

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY December 3, 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. 16,574 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 82-2025
An ordinance Appropriating the sum of **\$15,000.00** from Un-appropriated and anticipated revenue and providing for the expenditure thereof. [K-9 DONATIONS.](#)

ORDINANCES: FOR FIRST READING

- 1. Council File No. 16,576
An ordinance [appropriating](#) the sum of **\$400,000.00** from unappropriated fund balance in the **Liquid Fuels Fund** or the expenditure thereof. Funds will be used for the **2025 Street Lighting and Traffic Signals.**
- 2. Council File No. 16,577
An ordinance [appropriating](#) the sum of **\$115,500.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof (a \$115,500.00 contribution from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through the Department of Community and Economic Development for the **Strategic Management Program**)
- 3. Council File No. 16,578
An ordinance appropriating the sum of **\$20,507,447.17** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof from the City of Erie **Capital Bond Fund** and will be used to fund Capital expenditures associated with the **Public Safety Complex** (Miller Brothers. Proceeds of the 2025 City of Erie Capital Bond issue.

F. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. A resolution that pursuant to Section 306 of Zoning Ordinance No. 80-2005, and a public hearing held Wednesday November 19, 2025 in City Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Erie, PA 16501, and with the recommendation from the City Planning Commission, the request for [Waterfront Conditional Use](#) submitted by McErie Partners LP, for construction of Multiple-family dwellings, consisting of two three-story buildings totaling 30 units; located on 9 consolidated vacant lots from Front Street to Short Street on Myrtle Street East on Short Street as 263 West Front Street, Erie, Pa. located in a W-R Waterfront Residential district is hereby approved.
- 2. A resolution that pursuant to Section 405 of Zoning Ordinance No. 80-2005 and a Public Hearing held Wednesday November 19, 2025, in City Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Erie, PA per the request by D. Baldwin of Peach Street Corner LLC & 4125 Peach Street LLC to [re-zone](#) parcel tax id. number 18-053-0020-30300 from R-1 to C-2 located adjacent to 4125 Peach Street (C-2), to consolidate the two lots to form a single commercial parcel zoned C-2 be hereby approved and authorizing and directing the City Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to reflect that change.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution that Erie City Council member Mel Witherspoon reappoints **Jason Berneski** to the **Stationary Steam Engineers** Board of License Examiners for a two-year term ending December 31, 2027.
2. A resolution that Erie City Council member Ed Brzezinski reappoints **Tom Sebald** of 4638 Highview Boulevard Erie, PA 16509 to the City of Erie **Zoning Hearing Board** in his first five-year full term to expire December 31, 2030.
3. Receiving communication from Mayor Schember and confirmed by Erie City Council that **Ryan Berquist** of 527 Glenwood Blvd, Erie, PA 16509 be hereby reappointed for a five-year term to the City of Erie **Water Authority** expiring January 6, 2031.
4. A resolution that Erie City Council member Jasmine Flores reappoints **Dave Palotas** of 215 West 41st Street, Erie, PA 16508 to the Erie City **Water Authority** to a five year term expiring first Monday of January 2031.
5. A resolution that Erie City Council designates Chestnut Street between West 3rd and West 4th streets as “**James C. Sherrod Way**” after his passing, in recognition of his years as Director of the Bayfront NATO Inc./Martin Luther King Jr. Center and his service and contributions to the Erie community.
6. **A resolution of the council of the city of Erie calling on the legislature of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to pass legislation to allow for the creation of community energy programs in Pennsylvania.**

WHEREAS, community energy facilities allow customers to choose the source of their electricity, including customers that desire to purchase solar energy but do not have a suitable condition to install their own solar facility; and

WHEREAS, community solar facilities are a more decentralized, resilient, and efficient way to deliver electricity to ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, small scale community solar facilities are designed to interconnect with local power distribution systems, reducing barriers to entry such as PJM approvals; and

WHEREAS, allowing community solar facilities would create economic benefits for Erie County farmers, land owners, and homeowners with a roof or space to build or lease ground for community solar facilities; and

WHEREAS, community solar facilities have been shown to save households 10% on their electricity costs; and

WHEREAS, a recent study from Penn State University determined that constructing the 235 community solar facilities planned in Pennsylvania could add 520 permanent jobs and \$83.3 million of annual economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Governor Shapiro has called for the creation of community energy programs as part of his Lightning Plan; and

WHEREAS, 24 states currently have specific enabling legislation for community solar, which provides a framework that supports the production of and streamlines approval of community energy facilities in those states; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Erie, calls on the Pennsylvania State Senate to approve House Bill 504, the Community Energy Act, as proposed by Representative Peter Schweyer, which passed 114 votes to 89 votes in the Pennsylvania House, to provide for community energy facilities.

7. A resolution of the Erie city council requesting transparency and timely public updates regarding the death of Marchello D. Woodard and the ongoing investigation by the Erie County District Attorney and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2025, Marchello D. Woodard, a resident of Erie, Pennsylvania, was fatally shot by a Pennsylvania state parole agent during a compliance check in the 300 block of East 27th Street in the City of Erie; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2025 the Erie County Coroner's Office performed an autopsy, and officially ruled Mr. Woodard's death a homicide, meaning that death occurred at the hands of another person; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2025, Erie County Council adopted Resolution No. 25, 2025 acknowledging the tragic circumstances of Mr. Woodard's death and recommending policy reforms for county-affiliated law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the investigation into this incident is being conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police in collaboration with the Erie County District Attorney's Office pursuant to Erie County protocol for officer-involved shootings; and

WHEREAS, Erie County District Attorney Elizabeth Hirz has stated her office's commitment to providing a fully transparent investigation that protects the integrity of the process while understanding the public's desire for answers; and

