

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Council Members present: Kwitowski, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski and Witherspoon. 6. Nays. 0. Mrs. Arrington arrived at 9:15 A.M.

On motion of Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2017 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays. 0.

Copies of the bills under date of January 27, 2017, and February 3, 2017 were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays. 0.

By Mr. Merski, Council File No.15, 977, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 2-2017

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250,000.00 from unappropriated revenue received from a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection **Act 101**, Section **902 Municipal Recycling Program Grant** and providing for the expenditure thereof.

February 1, 2017. City Council on motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski having read Council File No. 15,977 now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 2-2017 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

February 1, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Witherspoon, Council File No. 15,978, Pending Official File Ordinance No. 3-2017

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$8,000.00 from unappropriated and anticipated revenue from **Star Athletic Club** for the Bureau of Fire of the City of Erie.

February 1, 2017. City Council on motion of Mr. Merski, Seconded by Mr. Kwitowski having read Council File No. 15,978 now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 3-2017 does hereby adopt on Final Passage by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays 0.

February 1, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

Pursuant to the provisions of Zoning Ordinance No. 80-2005 and the proper legal advertising, the City Council held a **Public Hearing at 9:30 A.M. February 1, 2017 in City Council Chambers, 626 State Street**, Erie, PA 16501, to consider a request for Waterfront Conditional Use submitted by [Lake Front Realty, LLC](#) for an eating and drinking place located at East Dobbins Landing (index no. 1046-103, the property being located in the WC Waterfront Commercial district).

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

That the proper City Officials are hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement to **Maintain Real Estate Taxable Status** with the Erie County Convention Center Authority. The Agreement is in conjunction with a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (["RACP" grant application](#)). The RACP grant being sought is for \$5,000,000.00, which will be utilized for infrastructure costs in the Authority's GAF site. The purpose of the Agreement is to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that the developed site remains liable for real estate taxes.

February 1, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays. 0.

February 1, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

Amending a resolution passed by Erie City Council on 1/18/17 appointing Mr. **Trevor Thompson** of 106 W. 41st Street, Erie PA 16508, to the **Erie Land Bank** with a three (3) year term expiring on 1/18/20 instead of a two (2) year term expiring 1/18/19.

February 1, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays. 0.

February 1, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington, 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 do hereby ratify and confirm the said transactions which are to be charged to the respective Budget Code Numbers, viz:

1. **Markl Supply Company**, 904 Perry Highway, Erie PA 15229 for miscellaneous supplies to be used by the [SWAT and training units for the Bureau of Police](#) at a total amount of \$20,796.45.
2. **Smoracy, LLC**, (The Beast), Dept. #77982 P.O. Box 77000, Detroit, MI 48277-0982, for the amount of \$59,403.17 for the compost grinding machine maintenance.

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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. [Celebrie USA, Inc.](#), 7 Campus Drive, Suite 210, Parsippany, NJ 07054 for the yearly software maintenance contract for the Cellphone Extraction Unit for the Bureau of Police at a total amount of \$3,400.00
2. **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection**, PO Box 1467, Harrisburg, PA 17104-1467 for the renewal of the annual Laboratory [Certification at the Wastewater Treatment](#) Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a total amount of \$2,150.00.
3. **Coleman & Co., P.C.**, 2415 West Grandview Blvd., Erie PA 16506 for the audit of the Little Italy-Elm Street Project for the Department of Economic & Community Development at a total cost of \$5,000.00.
4. **Coleman & Co., P.C.**, 2415 West Grandview Blvd., Erie PA 16506 for the audit of the Perry Square Project for the Department of Economic & Community Development at a total cost of \$5,000.00.
5. **Creative Imprint Systems**, 2670 West 11th Street, Erie, PA 16505, in the amount of \$2,299.00, for Sponsor t-shirts for the Department of Public Works, Property and Parks.
6. **Erie Center on Health & Aging**, 406 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16507 for a Senior Walking and Tai-Chi Fitness Program for the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City of Erie at a total cost of \$13,000.00.
7. **Meggitt Training Systems**, 296 Brogdon Road, Suwanee, GA 30024 for five (5) rolls of Gum Rubber and bags of 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 \$2,650.00.
8. **Networking Technologies**, 3910 Caughey Road, Suite 207, Erie, PA 16506 for ten [\(10\) Lenovo PC's](#) for the Office of Computer Services at a cost of \$6,224.00.

Other Quotes:0

Zones \$6,312.00

Northshore Technological \$6,345.00

PCM-G \$6,720.00

9. **Networking Technologies**, 3910 Caughey Road, Suite 207, Erie, PA 16506 for the hardware to replace the primary network switch needed to provide a connection between our servers and the rest of the [network for the Office of Computer Services](#) at a cost of \$12,365.42
Other Quotes:
 Zones \$13,085.49
 PCM-G \$13,892.46
 Insight Public Sector \$14,756.73
10. **Northshore Technological**, 3618 West 12th Street, Erie, PA 16505 for ten (10) [Microsoft Office](#) 2016 Pro Licenses for the Office of Computer Services at a cost of \$3,440.00.
Other Quotes:
 Zones \$3,553.70
 PCM-G \$3,576.90
 GovConnection, Inc. \$3,617.20
11. [Plyler Overhead Door](#), 8850 Fry Road, McKean, PA 16426 for the new door at Engine 8 at 9th and East Avenue for the Bureau of Fire at a total cost of \$2,688.19.
12. **Printing Concepts, Inc.**, 4982 Pacific Avenue, Erie, PA 16506 for the amount of \$12,747.81 for the printing and distribution of the 2017 City of Erie Recycling Guide.
13. **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 \$4,350.40.

February 1, 2017. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski, Witherspoon and Kwitowski. 7. Nays. 0.
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WAIVE RULES

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

That City Council adopts this resolution in support of Mr. Chester Lee's initiative to encourage habitat for native bees and recognizes the significant role in the pollination of plants and food.

February 1, 2017. City Council votes to adopt the waive rules by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

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

That Erie City Council respectfully requests our local Senator and all State Representatives to consider allocating at least 10% of the gaming revenue to be distributed evenly between the City of Erie and the Erie School District providing compensation for the lost revenue from property taxes not collected by the tax exempt status of the majority of our local regional assets.

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

That the President of Erie City Council is authorized and directed to retain an attorney to represent Erie City Council for the purpose of intervening in the zoning appeal captioned Save Our Native Species of Lake Erie, Inc. vs. the Zoning Hearing Board of the City of Erie, which is pending in Erie County Court of Common Pleas, at docket number 13093-2016, in support of the position that the public access way constructed on the former GAF Bayfront property, located at 216 West Bayfront Parkway, violates the City of Erie Zoning Ordinance because City Council never considered or approved the public access was as required by section 306 of the City of Erie zoning ordinance.

February 1, 2017. City Council votes to adopt the waive rules by yeas Council Members Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

February 1, 2017. City Council on motion of Mr. Merski, seconded by Mr. Jones the above resolution be tabled until February 15, 2017 by yeas Council Members Arrington, Jones, Merski, and Winarski. 4 Nays. 3. Mr. Brennan, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Kwitowski.

February 1, 2017. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

February 1, 2017, City Council on motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Arrington adjourned at 10:40 A.M. by yeas Council Members Kwitowski, Arrington, Brennan, Jones, Merski, Winarski and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

President of City Council

Attest: _____
City Clerk