

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

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

On motion of Mr. Thompson, Seconded by Mr. Schember, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2007 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the 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 30, 207 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 Tos the various NATO Centers on which Mrs. Jenkins-Husband abstained from voting.

By Mr. Schember, Council File Ordinance #15,548, Pending Official File Ordinance #55-2007

an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$13,000.00 from Fund Balance #460-0000-0000-3001 (Debt Service Fund Balance) and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to #460-0963-0000-4802 Debt Service Print Shop Capital Lease Payment.

October 17, 2007. City Council on motion of Mr. Schember, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, having read Council File Ordinance #15,548 and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance #55-2007, does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. Mr. González. 1.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Council File Ordinance #15,549, Pending Official File Ordinance #56-2007

an ordinance partially closing and vacating a public alleyway between Keats Avenue and Shunpike Road.

October 17, 2007. City Council on motion of Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mr. Jones, having read Council File Ordinance #15,549, and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance #56-2007, does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Council File Ordinance #15,550, Pending Official File Ordinance #57-2007

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 7 years in non-target areas, providing a 50% abatement for all new commercial industrial improvements, with additional abatement for job creation, a 5 year 90% abatement for all additions/alterations to existing structures, establishing an Appeals Board and a five year sunset provision.

October 17, 2007. The foregoing ordinance was withdrawn from consideration by the sponsor, however, Council Members wished to discuss the issue and the ramifications of the delay of the vote by Council past the November 13, deadline; if there were legal advertisement issues and whether or not there would be a "gap" between the passage of the old and the new ordinance. City Solicitor Gregory Karle was asked by Council to draft a resolution which was later presented to Council:

By Mr. González, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Resolved, etc.,
That Article 381 Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) and Article 382 Residential Investment Opportunity Tax Exemption (RIO) be amended by extending the Sunset Provision until December 13, 2007.

October 17, 2007. Before the vote was taken on the above resolution Councilman David González had left the meeting and Mrs. Horan-Kunco agreed to sponsor the said resolution with Mrs. Jenkins-Husband as Second. The vote was taken on the resolution:

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 4. Nays. Jones and Schember. 2. Mr. Cappabianca then changed his vote from affirmative to negative which resulted in a 3-3 tie vote thereby defeating the resolution. Mr. Thompson then changed his vote to a negative vote resulting in a final vote 2-4 with Mrs. Horan-Kunco and Mrs. Jenkins-

Husband voting in the affirmative and Mr. Cappabianca, Mr. Jones, Mr. Schember and Mr. Thompson voting in the negative. The final vote on the resolution was 2-4.

By Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Council File Ordinance #15,551, entitled an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$3,000,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue from Account #507-0000-0000-3307 Federal Operating Grant HUD and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to various #507-1242-2007-44xx Lead Hazard Control - Admin. and Lead Hazard Control Projects.

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Council File Ordinance #15,552, entitled an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$95,200.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue (FEMA 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application) and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to Account #002-0639-0000-4024 Tool Allowance & Uniform Benefits (for turn-out gear).

October 17, 2007. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Schember, having read Council File Ordinance #15,552, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

By Mr. Cappabianca, Council File Ordinance #15,553, entitled an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$13,000.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue from Account #215-0613-0000-3342 Police Drug & Vice PA Opr. Acct. and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to Account #215-0613-0000-4078 Machinery & Equipment.

October 17, 2007. City Council on motion of Mr. Cappabianca, Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, having read Council File Ordinance #15,553, does hereby adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.

By Mr. Jones, Council File Ordinance #15,554, entitled an ordinance amending the Business and Taxation Code of the City of Erie, Article 330, **Landlord Licensing**, by establishing a zoning amnesty for properties actually used a rental units at the time of this ordinance adoption, specifically amending Section 330.03, Subsection (b) (4) to read:

"All existing dwelling units in compliance with this Section on December 31, 2007, shall be permitted to operate at a density listed on such Registration even if such density is not in strict compliance with Section 205 of the City of Erie Zoning Ordinance. Any registrations or density changes submitted after December 31, 2007 shall be required to be reviewed and approved by the City of Erie Zoning Office prior to their occupancy."

