

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Council Members present: Merski, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, and Witherspoon. 7. Nays 0.

On motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Brennan, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of February 17, 2016 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

Copies of the bills under date of February 25, 2016 and March 4, 2016, were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Arrington, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays. 0.

Mr. Kwitowski, Council File No. 15,943, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 5-2016

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$15,000.00** 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).

March 2, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Kwitowski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington. having read Council File No. 15,943, and now known as Official File Ordinance No. 5-2016 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 2, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

Mr. Kwitowski, Council File No. 15,944, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 6-2016

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200,000.00 in the City of Erie Capital Improvement Fund from anticipated and unappropriated fund balance. These funds were contributed by Gannon University for use by the Department of Public Safety.

March 2, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Kwitowski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington. having read Council File No. 15,944, and now known as Official File Ordinance No. 6-2016 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

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Mr. Brennan, Council File No. 15,945,

An ordinance appropriating the sum [of \\$169,468.56 in the City of Erie Sewer Fund](#) from unappropriated and unanticipated fund balance.

March 2, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Merski. having read Council File No. 15,945, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

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Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,946,

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$150,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the [Perry Square Project](#).

March 2, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski. having read Council File No. 15,946, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 2, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,947,

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$58,980.00** from [HOME program](#) income received for the HOME (M14) project.

March 2, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Jones, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski. having read Council File No. 15,947, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 2, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

Mr. Jones, Council File No. 15,948,

An ordinance approving the plan of the Erie Sewer Authority for the issuance of an aggregate amount not to exceed **\$4,345,000*** [Sewer Revenue bonds](#), Series 2016 and setting forth the amount, interest rates and maturity dates of the bonds; authorizing the authority to proceed with the plan of financing; authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement and the incurrence of lease rental debt thereby; authorizing the specified officers of the City of Erie to prepare and certify the debt statement, and to do all other acts necessary to carry out the provisions of the ordinance; setting forth the payment of the sewer revenue bonds and the source of such payments; repealing all inconsistent ordinances and providing that the ordinance is effective immediately.

March 2, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski. having read Council File No. 15,948, does hereby adopt on First Reading by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski. 7. Nays 0.

March 2, 2016, Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the communication from Mayor Joseph E. Sinnott appointing **Mr. Sean Dugan** of Erie Insurance, 101 Erie Insurance Place, Erie, PA 16503 to the [Housing Authority](#) of the City of Erie Board to fill the unexpired seat that was vacated by C. Ted Dombrowski. Mr. Dugan's term will expire on 6/28/18. City Council receives and confirms.

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March 2, 2016. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Kwitowski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington, Resolved, etc.

That the following individual is hereby appointed as Probationary Patrolman at the current salary of \$42,453.74 in the City of Erie Bureau of Police as they appear on the current Civil Service Eligibility List for the probation period of one year from the date of his appointment on Thursday, March 3, 2016:

1. **Brian Wisniewski**, 2916 Pennsylvania Avenue, Erie, PA 16504
2. Joshua Vogel, 2314 Victory Drive, Erie, PA 16510
3. Michael Marche', 848 Newton Avenue, Erie, PA 16511

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1. **Joshua Vogel**, 2314 Victory Drive, Erie, PA 16510
2. Michael Marche', 848 Newton Avenue, Erie, PA 16511
3. Anastacio Stewart, 201 Dunn Blvd. Erie, PA 16504

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1. **Michael Marche'**, 848 Newton Avenue, Erie, PA 16511
2. Anastacio Stewart, 201 Dunn Blvd. Erie, PA 16504
3. Robert Meehan, 1017 West 2nd Street, Oil City, PA 16301

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1. **Anastacio Stewart**, 201 Dunn Blvd. Erie, PA 16504
2. Robert Meehan, 1017 West 2nd Street, Oil City, PA 16301
3. Dion Larese, PO Box 674, Waterford, PA 16441

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

That the petition submitted by John J. Barber, President and CEO of the Dr. [Gertrude A. Barber Center, INC, requesting the closing and vacating](#) of East First Street which is a 10,907 square foot property located off the North West section of East Avenue. This will allow for the construction of a lighted parking area for visitors and employees of the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Center, INC, is hereby received and referred to the City Planning Commission for recommendation and report thereon.