WHEREAS, Erie City Council serves the community because of our profound belief in democratic ideals, chief among those being the pursuit of liberty and justice, and in support of these ideals, we advocate for transparency and communication wherever possible in our processes; and

WHEREAS, at multiple Erie City Council meetings community members have expressed concern regarding this incident, and demonstrations have been held calling for justice and demanding answers; and

WHEREAS, local government bodies, including Erie City Council, bear responsibility to advocate for the safety, trust, and accountability of all agencies operating within city limits, regardless of whether such agencies fall under municipal, county, or state authority; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that thorough investigations require time to ensure accuracy and impartiality, while also acknowledging the urgent need for information to address community concerns;

WHEREAS, while we play no role in the proceedings of justice, as elected leaders, we have a moral obligation to ensure that reforms that can be offered to prevent such tragedy should be pursued; and

WHEREAS, the public has a legitimate interest in knowing the status of investigations involving the use of lethal force by state officials operating within the City of Erie; and

WHEREAS, extended silence or delays in communication regarding incidents ruled as homicide risk undermining public trust and may cause additional harm to affected families; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accountability in law enforcement operations are essential to maintaining public trust, community safety, and the legitimacy of our justice system; and

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

Section 1. The Erie City Council formally acknowledges the tragic circumstances of the death of Marchello D. Woodard and extends its condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones.

Section 2. The Erie City Council formally requests that the Erie County District Attorney provide a public update summarizing the status of the investigation into the death of Marchello D. Woodard, including expected timelines for further action and any findings that can be shared consistent with the integrity of the investigation and applicable law.

Section 3. The Erie City Council requests that the Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole provide written clarification to City Council and the public regarding any internal investigation, administrative review, or personnel action taken in the aftermath of this incident, to the extent permitted by law and personnel regulations.

Section 4. The Erie City Council respectfully invites representatives from the Erie County District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole to appear at a public meeting of Erie City Council to address questions related to transparency, communication, and investigative progress.

Section 5. The Erie City Council requests that both the Erie County District Attorney's Office and the Pennsylvania State Police commit to providing regular public updates on the status and progress of the investigation until its conclusion.

Section 6. The Erie City Council encourages the release of all non-sensitive, non-prejudicial information to the public to the fullest extent permitted by law, including body camera footage, dashboard camera footage, and any other video or audio recordings, while respecting due process rights and the integrity of the investigation.

Section 7. The Erie City Council stands with the family of Marchello D. Woodard and the residents of Erie in seeking answers, accountability, and transparency.

Section 8. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to:

- Governor Josh Shapiro
- Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner
- Erie County District Attorney Elizabeth Hirz
- Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole
- Erie County Executive
- Erie County Council Chair

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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>
Erie Holdings Co. (E.E. Jones Contracting Co.)	\$120,000.00	15 Years	\$600.00

9. A resolution that the proposed Repository sale of one (1) property commonly known as E. 26th St. 46 x 133, Erie, PA, identified by Erie County Assessment Index Number 18-051-02.0-125.00, by the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to J&M International Holding Group, LLC, 721 Burnt Tavern Rd., Suite C, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742-4084, in the amount of \$250.00 each property is hereby approved.
10. A resolution that the proposed Repository sale of one (1) property commonly known as Buffalo Rd. 40 x 140, identified by Erie County Assessment Index Number 18-051-026.0-103.00, by the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau to J&M International Holding Group, LLC, 721 Burnt Tavern Rd., Suite C, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742-4084, in the amount of \$250.00 each property is hereby approved.

H. TRANSFERS

That the following amounts be transferred in [Liquid Fuels](#)

Transferred from:			Transferred to:		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$30,000.00	013-1291-0000-4075	Bridges & Streets	\$30,000.00	013-1291-0000-4035	Repair & Maintenance
\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00		

I. CONTRACTS

1. **MRC**, 1233 Barnstaple Dr., South Park, PA 15129, COSTARS #014-E23-316, for the purchase of [playground equipment](#) for [Hagerty Park](#) for the Department of Public Works at a cost of **\$81,661.40**.
2. **Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC.**, 232 East Lancaster Road, Harmony, PA 16037 for lining 952 linear feet of 20 inch diameter sanitary sewer on South Shore Drive from Pittsburgh Avenue to Beverly Drive for the [Bureau of Sewers](#) at a cost of **\$175,474.00**.
3. **Konzel Construction CO.**, 1921 Powell Avenue, Erie, PA 16505 for Emergency Sewer Work – 2026 and 2027 (Bid No. 1841-25) for the Bureau of [Engineering](#) at a cost of **Unit prices submitted in attachment**.
4. **XL Excavating Inc.**, 25912 Route 6 & 19, Cambridge Springs, PA 16503 for Emergency Sewer Work – 2026 and 2027 (Bid No. 1841-25) for the Bureau of [Engineering](#) at a cost of **Unit prices submitted in attachment**.
5. **UTILITAC Equipment & Upfitting**, 6584 Ridgeway Saint Marys Road, Ridgeway, PA 15853 to purchase a 2025 Ford Transit-350 [Crisis Communications Vehicle](#), for the Bureau of Police at a cost of **\$122,416.09**.
6. A resolution that [Change Order #1](#) on the contract of **A-1 Construction**, 299 Kenmore Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14223 for the Erie Safety Complex Roof installation project. Additional work for the project for the Department of Finance be approved as follows:
Net Change: **\$68,837.00**. The Change will increase the contract amount from **\$684,400.00** to **\$753,237.00**.

J. PURCHASE ORDERS

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.

Wednesday, December 3rd (Following the 9am City Council meeting) –
Budget Meeting: Controller, Finance Committee, Finance Departments, General Fund, Capital, General Government.