

AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approval of the Minutes/Bills  
Mayor Joseph Sinnott will attend the City Council meeting to present the 2008 City Budget

- D. Citizens to be Heard
  - 1. Amy Cuzzola-Kern, PhD, Vice President, Programs, The Erie Community Foundation, 127 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, re. Poverty in Erie County and the work of The Erie Community Foundation and the Poverty Study Group
  - 2. Roberta Bedow, 180 Jefferson Avenue, re. EMTA Lift

E. ORDINANCES: FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

- 1. 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, 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.
- 2. Council File Ordinance #15,556, Pending Official File Ordinance #63-2007 an ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Erie, Part One (Administrative Code), Title Seven (Employment Provisions; Pension, Article 145 (Officers' and Employees' Retirement System), Section 145.13 (Controlling Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code), Sub-Section 145.13 (m) Direct Rollover) and Subsection 145.13 (n) EGTRAA - Required Rollover Provisions) by amending said subsections in their entirety by expanding the method of financing the purchase of service credit.

ORDINANCES: FOR FIRST READING:

- 1. Council File Ordinance #15,557  
an ordinance fixing the tax rate for payment of principal and interest on the **funded debt** of the City of Erie coming due during the fiscal year 2008.
- 2. Council File Ordinance #15,558  
an ordinance fixing the **tax rate** for all city purposes for the fiscal year 2008 (beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2008).
- 3. Council File Ordinance #15,559,  
an ordinance adopting the **General Fund** and certain other budgets for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.
- 4. Council File Ordinance #15,560  
an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$25,000** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from PADEP Coastal Zone Management Program, Account 265-0727-0000-3641 Contributions and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to Account #002-072-0000-4056 Repair and Maintenance Services.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Zoning Ordinance #80-2005 and the proper legal advertising, City Council will proceed to hold a Public Hearing regarding the request from Verizon Wireless for Waterfront Conditional Use for the installation of **cellular antenna equipment** on the Bicentennial Tower located on Dobbins Landing commencing at approximately **10:00 a.m.**

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution sponsored by Council President Rubye Jenkins-Husband canceling the City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 2, 2008 and rescheduling same to Wednesday, **January 9, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.**
- 2. Resolution sponsored by Councilman Patrick Cappabianca urging our Federal Officials to support the measures suggested in Pennsylvania House **Resolution 418** which is a bi-partisan resolution introduced October 2, 2007 in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, which calls on the U.S. Congress to take emergency action to protect homeowners and banks by enacting a Homeowners and Banks Protection Act.
- 3. Resolution sponsored by Councilman Joseph Schember authorizing the Department of Finance to perform an adjustment to the books and records of the City of Erie for the 2007 fiscal year whereby \$4,789,987.00 in the general fund monies received from the Special Earned Income Tax Levy is to be reflected in the City's Debt Service Fund and in addition, the records are further adjusted to reflect total tax millage in the amount of 11.45 mills, composed of 9.39 mills in general government millage and 2.06 mills in debt service millage. This adjustment is being made at the suggestion and request of the City's auditors.

4. Resolution authorizing and encouraging the Mayor and other appropriate City officials to distribute a **Visitability Informational Flyer** to all contractors applying for building permits at the City of Erie's Code Enforcement Office to set in motion a movement to change home construction practices within the City of Erie to include a few specific features that make the homes easier for people who develop mobility impairments to live in and visit including (1) one zero-step entrance; (2) all main floor interior doors, including bathrooms, with 32 inches of clear passage space and (3) at least a half bath, preferably a full bath, on the main floor.
5. Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 on the contract of **Sult-Kote Pennsylvania**, 10985 McHenry Street, Meadville, Pa., for additional crack filling material for filling various City Streets as recommended by the Bureau of Engineering, in the sum of \$680.23 increasing the original contract price from \$58,998.18 to \$59,678.41.

**TRANSFERS:**

1. Resolution transferring the sum of **\$73,000.00** in various accounts in the Bureau of Sewers to Account #007-0773-000-4056 Repair & Maintenance Services.
2. Resolution transferring the sum of **\$220,000.00** in the Office of Risk Management from #024-0563-0000-4065 Misc. Insurance & Bonds (\$20,000) and from #024-0571-0000-4069 Claims-1995 fwd (\$200,000) to 0563-4041 Professional Services (\$20,000) and 0571-4067 Claims (\$200,000)

**CONTRACTS:**

1. **AIRGAS - Great Lakes**, 1326 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pa., for C.E.M.S. gas, lab gas, plant maintenance gas and welding gas, for the Bureau of Sewers and other City Bureaus at unit prices for a period of two (2) years with an option for a third year at the same prices.
2. **Welders Supply**, 1628 Cascade Street, Erie, Pa., for calibration gases at unit prices, for a period of two (2) years with an option for a third year at the same prices.

**PURCHASE ORDERS:**

1. **OMSS**, 2016 Peach Street, Erie, Pa., for one 23100 Postscript 24" Print Engine, for the Print Shop at a total cost of \$4,662.00.
2. **Keystone Electric**, 3125 Brandes Street, Erie, Pa., for the installation of 2 concrete foundations and relocation of flashing school speed limit devices for East 28<sup>th</sup> Street to: 1) East 6<sup>th</sup> Street approximately 60 feet east of Perry Street and 2) East Lake Road approximately 230 feet west of Pennsylvania Avenue, for the sum of \$6,700.00.
3. **Airgas - Great Lakes**, 1326 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pa., for one (1) Welding fume extractor and extensions for the Municipal Garage for the sum of \$5,520.00.
4. **Five Star International**, P. O. Box 64006, Baltimore, MD, for a transmission to Repair Streets 1045 for the Bureau of Streets for the sum of \$2,348.69.
5. **Five Star International**, P. O. Box 64006, Baltimore, MD, for a transmission to Repair Streets #1265 for the Bureau of Streets for the sum of \$4,475.00.
6. **David Milano Construction**, 1827 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pa., for performing Repair Services connecting the Sanitary Sewer connection to the existing Sanitary Manhole at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Walnut Streets for the sum of \$3,817.80 (material costs only).
7. **Gerster Trane**, 45 Earhart Drive, Buffalo, N.Y. for a one year Service agreement for the plant chillers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of \$6,300.00.
8. **David Milano Construction**, 1827 West 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, Pa., for performing Repair Services in installing Sanitary Manhole at 804 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street for \$2,332.27; renewing sanitary house connection at 343 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street for \$2,782.50 and repairing a street cave-in at 1521 Plum Street for \$2,202.90 (material costs only on all three items)
9. **Pittsburgh Process Equipment Co., Inc.**, 840 Long Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., for one drainage well pump for the Bureau of Sewers, at a total cost of \$9,877.00.

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTES:**

City Council will hold a Study Session on Thursday, **November 29, 2007** at  
**5:00 p.m.** with Kim Green and John Buchna from the Small Business Development Center  
**6:00 p.m.** re. the Little Italy Neighborhood Revitalization Plan