

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

Council Members present: Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2008 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

Copies of the bills under date of November 14th and November 21st, 2008 were Given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0., with the exception of invoices to the NATO Centers on which Mrs. Jenkins-Husband abstained from voting.

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By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Council File Ordinance #15,616, Pending Official File Ordinance #52-2008

an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$42,500.00** from unappropriated revenue from Account #265-0727-0000-3641 Contributions and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to Account #265-0727-0000-4059 Other Services & Charges.

November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mr. Aleksandrowicz, having read Council File Ordinance 15,616, does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Rubye Jenkins-Husband, Council File Ordinance #15,617, Pending official File Ordinance #53-2008

an ordinance amending Official Ordinance #26-1958, known as the Traffic Code of the City of Erie, by installing **Stop Signs** at 8 intersections that are currently uncontrolled:

East 20<sup>th</sup> and Wayne Street - stopping East 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
East 20<sup>th</sup> and Perry Street - stopping Perry Street  
East 19<sup>th</sup> and Commercial - stopping East 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
East 43<sup>rd</sup> and Woodbine Terrace - stopping East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Woodbine Terrace and Pin Oak Drive - stopping Pin Oak Drive  
Woodbine Terrace and East 41<sup>st</sup> Street - stopping Woodbine Terrace  
East 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Bacon Street - stopping East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Marne Road at Oneida Street - stopping Marne Road

November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mr. Aleksandrowicz, having read Council File Ordinance #15,617 and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance #15-2008, does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Council File Ordinance #15,618, Pending Official File Ordinance #54-2008

an ordinance amending Traffic Code #26-1958, Article 512.02 (a), **Parking on Snow Emergency Routes**, by adding Saturday and Sunday to the odd-even parking regulations during a snow emergency. Also amending Article 512.03 (a) and (b) Condition of Motor Vehicles, Article 512.04 Stalled Vehicle to include "or during an odd-even parking prohibition", Article 512.09 Removal Impounding and Return of Vehicle to add paragraph (a) (4) to read "The vehicle is parked in violation of a parking restriction based on a declaration of snow emergency", and Article 521.09 (a)(1)(b) Winter and Summer Parking Regulations for Inner City Parking Area to add at the end of paragraph 2 "or if a snow emergency is declared pursuant to Article 512.05".

November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mr. Cappabianca, having read Council File Ordinance #15,618 and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance #54-2008, does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Council File Ordinance #15,619

an ordinance amending the **Uniform Construction Code** of the City of Erie, Article 1502, Fees and Licensing, by declaring unlicensed Plumbing and Electrical Contracting to be a Summary Offense and providing a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 and/or incarceration of not more than 90 days.

November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, having read Council File Ordinance #15,619 does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

By Mr. Council File Ordinance #15,620

an ordinance fixing the **Tax Rate** for all city purposes for the Fiscal Year 2009 (beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending on December 31, 2009).

November 19, 2008. The foregoing ordinance will be presented to City Council for consideration on First Reading on November 26, 2008.

By Mr. Council File Ordinance #15,621

an ordinance adopting the **General Fund** and certain other budgets for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009.

November 19, 2008. The foregoing ordinance will be presented to City Council for consideration on First Reading on November 26, 2008.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Council File Ordinance #15,622

an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$1,500.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue from Account #215-0613-0000-3342 Police Drug & Vice PAOpr and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to Account #215-0613-0000-4033 Operating Expenses. (Funds were received from GECAC for professional services by Stephen Chatman (Weed & Seed Tall Team Coordinator for his help with a grant application GECAC was applying for. These funds will be used to purchase Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for families in the Weed & Seed program area.)

November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mrs. Jenkins-Husband Seconded by Mr. Thompson, having read Council File Ordinance #15,622 does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

By Mr. Cappabianca, Council File Ordinance #15,623

an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$25,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue from Account #267-0613-2008-3336 Project Safe Neighborhood and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to various #267-0613-2008-40xx Accounts including Overtime, FICA/Medicare Taxes; Valic; Consumable Items and Repair & Maintenance Services. (These additional funds are for overtime expenses for saturation patrols in the target grant areas (\$15,000), repairs and updates for the surveillance vehicle (\$2,000.00) and surveillance equipment for the surveillance van (\$8,000.00).

November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mr. Cappabianca, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, having read Council File Ordinance #15,623, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays 0.

By Mr. Cappabianca, Council File Ordinance #15,624

an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$85,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to Account #3929 Operating Transfer - Erie Insurance Exchange BUDAG for the Griswold Plaza Renovation Project.

