

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

Council Members present: Winarski, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf in person and Allen, Brennan and Witherspoon on Zoom. 7. Nays. 0.

On motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of March 18, 2020 were dispensed with and same adopted with copies furnished to the members of City Council by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0. Copies of the bills under date of March 27, April 3, April 10 and April 17, 2020 were given to City Council and same adopted by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays.0

By Mrs. Schaaf, Council File No. 16,153 Pending Official Ordinance No. 9-2020

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$50,000.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof (a [contribution](#) for the improvement of the Police Central Operation area).

April 15, 2020. City Council on motion of Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, having read Council File No. 16,153, and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 9-2020 does hereby adopt on **Final Passage** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

April 15, 2020 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Winarski, Council File No. 16,154 Pending Official Ordinance No. 10-2020

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$10,000.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof (contribution is from the Erie Community Foundation Helping Today Grant).

April 15, 2020. City Council on motion of Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, having read Council File No. 16,154, and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 10-2020 does hereby adopt on **Final Passage** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

April 15, 2020 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Keys, Council File No. 16155

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 guaranteed parking revenue bonds, Series of 2020A (The "2020A Bonds") and guaranteed parking revenue bonds, taxable series of 2020B (the "2020 B Bonds") (the 2020A Bonds and 2020B Bonds) together referred to as the "2020 Bonds" in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.00; 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.

April 15, 2020. City Council on motion of Mr. Keys, Seconded by Mr. Schaaf having read Council File No. 16,155, does hereby adopt on **First Reading** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

April 15, 2020 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk

By Ms. Allen, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, Resolved, etc.

That recognizing April 2020 as “**Pennsylvania Safe Digging Month**” an initiative supported by **Pennsylvania 811**, a utility notification information center celebrating its 48th year of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania citizens; and

Whereas, this unique service provides easy, one-call notification about excavation projects which may endanger workers and jeopardize utility lines while promoting workplace and public safety, reducing underground utility damage, minimizing utility service interruptions and protecting the environment; and

Whereas, this vital service, which began with only six utility companies; now serves more than 100,000 excavators and over 3,600 critical infrastructure owners throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, each year Pennsylvania 811 receives more than 900,000 notification requests and transmits more than six million notifications. Providing protection to utility companies, their employees, customers and citizens of the City of Erie, PA;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that the City Council of the City of Erie recognize the month of April 2020 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” and encourage all excavators and homeowners to dial 8-1-1 at least three business days in advance of an excavation project, including small projects such as planting a tree, installing a mailbox post, building a deck or swimming pool or replacing a driveway, in order to avoid injury, protect the environment, prevent millions of dollars in damages and to remind excavators that three business days’ notice is the las for safe digging.

April 15, 2020. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

April 15, 2020. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Keys, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to execute and award the **Construction Agreement** between the City of Erie and [Quantela](#), 691 S Milpitas Blvd, Suite 217, Milpitas, CA 95035, for the **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) 2019 POWER Erie Broadband Deployment (free public Wi-Fi) in the Eight Erie Opportunity Zones, Project No. PA-19683-214-19** in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

April 15, 2020. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

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By Mr. Keys, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and City Controller are authorized and directed to submit the federal grant application for the **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) 2019 POWER Erie Broadband Deployment (free public Wi-Fi) in the Eight Erie Opportunity Zones, Project No. PA-19683-214-19** in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

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By Mr. Keys, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, Resolved, etc.

That the proper City Officials are authorized and directed to execute an Application for County Aid, Project #20-25302-002, for an allocation of County **Liquid Fuels Tax Funds**. Project Description: [Bridge](#) Inspections Total **Estimated Project Cost: \$16,733.19** [Allocation Requested \(20%\) \\$3,346.63](#).

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By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials hereby authorize the City of Erie Department of Economic and Community Development Director and the City Grant Writer to serve as authorized organization representatives to sign required proposal documents and to submit state and federal grant applications on behalf of the City for the 2020 calendar year.

April 15, 2020. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.
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By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are authorized to execute an agreement between the City of Erie and HANDS in which the City will make available to [HANDS HOME](#) funds for the **Mid-Town Revitalizations-New Construction Rental project** in the amount of **\$361,765.00**.

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By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, Resolved, etc.

TRANSFERS

That the following amounts are transferred in **HOME Program**

Transferred from:			Transferred to:		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$ 200,000.00	505-1251-2016-4557	City-Homebuyer Rehab	\$ 200,000.00	505-5005-2016-4501	HANDS-NC Rental

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By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, Resolved, etc.

That the following amounts are transferred in **HOME Program**

Transferred from:			Transferred to:		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$ 161,765.00	505-5005-2018-4484	HANDS-Rental Rehab	\$ 161,765.00	505-5005-2016-4501	HANDS-NC Rental

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By Mr. Keys, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, Resolved, etc.

