



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

Link to Watch Virtually: <https://bit.ly/TC-Special-1stTuesday>

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of the Agenda

6:00-6:05 p.m.

IV. General Business

[25-341](#)

Historic Old Town Outreach - Social Capital Exercise

Attachments:

[Presentation](#)

6:05-6:20 p.m.

*Presenter(s): Sarah Nurmela, Director of Planning and Development
Josh Campbell, Senior Strategic Planner*

[25-318](#)

Future Parks Funding Options and Direction

Attachments:

[Presentation](#)

6:20-7:20 p.m.

Presenter(s): Luke Bolinger, Director of Parks & Recreation

[25-356](#)

Review and Approval of Townwide Special Topic Survey

Attachments:

[DRAFT Special Topic Survey](#)

7:20-8:50 p.m.

*Presenter(s): Gabi Rae, Director of Communications & Community Engagement
Courtney Sievers, Director of Survey Research, Magellan Strategies*

V. Adjournment

8:50 p.m.

(The Town Council's Goal is that all meetings be adjourned by 10:30pm. An agenda check will be conducted at or about 10:00 p.m., and no later than at the end of the first

item finished after 10:00 p.m. Items not completed prior to adjournment will generally be taken up at the next regular meeting.)



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Board Meeting Date: 6/3/2025

File #: 25-341, **Version:** 1

SUBJECT:

Historic Old Town Outreach - Social Capital Exercise

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Development

PRESENTER(S): Sarah Nurmela, Director of Planning and Development
Josh Campbell, Senior Strategic Planner

TIME ESTIMATE: 30 minutes

POLICY ISSUES:

An update from Planning staff to inform Town Council of outreach efforts taking place in Historic Old Town.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Informational item only.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

During the Elevate Erie Comprehensive Plan engagement, Planning staff heard from Historic Old Town residents a sentiment of feeling overlooked in comparison to other neighborhoods. To better understand this perception, Planning staff intend to conduct a social capital exercise in the Historic Old Town Area over the coming months. The goal of this exercise is to better understand and get to know area residents and business owners with the hope of creating working relationships, building trust, and having a catalog of community stories.

Social Capital Engagement

The definition of Social Capital: *the networks of relationships among people who live or work in a particular community, enabling the community to function cohesively.*

The planned exercise for Old Town will focus on qualitative face-to-face and one-on-one interactions. Planning staff will attend various community hosted events throughout Historic Old Town, host and/or attend open houses and events, conduct community-member interviews, and other various forms of outreach. The result of this phase should include a catalog of the stories collected from area

residents and an understanding of challenges and high-level desires. Knowing the challenges and high-level desires of the community will allow staff to make suggestions for next steps to present to Town Council. It is important to note that this exercise is not meant to serve as a source of engagement that informs specific items such as housing or transportation.

Evaluation & Next Steps

The next steps for the Historic Old Town Area are subject to the evaluation of findings collected during the social capital exercise. In alignment with the Elevate Erie Comprehensive Plan, there is a high-level assumption that a potential next step may be a Historic Old Town Neighborhood Plan. This is subject to change should the information collected show that there is a different, more targeted approach warranted. Findings and next steps will be summarized and presented by staff to Town Council upon the conclusion of the exercise.

COUNCIL PRIORITY(S) ADDRESSED:

- ✓ Attractive Community Amenities
- ✓ Engaged and Diverse Community
- ✓ Prosperous Economy
- ✓ Well-Maintained Transportation Infrastructure
- ✓ Small Town Feel
- ✓ Safe and Healthy Community
- ✓ Effective Governance
- ✓ Environmentally Sustainable
- ✓ Fiscally Responsible

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Presentation



Historic Old Town

Town Council – Special Meeting
Josh Campbell, Senior Strategic Planner

June 3, 2025



WHAT WAS HEARD Old Town Residents



Shared Norms and
Values

Interpersonal
Relationships

Trust

A Shared
Understanding

Cooperation and
Collaboration

Reciprocity

A Shared Sense of
Identity

Strong Social Support

Social Capital

HISTORIC OLD TOWN Social Capital Exercise



The Stories of the Community

Community Events

- Town Fair
- Farmers Market

Town Hosted Events

- Neighborhood Walk
- Community Open Houses

Neighborhood Activations

- Block Party
- Coffee with a Planner
- Ice Cream Social

One on One Interviews

- Neighborhood Resident (past & present)
- Area Businesses



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SUBJECT:

Future Parks Funding Options and Direction

DEPARTMENT: Parks & Recreation

PRESENTER: Luke Bolinger, Director of Parks & Recreation

TIME ESTIMATE: 60 minutes

FISCAL SUMMARY:

N/A

POLICY ISSUES:

Tonight's discussion will focus on receiving Council direction on funding Erie's unfinished parks and present that direction as part of the 2026 Budget process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff request Council's direction on how to proceed with presenting park funding options.

BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

At the March 13, 2025 Study Session, staff requested direction on which Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects to incorporate into the 2026 Budget. Although Council engaged in a robust conversation, Parks & Recreation staff did not receive clear direction on two parks that continue to surface in Council discussions: the proposed neighborhood parks in the Compass and Morgan Hill subdivisions.

In 2015, the developer of the Compass neighborhood dedicated 10 acres of park space without contributing funding for its development. In 2020, staff negotiated a fee-in-lieu agreement with the current Compass developer that provided seed funding for park construction. However, the funds remain insufficient to complete the project. That same year, the Morgan Hill developer dedicated 14.3 acres for a neighborhood park but was only obligated to cover the costs for grading, grass, and irrigation for 4.19 acres. Staff later negotiated a fee-in-lieu agreement to replace that scope of work and help support the park's design and construction.

As part of the 2022 Parks & Recreation Work Plan, staff organized community conversations and

engagement events to shape conceptual designs for the park sites. In March 2023, staff presented both park concepts to Council. Council approved the concepts and directed staff to prepare design and engineering documents. Given the Compass neighborhood's maturity, Council designated it as the higher construction priority. Council also directed staff to focus on completing the full Schofield Farm Open Space project, as outlined in the 2018 Schofield Farm & Open Space Master Plan. As a result, the 2024 Budget included only the design and engineering phase for the Compass park, advancing plans to the design development level.

The current Capital Improvement Plan schedules completion of construction documents for the Compass park in 2027, with construction targeted for 2028. For the Morgan Hill site, design development begins in 2028, followed by construction in 2029. The Town plans to fund both projects through the Parks Improvement Impact Fund (PIIF), contingent on available resources.

The graphic below illustrates projected revenues and expenditures within the PIIF. This projection excludes anticipated fee-in-lieu contributions from future developments.

Park Improvements	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast	2029 Forecast
Beginning FB	\$ 8,713,107	\$ 12,170,509	\$ 5,881,606	\$ 7,532,546	\$ 9,266,033	\$ 10,786,194	\$ (187,637)
Revenues	\$ 3,873,479	\$ 3,114,358	\$ 1,650,940	\$ 1,733,487	\$ 1,820,161	\$ 1,911,169	\$ 2,006,728
Expenditures	\$ 416,078	\$ 9,403,261	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 12,885,000	\$ 15,300,000
Ending FB	\$ 12,170,509	\$ 5,881,606	\$ 7,532,546	\$ 9,266,033	\$ 10,786,194	\$ (187,637)	\$ (13,480,909)

Timeline Options

Parks & Recreation staff request direction as the 2026 Budget process begins. If Council desires to revise project timelines, staff will need clear guidance that reflects funding realities, staff capacity, and operational commitments.

Staff pose the following questions:

- Should staff maintain the current schedule for both parks as outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan?
- Should staff begin phased design efforts for both parks in 2026, using available funds to build portions of each?
- Should staff present options to accelerate construction using alternative funding sources, such as the General Fund?
- Should staff prioritize one park for full funding and construction and defer the other to a later cycle?

Phasing park construction allows the Town to deliver community benefits sooner while distributing costs over multiple years. This approach can ease budget pressure, align with available funding, and give staff time to manage individual components and assess community use to guide future phases.

However, phasing can raise overall costs due to inflation, repeated mobilization, and potential redesigns. It may also delay full functionality, frustrating residents if key amenities remain

incomplete. If Council shifts funding priorities in future years, the Town could leave a park only partially built or indefinitely postponed, falling short of community expectations and the original vision.