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

Whereas the Mayor and City Controller have previously been authorized and directed to execute the Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement No. 010U73 between the City of Erie and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Construction of the **Historic Little Italy Streetscape Improvement Project (96283)** and

Whereas the Contractor for the project is:
Russell Standard Corporation
285 Kappa Drive, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA. 15238

This change order is hereby approved in the sum of \$ 2,147.73, and the proper City Officials be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sign said change order on behalf of the City of Erie. Original contract \$ 239,975.00 – Revised contract \$242,122.73.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are authorized to amend the agreement between the City of Erie and HANDS whereby the City will make available to [HANDS](#), from HOME Program funds appropriated, additional funds in the amount of \$84,335.00 to carry out the HANDS Acquisition/Rehab/Rental Goodrich House Project as described in the amended FY14 Annual Plan.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to **execute an agreement** between the City of Erie and Urban Design Ventures, LLC, 212 East Seventh Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120 for technical services for the Department of Economic and Community Development for calendar year 2016. The total compensation to be paid to Urban Design Ventures under the agreement shall not exceed \$10,000.00.

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

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to **amend the agreement** between the City of Erie and HANDS whereby the City will make available to HANDS, from [HOME Program](#) funds appropriated, additional funds in the amount of \$493,324.00 to carry out the Center City Apartments Rental Rehab as described in the amended Annual Plans for the following years:

Acct. 505-1239-2011-4484	\$100,000.00
505-1239-2012-4484	209,234.00
505-1239-2013-4484	1,000.00
505-1239-2014-4484	<u>183,090.00</u>
	\$493,324.00

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

That the following amounts be transferred in the Office of **HOME Program**

TRANSFERRED FROM:

TRANSFERRED TO:

AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	TITLE	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT	TITLE
\$ 100,000.00	505-1239-2011-4557	St Martin-Homebuyer	\$100,000.00	505-1239-2011-4484	HANDS-CC-Rental Rehab
209,234.00	505-1239-2012-4582	ERA-Rehab	\$209,234.00	505-1239-2012-4484	HANDS-CC-Rental Rehab
1,000.00	505-1239-2013-4464	SSJ-Rental Rehab	1,000.00	505-1239-2013-4484	HANDS-CC-Rental Rehab
208,445.00	505-1239-2014-4500	HANDS-NC-Midtown	25,355.00	505-1239-2014-4488	HANDS-Acq./Rehab/Rental
			183,090.00	505-1239-2014-4484	HANDS-CC-Rental Rehab
\$518,679.00			\$518,679.00		

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By Mr. Witherspoon, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski, 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. **DCED**, 400 North Street, 4th FL, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225, for State fees due for October, November, and December 2015 (191 permits) for Code Enforcement for the City of Erie at a total cost of \$2,408.00.
2. **Instrumart**, 35 Green Mountain Drive, S. Burlington, VT 05403 for toxic gas detection monitors for use in confined spaces at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$8,540.00.
3. **Markl Supply Company**, 904 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 for oc liquid barricade penetrator, vapor grenades, flashbangs, indoor/outdoor oc grenades, and outdoor grenades for the [Bureau of Police](#) at a total amount of \$6,033.23.
4. **Markl Supply Company**, 904 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, for six (6) Corel M4 .223 rifles for the [Bureau of Police](#) at a total amount of \$5,244.75.
5. **Meggitt Training Systems**, 296 Brogdon Road, Suwanee, GA 30024, for five rolls of Gum Rubber to be used in the range to prevent bullets from bouncing back at the shooter for the [Bureau of Police](#) at a total amount of \$2,120.00.
6. **David Milano Construction**, 2202 Zimmerly Road, Erie, PA 16506 to repair a storm sewer at Eagle Point and East Lake Road for the Bureau of Sewers for materials only at a cost of \$2,629.03.
7. **Penn Detroit Diesel-Allison**, 8330 State Road, Philadelphia, PA 19136 for parts needed for rebuilding engine on 1993 KME Engine # 13X for the Bureau of Fire at a total cost of \$2,490.07.
8. **SBM Electronics Inc.**, 628 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 for replacement equipment and installation of a [phone recording system](#) for the Computer Services Office at a total cost of \$11,503.20.
9. **Wm. T. Spaeder**, 1602 E 18 ST, PO Box 10066, Erie, PA 16514 for the purchase and installation of an existing 8" gate valve for the Wet Electrostatic Precipitator at [the Wastewater Treatment Plant](#) at a total amount of \$7,478.00.
10. **Tactical & Survival Specialties Inc.**, PO Box 1890, Harrisburg, VA 22801 for simmunition marking cartridges, protective, masks, collars and groins, conversation kits, and cotton tipped applicators for officer training for the [Bureau of Police](#) at a total amount of \$4,289.05.
11. **Taser International**, 17800 North 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255-9603 for replacement cartridges and batteries for the Tasers for the [Bureau of Police](#) at a total amount of \$3,822.55.

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March 2, 2016. City Council on motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Brennan adjourned at 9:32 A.M. by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Kwitowski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Merski 7. Nays. 0.

President of City Council

Attest: _____
City Clerk