
From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 1:35 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Brominski, Edd
Subject: review

Madam Chair: Could you please forward this request to the county solicitor to review the opinion of Atty. Crake regarding decriminalization of marijuana as it pertains to how Pittsburgh has alter their position. I think their stance would give us an opportunity to implement my proposal to decriminalize possession of small amounts and reduce the criminal record aspects, thus preventing a person from gaining useful employment because of a criminal activity on their record.

Thank you , Edd Brominski

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Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 4:30 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Centralized Tax Collection
Attachments: Centralized vs Tax Collectors.xls

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David Pedri

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From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 8:58 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Brominski, Edd
Subject: Law

Madam Chair:

Please forward my second request to the solicitor for a copy of the law which says that deputy sheriff services can be assigned and mandated to private public events.

Thanks Edd Brominski

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 8:54 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Brominski, Edd
Subject: Issues

Madam Chair:

The specifics of the issues I wish you to forward are:

Lt. Foy in the sheriff's office begins work each day around 7 am and concludes at 2 pm wherein he leaves for his second job with the West Pittston police department. Several complaints were passed to me from not only county workers but citizens in West Pittston.

The second issue involves Terry Skarvala at recycling. A friend of mine, representing home owners in the Mt. Top Area, asked me where he could get information for purchasing gypsy moth spray. I gave him the number of Ms Skarvala. He called, left a message regarding the particulars and his number to return call. That was Friday last week. He has not received a return call as of this morning. This, I am sure, is a practice in that office because I called and left a message and received no return call either.

These practices make us all look bad and almost cements the idea of many in the community that county workers are slackers. I do not want an answer to what is done. I am sure I will get a call one way or the other.

Thank you... Edd Brominski

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 5:13 PM
To: McGinley, Tim
Subject: Re: Clerk of Council annual evaluation

Mr. McGinley,

The Clerk of Council serves Council as a body, and each Council member has unique interaction with the Clerk of Council. The interaction with the Chair of Council is only part of the picture of the Clerk's job performance.

I remind you that you helped to develop the evaluation tool in 2013 and in fact urged all Council members via email in September of 2013 to return their individual evaluations of the Clerk to you, so it appears that you did once hold the opinion that all Council should have some input into the evaluation of the Clerk.

Regarding what you could evaluate: the evaluation tool is the same as it was in 2013 when you asked all Council to evaluate the Clerk, and no one would expect you or any Council member to evaluate the Clerk on anything other than your own experiences and interactions with her.

It is certainly each Council member's choice as to whether to participate in evaluating either of the 2 employees for whom we are responsible as a Council. However, as many Council members request that a formal evaluation process of all County employees be implemented, it might be seen as an example to County management if we as Council evaluate our own employees. That is my own opinion, however, and I respect the opinions and decisions of my colleagues on Council, whether we agree or not.

Thanks -

Linda Houck

From: McGinley, Tim
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 3:48:58 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
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From: Pedri, David
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 2:01 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: RE: Central Tax Proposal

Received this! Thank you

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 10:42 AM
To: Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: Fwd: Central Tax Proposal

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Kelleher, Eugene" <Eugene.Kelleher@luzernecounty.org>
Date: 5/18/16 10:39 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Houck, Linda McClosky" <LindaMcClosky.Houck@luzernecounty.org>, Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>
Cc: "Lawrence, Sharon" <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>
Subject: Central Tax Proposal

Council Chair Houck,

I request that the treasurer's office prepare a report for the Council Members that compares centralized tax collection vs tax collectors' collection to see if there is a savings for the taxpayers for one of the methods.
Gene Kelleher

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 10:36 AM
To: Haas, Harry
Subject: Fwd: Discussion items

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Date: 5/17/16 10:48 AM (GMT-05:00)
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Cc: Luzerne County Council Members <LuzerneCountyCouncilMembers@luzernecounty.org>, "Brominski, Edd" <ebrom12@comcast.net>
Subject: Discussion items

Madam Chair:

I would like the following items placed on the legislative agenda for next Tuesday.

1. Discuss junk car ordinance.
2. Discuss reduced penalties for small amounts of marijuana..
3. Discuss establishing rules for offenses and penalties.

