

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY August 6, 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. 16,547 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 57-2025
An ordinance [Appropriating](#) the sum of **\$447,791.20** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue to provide for the expenditure thereof for the Project. Funding is from the **PennDOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant**.

ORDINANCES: FOR FIRST READING

1. Council File No. 16,548
An ordinance Amending **Article 101** by adding **subsection 101 (c)**, authorizing a referendum on the question of studying the existing form of government and considering the advisability of the adoption of an optional form of government or a home rule charter for the City of Erie. This Ordinance repeals **Ordinance 26-2025** and expands the scope of the governmental study.

2. Council File No. 16,549
An ordinance Appropriating the sum of **\$23,200.00** of program income generated through the HOME Program for HOME (M17) projects.

3. Council File No. 16,550
An ordinance Appropriating the sum of **\$950,000.00** from Un-appropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Pursuant to Section 626 of the federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. § 546) City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at approximately 9:30 AM in City Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Municipal Building, Erie, PA to consider the **renewal of the non-exclusive cable television franchise agreement** with Spectrum Northeast, LLC./Charter Communications, Inc. ("Spectrum/Charter"). This hearing is being conducted to:

- Review Spectrum/Charter's performance under its current franchise agreement,
- Identify the future cable-related needs and interests of the Erie community, and
- Determine whether the City should proceed with the renewal of the franchise agreement.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. A resolution COMMITTING TO AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE CITY OF ERIE TO THE ERIE ZOO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.**

WHEREAS, The Erie Zoo has experienced financial and operational hardships which have negatively impacted Zoo operations;

WHEREAS, the City of Erie owns the land where the Zoo is currently located;

WHEREAS, The City of Erie provides such land to the Zoo at no charge;

WHEREAS, in addition to the land, the City of Erie pays certain insurance and utility costs for the Zoo.

WHEREAS, After meetings with the Zoo, the City understands that the Zoo needs additional support in order to maintain and improve its operations;

WHEREAS, This additional support has been identified as

- A. A long term need to expand its facilities and occupy additional land;
- B. An immediate need for \$500,000 in annual financial support; and
- C. A need for assistance in operational areas such as labor, security, human resources, finance, and information technology.

WHEREAS, City Council desires to provide such assistance to the Zoo.

NOW, THEREFORE on this 6th day of August, 2025, it is hereby RESOLVED by City Council:

1. That City Council will allow the Zoo to expand its operations and occupy such additional City land necessary to meet the needs of the Zoo.
2. That City Council will commit to providing financial support to the Zoo in the amount of \$500,000 each year;
3. The City Council will commit to providing assistance to the Zoo with regard to operational needs such as labor, security, human resources, finance, and information technology.
4. In addition to the above, through a Community Benefit Agreement, City of Erie residents will pay half price for memberships through the term of this contract.

2. A resolution ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF **ERIE EVENTS REGARDING OPERATION OF THE ERIE ZOO** AS GENERALLY DESCRIBED IN THE JULY 23, 2025 LETTER FROM ATTORNEY JAMES WALCZAK TO CITY SOLICITOR EDWARD BETZA.

WHEREAS, The Erie Zoo has experienced financial and operational hardships which have negatively impacted Zoo operations;

WHEREAS, After meetings with the Zoo and City of Erie officials, Erie Events has made a proposal in an attempt to assist the Zoo;

WHEREAS, The proposal is summarized in a July 23, 2025 letter from Attorney James Walczak to City Solicitor Edward Betza;

WHEREAS, Erie City Council desires to accept this proposal and recommend approval to the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE on this 6th day of August, 2025, it is hereby RESOLVED by City Council:

1. That the City accept the proposal of Erie Events as generally described in the July 23, 2025 letter from James Walczak to City Solicitor Edward Betza.
2. That City Council's acceptance is based on the following understandings:
 - a. The City would transfer ownership of approximately 96 acres of land from the City of Erie to Erie Events.
 - b. The Property will be transferred by deed.
 - c. The deed shall contain the following restrictions:
 - i. Erie Events shall maintain a 9 hole golf course on the Property.
 - ii. Erie Events shall maintain a zoo on the Property.
 - iii. Erie Events may not sell or transfer ownership of any portion of the Property without the approval of the City of Erie.
 - d. If Erie Events fails to maintain a zoo and 9-hole golf course on the Property, ownership of the Property shall revert back to the City of Erie.
 - e. Erie Events will enter into a management agreement with the Zoo.
 - f. Erie Events will take over operation of the Flo Fabrizio Ice Rink.
 - g. Erie Events will assume all responsibility for insuring the Property, including the Zoo, the Ice Rink, and all other facilities on the 96 acres.
 - h. Erie Events will assume all responsibility for payment of utilities servicing the Property, including the Zoo, the Ice Rink, and all other facilities on the 96 acres.
 - i. Erie Events would lease the portion of the Property that is J.C. Martin Golf Course to the City at no charge.
 - j. The City of Erie will continue to operate the Golf Course.
 - k. Erie Events would lease the portion of the property that is the picnic grounds and horseshoe courts to the City at no charge.
 - l. The City of Erie will continue to operate the picnic grounds and horseshoe courts.
 - m. In addition to the above, Erie Events will provide an annual financial payment to the Zoo in the amount of \$500,000.
3. A resolution receiving the communication from City of Erie Authorities pursuant to **Act 339** listing the names, positions and salaries of their respective employees for the six month period ending June 30, 2025 be hereby received and ordered to be placed on file in the Office of Accounts, Finance and Budget:

Erie Regional Airport Authority	Erie Redevelopment Authority
Erie Water Authority	Erie Housing Authority
Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority	Erie Parking Authority
Erie-Western PA Port Authority	
Erie County Convention Center Authority	

4. A resolution authorizing and directing City Council and the proper City Officials to make available through the City of Erie **Enterprise Zone Loan** 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>
<u>Yaple Realty Company</u> (Yaple's Vacuum Cleaning Centers)	\$170,000.00	15 Years	\$850.00

5. A resolution that the proposed [Repository](#) sale of one (1) property commonly known as Camphausen Ave. N.S. of **2214 Camphausen** 58 x 123.26, Erie, PA, identified by Erie County Assessment Index Number 18-051-011.0-105.00, by the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to Paul J. Rogers, 837 East 36th Street, Erie, PA, 16504, in the amount of \$250.00 is hereby approved.
6. A resolution that the Proper city of Erie officials hereby authorized to forgive and exonerate the [tax liens](#) listed in **Exhibit "A"** together with all penalties, interest and fees that have accrued against the identified properties which were acquired by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie, by either Quit Claim Deed, Declaration of Taking, Condemnation and Special Warranty Deed.
7. A resolution that the proper City of Erie officials are hereby requested to forgive and exonerate the below listed [municipal liens](#) not to exceed \$1,800.00 with principal, interest and penalties that have accrued for the structure that no longer exists on the property, which was acquired by the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie for the purposes of mitigating blight.

Nuisance Lien- 01 Board and Seal, Cut Weeds and Trash			
TAXPIN	Address	Municipal Lien Date	Abatement
18050082020300	2816 German St.	8/26/2020	\$1,258.97

Nuisance Lien- 02 Board and Seal			
TAXPIN	Address	Municipal Lien Date	Abatement
18050082020300	2816 German St.	7/30/2020	\$393.92

8. A resolution that the Proper City Officials are hereby authorized and directed to **establish application fees** for the [Historic Preservation](#) Program.

WHEREAS, the City of Erie is responsible for the implementation of the City's Historic Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the City on December 28, 2005, enacted Ord. No. 80-2005, as amended through Ord. No. 54-2025, passed 7-29-2025, establishing Article 7: Historic Resource Protection to implement Section 603(g)(2), Section 604(1), and Section 605(2)(vi) of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that appropriate fees providing equitable, fair, and transparent access to all are a necessary component of the Historic Preservation Program, and

WHEREAS, the Council members of the City of Erie have carefully and thoughtfully reviewed the proposed fees and are satisfied that they meet the needs of the City and fulfills the goals of the City's Historic Preservation Program.