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Jones, Schember, Thompson, and Jenkins-Husband. 5. Nays. Horan-Kunco. 1.

Notes: By the time the following ordinance was read, Councilman González had left the meeting (9:30) p.m., therefore he did not render a vote on the above ordinance.

Mr. Ben Carrick was present at the City Council meeting and gave the following statement to City Council for inclusion in the minutes:

Dear Council Members:

October 17, 2007

My name is Ben Carrick, President of Local 568 of the Amalgamated Transit Union, representing EMTAs transit workers.

Drivers Steward Laughner, Vice President John Renwick and I have come here tonight to ask your help in the removal of a major safety concern for our members and the passengers they serve along with the safety of anyone using State Street.

In a spiteful move, EMTA has changed the place for bus and driver changes for more than a quarter century from the relative safety of the front yard at EMTA to 14th and State. This move makes our drivers walk back and forth to carry out their work assignments. The fact that our operators must do a walk around inspection of the bus before and after their run forces them out in the traffic causing safety risk for themselves and anyone else on the street. Combine that with the need to walk in the snow and dark along 4th Street and you have increased chances for slips and falls or even falling prey to crime All we ask is that each of you walk that strength from 14th & State to EMTAs garage in the dark and then imagine the severe weather we can expect. Please help stop this travesty.

Ben Carrick, President, Local 568
John Renwick, Vice President
Gary Laughner, Driver Steward

EMTA has recently enacted a new policy of switching Drivers/shifts and buses at 4th and State Streets rather than in the front yard area at EMTA one block east of 4th and State Street. While ETA officials have claimed this was done due to passenger complaint they have not been able to produce any evidence of complaints from anyone. While no improvement to service is seen by this move, there are some negatives to address:

1. Congestion at 14th and State - There is the potential for upwards of 5 or 6 buses to be at this corner at any one time, blocking police ambulance and fire access of one of our main arteries. Not to mention the possible traffic jams and unnecessary irritation of people attempting to access/enjoy our downtown area.

2. Safety - The reasons stated above and the fact that our employees are required to do a walk around when starting and finishing a shift on this bus. As implied that requires the employee to walk completely around the outside of the vehicle, at the EMTA front yard one block East, this is relatively safe and quick without the worry of vehicles driving past, at 14th & State a potential nightmare with the much increased dangers of all manner of vehicles driving past the bus at roadway speeds. Passengers switching buses, moving from one vehicle to another: some handicapped, some with strollers or toddlers, some elderly. Now you simply need to add darkness, snow, rain, etc., to the formula to realize this is a recipe for an accident.

EMTA has several employees with ADA limitations, could EMTA try to show some respect to these people? Rather than requiring them to walk the block of 14th Street between State Street and the garage, a pretty rugged area for people without limitations or disabilities. This treatment seems to undermine the marketed concerns over ADA passengers.

The Union has forewarned the company of these dangers along with the Police and Fire Departments voicing their concerns. In the event of a serious accident or injury to anyone due to this arbitrary and capricious move, who will be to blame? Local 568 of the Amalgamated Transit Union is requesting a meeting with City Council members to properly address this issue before a possible tragedy. As these changes are "in the works" we would appreciate meeting asap.

During the latest meeting of Local 568, a motion was brought forth and unanimously carried to communicate our Members concerns regarding the capricious decision to move "changes" from the front yard to 14th and State Street. It is strongly and unanimously felt by all in attendance that the move, while having no positive effect, opens up numerous safety and security issues which EMTAs management and board sold and will be held liable for.

Concerns were once again brought up about the inoperable cameras on buses that would actually be helpful to Operators and passengers. It was felt that monies for Transit Security should be used for that purpose and not for opportunistic discipline. After years of Operators voicing concerns about this, we would hope for some attempt at providing or maintaining these systems properly.

'It was brought up that the company's petty policy of not providing uniform monies for new hires, along with the poor pay scale for new hires discourages their ability to dress properly while representing EMTA.