November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mr. Cappabianca, Seconded by Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, having read Council File Ordinance #15,624, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Resolved, etc.,

For the proposed Griswold Park Renovations Project - Peach Street between West 13th and West 14th Street:

- a) **Eriez Construction**, 2218 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pa., lowest of four bids received for General Construction, for the sum of \$628,927.30.
- b) **GraybaR Electric Co.**, 1220 Myrtle Street, Erie, Pa., only bid received, for Electrical Construction in the sum of \$33,575.85.
- c) **Doan Pyramid, LLC**, Keystone Electric Division, 3125 Brandes Street, Erie, Pa., for Electrical Construction, they being the lowest of two bids received from twelve bids solicited, for the sum of \$57,117.00.

The above three resolutions were TABLED at the City Council meeting held November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

November 19, 2008. City Council again TABLED the foregoing resolutions by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

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

That the City Solicitor is authorized and directed to prepare an ordinance amending Article 183 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Erie by renaming the Erie Municipal Airport Authority to the **Erie Regional Airport Authority**.

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk

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

That **Darlene Jenkins**, 423 Ardmore, Erie, Pa., is appointed to the Erie County Human Relations Commission Advisory Board.

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That **Robert Currie**, 525 Wayne Street, Erie, Pa., is appointed to the Erie County Human Relations Commission Advisory Board.

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

WHEREAS, the PennDOT and City of Erie have agreed to use the dotgrants system to file the required **Liquid Fuels** forms annually, including but not limited to, the MS-329 and MS-999,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the City of Erie that City Clerk James E. Klemm and Mayor Joseph E. Sinnott are authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate such an agreement, including but not limited to, an Electronic Access License Agreement (EALA) on behalf of the municipality.

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Resolved, etc.,

That the proper City officials are authorized and directed to execute an **Intergovernmental Cooperative Supply Agreement** with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its Department of Transportation (PennDOT) whereby PennDOT will provide the City with road salt for use in winter maintenance operations at a cost of \$76.95 per ton (not to exceed 4,000 tons) through April 30, 2009.

(This resolution was accompanied by thirteen (13) page document including Exhibits A and B regarding same and placed on file)

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

To: President and Members of City Council

November 14, 2008

From: Randy DeSanto, Fiscal Administrator

Department of Economic & Community Development

Subject: City Council resolution for the November 19, 2008 meeting

DCNR Grant Agreement (\$450,000)

The City of Erie has been awarded a \$450,000 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) - Community Conservation Partnership Grant for the renovation of Griswold Park in accordance with the plans developed through the downtown master plan and stakeholder meetings. This resolution authorizes the appropriate City officials to execute the grant agreement between the City and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order to obtain the funds.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to execute a grant agreement between the City of Erie and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a **\$450,000 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant** to be used for park and plaza improvements at **Griswold Park**.

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the loan approved by the Enterprise Zone Loan Review Committee to **Sterilizer Refurbishing Services, Inc.**, (Peter G. Walczak, President and Sandra J. Walczak, VP) in the amount of \$81,000 for a term of 15 years at an interest rate of 4.50% per annum with a one-time loan processing fee based on 1/2 of 1.0%, not to exceed \$1,500.00 of the amount financed is hereby ratified by City Council and the proper City officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents effectuating same which will enable them to purchase industrial property at 1040 West 12th Street and adjoining property at 1039 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street. (The \$81,000 of mortgage financing will be used in conjunction with \$81,000 from Citizens Bank and \$18,000 of equity to purchase the former "Kondu" property. The total package is \$180,000.00).

(The Company presently employees Nine (9) people in family sustaining jobs and they anticipate that five new positions will be added within three years.)

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, for the **Erie Downtown: An Improvement District Association** as compiled by Root, Spitznas and Smiley Inc., C.P.A., for the years ending December 31, 2006 is hereby received by City Council and ordered placed on file in the Office of Accounts, Finance and Budget.

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the following amounts are hereby transferred in the Office of the City Treasurer:

<u>Transferred From</u>			<u>Transferred To</u>		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$7,292.00	002-0301-0000	Misc.	\$1,050.00	002-0201-0000-4079	Office
		4059 Services			Equipment
			<u>6,242.00</u>	002-0301-0000-4039	Consumable
			<b>\$ 7,292.00</b>		Items

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the following amounts are hereby transferred in the 2008 Police Department Traffic Court Budget:

<u>Transferred From</u>			<u>Transferred To</u>		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$ 308.30	002-0617-	Tool Allowance	<b>\$10,154.78</b>	002-0617-	Consumable
	0000-4024			0000-4039	Items
3,060.10	"	4031 Office Supplies			
1,250.00	"	4033 Oper. Supplies			
125.00	"	4035 Repair/Maint. Supplies			
300.00	"	4043 Tptn./Seminars			
4,880.39	"	4046 Postage			
<u>230.00</u>	"	4056 Repair/Maint. Services			
<b>\$10,154.78</b>					

