

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY June 18, 2025
at 6:30 P.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. 16,532 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 42-2025
An ordinance Appropriating the sum of **\$1,097,563.00** from unappropriated and unanticipated revenue for the expenditure thereof from the City of Erie **ARP Fund Interest** and will be used to fund the **Capital Improvement fund**.

2. Council File No. 16,533 Pending Official File Ordinance No. 43-2025
An ordinance Appropriating the sum of **\$18,417.06** of program income generated through the Community Development Block Grant for the following CDBG (CD23) projects.

ORDINANCES: FOR FIRST READING

1. Council File No. 16,534
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
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
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
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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

F. OLD BUSINESS

[Pursuant](#) to PA 47 P.S., 4-461(b.3) Erie City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **June 18, 2025** at approximately **7:00 P.M.** in City Council Chambers, 626 State Street, Municipal Building, Erie, PA to discuss changes recommended by the Planning Commission and the Historic Review Commission for a request of **proposed amendments to Articles 7 of the City of Erie Zoning Ordinance** (Historic Resource Protection) including but not limited to definitions, board structure, criteria designation, and the demolition process.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution sponsored by Council Member Troop that on behalf of Erie City Council, we proudly recognize **Juneteenth -- June 19th** -- as a day of profound historical significance and reflection. Juneteenth marks the moment in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally learned of their freedom -- more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued.

This day is a powerful reminder of the resilience, courage, and enduring contributions of Black Americans throughout our nation's history. As a city, we honor the struggles and triumphs of the past, while reaffirming our commitment to justice, equity, and inclusion for all.

We encourage all residents to reflect on the meaning of freedom, engage in community events, and continue the work of building a future rooted in dignity and respect. **Happy Juneteenth**

2. A resolution sponsored by Council Member Titus **Honoring LGBTQIA+ Pride Month** and Reaffirming the City of Erie's Commitment to Inclusion, Equity, and Human Rights

WHEREAS, Erie must stand united in its commitment to being a city where all people—regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, or ability—are safe, seen, valued, and empowered to thrive; and

WHEREAS, **LGBTQIA+** people have always existed across every culture, race, faith, and period of history, contributing to the fabric of society while facing persecution, erasure, and systemic oppression; and

WHEREAS, the intersectionality of **LGBTQIA+** identities with race, disability, immigration status, economic class, and other lived experiences requires an inclusive and equity-centered approach to policymaking, community-building, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is not simply a celebration, but a continued call for justice and liberation in the face of ongoing political hostility, with over 500 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills introduced across the nation in 2024 alone, targeting especially trans youth, families, and access to affirming care; and

WHEREAS, the City of Erie supports the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA), which currently protects against discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, and disability, and further supports House Bill 300—commonly known as the Fairness Act—which would amend the PHRA to explicitly include protections based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

WHEREAS, by passing the Fairness Act (HB 300 / PN 1135), Pennsylvania would provide comprehensive nondiscrimination protections for all people—including but not limited to **LGBTQIA+** individuals—in critical areas such as housing, employment, education, and public accommodations, thereby reinforcing the fundamental rights and dignity of every resident in the Commonwealth;

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

1. Recognizes June 2025 as **LGBTQIA+ Pride Month** in the City of Erie and honors the courage, resilience, and contributions of LGBTQIA+ individuals throughout history and within our community today.
2. Affirms the City's commitment to equity, dignity, and inclusion for all residents and rejects any efforts, legislation, or rhetoric that seek to marginalize, criminalize, or erase members of the **LGBTQIA+** community.
3. Calls upon our elected officials in the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass the Fairness Act (HB 300 / PN 1135) and ensure statewide nondiscrimination protections that reflect the inclusive values our city upholds.
4. Commits to working collaboratively with **LGBTQIA+** residents, organizations, and advocates to build a more just, vibrant, and welcoming Erie where everyone has the opportunity to live openly, authentically, and without fear.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Erie's state legislative delegation, affirming the City Council's support for the Fairness Act and for public policies that protect the inherent dignity and worth of all people.

3. A resolution sponsored by Council Member Schaaf, **WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania legislature and the Governor created **AMERICA250PA** in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event and the role of its people in the nation's past, present and future; and **WHEREAS**, **AMERICA250PA** hopes to engage all Pennsylvanians and all 67 counties through their many signature and officially recognized programs, projects, and events over the next several years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Pennsylvanian's contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and **WHEREAS**, by adoption of AMERICA250PA's four pillars of EPIC, we hope to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate. **Now, therefore, be it resolved**, and it hereby resolved, that the City of Erie hereby

endorses AMERICA250PA and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate every Pennsylvanian in every county; and it is further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Erie County legislative delegation and **AMERICA250PA** Commission.

4. A resolution sponsored by Council Member Schaaf on behalf of Erie City Council,

WHEREAS Erie will celebrate **World Refugee Day** on **Thursday June 26, 2025** at Perry Square from 5pm to 9pm.

WHEREAS this Erie City Council affirms a refugee as a person who is outside the country of which they resided because of a well founded fear of persecution for reasons of religion, race, political opinion, nationality or membership in a particular social group.

WHEREAS this council wants to acknowledge with gratefulness the organizations who’ve assisted refugees with housing assistance, food, job applications, educational programs, language, instructions, medical needs and resettlement for years, USCRI in Erie (US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants) beginning in 1919; MCRC (Multi Cultural Resource Center) in Erie founded in 1975; CCAS (Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoptive Services); The New American Council formed by Mayor Joe Schember and team, as well as our neighborhood centers in Erie; Booker T. Washington Center, MLK Center and JFK Center.

Let if be resolved that this council appreciates all who have volunteered and worked so hard to put this World Refugee Day celebration together

5. A resolution that the Proper City Officials hereby adopts and supports the full implementation of the Comprehensive [Safety Action Plan](#) dated March 2025 as an important planning tool to establish a strategic framework for eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes in Erie.

6. A resolution that the Proper City Officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute an operating transfer from **ARP fund** to the capital fund in the amount of **\$1,097,563.00**. The funds are from interest earned on the ARP fund.

7. 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>
Romolo Chocolates, Inc.	\$60,750.00	10 Years	\$303.75

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	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Fee</u>
The Society of Holy Trinity	\$55,000.00	10 Years	\$275.00

H. TRANSFERS

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

<u>Transferred from:</u>			<u>Transferred to:</u>		
Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$40,000.00	002-0613-0000-4078	Machinery & Equipment	\$40,000.00	002-0613-0000-4059	Other Services & Charges
\$40,000.00			\$40,000.00		

That the following amounts be [transferred](#) in the Department of Finance

Transferred from:

Transferred to:

Amount	Account	Title	Amount	Account	Title
\$79,898.60	036-2601-2025-5071	Revenue Replacement	\$79,898.60	036-2701-2025-5083	DECD Admin.
\$79,898.60			\$79,898.60		

I. **CONTRACTS**

- 1. **Roth Marz Partnership, Inc.**, 3505 Chapin Street, Erie, PA 16508, for design services, for the Department of [Public Works](#), of the City of Erie at a cost of **\$5,850.00**.
- 2. **AW Farrell & Son**, 1910 Schaper Ave., Erie PA 16502, to repair roof leak at [Engine 6 Station](#) (1740 West 26th St.) The work included installation of a new retrofit drain with flashing and waterproof coating for a cost of **\$4,210.28**.
- 3. **Burgess & Niple Inc.**, 100 State Street, Suite 300, Erie, PA 16507 for design services for signal reconstruction along West 18th Street at Sassafra, Chestnut, Cherry & Liberty Streets and Liberty Street and Brown Avenue at a cost not to exceed **\$99,980.00**. 80% of the cost is funded by the PennDOT [Green Light-Go Program](#) with a 20% match from City funds.
- 4. **C. Crump Inc.**, 2601 Elmwood Drive Ext., Hubbard, OH 44425 for Bid # 1831-25– City of Erie Stream Stabilization Project at [Garrison Run North](#) & Cemetery Run South at a cost of **\$847,000.00**.
- 5. **Citizen Observer, LLC.**, 55 East Fifth Street Suite 1020 Saint Paul, MN 55101 for the purchase of a tip line subscription covering a five-month period for the [Byrne Grant](#) at a cost of **\$2,750.00**.
- 6. A [resolution](#) that the Proper [City Officials](#) are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract in the amount of **\$90,000** with **Mullin & Lonergan Associates** with the City of Erie, to conduct comprehensive evaluation/analysis of the city's current housing market.
- 7. **Joseph McCormick Construction Co.**, 3340 Pearl Avenue PO Box 176, Erie, PA 16512 for the 2025 Proposed Milling and Asphalt Resurfacing of Various City Streets-[1 Bid No.](#) 1829-25 in the amount of **\$968,768.00**.

J. **PURCHASE ORDERS**

- 1. **Fabin’s Trailer Sales**, 5324 Kuhl Road, Erie, Pa. 16510, for the purchase of an 82- inch by 16- feet Landscape Trailer, for the [Bureau of Parks](#) & Recreation at a cost of **\$4,240.00**.
- 2. **Borough of Edinboro**, 124 Meadville Street Edinboro, PA 16412-2502 to purchase a 2018 Ford Interceptor SUV, for the [Bureau of Police](#) at a cost of **\$6,000.00**.
- 3. **Ace Viking Inc.**, 2220 East 30th Street, Erie, PA 16510 for a replacement motor for the D-2 Centrifuge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$13,040.00**.
- 4. **Ace Viking Inc.**, 2220 East 30th Street, Erie, PA 16510 for a replacement Wall-Mount AC Drive for the E-1 Centrifuge at the [Wastewater Treatment Plant](#) for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$11,404.00**.
- 5. **Golden Equipment Company**, PO Box 873, Mars, PA 16046 for Root Cutting Nozzles to be utilized by the [Bureau of Sewers](#) at a cost of **\$14,606.00**.
- 6. **ITPipes OPCO LLC**, 9450 SW Gemini Drive PMB 26914, Beaverton, OR 35754 for the annual renewal of our Mobile Software (Support Agreement) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the [Bureau of Sewers](#) at a cost of **\$2,950.00**.
- 7. **AX Control Inc.**, 1317 Transport Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603 for (2) GE Color Display Panels for the WESP Units at the [Wastewater Treatment](#) Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$7,550.00**.

8. **WM T Spaeder Inc.**, PO Box 10056, Erie, PA 16514 for couplings to repair a damaged fluid line on the Chiller System Cooling Tower at the [Wastewater Treatment](#) Plant for the Bureau of Sewers at a cost of **\$2,149.56**.
9. **Ice Qube Inc.**, 141 Wilson Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601 for direct replacement parts for the A/C Unit on the VFD Drive Enclosure for the E-1 Centrifuge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the [Bureau of Sewers](#) at a cost of **\$3,977.00**.
10. **Scott Electric**, P.O. Box S, Greensburg, PA, 15601 for signal cable, for the [Bureau of Engineering](#), of the City of Erie at a cost of **\$6,900.00**.
11. **Empire Excavation & Demolition Inc., d/b/a Lipchik Demolition**, 10860 Donation Road, Waterford, PA 16441, for the demolition work at 1302 Wayne Street, Erie, PA for the [Department of Risk Management](#) at a cost of **\$5,900.00**.
12. **Blue Rock Construction LLC.**, 1854 East 26th Street, Erie, PA 16510, for the demolition cleanup of 1602 Linwood Avenue, Erie, PA 16510, for the [Department of Risk Management](#) at a cost of **\$2,999.00**.

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.

***City Council will conduct a study session on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 5:30pm in Council Chambers, to discuss Bureau of Code Enforcement updates.**