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- ☒ Attractive Community Amenities
- ☒ Engaged and Diverse Community
- ☐ Prosperous Economy
- ☐ Well-Maintained Transportation Infrastructure
- ☒ Small Town Feel
- ☐ Safe and Healthy Community
- ☒ Effective Governance
- ☐ Environmentally Sustainable
- ☒ Fiscally Responsible

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Presentation



Future Parks Funding Options and Direction

Erie Town Council

May 20, 2025

Luke Bolinger, Director of Parks & Recreation



Agenda

1. Timeline
2. Conceptual Plans
3. Phasing Options
4. Questions & Discussion



Timeline

Compass

- 2015 – Compass neighborhood developer dedicates 10 acres
- 2020 – Staff negotiate a fee in lieu of \$770,000
- 2022 – Staff conduct community engagement to plan the site
- 2023 – Town Council adopts conceptual plan
- 2024 – Town completes 100% design development docs

Morgan Hill

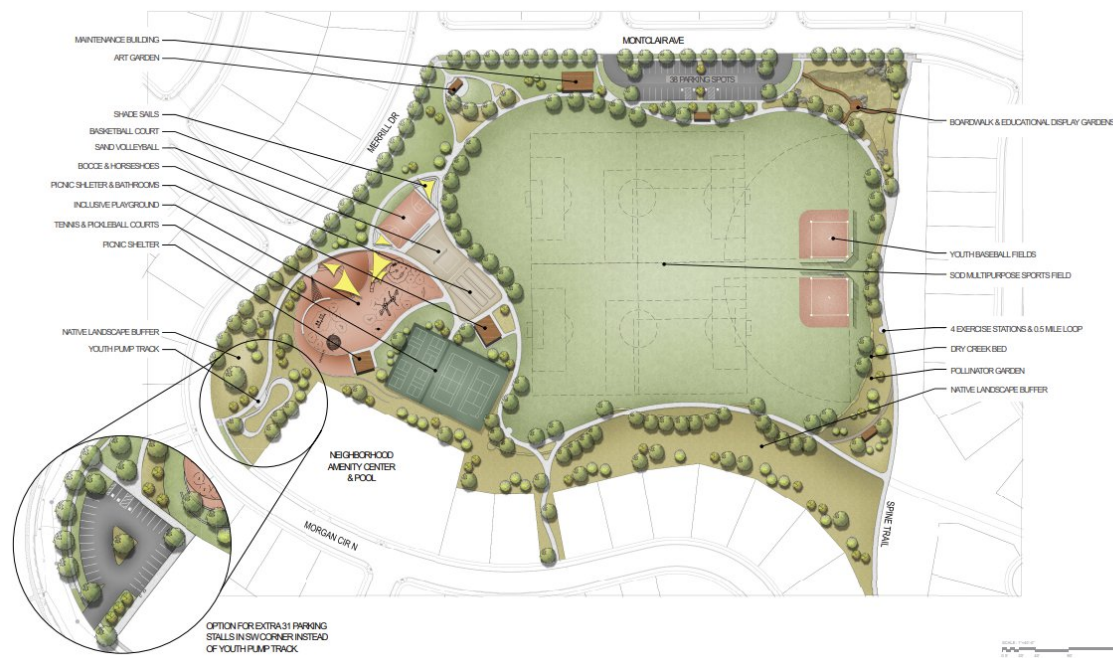
- 2020 – Morgan Hill developer dedicates 14.3 acres for park
- 2022 – Staff negotiate a fee in lieu of \$356,008 equivalent to 4.19 acres per development agreement
- 2022 – Staff conduct community engagement to plan the site
- 2023 – Town Council adopts conceptual plan

Conceptual* Plan - Compass



*Conceptual design illustrates the park's general layout, features, and intent but remains flexible to adapt based on site conditions, programming trends, utilities, and budget.

Conceptual* Plan – Morgan Hill



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Phasing Options

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3. Should staff present options to accelerate construction using alternative funding sources, such as the General Fund?
4. Should staff prioritize one park for full funding and construction and defer the other to a later cycle?



Current Schedule

*Revenue growth forecasted at 3%							
Park Improvements	2023 ACFR	2024 Actuals	2025 1st Supp.	2026 Forecast	2027 Forecast	2028 Forecast	2029 Forecast
Beginning FB	\$8,713,107	\$12,170,509	\$15,055,676	\$7,532,547	\$9,233,015	\$10,684,497	(\$396,476)
Revenues*	\$3,873,479	\$3,114,358	\$1,650,940	\$1,700,468	\$1,751,482	\$1,804,027	\$1,858,148
Expenditures	\$416,077	\$229,191	\$9,174,069	\$0	\$300,000	\$12,885,000	\$15,300,000
Ending FB	\$12,170,509	\$15,055,676	\$7,532,547	\$9,233,015	\$10,684,497	(\$396,476)	(\$13,838,328)
Projects in ClearGov							
Funding Source Request Title		FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	Future	
Parks Improvement Impact Fund - 320							
	Colliers Hill Filing 6 Park			\$335,000.00	\$3,000,000.00		
	Morgan Hill			\$550,000.00	\$12,300,000.00		
	Compass Park		\$300,000.00	\$12,000,000.00			
Total Parks Improvement Impact Fund - 320		\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$12,885,000.00	\$15,300,000.00	\$0.00	