Be it further resolved, that the City Council does hereby adopts the schedule of fees presented in the Historic Preservation Program Fees Resolution Addendum for the Historic Preservation Program.

H. TRANSFERS

That the following amounts be transferred in the Bureau of Sewers

Transferred from:

Transferred to:

Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$2,000.00	007-0771-0000-4033	Operating Supplies	\$2,000.00	007-0771-0000-4031	Office Supplies
\$150,000.00	007-0771-0000-4056	Repair/Maintenance Services	\$150,000.00	007-0771-0000-4035	Repair/Maint. Supplies
\$100,000.00	007-0771-0000-4057	Refuse Tipping/Recycle Fee	\$100,000.00	007-0771-0000-4059	Other Servies/Charges
\$252,000.00			\$252,000.00		

That the following amounts be [transferred](#) in the Bureau of Police

BJA Cold Case Using DNA Grant

Transferred from:

Transferred to:

Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$10,125.00	213-0613-2024-4006	Overtime	\$48,033.00	213-0613-2024-4011	Salaries
\$11,332.00	213-0613-2024-4003	Transportation/Seminars	\$170.00	213-0613-2024-4041	Professional Services
\$26,746.00	213-0613-2024-4059	Other Services/Charges			
\$48,203.00			\$48,203.00		

That the following amounts be transferred in the Fire Administration

Transferred from:

Transferred to:

Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$15,000.00	002-0639-0000-4024	Tool Allowances/Uniform Benefits	\$15,000.00	002-0639-0000-4056	Repair/Maintenance Services
\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00		

I. CONTRACTS

1. Empire Snow Management Inc., 10860 Donation Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 for the 2025 Curb Ramps 1, Bid 1833-25, for the Bureau of Engineering at a cost of **\$185,462.20.**
2. Joseph McCormick Construction Co., 3340 Pearl Avenue, Box 176, Erie, PA 16512 for the 2025 – 2026 City of Erie Milling and Asphalt Resurfacing various streets Federal and Aid Local Routes for the Bureau of [Engineering](#) at a cost of **\$447,791.20.**

3. **Presto Commercial Cleaning**, 7366 Orchard Dr., Fairview, PA 16415, for providing janitorial services for the Department for [Public Works](#) from August 19, 2025 until August 19, 2026. The contract allows for a one-year extension (at same rates) through August 19, 2027. The contractual rates are as follows: City Hall Municipal Building - \$9,160.00 per month or \$109,920.00 per year Downing Golf Course Club House - \$700.00 per month or \$5,600.00 per year at total cost of **\$115,520.00**.
4. **Ascendance Truck Centers**, 6100 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, Pa. 16509 for a Remanufactured Engine for Refuse Truck #1901 for the Department of [Public Works](#), Bureau of Refuse at a cost of **\$32,918.64**.
5. **Modern Tool Square/Keith Clelland**, 333 Street, Suite 203 Erie, PA 16507 for part-time legal consultation to assist with the Cold Case Using DNA Grant, for the Bureau of [Police](#) at a cost of **\$150,000.00**.
6. **Erie County General Fund**, 140 West 6th Street Erie, PA 16501 for the assistance of an Erie County Detective to help with the Cold Case Using DNA Grant, for the Bureau of [Police](#) at a cost of **\$30,375.00**.
7. **Barco Products, LLC**, for the purchase of twenty five 32 gallon trash receptacles with funding being made available through the [Department](#) of Justice Byrne Grant for ECD. The total cost is **\$26,245.29**.
8. **A-1 Construction**, 299 Kenmore Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14223 for the City of Erie, for installation of a new roof for the Erie Safety Complex for the Department of Finance. This is a [Capital Expenditure](#) at a cost of **\$684,400.00**.
9. **WM. T. Spaeder**, 1602 E 18th Street, Erie, PA 16510 for the City of Erie, for installation of a new cooling tower and drive at Erie City Hall for the Department of Finance. This is a [Capital Expenditure](#) at a cost of **\$33,422.00**.