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Jenkins-Husband, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Resolved, etc.,

That the following amount is hereby transferred in the Sewer Revenue Fund:

<u>Transferred From:</u>			<u>Transferred To:</u>		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$130,000	007-0771-	Repair & Maint.	\$130,000	007-0771-	Heat, Light, Power
	0000-4056			0000-4047	
30,000	"	4078 Mach. & Equip.	30,000	"	4057 Refuse Tipping & Recycling Fees
<u>30,000</u>	0773 4077	Other Improvmts	<u>30,000</u>	0733 4056	Repair & Maint.
<b>\$190,000</b>			<b>\$190,000</b>		

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas City Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Aleksandrowicz, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, 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. **Day Automotive Resources**, 1600 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, Pa., for one (1) 2009 Chevy Suburban SUV for the Bureau of Fire for the sum of \$57,849.00. (COSTARS State Contract)
2. **CDW-Government, Inc.**, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL for 18 new Desktop Computers with IGB Memory, 16 new 17" LCD Monitors and 1GB memory upgrades for 82 computers within the Police Department. These upgrades are necessary for the conversion with the Erie County 911 Center, for the sum of \$14,052.28.
3. **Pitney Bowes**, P. O. Box 856179, Louisville, KY, for a four year Lease of a D1600 Folder/Inserter, for the Print Shop at a total cost of \$33,553.92 (48 monthly payments @ \$699.04 each) (Term 11/2008 - 11/2012 saves \$233.96/month over extending current equipment lease)

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, 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 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. **OMSS**, 2016 Peach Street, Erie, Pa., for Computers, Software, Printer, Shredder, Memory and Warranties, for the Office of the City Treasurer in the sum of \$7,187.60.
2. **DMS Sales & Service**; Dealer, Kohler & Onan, 160 Marsh Road, Waterford, Pa., for Annual Maintenance on Emergency Generators and Lift Stations for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of \$4,360.00. (The operation of these units in a power outage is a requirement of our NPDES Permit. This service must be performed on a yearly basis to insure that in the event we experience a power outage the units they are wired to will function.)
3. **Ace Viking**, 2222 East 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pa., for two (2) 25 HP Baldor Inverter Drives for the Bureau of Sewers in the sum of \$5,150.00 (including shipping). (These pumps are necessary to remove solids from the west primary tanks. Without these drives to run the pumps, we would have to reduce our capacity at the Plant by approximately 40 percent.)
4. **David Milano Construction**, 1827 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pa. for performing Storm Drain & Sanitary Sewer Repairs at various locations (321 Sanford; 4338 Magnolia; 2607 Buffalo Road; 4212 Roxanna Drive; Bird Drive; Sunnydale and Glenwood; 38<sup>th</sup> & Poplar; 5<sup>th</sup> & State Streets; 2123 Plum Street; 1212 East 29<sup>th</sup> Street; 616 Kahkwa; 6<sup>th</sup> & State Streets; 555 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street; 334 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street; 4<sup>th</sup> & East Avenue) for the total sum of \$9,785.91 (Material Costs Only) for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

November 19, 2008. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

November 19, 2008. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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November 19, 2008. City Council on motion of Mr. Thompson, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, **RECESSED** the City Council meeting of November 19, 2008 at 10:55 a.m. until Wednesday, **November 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.**

Attest:

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President of City Council

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City Clerk

City Council on motion of Mr. Thompson, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco reconvened the City Council meeting of November 19, 2008 on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Council Members present: Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. (Mr. Schember was absent)

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Mayor Joseph Sinnott presented the 2009 Budget to members of City Council with the following Budget message:

#### **2009 Budget Address to Erie City Council**

- \* Today I present to you the 2009 budget for the City of Erie. It is, once again, balanced and requires no tax increases.
  - \* The 2009 budget reflects the ongoing successes of the many initiatives we have implemented in the early part of this administration.
  - \* It shows that we are continuing to find new efficiencies and ways of controlling out costs of doing business.
  - \* Over the past three years we have addressed the root problems and created realistic solutions. The result is a much more stable operating situation that allows us to accurately anticipate attainable revenues and contemplate the true cost of providing safety and services at the level required to properly serve this community.
  - \* This administration continues to keep its promise to the citizens of Erie that it will administer its budget effectively to stay within the parameters provided to us, as well as working diligently to find greater efficiency and productivity within every facet of our operation.
  - \* This newly created stabilitys allow me to present you with a 2009 budget that reflects true projections of revenue and expenses and, again, does not require any tax or fee increases.
  - \* In these troubled economic times, this administration is resolved not to pass any unnecessary expense onto our taxpayers. Despite having a workforce that has been diminished by 25%, we continue to strive to do more with less and to find new ways to control the every rising costs of doing business.
- Some examples of this include:
- \* In the area of risk management, our new safety program has lead to a noticeable decline in property casualty claims which has saved significant amounts of money. We have also managed to lower our workmen's comp and heart lung claims through actively managing these cases and claims to their conclusion.
  - \* In the area of purchasing, we are closely scrutinizing every contract and purchase being made by all departments. This diligent pursuit of competitive bidding and pricing has resulted in significant savings in each of the departments.
  - \* The development of our rental inspection program as well as our lead hazard safety program has created much safer housing stock within the community. These efforts have already begun to lessen the instance of fire incidents and will ultimately help to control our cost of doing business in the Erie Fire Department.
  - \* All departments have made considerable efforts to reduce the cost of operating supplies and other below the line expenses. Although this is only a small portion of our budget, we have learned that even small savings add up to a larger impact.
  - \* Through more aggressive pursuit and more efficient utilization of grant monies we have been able to address may of our capital needs with minimal impact to the general fund.
    - \* The fire department has received multiple grants for gear and capital improvements as well as infrastructure needs within the fire houses such as new phymal vents, boilers and radios. We are continuing to pursue additional grants for energy efficient upgrades to the fire house such as windows, doors, etc.
    - \* We have received grants for the police department which have allowed us to purchase new police cruiser cars and motorcycles as well as equipment utilized by the officers for personal safety.
    - \* We have received a DCED information technology grant to upgrade our computer systems, which will allow us to better use technology to create new efficiencies in various areas.
    - \* We have utilized state public safety grants such as Weed and Seed and Police on Patrol to pay for additional police and special patrol operations allowing us to have a greater police presence on the street as well as better addressing individual crime issues without casting that burden upon the general fund.

- \* The County's 911 center will soon be in full operation. This will make the public safety dispatch a county function, instead of municipal responsibility. This consolidation will reduce the need for civilian support within our uniform services and will provide significant savings to the general fund in the 2009 budget.
  - \* These are just a few examples of the change in philosophy of municipal government operation that has become pervasive throughout all of our departments and has resulted in similar successes in all areas.
  - \* Each and every department head, bureau chief and employee of the City of Erie continues to do everything in their power to make the city operations affordable to its taxpayers and they are to be commended for their dedicated efforts for the benefit of all of the citizens of this community.
  - \* But most importantly we have been able to work in a positive and proactive manner with you, our City Council. We have all been part of the solutions that we are now realizing in these more efficient and effective methods of operation. I would like to commend you for your work in making the hard decisions which have lead to our successes and also on becoming more aware of the operation of the city and the financial consequences of the decisions made within this chamber.
  - \* I would also like to thank the City Controller and City Treasurer for continuing to work with us to help easily implement the changes necessary to achieve these successes.
  - \* This administration will continue to work to find new and better ways to address all of this community's needs.
  - \* We will continue to pursue the mission of formulating and cultivating a better, more efficient way of administering local government.
  - \* Today I present a budget that has revenues that are not overstated and expenses that are not understated.
  - \* This should result in an economically stable 2009 as it did in each of the previous budgets of this administration.
  - \* It should provide for a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that we as a cooperative council and administration can end up in the black, showing our community that we continue to create a government that truly operates with their best interest as a first priority.
  - \* Because of our joint stewardship over the course of the first three years, it is our hope that the resulting successes will greatly lessen your burden through the deliberation process for this budget.
  - \* The decisions and determinations of the final budget are yours, as are the responsibility of its consequences. We ask that you provide us with a budget that will serve this community's needs and will be able to the administered in an efficient and effective manner, as we have in previous years.
  - \* My staff will be available to help you understand the information of the budget and the thought processes that went into each of the decisions comprising the individual budget recommendations.
- Thank you.

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By Mr. Jones, Council File Ordinance #15,620

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By Mr. Jones, Council File Ordinance #15,621

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November 26, 2008. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Thompson, having read Council File Ordinance #15,621 does hereby adopt by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

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November 26, 2008. City Council on motion of Mr. Thompson, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, adjourned at 9:52 a.m. by yeas Council Members Aleksandrowicz, Cappabianca, Horan-Kunco, Jenkins-Husband, Thompson and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

Attest:

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President of City Council

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City Clerk