*These tables are just for the Parks Improvement Impact Fund and do not include Schofield



Phased Approach

Compass – Phase 1

- Design – 2026 – \$300,000
- Construction – 2027 – \$4,235,000

Morgan Hill – Phase 1

- Design – 2026 – \$550,000
- Construction – 2027 – \$5,179,000

Compass – Phase 2*

- Construction – 2028/2029 – \$7,915,000

Morgan Hill – Phase 2*

- Construction – 2028/2029 – \$7,271,000

*Remaining phases dependent on funding availability and may change due to inflationary costs

Phased Approach - Compass



Compass Neighborhood Park - Phase 1

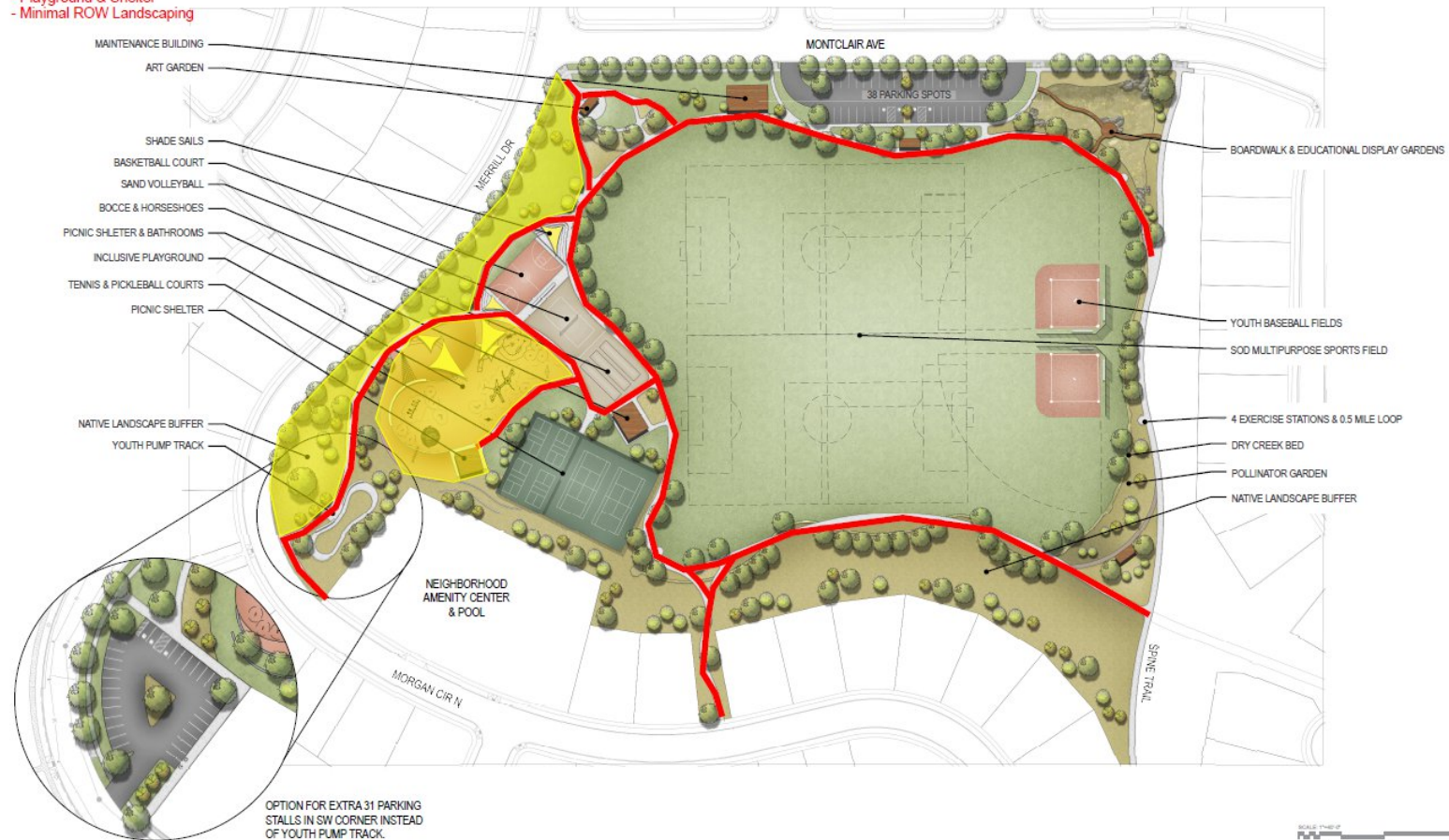
- Primary Park Paths
- Playground & Shelter
- Minimal ROW Landscaping
- Primary Utilities
- Overlot Grading & Native Seed



Phased Approach – Morgan Hill

Morgan Hill Neighborhood Park - Phase 1

- Primary Park Paths
- Primary Utilities
- Playground & Shelter
- Minimal ROW Landscaping





In-Progress and Planned Capital Projects

This preliminary timeline outlines a range of active capital projects, funded through various sources and at different stages of approval. It does not include the significant maintenance projects also planned during this timeframe.

Project	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
ECP Maintenance Building	Design/Const.	Construction			
Coal Creek Restoration & Trail Reach 3	Construction				
Coal Creek Restoration & Trail Reach 2	Design	Construction			
CCT Airport Taxiway Crossing	Design	Construction			
Allan Farms Trail Connections	Design	Construction			
Coal Creek Bridge & Colliers Hill Trail Connection	Design/Const.	Construction			
Schofield Farm (Site Improvements, Makerspace, Barn, Other Buildings)	Design/Const.	Design/Const.	Construction		
Sunset Area Plan	Design/Const.	Design/Const.	Construction	Construction	
Drainage Trail Relocation	Design	Design	Construction		
Trail Wayfinding Signs	Plan/Install	Plan/Install	Plan/Install	Plan/Install	Plan/Install
Wise Open Space Planning		Design			
Pickleball Courts at ECP		Design/Const.			
Compass Neighborhood Park			Design	Construction	
Morgan Hill Neighborhood Park				Design	Construction
Colliers Hill Filing 6 Neighborhood Park				Design	Construction
Country Fields Park Renovation				Plan	Design



Questions & Discussion



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SUBJECT:

Review and Approval of Townwide Special Topic Survey

DEPARTMENT: Communications & Community Engagement

PRESENTER(S): Gabi Rae, Director of Communications & Community Engagement
Courtney Sievers, Director of Survey Research, Magellan Strategies

TIME ESTIMATE: 90 minutes

For time estimate: please put 0 for Consent items.

FISCAL SUMMARY:

N/A

POLICY ISSUES:

The Council requested a survey on specific topics for the community, managed by a professional research firm. Council will now review the drafted survey and give final approval on the tool to facilitate policymaking decisions going forward.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Give any necessary, clear edits to the survey as drafted and a final approval to begin distributing the tool.

SUMMARY/KEY POINTS

- This item is before Council for their final discussion and approval of the special topic survey for distribution.
- This drafted survey contains questions which cover all areas of interest as laid out previously by Council.
- After approval of this survey, the tool will be distributed to all households in Erie and will be open to all voting-age residents.

BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER:

Council requested a standalone special topic survey to thoroughly explore issues of density, growth, affordable housing, funding facility and amenity construction, traffic, and other related topics.

On May 6, 2025, the Council met with a hired research and data analysis consulting firm to share topic areas for this survey. The consultants have created a draft survey for Council consideration which covers all requested topics as well as necessary demographic questions for community segmentation in the data analysis.

As requested by the Council, this survey will be available for every registered voter in Erie to complete. Data analysis and presentation will follow shortly thereafter.