Ben Carrick, President Local 568

TO: Deputy Chief R. Bowers
From: Sgt. P. Durkin
Subject: EMTA Bus Parking

April 1, 2007

On March 29, 2007, I spoke to John Renwick from EMTA, who said that he was worried about EMTA bus parking on State Street. He said that EMTA official snow require bus drivers to stop their buses in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of State Street for change of shift. This requires buses to park against the curb when they are able, exit the bus and a new driver to do a walk around inspection before leaving for the drivers new shift. This occurs throughout the day at various times and there can be 4 to 5 buses, trolleys and shuttles at each change of shift. Mr. Renwick was worried about driver and pedestrian safety.

I went to the location of Thursday the 29th, Friday the 30th and again on Saturday the 31st at different times throughout the day. While there, I observed the change of shift Mr. Renwick was talking about and have to agree with him. It will be a problem for all parties involved including the public and emergency vehicles. At times there was legally parking vehicles that were blocked by buses and they could not leave. The buses congestion. This condition could cause drivers of vehicles to become irate and possibly lead to a vehicle or pedestrian crash. During the summer months parking on State Street is very limited due to events such as "Bike Night" and the Downtown Block Parties.

I also spoke to Deputy Chief Tom Lawson from the Fire Department and explained the situation to him and he stated that Engine Company 3 from West 12th and Sassafras uses State Street on almost a daily bass and the bus parking could hinder fire apparatus response not to mention that Hamot Hospital is a Trauma hospital and all Erie County ambulances may have to use State Street at some point and this could delay them getting to the hospital.

With all this in mind, I would suggest that EMTA use another location for change of shift, but it does not have to be their terminal at E. 14th and French Street. They could use another location such as the Park and Ride or the Intermodel Transportation Center on the Bayfront.

October 17, 2007. City Council receive the above communications and enter in the minutes for information. \

Pursuant to the provisions of Zoning Ordinance #80-2005 and the proper legal advertising, at approximately 8:00 p.m., the City Council proceeded to hold a Public Hearing regarding a request for Waterfront Conditional Use from the Erie Port Authority for the construction of a Restroom/Concession Stand Facility to be located at the **East Avenue Boat Launch**.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember and Thompson, Resolved, etc.,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Erie wishes to recognize October as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** which is held each year to encourage public support for research, education and screening to save more lives and win the battle over this deadly disease, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is continuing to work for a cure for breast cancer by providing information about early detection and urges support of the Pink Ribbon campaign to honor survivors and those lost to the disease, so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Erie that this proclamation is hereby presented to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we extend to the our best wishes for continued success in all of their future endeavors.

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.
October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

To: Ms. Rubye Jenkins-Husband, City Council President
From: LeAnn Parmenter, P. E., City Traffic Engineer
Subject: City Council resolution -Proposed Flashing School Speed Limit Device at Wayne School

A resolution on the above referenced subject will be presented to City Council at their Wednesday, October 17, 2007 meeting.

The resolution is the standard PennDOT form requesting authorization to install and operate flashing school speed limit devices. The school flashers will be relocated from the closed Holy Rosary School on East 28th Street. The proposed school, flashing device is in the eastbound direction will be located on East Sixth Street approximately 60 feet east of Perry Street. The westbound school flashing device will be located on East Lake Road approximately 230 feet west of Pennsylvania Avenue. This office has contacted the school principal and are in agreement that the flasher will operate from 7:40 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:15 to 3:10 p.m.

Please contact me at extension 1379 if you have any questions.

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

That the proper City officials are authorized and directed to file an application for a permit to install and operate **Flashing School Speed Limit Devices** at Wayne Elementary School at the request of the City of Erie Traffic Engineer and also requesting the engineers to review current signage for school zone times. (These school flashers will be relocated from the closed Holy Rosary School on East 28th Street. The eastbound direction will be located on East Sixth Street approximately 60 feet east of Perry Street and the westbound located on East Lake Road approximately 230 feet west of Pennsylvania Avenue.)

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, González, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 7. Nays. 0.
October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

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

That the proper City officials are authorized and directed to submit to the Department of Environmental Resources the Plan Revision for New Land Development for the following projects in accordance with Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P. L. 1535, No. 537, known as the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, as amended:

- 1) From Marine Holdings Limited, land developer, for sewer tap-ins for the proposed development identified as **Juniors on the Bay**, 726 West Bayfront Parkway.
- 2) From General Electric, land developer, for sewer tap-ins for the proposed development of land identified as **General Electric-Erie, Pretreatment Plant Discharge** to POTW, 2901 East Lake Road, Erie, Pa.

