

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY May 20, 2026
at 6:30 P.M.**

- A. Roll Call**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation**
- C. Approval of Minutes/Bills**

Presentation: Deputy Chief Inspector Chris Janus: Erie Police Department
Complaint Process.

Requests for Repository Sales

- D. Public Comments:**

E. ORDINANCES: FOR FINAL PASSAGE

1. Council File No. 16,605 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 26-2026
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$500,000.00** from unappropriated fund balance in the Paving & Sewer Revenue fund for the expenditure thereof. Funds will be used for the **2026 Streets Paving**.

017-0000-0000-3111 Appropriate Fund Balance: \$500,000.00
017-0707-0000-4075 Allocated Bridges/Streets: \$500,000.00

2. Council File No. 16,606 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 27-2026
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$1,000,000.00** from unappropriated fund balance in the Liquid Fuels fund for the expenditure thereof. Funds will be used for the 2026 Streets Paving and Street Lighting/Traffic Signals.

013-0000-0000-3111 Appropriate Fund Balance: \$1,000,000.00
013-1291-0000-4075 Allocated Bridges/Streets: \$600,000.00
013-1291-0000-4049 Street Lighting/Traffic Signals: \$400,000.00

3. Council File No. 16,607 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 28-2026
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$746,320.44** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to provide for the expenditure thereof for the construction phase of 2025 Green Light-Go Funding Program W. 12th Street and Pittsburgh Avenue Signal Upgrades Project.

277-0709-0000-3332 PA OPR GNT – PENNDOT: \$746,320.44
277-0709-0000-4307 W. 12 ST Signal Upgrade: \$746,320.44

4. Council File No. 16,608 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 29-2026
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$205,474.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof. Funds are granted from the PA DCED Local Share Account to purchase a Screener Machine for the Bureau of Streets.

272-0713-0000-3699 Miscellaneous Sources: \$205,474.00
272-0713-0000-4078 Machinery/Equipment: \$205,474.00

ORDINANCES: FOR FIRST READING

1. Council File No. 16,609

An ordinance amending Ordinance 26-1958, the Traffic Code of the City of Erie by the installation stop signs at three intersections:

- 1) McCarter Avenue & Pennsylvania Avenue – stopping McCarter Avenue.
- 2) Atkins Street & Birch Court – stopping Birch Court.
- 3) West 39th Street & Fruit Street – stopping Fruit Street.

2. Council File No. 16,610

An ordinance of the City Council of this City of Erie (the “City”) determining to incur lease rental debt; evidenced by the guaranteed revenue bond in the maximum principal amount of **\$2,784,063.00** to be authorized and issued by Erie City Water Authority in connection with the construction, alteration and improvements to the public water distribution facilities in and about this City, including but not limited to, the customer side galvanized service line replacement project – phase five and paying related costs, fees and expenses; specifying the realistic useful life of the project; authorizing and directing appropriate officers of the City to take certain actions and to execute certain documents, including a guaranty agreement, between the city, as guarantor and the Erie City Water Authority, and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority; approving the form, maximum guaranteed amounts and sources of payment of the guaranty agreement, creating a sinking fund in connection with such guaranty obligations and appointing a sinking fund depository; and providing for the repeal of all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.

3. Council File No. 16,611

An ordinance of the City Council of this City of Erie (the “City”) determining to incur lease rental debt; evidenced by the guaranteed revenue bond in the maximum principal amount of **\$8,000,000.00** to be authorized and issued by Erie City Water Authority in connection with the construction, alteration and improvements to the public water distribution facilities in and about this City, including but not limited to, the West 12th St. maintenance facility renovation & distribution system programmatic financing (“Profi”) and paying related costs, fees and expenses; specifying the realistic useful life of the project; authorizing and directing appropriate officers of the City to take certain actions and to execute certain documents, including a guaranty agreement, between the city, as guarantor and the Erie City Water Authority, and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority; approving the form, maximum guaranteed amounts and sources of payment of the guaranty agreement, creating a sinking fund in connection with such guaranty obligations and appointing a sinking fund depository; and providing for the repeal of all inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. At the request of the Planning Department and recommendation of the Planning Commission, pursuant to Official Ordinance No. 80-2005, (as amended) known and cited as the revised Zoning Ordinance of the City of Erie, City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at approximately 7:00 PM in City Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Municipal Building, Erie, PA to consider testimony regarding the designation of the following locations as Historic Buildings:

