

The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

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

On motion of Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon, the reading of the minutes of the Meeting of May 6, 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 May 15, and 22, 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. 16,158 Pending Official Ordinance No. 14-2020

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$10,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the Enterprise Zone Revolving Loan Fund for utilization in the Flagship/Commodore Fund.

May 20, 2020. City Council on motion of Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Ms. Allen, having read Council File No. 16,158, and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 14-2020 does hereby adopt on **Final Passage** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

May 20, 2020 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Brzezinski Council, File No. 16,159 Pending Official Ordinance No. 15-2020

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$300,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof.

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May 20, 2020. City Council on motion of Mr. Brzezinski, Seconded by Mr. Keys, having read Council File No. 16,159, and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 15-2020 does hereby adopt on **Final Passage** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

May 20, 2020 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mr. Brzezinski Council, File No. 16,160 Pending Official Ordinance No. 16-2020

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$34,977.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof.

2019 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

May 20, 2020. City Council on motion of Mr. Brzezinski, Seconded by Mr. Keys, having read Council File No. 16,160, and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 16-2020 does hereby adopt on **Final Passage** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

May 20, 2020 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

By Mrs. Schaaf, Council File No. 16,161 Pending Official Ordinance No. 17-2020

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$5,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue from CSX for the purchase of I Pads.

May 20, 2020. City Council on motion of Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Ms. Allen having read Council File No. 16,161, and now known as Pending Official File Ordinance No. 17-2020 does hereby adopt on **Final Passage** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

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By Mrs. Schaaf, Council File No. 16,162

An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$20,000.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the Enterprise Zone Revolving Loan Fund for utilization in the Flagship/Commodore Fund.

May 20, 2020. City Council on motion of Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Ms. Allen having read Council File No. 16,162, does hereby adopt on **First Reading** by yeas Council Members Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, Witherspoon and Winarski. 7. Nays. 0.

May 20, 2020 Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk

By Mr. Brennan, Seconded by Ms. Allen, Resolved, etc.

That the City of Erie Administration and other appropriate City Departments and stakeholders work with the Erie City Council to create an Ordinance that will specify or amend policy or procedures for **naming, co-naming, and renaming of City of Erie streets**.

The objectives of the Ordinance are as follows:

1. Enhance a sense of community involvement and public participation within the City.
2. Establish a uniform and comprehensive process of formal notification of a proposed naming, co-naming or renaming.
3. Ensure that naming is consistent with the values, priorities and characteristics of our City.
4. Encourage and recognize the dedication of individuals who have shown exemplary citizenship.
5. Establish a consistent approach and specific criteria for reviewing applications which may include the following:
 - a. APPLICATION FOR STREET RENAMING
 - CRITERIA FOR RENAMING A STREET FOR AN INDIVIDUAL
 - CRITERIA FOR HONORARY STREET DESIGNATION
 - b. WRITTEN NOTIFICATIONS TO AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS
 - c. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
 - FEE FOR REVIEW, MATERIALS, AND INSTALLATION
 - d. HISTORIC PRESERATION REVIEW
 - e. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REVIEW
 - STREET NAME LENGTH AND LENGTH OF STREET TO BE RENAMED
 - f. CITY COUNCIL FINAL APPROVAL
 - PUBLIC HEARING

May 20, 2020. City Council adopt by yeas Council Members, Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, Schaaf, and Winarski. 6. Nays. 1. Witherspoon.

May 20, 2020. Signed by the President. Attested by the City Clerk.

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

That the proper City officials are authorized and directed to enter into an **Easement Agreement** with **Midtown Revitalization, L.P.**, with an address of 7 East 7th Street, Erie, PA 16501.

The City will grant the following two (2) easements for the purpose of storm sewer installation, in conjunction with HANDS development at 311 E. 12th St:

(1) AN easement located within an unnamed public alley (Map 15-2018), depicted on David Laird Associates, Inc. Drawing (Exhibit A) and described on Exhibit B.

(2) AN easement located within a portion of German Street (Map 15-2018), depicted on David Laird Associates, Inc. Drawing (Exhibit C) and described on Exhibit D.

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

That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Mark Erie Hospitality, LLC	\$500,000.00	15 Years	\$2,500.00

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

That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Logistics Plus, Inc.	\$845,000.00	15 Years	\$4,225.00

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

That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

	<u>Amount</u>
The Remnant Store	\$2,500.00

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

That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

	<u>Amount</u>
Bklassy Beauty Bar	\$2,500.00

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That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

	<u>Amount</u>
Doug Yaple's Vacuum Cleaner Center	\$2,500.00

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	<u>Amount</u>
Charisma Salon	\$2,500.00

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That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

	<u>Amount</u>
Ember & Forge	\$2,500.00

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That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

N-Gems, Inc. Amount
\$2,500.00

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That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

Two Sparrows Learning Systems Amount
\$2,400.00

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

That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

Erie Ale Works Amount
\$2,367.50

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That City Council are authorized and directed that the Flagship Fund approval of the following loan is formally ratified:

Café 710 Amount
\$2,223.05

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

Safe Senior Rides, LLC Amount
\$1,440.00
***This resolution pulled by EC&D as the business is closed and no longer need the money.**

By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon, 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. **Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc.**, 830 Sir Thomas Court, Suite 150, Harrisburg, PA 17109 to provide Financial Consultant Services Regarding an Analysis of the proposed transaction between the City of Erie & Erie Water Works not to exceed the amount of **\$22,000.00**.
2. **Presto Commercial Cleaning**, 7366 Orchard Drive, Fairview, PA 16415 a one-year contract (April 20,2020 – March 31, 2020) for janitorial services at City Hall in the amount of **\$7,855.00 per month**.