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yes Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. 0.
October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

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

That the following transfer is authorized in the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Streets, Paint & Sign Division:

<u>Transferred From</u>			<u>Transferred To</u>		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$ 5,842.00	002-0715-0000-4013	Paint & Sign	\$5,864.00	002-0713-0000-4013	Streets
		Seasonal Wages			Wages
278.63	002-0713-0000-4024	Tool Allow.	278.63	002-0713-0000-4013	Streets
\$ 6,120.63			\$6,120.63		Wages

NOTE: This transfer is necessary due to a shortage in the Seasonal Wages account for Streets. The seasonal employees in the Paint & Sign division are done as of 9-28-07, leaving a balance in this account. There are no large purchases anticipated out of the Tool Allowance account prior to the end of the year. With this transfer, the Tool Allowance will have a balance of \$2,958.60.

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

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

That the following transfer is authorized in the Office of the City Solicitor:

<u>Transferred From</u>			<u>Transferred To</u>		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$17,659.03	002-0249-0000-4059	Service & Charges	17,659.03	002-0249-0000-	Professional Services

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

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

That the Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to 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. **Waste Management of PA, Inc.**, 851 Robison Road, Erie, Pa. For furnishing and providing a Transfer Station and Disposal Site of Municipal Solid Waste picked-up and delivered to the Transfer Station by the City of Erie (January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2010) for the City's Bureau of Refuse & Recycling for a Transfer Station Fee of \$12.50/ton and a Disposal Facility Fee of \$30.00/ton for a total of \$42.50/ton. The City of Erie at its sole discretion, reserves the right to extend this contract for an additional one year period at the bid prices. (World Resources, the only other bidder, provided a rate a bid package with four alternatives ranging from \$46.44 per ton to \$45.43 per ton depending on the landfill utilized.)

2. **Waste Management of PA, Inc.**, 851 Robison Road, Erie, Pa. for the receiving, processing, marketing and recycling of household paper and commingled recyclables for the City of Erie's Residential Recycling Program for the fixed price of \$3.00/ton for each short ton (2,000 pounds) of both paper and commingled recyclables (single stream), (from January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2010) with a provision for a one year extension at the sole discretion of the City of Erie. World Resources, the only other bidder, provided a rate of \$23.23 per ton for commingled material sand \$9.46 per ton for paper materials to be paid by the City.)

3. **Hugh J. Schultz, Inc.**, 8897 Tow Road, P.O. Box 922, Fairview, Pa., for Lawn Maintenance and Weed Control for various park areas per Bid #6140, for a period of seven months per year beginning April 2008 (April thru October) at \$8,500.00 per month (\$59,500.00) and ending October 31, 2008 and \$8,600.00 per month (\$60,200.00) for the same time period in 2009, for the Bureau of Parks & Recreation.

4. **The Officer Store** - Witmer Associates, 2961 National Pike, P. O. Box 249, Chalk Hill, Pa., for Electronic Control Devices for the Bureau of Police, at a total cost of \$12,791.79.

5. **3 Rivers Fire Equipment**, 1319 Airbrake Avenue, Turtle Creek, Pa., for approximately seventy (70) Bunker Gear Suits for the Bureau of Fire at a total cost of \$1,649.00 each, plus \$1.30 per letter for firefighter names on coat backs. (Lowest of three bidders solicited)

6. **David Milano Construction**, 1827 West 36th Street, Erie, Pa., for labor and equipment based on unit bid prices in the performance of Emergency Sewer Work 2008 and 2009, Bid #1609-07, they being the lowest of two bids received, at unit prices. (David Milano Construction was the low bidder of two bids received and selection based on the Engineering Bureau's evaluation of unit bid prices submitted for labor and equipment rates. When emergency sewer work is performed, the contractor will submit an invoice in accordance with the competitively bid prices provided in the contract)

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, 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. **Sanner's Office USA**, 1301 State Street, Erie, Pa., for Conference Room furniture: (8) tables and (25) chairs for use in Room 500 which is used by employees and elected officials, at a total cost of \$4,722.00.