1. Former [South Erie Iron Works](#) Company Building, located at 1919 Peach Street, Erie, PA

2. Former [Erie Labor Temple](#), located at 1701-1707 State Street, Erie, PA

2. A [resolution](#) that pursuant to Article 7 of the revised Zoning Ordinance No. 80-2005, and a public hearing held by Erie City Council on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at approximately 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Municipal Building, Erie, PA, the request to designate the former [Erie Maennerchor Club](#), located at **1607 State Street**, Erie, PA as a **Historic Building and Site** be hereby approved, authorizing and directing the City Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to amend the Zoning Map to reflect such designation.

2. A resolution of the Council of The City of Erie regarding the request for approval of a waterfront conditional use for a new 2-story commercial building commonly known as the [“Market House”](#), submitted by **Buehler & Associates**, Inc. On behalf of the [Erie County Convention Center Authority](#), and pursuant to section 306 of Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 80-2005, as amended, is hereby approved with listed conditions.

WHEREAS, the proposed Market House is a continuation of the development property owned and/or operated by the Erie County Convention Authority (the “Authority”) north of the Bayfront Parkway along Sassafra Street in a Waterfront District;

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested approval of a Waterfront Conditional Use from City Council to build the Market House, pursuant to Section 306 of the Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 80-2005, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Market House was recommended to proceed to City Council by the Planning Commission and/or that the Market House has met all the requirements in Section 306 of the Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 80-2005, as amended;

WHEREAS, City Council held a public hearing on or about **April 15, 2026**, where City Council heard testimony from over a dozen individuals under oath, including representatives from the Authority; representatives from Buehler & Associates, Inc., and/or individuals that were for or against the request;

WHEREAS, City Council has considered the language of Section 306 of the Zoning Ordinance; the purpose of a request for a Waterfront Conditional Use; and/or the legal requirements for the granting or denial of said request;

WHEREAS, City Council has considered how the Market House will affect and/or impact the City of Erie’s Bayfront Corridor, including but not limited to issues such as business development, citizen concerns, environmental protections, and/or public access, **AND**

WHEREAS, City Council has considered the testimony from the public hearing, the exhibits from the public hearing, the comments from the parties and/or citizens, and any letters or written correspondence submitted from the parties and/or citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on or about **May 20, 2026**, by the Council of the City of Erie hereby approved said request with the following conditions:

1. The developers and/or owners of record shall maintain “open space” which contains “green space” that satisfies all of the following criteria:
 - a. shall consist of living landscape material, including grass, ground cover, plantings, shrubs and/or trees (consistent with the general landscaping criteria set for in §306.5); and landscaping shall include regionally native planting materials where reasonable; and
 - b. that impervious surfaces shall not constitute more than forty (40%) percent of any qualifying open space area, and such impervious surfaces shall be limited to walkways, paths, and bench pads serving towards public use of the space; and
2. Further, the following shall not count towards the “open space” calculation under these conditions: parking lots, enclosed or screened areas from public view, rooftop amenities not accessible from grade, vehicular use areas (but excluding emergency vehicle(s) access), any area subject to permanent fee-based access or private reservation, and/or any mandatory public access (consistent with §306.1).
3. Further, the developers and/or owners of record shall make reasonable efforts to incorporate bird and wildlife sensitive-measures intended to support the safety of birds and/or other migratory species.

4. Further, the developers and/or owners of record shall design and construct the site to be welcoming, publicly accessible, and harmonious in character, and shall avoid physical barriers, design features, or site elements that would reasonably discourage public entry, pedestrian activity, or engagement by citizens and business invitees.

5. Further, the developers and/or owners of record shall install exterior lighting along public access ways (consistent with §306.2(d)) and that all light fixtures shall be hooded or shielded to direct light downward and shall not constitute unreasonable glare, defined as: light perceptible at ground level beyond a reasonable distance and/or on the surface of the bay.

