

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY July 2, 2025
at 9:00 A.M.**

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

Presentation:

Requests for Repository Sales

- D. Public Comments:**

E. ORDINANCES: FOR FINAL PASSAGE

1. Council File No. 16,534 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 44-2025
An [ordinance](#) appropriating the sum of **\$261,142.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Emergency Solutions Grant (**ESG25**) projects.

2. Council File No. 16,535 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 45-2025
An [ordinance](#) appropriating the sum of **\$2,775,245.00** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and **\$5,000.00** program income for a total of **\$2,780,245.00** for the Community Development Block Grant (**CD25**) projects.

3. Council File No. 16,536 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 46-2025
An [ordinance](#) appropriating the sum of **\$805,148.06** from unappropriated and anticipated revenue to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the HOME (**M25**) projects.

4. Council File No. 16,537 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 47-2025
An [ordinance](#) of the City Council of this City of Erie (the "City") determining to incur **lease rental** debt; evidenced by the guaranteed revenue note in the maximum principal amount of **\$414,900.00** 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 two 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.

5. Council File No. 16,538 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 48-2025
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$79,898.60** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof. Funding is from **ARP Revenue Replacement Funds**.

6. Council File No. 16,539 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 49-2025
An [ordinance](#) appropriating the sum of **\$161,522.00** from un-appropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof. **2025 Auto Theft Prevention Authority**.

7. Council File No. 16,540 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 50-2025
An [ordinance](#) appropriating the sum of **\$190,961.00** from un-appropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof. **2025 Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority**.

8. Council File No. 16,541 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 51-2025
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$1,097,563.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof from the City of Erie **Capital Fund** and will be used to fund Capital expenditures.

9. Council File No. 16,542 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 52-2025
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$143,520.30** for expenditure from the Stormwater Fund balance. These funds were appropriated in 2024 to pay for stormwater improvements related to the **Kahkwa bridge project** and were not expended in 2024. The project is on-going, and the funds need to be re-appropriated for 2025.

10. Council File No. 16,543 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 53-2025
An ordinance amending **Article 1129**, Quality of Life (QOL) Violations, to amend and/or update the **Illegal Burning** subsection, to provide both clarity of the rules and responsibilities of residents with regard to fires, and to simplify the regulations and rules of residents that conduct an open burning and/or that are enforced by the Fire Department.

ORDINANCES: FOR FIRST READING

1. Council File No. 16,544
An ordinance [Amending](#) and supplementing the Codified Ordinances of the City of Erie, namely, **Article 7 of the Zoning Code**, and specifically to amend sections 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 710 and 799, which defines the duties and structure of the **Historic Review Commission**, streamlines the review process for historic preservation applications, revises the nomination process, explains the certificate of appropriateness process, and promotes the preservation of the City's historic structures, objects and/or resources.

2. Council File No. 16,545
An ordinance [appropriating](#) the sum of **\$11,000.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof (**Penelec Generator Revenue**)

3. Council File No. 16,546
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$16,322.02** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for expenditure thereof for a Fire Company & Emergency Medical Services (**FCEMS**) grant from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner to purchase a Battery-Operated Rescue Tool.

F. OLD BUSINESS

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution OF THE ERIE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING COMMITMENT TO THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE ERIE ZOO AND SUPPORT FOR GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ERIE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Erie Zoo has served as a beloved community asset for over 100 years, attracting more than 310,000 visitors annually and generating significant economic impact for the City of Erie and the broader region;

WHEREAS, the Erie Zoo generates approximately \$21.2 million in annual economic impact, supports 250 jobs, and contributes \$1.3 million in state and local tax revenue, making it a vital economic engine for our community;

WHEREAS, the Erie Zoo has faced significant challenges in recent years, including the loss of AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) accreditation due to financial constraints and infrastructure deficiencies, which threatens its long-term sustainability and regional significance;

WHEREAS, the Erie County Convention Center Authority (Erie Events) has proposed a partnership to provide operational stability and financial support to the Erie Zoo, including annual operational subsidies and assistance with capital improvements necessary to regain AZA accreditation;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the urgency of addressing the Zoo's operational and infrastructure needs to prevent further deterioration of this irreplaceable community asset;

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges its fiduciary responsibility as stewards of taxpayer-owned properties and the need for thorough due diligence in any property transfer negotiations;

WHEREAS, the preservation and enhancement of the Erie Zoo as a regional destination is consistent with the City's economic development goals and commitment to quality of life for residents;

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

Section 1. Commitment to Zoo Viability The Erie City Council expresses its strong commitment to ensuring the long-term viability, sustainability, and success of the Erie Zoo as a premier regional cultural and educational asset.

Section 2. Support for Partnership Negotiations The Council commits to engaging in good faith negotiations with the Erie County Convention Center Authority regarding the proposed partnership, recognizing the potential benefits of Erie Events' operational expertise and financial capacity.

Section 3. Collaboration with Administration The Council pledges to work collaboratively with the City Administration throughout the negotiation process, providing timely consideration of proposals while maintaining appropriate legislative oversight and due diligence.

Section 4. Stewardship Responsibilities The Council reaffirms its commitment to responsible stewardship of taxpayer-owned properties and assets, ensuring that any agreements protect the public interest while advancing the Zoo's mission and community benefit.

Section 5. Public Engagement The Council supports transparent public engagement throughout the process, including opportunities for community input on proposals that may affect public recreational facilities and amenities.

Section 6. Urgency Recognition The Council acknowledges the time-sensitive nature of the Zoo's challenges and commits to prioritizing this matter to prevent further deterioration of operations and facilities.

Section 7. Conditions for Support Any final agreements shall be subject to comprehensive legal and financial review, protection of public recreational access where appropriate, guarantees of continued Zoo operations and AZA reaccreditation efforts, appropriate public benefit provisions, and approval by the Mayor and a majority of Council.

Section 8. Regional Asset Preservation The Council recognizes the Erie Zoo's importance as a regional attraction that enhances Erie's reputation, supports tourism, and contributes to economic development throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Section 9. Effective Date This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

2. A resolution that the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements with sub-recipients to carry out the following **Emergency Solutions Grant (FY25)** projects:

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| SafeNet - Hospitality House | \$14,650.00 |
| SafeNet - Bridge House | \$ 2,930.00 |
| Community of Caring | \$16,844.00 |
| Community Shelter Services | \$38,075.00 |
| St. Patrick's Haven | \$15,371.00 |
| City Mission | \$32,214.00 |
| The Refuge | \$18,301.00 |
| Mercy Center for Women | \$18,301.00 |
| St. Martin Center - Rapid Re-Housing | \$84,871.00 |

3. A resolution that the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreements with sub-recipients to carry out the following **HOME (FY25)** projects:
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| HANDS - Rehab Rental | \$500,000.00 |
| East Side Renaissance - Rehab Rental | \$200,000.00 |

4. A resolution that the Mayor and other appropriate City Officials are hereby authorized to execute the agreements necessary to carry out the following **Community Development Block Grant (FY25)** projects:
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| Comm Policing - Police Athletic League - Youth Prog | \$21,109.00 |
| ERA - Housing Rehab | \$96,000.00 |
| SSJ - Summer Rec | \$10,000.00 |
| BTW Center - HR | \$72,345.00 |
| BTW Center - Summer Rec | \$24,850.00 |
| MLK Center - HR | \$55,000.00 |
| MLK Center - Summer Rec | \$10,000.00 |
| JFK Center - HR | \$55,000.00 |
| GECAC - In-Home Services | \$38,250.00 |
| Nurturing Hearts - HR | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Youth Leadership Institute - HR | \$10,000.00 |
| Boys & Girls Club - HR | \$55,000.00 |
| Trinity Center - HR | \$35,000.00 |
| Trinity Center - Summer Rec | \$20,000.00 |
| Dafmark Dance Theatre - HR | \$20,000.00 |
| Dafmark Dance Theatre - Summer Rec | \$10,000.00 |
| Meals on Wheels - Program Expenses | \$30,000.00 |
| Community Cornerstone - Small Business Assist | \$60,000.00 |
| UECDC - HR | \$55,000.00 |
| UECDC - Summer Rec | \$49,355.24 |
| St. Martin Center - HR | \$50,000.00 |
| YMCA - Downtown Teen Center - HR | \$55,000.00 |
| YMCA - Re-Entry Services | \$43,880.00 |
| Gannon University - SBDC - Small Business Assist | \$54,918.00 |

5. A resolution that the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to enter into agreements with individual homeowners being awarded CDBG funds for the **City-Housing Rehab project** in which the City will provide funding for rehabilitation costs to each qualifying homeowner. The total funding allocated to this program in the **FY25** plan is **\$77,523.94**.

6. A resolution that the Mayor and other appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to enter into agreements with individual homeowners being awarded **HOME** funds for the **City-Housing Rehab project** in which the City will provide up to **\$24,999.00** for rehabilitation costs to each qualifying homeowner. The total funding allocated to this program in the **FY25** plan is **\$24,634.06**.

7. A resolution authorizing and directing City Council and the proper City Officials to make available through the **City of Erie Enterprise Zone** Revolving Loan Fund and loan repayments that the approval of the following loan be formally ratified.
- | | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
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| <u>Gannon University</u> | \$1,000,000.00 | 15 Years | \$5,000.00 |
- (First Ascent Biomedical project for Institute for Health and Cyber Knowledge)

8. A resolution authorizing and directing City Council and the proper City Officials to make available through the **City of Erie Urban Core Economic Recovery** Revolving Loan Fund and loan repayments that the approval of the following loan be formally ratified.
- | | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
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| <u>World Gutter Systems, Inc.</u> | \$333,562.00 | 7 Years | \$1,667.81 |

H. TRANSFERS

That the following amounts be transferred in the Bureau of Fire

| Transferred from: | | | Transferred to: | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Amount | Account | Title | Amount | Account | Title |
| \$7,000.00 | 002-0639-0000-4035 | Repair/Maintenance | \$7,000.00 | 002-0639-0000-4056 | Repair/Maintenance Services |
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| \$7,000.00 | | | \$7,000.00 | | |

I. CONTRACTS

1. **Process & Data Automation**, 5451 Merwin Lane Suite 100, to purchase and install PLCs for the D-1 Centrifuge at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$21,823.88**.
2. **Wm. T. Spaeder Co., Inc.**, 1602 East 18th St., Erie, PA 16514, to install light fixtures in City Hall for the Bureau of [Public Buildings](#) at a cost of **\$78,639.00**.
3. **TechWorx**, 2618 Sigsbee Street, Erie, PA 16508 for the Office 365 licenses for the City of Erie, which is not to exceed **\$106,800.00**.
4. **Considine Biebel & Company**, 2949 West 15th St, Erie, PA 16505 for professional design services for renovation to the City’s Police Operations Center. This is a Capital Expenditure not to exceed **\$283,300.00**
5. **Joseph McCormick Construction Co., Inc.**, 3340 Pearl Ave, Erie, PA 16510 for proposed milling and asphalt resurfacing of various city [streets](#) 2025 at a cost of **\$242,333.65**.

J. PURCHASE ORDERS

1. **Innovative Forensic Investigations**, PO Box 10 Skippers, VA 23879 to conduct FGG (Forensics Genealogy Testing) for EPD Inc #s 12-772 & 15-24839, for the Bureau of [Police](#) at a cost of **\$3,500.00**.
2. **AWARE Inc.**, 76 Blanchard Road Burlington MA 01803 for the renewal of the annual support agreement for the AFIX Tracker Automated Fingerprint/Palm-Print ID System for the Bureau of [Police](#) at a cost of **\$6,660.00**.
3. **David Milano Construction LLC Inc.**, 2202 Zimmerly Road, Erie, PA 16506 for materials for sanitary repairs within the City of Erie for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$20,778.62**.
4. **ARCADIS**, 62638 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 for consulting services and reporting regarding the ORF at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$5,014.63**.
5. **TRANE Inc.**, PO Box 406469, Atlanta, GA 30384 for services to the WAC Unit at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$11,850.00**.
6. **Lamor USA**, 2 Enterprise Drive Suite 404, for a direct replacement Drift Catcher and appurtenances to replace the damaged unit within the Mill Creek Channel Wall at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$2,793.53**.
7. **Techworx LLC**, 2618 Sigsbee Street, Erie, PA 16508 for a three-year support and licensing agreement for vSphere software at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the [Bureau of Sewers](#) at a cost of **\$10,810.80**.
8. **Lincoln Recycling**, 1602 Selinger Ave., Erie, Pa. 16505 for the Electronic Recycling Event on May 3rd. 2025 for the Bureau of Refuse, Department of [Public Works](#) at a cost of **\$15,772.71**.
9. **Scott Electric**, P.O. Box S, Greensburg, PA, 15601 for light fixtures, for the Bureau of [Public Buildings](#), of the City of Erie at a cost of **\$122,382.97**.
10. **Plyler Entry Systems**, 8850 Fry Road, McKean, PA 16426, for the City of Erie, for the repair of the door at Engine Company 12 South Central Fire Station (3507 Peach St). This is a [Risk Fund](#) expenditure at a cost of **\$6,960.00**.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Residents can watch the live stream on the City of Erie's YouTube Page (@CityofEriePennsylvania); the City of Erie's Website, Facebook and after the meeting has concluded, on all social media platforms.