3. **Bob Ferrando Ford Lincoln Sales, Inc.** 8868 West Ridge Road, Girard, PA 16423 for two (2) 2021 For Utility Police Interceptors for \$33,369.00 each for a total amount of **\$66,738.00**.
4. **Empire Snow Management**, 10860 Donation Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 for the 2020 Curb Rams I Project Bid 1765-20 in the amount of **\$41,329.00**.

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By Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon, 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. **FirstNet**, 12201 Sunrise Drive, Reston, VA 20192 for nine (9) iPads for the Bureau of Fire at a total cost of **\$3,239.91**.
2. **Occupational Health Center**, 1910 Sassafras Street, Suite 200, Erie, PA 16502 for Non-DOT Drug Screenings and Breath Alcohol Screenings for the Office of Human Resources and the Bureau of Refuse and Recycling at a total cost of **\$2,210.00**.
3. **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**, 1800 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110 for the annual recurring data circuit lease and equipment for NCIC (Scope) for the period of 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021 for the Bureau of Police at a total amount of **\$5,100.00**.
4. **CDW-G LLC**, 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue Vernon Hills, IL 60061 for the purchase of a Microsoft SQL Server License for the Bureau of Sewers a total amount of **\$4,991.56**.
5. **Ganzer Equipment Co.**, 5045 Buffalo Road, Erie, PA 16510 for the purchase of a Wacker BS50-4 Plate Tamper to aid in the proper compacting of fill dirt when making repairs in the roadways for the Bureau of Sewers at a total cost of **\$2,134.00**.

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May 20, 2020, City Council on motion of Mrs. Schaaf, Seconded by Mr. Witherspoon adjourned at 8:31 P.M. by yeas Council Members Winarski, Allen, Brennan, Brzezinski, Keys, and Schaaf and Witherspoon. 7. Nays. 0.

President of City Council

Attest: _____

Comment to City Council 5.20.20

I object to the City not acting in a timely fashion to provide an opportunity for the public to comment to online City Council Meetings. This failure is peculiar given the large number of government organizations managing to do this without problems.

The technologies in use provide an opportunity for the public to sign in to meetings after preregistration, and to be given microphone access when called on. Or to similarly comment on a conference call.

Failure to provide this opportunity is failure to provide the public accommodation of public comment to people in a fashion that does not intimidate or exclude those who do not express themselves as well in writing.

I attended the City Council Study Session with the Erie Downtown Development Corporation and Erie Downtown Partnership

I am very concerned with the indications that EDDC and EDP/Perry Square Alliance position themselves as the people who get to decide how Perry Square will be managed, improved, changed. I was denied the opportunity to attend a Perry Square Partnership Meeting. I am concerned that a group that opposes a water fountain in Perry Square, and chose to build towers that create unsafe conditions for pedestrians who are blind and visually impaired positions itself to control or manage how Perry Square appears, is managed etc. Perhaps you have not noticed how there are no benches in the park that are positioned to allow people to converse with each other.

This reflects what EDDC shared

HR&A Recommendations vs. EDDC Actual Timelines

	YEAR 1 (July 2017 – July 2018)	YEARS 2 - 3 (July 2018 – July 2020)	YEARS 4 - 5 (July 2020 – July 2022)	YEARS 6-10 (July 2022 – July 2027)
HR&A	Communicate Commitment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form EDDC & EDEF Hire CEO 	Demonstrate Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project #1 – Break Ground Perry Square - Expand Programming Streetscape Improvements 	Build Market Confidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects #1 – 2 – Delivered Project #3 – Break Ground Perry Square Capital Improvements 	Support Longer Term Investments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-Term Opportunity Sites Developed Continuous Strategy Update and Stakeholder Coordination
EDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDDC & EDEF Formed CEO Hired 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects #1-15 Acquired & Development Begins Phase I Investment Vehicle (\$100 - \$150M) Formed Phase I Public Space Improvements begin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects #1-10 – Delivered Projects #11-15 Development Continues Phase I Public Space Improvements continued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects #11-15 – Delivered (Q1 2023) Phase I Project Refinancing Occurs

Perry Square belongs to all the residents of the city, not just downtown, and certainly not just a Downtown organization that denies attendance at the Perry Square Alliance meeting.

I request the City Council take all measures to assume that ALL activities and plans for the planning, changes, management of Perry Square are the product of open public involvement with all the residents of the City.

EDP says that EDP has started an effort, "in cooperation with the City looking at the current and future use of the square and how it can serve and even be safer. Potential adding of additional green space, is something that would be really helpful to us to support the food trucks, outdoor activities, the creative use of space, the creative use of art, all things we are looking at now and what we need to do is continue to work with the city to develop this space and others for the betterment and opportunity of us. And under the safety premise that's the opportunity, How do you use this space to be safe but to be engaging and connected. "

That is verbatim from the study session. The effort that EDP is discussing may be appropriate, but it should not be the only basis for deciding how Perry Square is developed and managed.

I was also concerned that the Erie Downtown Partnership is concerned about finding human feces when they have prevented the placement of a port a potty in or near Perry Square. Where else can the unsheltered homeless spend the day? They need seating. Restrooms are many blocks away at W 12th St

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