That the following amounts are transferred in **Public Works**

Transferred from:			Transferred to:		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$ 36,000.00	002-0713-0000-4011	Salaries	\$ 36,000.00	002-0713-0000-4007	Shift Differential Wages
12,000.00	002-0719-0000-4011	Salaries	12,000.00	002-0719-0000-4007	Shift Differential Wages
58,000.00	007-0771-0000-4011	Salaries	58,000.00	007-0771-0000-4007	Shift Differential Wages
37,000.00	008-0731-0000-4011	Salaries	37,000.00	008-0731-0000-4007	Shift Differential Wages
\$ 143,000.00			\$ 143,000.00		

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By Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, 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. **Sherwin Williams**, 101 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115 for a one-year extension of traffic line marking paint for the Bureau of Streets at a total cost of **\$33,000.00**.
2. **Engel O'Neill**, 2124 Sassafras Street, Erie, PA 16502, to implement a targeted marketing campaign for the 2020 U.S. [Census](#), for the City of Erie not to exceed **\$40,000.00**.
3. **Logistics Plus, Inc.**, 1406 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16501 for Personal Protection [Equipment](#) (Masks, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer and Face Shields) due to COVID-19 for the Bureau of Fire and Bureau of Police at a total cost of **\$77,738.75**.
4. **U.S. Tech, Inc.**, P.O. Box 152, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 for the replacement and installation of the [battery backup](#) units in both the server room and phone room for the Office of Computer Services at a cost of **\$34,515.00**.
5. **Bob Ferrando Ford Lincoln Sales, Inc.**, 8868 West Ridge Road, Girard, PA 16423 for six (6) 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptors for **\$33,369.00** each for a total amount of **\$200,214.00**.

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April 15, 2020. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk

By Mr. Winarski, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf, 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. **Filtech, Inc.**, 221 West 8th Avenue, West Homestead, PA 15120 for air filters for plant-wide replacement in [HVAC](#) units at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of **\$2,860.57**.
2. **CASCO USA**, 2022 Filmore Avenue Suite #18, Erie, PA 16506 for replacement [filters and oil](#) for the Kaeser Compressors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Bureau of Sewers at a total amount of **\$2,027.92**.
3. **David Milano Construction, LLC**, 2202 Zimmerly Road, Erie, PA 16506 for materials to repair sanitary connections at 2609 Schley Road, 2226 State street & West 21st & Raspberry Street for the Bureau of Sewers:
\$3,862.75/\$2,022.27/\$3,231.50 (Materials Only) Total Cost \$9,116.52
4. **Empire Excavation & Demolition, Inc.**, 10860 Donation Road, Waterford, PA 16441 for demolition at [554 East 25th](#) Street for the Bureau of Economic and Community Development at a total cost of **\$2,795.00**.
5. **Empire Excavation & Demolition, Inc.**, 10860 Donation Road, Waterford, PA 16441 for demolition at [1248 West 11th](#) Street for the Bureau of Economic and Community Development at a total cost of **\$4,995.00**.
6. **Best Buy**, 6650 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16509 for ten (10) Lenovo Touch-Screen Laptops for the Office of Computer Services at a total amount of **\$9,883.86**.
7. **SBM Electronics, Inc.**, 628 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 for the annual maintenance agreement for the [Police Radio](#) & Telephone Recording System for the Bureau of Police at a total amount of **\$3,195.00**

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WAIVE RULES

No. 1

By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are authorized to enter into an agreement with individual homeowners being awarded City Homebuyer Rehab Project funds in which the City will provide up to \$24,999.00 for rehabilitation costs, down payment assistance and closing costs to each qualifying homeowner. The total funding allocated to this program in the amended FY18 plan is \$136,758.00.

April 15, 2020. City Council adopt waive rules by yeas Council Members, Allen, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon, Brennan and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

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WAIVE RULES

No. 2

By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Brzezinski, Resolved, etc.

That the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are authorized to enter into an agreement between the City of Erie and Ms. Amaliya Rasulova pertaining to the City Homebuyer Rehab Project in which the City will make available up to \$24,999.00 for rehabilitation costs, down payment assistance and closing costs for the purchase of the property located at 653 West 36th Street, Erie, PA 16508. A check will be issued to Ms. Rasulova and her Council, Attorney Barbara Welton, to be presented at the closing.

April 15, 2020. City Council adopt waive rules by yeas Council Members, Allen, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon, Brennan and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

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Rose Boyer

From: Freda Tepfer <fstepfer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Rose Boyer
Subject: Question for Council

I am concerned that there are contradictions between the Quality of Life Ordinance and other City Ordinances.

Most specifically related to burning. Some ordinances say there are approved containers for burning. A neighbor has generated smoke that has caused discomfort which is even detected in my house, and has claimed he is burning in a an approved container and the Fire Department has been to his home and that he is not in violation.

The QOL ordinance is very clear that burning any yard waste is not allowed.

THE burning ordinance does not acknowledge that.

There may be contradictions between QOL ordinances and other existing regulations.

IT is difficult for residents that want to protect their air quality without incurring hostility from neighbors who feel their rights are being infringed upon. I request the Council to insure that the ordinances they have adopted are consistent. i

Freda Tepfer
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814-520-8201

for Minutes

April 15, 2020, City Council on motion of Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Mrs. Schaaf adjourned at 8:04 P.M. by yeas Council Members Winarski, Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, and Schaaf and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

President of City Council

Attest: _____