6. Further, the developers and/or owners of record shall install and/or maintain not less than eight (8) public benches per acre pursuant to the following conditions:

a. the design standards of the public benches shall be constructed of weather-resistant materials (consistent with §306.2(d) and §306.5(b)); shall be securely anchored to prevent displacement or removal; shall comply with ADA accessibility or be adjacent to an ADA-accessible path; and shall bear no commercial advertising (consistent with §306.2(h)) (but excluding donor plaques not to exceed a maximum size of 6 inches by 12 inches); and

b. the owners of records shall be responsible for all maintenance costs, including reasonable cleanliness, regular repairs and/or replacement of structurally unsound benches within a reasonable amount of time.

7. Further, the developers and/or owners of record shall apply for a zoning variance, if necessary, regarding the proposed signage of the Market House, pursuant to Section 303 of the Zoning Code.

8. Further, the developers and/or owners of record shall comply with all policies and procedures above to the extent not otherwise inconsistent with Federal Law, Pennsylvania Law, City of Erie Ordinances and/or any other law applicable to design, construction, and maintenance of the Market House, including, without limitation, ADA compliance.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution that pursuant to Article 7 of the revised Zoning Ordinance No. 80-2005, and a public hearing held by Erie City Council on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at approximately 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Municipal Building, Erie, PA the request to designate the Former [South Erie Iron Works Company Building, located at 1919 Peach Street](#), Erie, PA as a **Historic Building** be hereby approved and the City Solicitor is authorized and directed to prepare an ordinance to amend the Zoning Map to reflect such designation.
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3. A resolution that the proper City officials are authorized and directed to enter into an [Easement](#) Agreement with Flagship City Food Hall, 22 N Park Row & 508 State Street, Erie, PA 16501 for the use of public sidewalk as outdoor eating areas at 22 N Park Row & 508 State Street (Index No. 4002-101). The outdoor eating areas within State Street and N Park Row right-of-ways in accordance with the project drawing, as prepared by the applicant (Flagship City Food Hall).

4. A resolution affirming the **Importance of the Arts** and Calling Upon State and Federal Representatives to Preserve Arts Funding in Erie, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the Erie City Council recognizes that the arts represent an essential and irreplaceable field of human study and expression, engaging the whole person (body, mind, and spirit) and enriching the lives of individuals and communities alike; and

WHEREAS, the arts are inherently multidisciplinary, embracing and incorporating fields of academic inquiry including, but not limited to, science, mathematics, language and literature, music, and the humanities, thereby strengthening students' comprehensive educational development; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Erie City Council that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may significantly reduce funding for arts which will directly impact programs serving the City of Erie and its surrounding communities, a reduction that would be profoundly detrimental to the well-being, educational opportunity, and quality of life of students and residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the arts serve as a vital means of emotional expression, enabling individuals to communicate their lived experiences and connect with their community and with one another in ways that transcend language and circumstance; and

WHEREAS, arts programming in Erie - including music, concerts, theatrical productions, murals, drama, poetry, dance, and visual arts education - has historically served as a source of healing, personal growth, community cohesion, and cultural pride for all residents of this city; and

WHEREAS, Erie City Council wishes to affirm its unequivocal support for the continuation and flourishing of arts and cultural programs throughout the City of Erie, and calls upon all levels of government to preserve and strengthen the financial investment in these programs for the many years ahead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Erie, Pennsylvania, that:

Section 1. Erie City Council hereby affirms the vital importance of arts education and cultural programming to the well-being, development, and quality of life of all Erie residents, and expresses its strong opposition to any reduction in state or federal funding for arts programs in the City of Erie.

Section 2. Erie City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a formal copy of this Resolution to the following elected representatives, urging their active support for the preservation and restoration of arts funding:

- State Representative Bob Merski, 2nd Legislative District
- State Representative Pat Harkins, 1st Legislative District
- State Senator Dan Laughlin, 49th Senatorial District
- United States Congressman Mike Kelly, 16th Congressional District
- United States Senator John Fetterman
- Governor Josh Shapiro, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Section 3. Erie City Council calls upon each of the above-named representatives to take all available legislative and budgetary action to protect, maintain, and expand funding for arts education and cultural programming serving Erie students, families, and communities.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

5. A resolution That the copy of the **Erie Regional Airport Authority** Financial Statements and Supplementary information years ended December 31,2025 and 2024 is hereby received by the City Council and ordered placed on file in the Office of Accounts, Finance and Budget.
6. A resolution receiving communication from Mayor Daria S. Devlin and confirmed by City Council that **Allen W. Clark** is hereby recommended to the Honorable Josh Shapiro for appointment as the City of Erie [Emergency Management Coordinator](#) until such time as a vacancy occurs .

7. A resolution that the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to amend the agreement between the City of Erie and St. Patrick's Haven whereby the City will make available [Emergency Solutions Grant](#) (ESG) funding in the amount of \$6,174.74 to carry out the designated activity as outlined in the amended FY23 plan.
8. A resolution that the proper City Officials will abate the City's portion of delinquent liens and penalties accrued on **731 East 12th Street**, Parcel Number: 15-020-036.0-309.00, on behalf of purchaser Darnell Ramsey. These liens occurred before the property was sold as a repository sale, approved by City Council on December 3rd, 2014. These liens and penalties were not abated after the tax/lien free Judicial Sale prior to being listed for purchase on the Repository List.

<u>Lien #1 – Demolition/Rodent</u>	<u>Total:</u>	<u>Amount: \$9,580.00</u>
Interest	Total:	Amount: \$23,669.11
<u>Costs</u>	<u>Total:</u>	<u>Amount: \$14.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED: \$34,000.00		

See attached exhibits.

H. TRANSFERS

That the following amounts be transferred in the [Emergency Solutions Grant](#)

<u>Transferred from:</u>			<u>Transferred to:</u>		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$2,782.24	506-5114-2023-4701	Safenet-HH	\$6,174.74	506-5128-2023-4701	St. Patrick's Haven
\$408.29	506-5115-2023-4701	Safenet-BH			
\$618.31	506-5126-2023-4701	Community of Caring			
\$2,361.25	506-5127-2023-4701	Community of Shelter			
\$4.65	506-5132-2023-4701	Mercy Center			
\$6,174.74			\$6,174.74		

I. CONTRACTS

1. **Industrial Furnace Company INC.**, 40 Humboldt Street, Rochester, NY 14609 for emergency repairs and de-slag work on Sewage Sludge Incinerator #1 at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$28,050.00**.
2. **Eagle Eye Industrial Services Inc.**, 1294 Bantam Ridge Road, Wintersville, OH 43953 for sandblasting and epoxy coating of Ferric storage tanks and immediate spill area at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$41,200.00**.
3. **Insight Public Sector, Inc.** 2701 E Insight Way, Chandler AZ, 85286-1930 for network equipment for the [Erie Safety Complex](#) for the Department of Finance at a cost of **\$61,949.52**.
4. **Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc.** 600 Mifflin Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15207 for the purchase and installation of security, network and communication hardware/ systems at the Erie Safety Complex for the Department of [Finance](#) at a cost of **\$230,944.72**.
5. **Am-Gard, Inc.**, 600 Main St, Pittsburgh, PA. 15215 for [City Hall Security](#) Services for the Department of Finance for three-year contract with an extension option for an additional year as follows:
 - Year 1 (June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027) - \$119,258.20
 - Year 2 (June 1, 2027 – May 31, 2028) - \$122,835.95
 - Year 3 (June 1, 2028 – May 31, 2029) - \$126,521.02.

6. **Techworx LLC.**, 2618 Sigsbee Street, Erie, PA 16508 for a three-year lease of the Dell Power Store 500T SAN's at \$72,605.67 a year with a \$1 buyout option at the end of year three for the Department of [Computer Services](#) at a total cost of **\$217,817.01**.

J. PURCHASE ORDERS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Residents can watch the live stream on the City of Erie's YouTube Page (CityofEriePennsylvania) on the City of Erie's Website and Facebook.

**Next Study Session: 5:30PM, Thursday, May 28th, 2026
RE: Erie Parking Authority.**