

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.at 7:30 P.M.

Council Members present: Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

On motion of Mr. Schember, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of February 1, 2012 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

Copies of the bills under date of February 10, 2012 and February 17, 2012, were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

By Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,785, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 4-2012

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$12,000.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof (contribution is from the Sisters of Mercy for the purchase of police equipment, fire prevention supplies or equipment and winter maintenance equipment).

February 15, 2012. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Merski having read Council File No. 15,785, now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 4-2012 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays 0.

February 15, 2012, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Council File No. 15,786, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 5-2012

An Ordinance **vacating and closing** Garfield Avenue and Ottawa Avenue.

February 15, 2012. City Council on motion of Mrs. Horan-Kunco, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon having read Council File No. 15,786, now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 5-2012 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays 0.

February 15, 2012, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,787

An Ordinance **amending** Official Ordinance No. 80-2005 known as the Zoning Ordinance of the city of Erie by changing the classification of properties located on the Bayfront Highway between Lincoln Avenue, Garfield Street and West 12th Street, from (R1) Low Density Residential District to (M1) Light Manufacturing District.

February 15, 2012. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Schember having read Council File No. 15,787, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,788

An Ordinance of the City of Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania (The "City") authorizing and directing the execution and delivery of a **Guaranty Agreement** with the Erie Parking Authority (The "Authority") and compliance with the provisions thereof; approving the issuance by the authority of *\$8,785,000 Guaranteed Parking Revenue Bonds, Series of 2012; repealing all inconsistent ordinances, directing the proper officers of the City to take necessary actions and further directing that this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

February 15, 2012. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Merski having read Council File No. 15,788, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Witherspoon, Council File No. 15,789

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$10,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof. Federal Forfeiture Program.

February 15, 2012. City Council on motion of Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco having read Council File No. 15,789, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE ERIE GENERAL MAIL FACILITY (GMF) FULLY OPERATIONAL.

WHEREAS, THE U.S. Postal Service (USPS) operates the Erie General Mail Facility located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, PA, and

WHEREAS, The USPS has stated they are facing ongoing decline in mail volumes over the past decade. In response, the USPS is conducting a feasibility study to determine whether certain operations that are now being performed at the Erie General Mail Facility should be consolidated and performed at other service centers to improve efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the City, local businesses and residents depend on the Erie General Mail Facility for first class and bulk mail services; and

WHEREAS, the City is concerned that consolidating operations to other service centers will lead to a loss of jobs, hurt Erie's economy, and negatively affect mail service to City of Erie's residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Erie City Council supports keeping the Erie General Mail Facility fully operational.

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

A Resolution to approve the Annual Budget of the Erie Area Council of Governments for the calendar year ending December 31, 2012.

WHEREAS, The City of Erie is a member of the Erie Area Council of Governments (COG); and

WHEREAS, The COG has proposed its Annual Budget for its financial activities for the 2012 calendar year which will be voted upon for approval at the COG's continuation of the General Assembly Meeting of November 2 & 16, 2011 on December 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Erie has reviewed the Proposed Annual Budget for 2012, a copy of which is attached hereto, and finds it to be in good order; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Erie acknowledges its proportionate share of the Members Dues as listed therein.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Erie, Erie, County, Pennsylvania that the proposed Annual Budget for the calendar year ending December 31, 2012 is approved by the City Council of the City of Erie.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2012.

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.
February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

A Resolution to approve and endorse the inclusion of North East Township as a member of the Erie Area Council of Governments.

WHEREAS, the City of Erie is a member of the Erie Area Council of Governments (COG); and

WHEREAS, North East Township has expressed its desire to join the COG as a member; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Erie believes that it is in the best interests of the COG and its members that North East Township become a member of the COG; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Erie, Erie, County, Pennsylvania Erie City Council approves and endorses inclusion of North East Township as a member of the Erie Area COG.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2012.

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.
February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

A Resolution to approve and endorse the inclusion of the Borough of Girard as a member of the Erie Area Council of Governments.

WHEREAS, the City of Erie is a member of the Erie Area Council of Governments (COG); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Girard has expressed its desire to join the COG as a member; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Erie believes that it is in the best interests of the COG and its members that the Borough of Girard become a member of the COG; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Erie, Erie, County, Pennsylvania Erie City Council approves and endorses inclusion of the Borough of Girard as a member of the Erie Area COG.

ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2012.

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.
February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That Patricia Szychowski, 316 West 39th Street, Erie, PA is appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five (5) year term expiring on December 31, 2016, replacing Glen Duck, whose term has expired.

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.
February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the communications and data from the City of Erie Authorities pursuant to Act 339 listing the names, positions and salaries of individuals employed by the various Authorities for the last six months of 2011 will be placed on file in the Office of Accounts Finance and Budget.

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

See attached list of employees and salaries.

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials file a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Whereas the City of Erie is supportive of an Elm Street Plan as prepared for the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network for the Little Italy neighborhood within the City of Erie.

WHEREAS, the City of Erie is supportive of an Elm Street Plan as prepared for the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network for the Little Italy Neighborhood within the City;

WHEREAS, the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network wishes to obtain funding from the PA DCED for designation as an Elm Street,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network is hereby permitted to file a PA DCED Single Application for funding related to the implementation of the Elm Street Program. The amount of the funding request shall be for \$100,000. Of this amount, \$50,000 will be allocated for implementation of the Program and \$50,000 for a Façade Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to execute a Certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of the Resolution to the Sisters of Saint Joseph neighborhood Network.

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

February 15 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the following amounts are transferred in the Office of Risk Management.

<u>Transferred From</u>			<u>Transferred To</u>		
<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>
\$21,940.00	024-0571-0000-4069	Risk Management Fund	\$ 543.00	024-5071-0000-4062	Fire Insurance
			7,673.00	024-0571-0000-4064	Prof. Liability Ins.
			<u>13,724.00</u>	024-0563-0000-4065	Misc Ins. & Bonds
			\$21,940.00		

February 15, 2012. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Schember, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 7. Nays. 0.

February 15, 2012. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mrs. Horan-Kunco, 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. **SBM Electronics, Inc**, 628 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202, for the renewal of the RACAL system annual maintenance agreement (2/28/12-2/27/13), for the Bureau of Police at a total cost of \$3,495.00.
2. **WM. T. SPAEDER Company**, 1602 East 18th , PO Box 10066, Erie, PA 16514, for an emergency repair of the underground water line for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$5,829.29.

- 3. **Siemens Industry, Inc**, Dept CH 14171, Palentine, IL 60055-4171, for the emergency purchase of a turntable assembly repair kit for final tanks, for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$3,700.00.
- 4. **GOV Connection**, 732 Milford Road, Merrimack, NH 03054, for a replacement network storage system for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$4,317.42.
- 5. **Thayer Power & Communications Co.**, 973 New Castle Road, Butler, PA 16001, for the installation of additional fiber optic cable, for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$15,586.00.
- 6. **Witmer Public Safety Group**, PO Box 249, Chalk Hill, PA 15421, for 14 Taser's extended warranties and supplies, for the Bureau of Police in the amount of \$16,828.60.
- 7. **Markl Supply Company**, 904 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, for 3 Bushmaster .223 rifles and supplies, for the Bureau of Police, in the amount of \$5,784.00.

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 February 15, 2012 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

Mr. Schember left at 8:30 P.M.

February 15, 2012 City Council on motion of Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, adjourned at 9:05 P.M. by yeas Council Members Brennan, Horan-Kunco, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Jones. 6. Nays. 0.

 President of City Council

Attest:

 City Clerk