

AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approval of the Minutes/Bills
- D. Citizens to be Heard
David Earl Stepp re: Dickson Tavern and the Underground Railroad

E. ORDINANCES: FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

- 1. Council File Ordinance #15,500, Pending Official File Ordinance #9-2007 an ordinance amending Article 1503, **Uniform Construction Code**, Section 1502.77, Examinations, to allow the International Code Council to perform testing for journeyman and master plumbers.
- 2. Council File Ordinance #15,509, Pending Official File Ordinance #18-2007 an ordinance amending Official Ordinance #26-1958 known as the Traffic Code, by providing for **Stop Signs on Plymouth Street** at its intersection with Crescent Drive and on **Virginia Avenue** at its intersection with Delaware Avenue.

ORDINANCES: FOR FIRST READING:

- 1. Council File Ordinance #15,510 an ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$30,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue of \$20,000.00 received from Erie Neighborhood Watch Council and \$10,000.00 received from #015-0000-0000-3641 Contributions (Pennsylvania Sea Grant Program) and providing for the expenditure thereof by allocating said funds to Account #015-0707-0000-4075 Bridges & Streets for the City of Erie Bikeway, East Lake Road.

F. OLD BUSINESS

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution sponsored by Council President Rubye Jenkins-Husband recognizing the month of March as **"Women's History Month"**. The History of American Women is an expansive story of outstanding individuals who sacrificed much and worked hard in pursuit of a better world where peace and opportunity can reign. The spirit of determination that has shaped and continues to shape our Nation. Women contribute their time, efforts and wisdom in vastly diverse ways to improve and enhance our government, families, community, schools, businesses, education, arts and science. On this observance of Women's History Month I encourage every citizen to learn more about these important contributions and to celebrate their noble work to build a brighter future for our Nation and for all of the world's people. I encourage everyone to observe this month with appropriate programs and ceremonial activities.
- 2. Resolution sponsored by Council President Rubye Jenkins-Husband respectfully requesting our County Court Officials and the County Administration to review the feasibility of establishing a **"Centralized Housing Court"** and to appoint a single District Justice to oversee all housing court cases. The ability for the Bureau of Code Enforcement to effectively enforce codes require strong Judicial backing in a centralized independent housing court, and further allows for one magistrate to hear all Housing Court cases which will ensure that repeat offenders that cross magisterial districts are more easily tracked and identified.
- 3. Resolution sponsored by Councilman Curtis Jones appointing **James D. Held, Jr.** to the vacant seat on the Stationary Engineers License Examination Board for a two year term expiring December 31, 2008.
- 4. Resolution sponsored by Councilman James Thompson respectfully requesting the proper officials of the City Administration to study the feasibility of updating the provisions of Article 512 of the Codified Ordinances (**Snow Emergency**) by providing the Bureau of Police additional powers and duties in the enforcement and removal of "snow birds", automobiles that have not been moved to an off-street parking area or previously plowed street within twenty-four hours from the start of city snow plowing operations and increase the penalty for violation of this article from \$10.00 to \$25.00 as per Ordinance #75-1971 and Ordinance #6-2005.
- 5. Resolution sponsored by Councilman James Thompson authorizing and directing the proper City officials of the City Administration to execute the necessary documents to effectuate a Sister City relationship with **Dungarvan County, Waterford, Ireland**, to meet the requirements of Sister Cities International, to foster friendship and goodwill and agree to collaborate for the mutual benefit of our communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities.

CONTRACTS:

1. Resolution authorizing and directing the proper City officials to execute a contract between the City of Erie and **Zanotti Motor Co., Inc.**, 170 Pittsburgh Road, Butler, Pa. for the leasing of sixty (60) used electric (48 volt) golf carts for Downing Golf Course and ten (10) used gas golf Carts for J.C. Martin Golf Course for a term of three years at an annual rate of \$36,675.00.

PURCHASE ORDERS:

1. Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Controller to execute an agreement between the City of Erie and **Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors**, 434 Grove City Road, P. O. Box 94, Slippery Rock, Pa., for Equipment for the HVAC System in the Municipal Building, 626 State Street, for the sum of \$3,501.57.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE:

The Councilmanic Hearing regarding the suspension of Detective Edward Dickens will begin Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.