2. **FACT A/V**, 1234 Irwin Drive, Erie, Pa., for the purchase and installation of the Audio Mixer for Council Chambers for the Office of the City Clerk at a total cost of \$3,378.08. *(See Memo below)

3. **DCED, Governor's Center for Local Government Services**, Commonwealth Keystone Blvd., Harrisburg, Pa., for 773 permits at the rate of \$4.00 each for the Code Enforcement Department of the City of Erie at a total cost of \$3,092.00. For the Bureau of Sewers:

4. **William T. Spaeder Co.**, 1802 East 18th Street, Erie, Pa., for the removal of three Non-Return Valves, at a total cost of \$2,270.00. (City personnel did not have the ability to accomplish this task in-house. They needed to be removed so that they could be replaced and required special lifting equipment to accomplish the task. They are

necessary for the Plaza boiler system to operate. It was considered a safety concern at the Plant.)

5. **William T. Spaeder Co.**, 1802 East 18th Street, Erie, Pa., for the Emergency Replacement and installation of new ferric piping at a total cost of \$5,129.00. (William T. Spaeder Co. was the contractor who installed the original piping. Due to clogging of the line, a larger diameter pipe had to be installed. The original lines were a Sewer Authority project and were installed as per their engineer's specifications. These lines had to be replaced with schedule 80 PVC due to the corrosive nature of the ferric chloride. The length of the pipe runs several hundred feet in length. The addition of ferric chloride is necessary so that the plant remains in compliance with their NPDES Federal Permit.)

6. **William T. Spaeder Co.**, 1802 East 18th Street, Erie, Pa., for the Emergency Repair of the drainage system in the ferric chloride area, for the sum of \$5,782.00. (The existing drainage system was deteriorate beyond use. The job required jack hammering out over sixteen inches of concrete and was labor intensive.)

7. **William T. Spaeder Co.**, 1802 East 18th Street, Erie, Pa., for the installation of a skimmer beach plate for Tank #3, for the sum of \$9,850.00. The beach plate installation is beyond the capability of Plant personnel. A new beach plate was installed on another tank earlier this year. The flotation tanks are critical to the Plant's daily operation and also to meeting the Plant's NPDES Permit requirements. Two quotes for this work were received from E.E. Austin & Son for \$11,442.00)

8. **Hosch Company**, 1002 International Drive, Oakdale, Pa., for the Replacement of Conveyor Belt Scrapers, for the sum of \$7,399.00.

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yes Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

To: City of Erie Council Members October 8, 2007
From: Stephen Benson
Subject: Replace Audio Mixer in Council Chambers Media Room

Over the past month or so, we have been experiencing problems with the microphones in Council Chambers,. The problems are especially evident on the re-broadcast of Council Meeting. I located and invited an Erie based company, fact AV Technologies, to come in and assess our equipment. They found that the audio mixer that we are using is beginning to fail in the circuits that send the audio feeds to the recorder. The microphone themselves are old, but are not the cause of this particular problem. Fact AV recommended that we replace the audio mixer. I agreed. The replacement cost, including installation, is estimated at \$3,378.08.

The funding for this replacement equipment is coming from two accounts:

1. City Council, 002-001-000-4048 in the amount of \$2,000.00
2. City Clerk, 002-0107-0000-448 in the amount of \$1,378.08

I hope that I have provided enough information on the subject to get your approval to proceed with letting the purchaser orders. Thank you for your time.

Waive Rules

By Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, Resolved, etc.,

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to issue a letter of award on October 24, 2007 to the consulting firm determined to be the best candidate to provide Lead Hazard Control Grant consulting Services. The award will be pending Council's final approval of November 7,2007. The November 7, 2007 resolution will contain the name of the consulting firm being awarded this grant and the fee for services.

October 17, 2007. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson, and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays. 0.

October 17, 2007. Signed by the President. Attested by the Acting City Clerk.

October 17, 2007. City Council on motion of Mr. Thompson, Seconded by Mr. Schember, adjourned at 10:20 p.m. by yeas Council Members Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jones, Schember, Thompson and Jenkins-Husband. 6. Nays 0. (Mr. González left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.)

Attest:

President of City Council

(Acting) City Clerk