoining property owners a fee for the land given to them by the vacation of public rights-of-way, is hereby received by City Council and referred to the City of Erie Planning Commission for recommendation and report thereon.

March 14, 2007. City Council on motion of Mr. Cappabianca, Seconded by Mr. Thompson **TABLED** the foregoing resolution of yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 5. Nays. Jones and Schember. 2.

By Mr. Schember, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, Resolved, etc.

That the proper officials of the City of Erie are authorized and directed to pay all outstanding invoices toward the cost of Professional Services incurred in the matter of the pending Millcreek sewer litigation as filed at Docket #12578-2004. Said payment(s) shall be charged to the Bureau of Sewers Budget code #007-0771-0000-4041 in the amount of \$15,000.00.

March 14, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.  
March 14, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, Resolved, etc.,  
**Resolution endorsing and supporting establishment by the County of Erie of Dedicated Funding for the Preservation, Support and Enhancement of Regional Assets**

WHEREAS, the residents of Erie County have developed and benefit from a vibrant and dynamic arts and cultural community of Regional Assets, including special events that touch and benefit everyone in the County, thereby enhancing the quality of life;

WHEREAS, the Regional Assets have been funded primarily by the private sector and in some cases, assisted by limited governmental general and capital fund contributions. The present level of private contribution and limited governmental support is inadequate to preserve and enhance the Regional Assets and additional public financial support is crucial to the survival and future growth of the Regional Assets;

WHEREAS, the Regional Assets Task Force has surveyed the arts and cultural organizations, community assets and special events, and determined that there is a minimum annual additional need of approximately \$3.5 million dollars for support from the public sector; and

WHEREAS, needed public support is best assured through establishment of a dedicated, secure, and substantial funding means through Erie County government using a portion of the county directed revenues derived from the slot machine/horse racing facility in Erie County, so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Erie, that we hereby endorse the following:

\* That the County of Erie establish a dedicated, secure, and substantial funding source for the public support of our community's Regional Assets

\* That gaming revenues be designated as the dedicated public funding source

\* That annual funding, currently identified as \$3.5 million dollars, be allocated to meet the needs of the Regional Assets, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as a delegate to COG, Council President Rubye Jenkins-Husband is hereby authorized by the members of City Council to vote in favor of supporting Regional Asset Funding.

March 14, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.  
March 14, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Schember, Seconded by Mr. Cappabianca, Resolved, etc.,

That the Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the following individuals and/or companies for goods and/or services as noted and the City Council does hereby ratify and confirm the said transaction which are to be charged to the respective Budget Code Numbers, viz:

1. **Polychem Systems**, 621 Brentwood Drive, Reading, Pa., for non-metallic parts for the East Primary Tanks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers for the sum of \$16,870.30.
2. **The Erie Center on Health & Aging**, 406 Peach Street, Erie, Pa., for a Senior Walking and Tai-Chi Fitness Program, in the sum of \$13,000.00.

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By Mr. González, Seconded by Mr. Schember, Resolved, etc.,

That the City 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 International**, 6100 Wattsburg Road, Erie, Pa., for the replacement of one Transmission for Refuse Vehicle #772 for the Public Works Department for a total of \$2,850.00 under the PACC contract.
2. **Ohmart Vega Corporation**, 4241 Allendorf Drive, Location 0162, Cincinnati, Ohio, for Emergency Services performed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant's cake weight scales for the Bureau of Sewers of the City of Erie at a total cost of \$3,846.84.

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March 14, 2007. City Council on motion of Mr. González, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

Attest:

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President of City Council

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City Clerk

