

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 22
DECEMBER 5, 2024**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Baskin.

All members present.

An Invocation was held, led by Mr. Dupre, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Vinal.

TABLED ITEMS

Item 1 – MR. MEYERS moved to take Report No. 1 of the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT/BUDGET COMMITTEE from the table. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved to separate item Number 2-A, and approve the balance of the report. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION NO. 177

November 7, 2024, following recess, reconvened on December 3, 2024.	FINANCE & MANAGEMENT/BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1
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ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR GREENE.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 18E-2 (2024)
COMPTROLLER: “2025 Tentative Budget Revenue and Major Expenditure Estimates”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - b. COMM. 19E-4 (2024)
CHAIR BASKIN: “2025 Budget Hearings”
(Chair’s Ruling)
 - c. COMM. 20E-2 (2024)
COMPTROLLER: “Comptroller’s Review of the Proposed 2025 Erie County Budget”
(Chair’s Ruling)

2. COMM. 18E-1 (2024)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE AS AMENDED
- a. MAJORITY CAUCUS
RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the County Executive's 2025 Tentative Budget with the amendments attached hereto.
(6-0)

MICHAEL H. KOOSHOIAN
CHAIR

MR. MEYERS moved to further amend item Number 2-a. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved to further amend item Number 2-a. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved to approve item Number 2-a as amended. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CHAIR BASKIN directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. GREENE, MS. LORIGO, MR. MILLS, MR. TODARO, MR. BARGNESI, CHAIR BASKIN, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, MR. MEYERS and MS. VINAL. NOES: None. (AYES: 11; NOES: 0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 2 – No items for reconsideration from previous meeting.

Item 3 – MR. MEYERS moved for the approval of the minutes for Meeting Numbers 20 & 21 from 2024. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 4 – No Public Hearings.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Miscellaneous Resolutions were offered, as follows:

LORIGO Honoring Elm Street Bakery on National Pastry Day

- LORIGO Recognizing the 83rd Commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day
- LORIGO Honoring Brady's Maple Syrup on National Maple Syrup Day
- LORIGO Honoring the Iroquois Middle School Teens in Action Club for Their Efforts During the Season of Giving
- GREENE Honoring Theodore W. Grundas for 60 Years of Active Service with the Newstead Fire Department
- GREENE Honoring John L. Wideman for 50 Years of Active Service with the Newstead Fire Department
- MILLS Recognizing Orchard Park Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton on Receiving the Post of Fame Award
- TODARO Celebrating Our Freedoms on Bill of Rights Day
- TODARO Recognizing Elador Rose Gift Boutique on Small Business Saturday
- DUPRE Celebrating and Honoring the 40th Anniversary of Willie Hutch Jones Educational Sports Program
- DUPRE Honoring the Health Science Boys' Football Back to Back Class B Champions
- KOOSHOIAN Honoring the Canisius High School Football 2024 Monsignor Martin Champions - A Division

MR. MEYERS moved for consideration of the above twelve items. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved to amend the above twelve items by including Et Al Sponsorship. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. MEYERS moved for approval of the above twelve items as amended. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LOCAL LAWS

Item 6 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 2 (Print #1) 2024 remain on the table and in the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 7 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 3 (Print #1) 2024 remain on the table and in the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 8 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 5 (Print #2) 2024 remain on the table and in the GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

Item 9 – CHAIR BASKIN directed that Local Law No. 7 (Print #1) 2024 remain on the table and in the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

GRANTED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

LEGISLATOR RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

There were none.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM THE COMPTROLLER

Item 10 – (COMM. 22E-1) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra

Item 11 – (COMM. 22E-2) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus

Item 12 – (COMM. 22E-3) EC Cultural Funding Grant Monitoring Program - Zoological Society of Buffalo, Inc.

The above three items were received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE COUNTY CLERK

Item 13 – (COMM. 22E-4) NFTA Opposition to 2025 Erie County Budget

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Item 14 – (COMM. 22E-5) Aid to Prosecution Funding

Received and referred to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PEOPLE AND OTHER AGENCIES

FROM A CONSTITUENT

Item 15 – (COMM. 22M-1) Comments on Erie County Budget

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NFTA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Item 16 – (COMM. 22M-2) Executive Compensation at the NFTA

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NFTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Item 17 – (COMM. 22M-3) Response to November 25th Letter from County Clerk

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

FROM THE NFTA

Item 18 – (COMM. 22M-4) NFTA - Annual 17A Report FYE 24

Received and referred to the FINANCE & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 19 – Chair Baskin announced that the Legislature will conduct committee meetings on Thursday, December 12, 2024, and the schedule will be distributed. Chair Baskin further announced that the next session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, noting that it will be the final meeting of the year.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 20 – The Legislature adjourned in memory of all those who have passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 21 – At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR BASKIN announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. MEYERS moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 12:00 Noon. MR. GILMOUR seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR BASKIN declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 12:00 Noon.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE