



COUNTY of LUZERNE
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**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

April 23, 2019
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

5:50 CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Transportation Planner)

Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address the Agenda item. Each speaker is asked to submit a Speaker Card before the first speaker is called and to limit individual comments to three (3) minutes. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE	COUNCIL MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
Ordinance to amend the budget to account for the receipt and expenditure of funds for a Transportation Planner.	March 26 and April 9, 2019.	
Dept:	Planning Department	
Contact:	Heath Eddy, Director	
Phone:	570-825-1560	

SUMMARY:

PENNDOT funding is available to cover the salary, pension and healthcare benefits associated with the creation of a new Transportation Planner Position. As such the 2019 budget would need to be amended to account for the receipt of funds from PENNDOT and corresponding expenditures related to payroll and healthcare.

FINANCING:

No additional funds are required from Luzerne County for the implementation of this ordinance.

DISCUSSION:

Please see the attached Memorandum from Heath Eddy, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning which details his request and the justifications for the request. Also attached is a job description which details the responsibilities of the Transportation Planner.

ALTERNATIVES:

The County Council may choose to deny the request to amend the budget and not account for the receipt and expenditure of funds.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

This Ordinance was submitted for legal review to the Luzerne County Office of Law.

No. 2019-____

ORDINANCE

***An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne
Amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County***

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Planning and Zoning Office was informed that funding is available through PENNDOT for the creation of a Full Time Transportation Planner position; and

WHEREAS, the position within the Luzerne County Planning and Zoning Office would be responsible for all planning and zoning needs throughout Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2019 Fiscal Year Budgets which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10.F. of the Home Rule Charter states County Council may amend any of the budgets at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance adopted by an affirmative vote of at least a majority plus one of its current members after a public hearing has been held; and

WHEREAS, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the Budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds from PENNDOT to cover the salary for the Transportation Planner position, as well as, amending the budget to account for the expenditure of funds for salary and healthcare related expenses associated with the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Luzerne County Council:

SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Amendment of Line Items in Budget.

A public hearing having been held on _____, 2019, County Council hereby amends the following line item in the 2019 fiscal year budget in order to account for the receipt of funds from PENNDOT to pay the salary, healthcare and related benefits for a Transportation Planner:

Add \$_____ in revenue to line item _____ (General Fund)

Deduct payroll expenses at line item _____

Deduct healthcare expenses at line item _____

SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.

All other line items in the 2019 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after enactment.

Enacted by County Council, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

AYES:

NAYS:

Attest:

Tim McGinley, Chair

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

Eugene Kelleher, Vice-Chair