J. PURCHASE ORDERS

1. **Sherwin-Williams**, 101 West Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115, for pavement marking [paint](#) for the Bureau of Streets at a cost of **\$3,712.50**.
2. **Lacal Equipment Inc.**, 901 W Pike St., Jackson Center, OH 45334, for a new head assembly for a sweeper for the Bureau of [Streets](#), at an estimated cost of **\$2,477.88**.
3. **Chemung Supply**, P.O.. Box 527 Elmira, NY 14902, for sign posts, u-channels in the [Paint and Sign](#) Division, at a cost of **\$3,725.00**.
4. **Groff Tractor**, 100 Smith Drive, Cranberry Twp PA 16066, for new heating elements for paving machine #2256 for the Bureau of [Streets](#), at an estimated cost of **\$8,248.64**.
5. **Verizon Wireless**, PO Box 16810 Newark, NJ 07101-6, for (21) iPads for the Office of Development Services/Property [Maintenance](#), at a total cost of **\$6,000.00**.
6. **Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)**, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225, for State fees due for April, May & June 2025 (1,536 permits) for the Office of Development Services/Property Maintenance, at a cost of **\$6,912.00**.
7. **Snap Tite**, 217 Titusville Rd. Union City PA 16438 for the 32 suction hoses, for the Bureau of [Fire](#) at a cost of **\$6,208.00**.
8. **Modern Industries Inc.**, 613 West 11th Street, Erie, PA 16501 for water sampling for the Bureau of [Sewers](#) at a cost of **\$2,194.55**.
9. **Aarmor- Fab LLC**, 8288 Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16509 for metal siding at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$3,785.00**.
10. **C.H. Reed Inc.**, 301 Poplar Street, Hanover, PA 17331 for a direct replacement compressor unit at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$18,759.40**.
11. **Master Fire Inc.**, 1019 West 26th Street, Erie, PA 16508 for the inspection and replacement of fire extinguishers (plant-wide) at the [Wastewater](#) Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$3,809.00**.
12. **J. Thomas Tree Service**, PO box 9367, Erie, PA 16505 for seven dead and hazardous trees and stumps to be removed within the City of Erie right-of-ways for the Department of [Public Works](#) at a cost of **\$6,365.00**.
13. **US REALTY CONSULTANTS INC**, 1105 Schrock Rd., Suite 521, Columbus, OH 43229 for the updating appraisal of the [Downing Golf Course](#) for the Department of Public Works at a cost of **\$6,500.00**
14. **Complete Gutter Service, LLC**, 3667 West 10th Street, Erie, PA 16505 for the installation of gutters at the barn located at 311 Marsh Street, Erie, PA 16505 for the Department of [Public Works](#) at a cost of **\$2,912.00**.

15. **Cloverbridge**, 350 N Clark, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60654 for a 1 year Lansweeper renewal for the City of [Erie](#), Department of Computer Services at a cost not to exceed **\$2,628.00**.
16. **Pirrello Enterprises Corporation**, 721 Parade Street Erie, PA 16503, for Scrolls Digitization [Services](#), for the Department of Public Works at a cost of **\$12,090.00**.
17. **Fire & Police Selection Inc.**, 2901 Douglas Blvd., Ste 260., Roseville, CA 95661. For test booklets, scoring fees, and restocking of unused booklets in relation to the 2025 Fire Test as part of the selection of new fire fighters, for the Department of Human Resources at a cost of **\$2,886.75**.
18. **CDW Government**, Inc. 75 Remittance Dr. Suite 1515 Chicago, IL 66675-for 8 surface pro laptop computers and cases at the cost of **\$12,547.04** for the Bureau of [Police](#) to be reimbursed through grant funding.
19. **AT&T Mobility, LLC** PO Box 6463 Carol Stream, IL 60197-6463 for 12 modems for the Bureau of [Police](#) at a cost of **\$13,939.68** to be reimbursed through grant funding.

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.

***There will be a finance meeting following the City Council meeting.**