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From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 6:45 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Lawrence, Sharon
Subject: Re: Dairy Industry Letter of Support FOR SIGNATURE

I plan to sign.

Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman

From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 4:46 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
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Subject: Fw: Dairy Industry Letter of Support FOR SIGNATURE

Council members:

The attached will be available in the office of the Clerk of Council if you would like to sign it.

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From: Rhonda Kinley <bccommadmin@bradfordco.org>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 11:51 AM
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Good Morning,

I am following up to see if the Council Members have had a chance to sign the attached Dairy Industry Letter of Support. If you have not yet signed, please sign in your County's section and email me a scanned copy once all signatures are complete. Please send as soon as possible. I will then take all signature blocks and merge into one document to be sent to State and Federal Representatives.

Thank you,

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Subject: FW: DCED Grant Application Agenda Item

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I discussed the matter with Andy Reilly.

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I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns,

Dave

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To: Dobash, Kathy; Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: County Charter ARTICLE IV --EXECUTIVE BRANCH/COUNTY MANAGER

Ms Dobash,

Mr. DeLuca is not the Acting Solicitor. Mr. Mark Makowski, a full time solicitor for the County, was appointed Acting solicitor by Mr. Pedri several weeks ago.

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Chair,

Why does Vito DeLuca still have his law practice? This was an issue months ago? The acting Manager appointed Vito but did not inquire to the conflicts of interests. Mr. Deluca represents other municipalities. Will the Chair inquire about Mr. DeLuca and his law practice?

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Subject: RE: County Charter ARTICLE IV --EXECUTIVE BRANCH/COUNTY MANAGER

Ms. Chair,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review this matter.

As discussed in my interview, I previously ran a small law practice in 2012 and 2013. In May 2013 prior to beginning employment as the Chief County Solicitor, I closed all files and referred out any open files. Since that time I have not accepted any new clients as I have dedicated myself to the Solicitor's Office as the Chief County Solicitor position is full time.

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David Pedri

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To: Pedri, David <David.Pedri@luzernecounty.org>
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Date: 5/7/16 4:45 AM (GMT-05:00)

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Subject: County Charter ARTICLE IV --EXECUTIVE BRANCH/COUNTY MANAGER

Madam Chair,

Since, Mr. Pedri is a candidate for County Manager, I have the following questions, I would like to have answer before I vote on the County Manager Resolution.

Question 1; Mr Pedri has a active licence to Practices' Law in Pennsylvania, which is a business occupation. Whereas: Section 4.01[charter] County Manager, line 4 "The County Manager shall devote full-time to his/her office." Whereas: Section 4.04 [charter] Prohibitions, line 6 " or actively engage in any other business or occupation during normal county business hours."

A. Will Mr Pedri vacate his Law Licence before he is appointed, since he will be violating the charter if he does not?

a. Maintaining the Law Licence would be a Business Occupation.

b. Can he do legal work during any time not normal county business hours if he is able to maintains his licence?

c. Is it Ethically Correct?

d. If he does vacate his licence and he is called to court from a past case, would he be practicing law without a licence?

e. If he maintains his licence (business occupation) would he be full time devoted?

Question 2; This question has to do with procedure. Whereas; Section 4.04[charter] Prohibitions, line 1 "During the time he/she holds this position, no County Manager shall hold elective public position, other public employment."

A. Will Mr. Pedri resign his present permanent position before he is appointed, since he can not hold two position which is a charter violation.

Next, I believe our solicitors' will have a Cognitive Bias in their opinion toward the person that hire them. A outside opinion will be helpful.

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Sent: Friday, May 06, 2016 6:24 PM
To: Lawrence, Sharon
Cc: Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: Cancelled Strategic Initiatives Committee meeting

Sharon

Linda Houck and I decidedly to cancel the 5/10 Strategic Initiatives Committee meeting. It'll more easily accommodate the council executive session.

Will you inform members of the committee and take care of posting the cancellation on the website and informing the public as appropriate?

Thanks.

Rick

From: Kelleher, Eugene
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 5:10 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Subject: Re: Manager Search update

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I do not think we have to ask for another name. We should interview the two candidates and see if council will vote for one of the candidates to fill the position of county manager.

Gene Kelleher

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