Expectations for Study Session/Special Meeting

This meeting is intended to allow the Council to provide any final edits to the drafted survey and ultimately vote to approve the survey for distribution. Council Members had the opportunity to view a draft of the survey and a [video walkthrough](https://townoferie.zoom.us/rec/play/mSSrenNgDn53ZG5Nu2uOPHwI_1fi80Af2h500xe5eTieRINNvXAYUJ8WJ6OlobGKABdBEH4yczackCzD.ImkrxnlpPjbwItNw) of how the survey was created prior to this meeting.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Special Topics Survey

Town of Erie In-Depth Community Survey

MAGELLAN ID: COERIE-051325

Field Dates: TBD

Language: English, Spanish

Interview Goal = 3,000n

+/- 3.08% MoE

The Town of Erie invites you to participate in an important survey regarding Town services, projects, and funding priorities. Please make your voice heard by sharing your thoughts and opinions on these critical issues. Your answers will be anonymous and confidential, and the survey will take just X minutes to complete.

Any questions about this survey can be directed to the Town's Communications & Community Engagement Department at communications@erieco.gov. Let's get started!

T1. First, could you please verify that you are registered to vote in the Town of Erie, Colorado?

Yes;-1

No;-2

IF T1=2, "I am sorry, but this survey is for registered voters of Erie, Colorado. Thank you for your time and have a good day."

T2. How familiar are you with the public services, projects, and programs provided by the Town of Erie?

Very Familiar;-1

Somewhat Familiar;-2

Not Too Familiar;-3

Not Familiar at All;-4

Unsure or No Opinion;-5

T3. Please describe the top two or three issues, priorities, or problems that you think the Town of Erie should address in the next two or three years.

TEXT BOX

T4. Generally speaking, do you think things in the Town of Erie are headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

Right Direction;-1

Wrong Track;-2

Unsure;-3

IF T4=1 ASK T5

IF T4=2 SKIP TO T6

IF T4=3 SKIP TO T7

T5. Please describe why you think things in the Town of Erie are headed in the right direction.

CAPTURE VERBATIM RESPONSE, SKIP TO T7

- T6. Please describe why you think things in the Town of Erie are off on the wrong track.

CAPTURE VERBATIM RESPONSE

- T7. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Town of Erie is doing to provide public services, projects, and programs for Town residents?

Strongly Approve;-1
Somewhat Approve;-2
Somewhat Disapprove;-3
Strongly Disapprove;-4
Unsure or No Opinion;-5

- T8. Thinking about all the programs and services you receive from the Town of Erie, how would you rate the overall value for the fees, charges, or taxes you pay?

Very Good Value;-1
Somewhat Good Value;-2
Somewhat Poor Value;-3
Very Poor Value;-4
Unsure/No Opinion;-5

- T9. Do you think the Town of Erie has the financial resources needed to provide an acceptable level of services, projects, and programs to town residents?

Yes, Definitely;-1
Yes, Probably;-2
No, Probably Not;-3
No, Definitely Not;-4
Unsure or No Opinion;-5

- T10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? *"The Town of Erie is fiscally responsible and spends taxpayer money wisely."*

Strongly Agree;-1
Somewhat Agree;-2
Somewhat Disagree;-3
Strongly Disagree;-4
Unsure or No Opinion;-5

Police Department Questions

T11. In 2021, the Town of Erie completed a Facility Strategic Plan that identified the top priorities for Town buildings. The two highest priorities were expansion and improvements to Town Hall and the Erie Police Department. The Town Hall expansion and renovation will be completed in late 2025, and the next project is expanding and remodeling the Erie Police Department. The current police facility is already at full capacity, and the expansion is estimated to cost \$38.6 million. This expansion is designed to meet future operational needs as the Town's population continues to grow.

Knowing that information, there are multiple ways for the Town of Erie to pay for the expansion and renovation of the police facility:

- 1) A property tax that would increase taxes by 4 mills, or \$134 annually for a home valued at \$500,000. This would need to be approved by voters.
- 2) A sales tax that would increase the Erie sales tax rate from 3.5% to 3.98%, or another \$0.48 per \$100 purchase. This would need to be approved by voters.
- 3) A Certificate of Participation (COP), which is a type of financing, similar to a mortgage, that does not raise taxes. The Town of Erie would need to pay back the financing with interest over time (4.5% interest), the funding of which would come from the General Fund and would not need approval by voters. The Town estimates paying back COPs for this project at \$2.5 million per year for 20 years, this is already planned in the Town of Erie's long-term budget.

Knowing this information, how would you prefer the Town of Erie pay to finance the Erie Police Department expansion and renovation?

Property Tax;-1
Sales Tax;-2
Certificate of Participation (COP);-3
Unsure or No Opinion;-5

T12. Some people think that using Certificates of Participation (COP) are the best way to pay for building or renovating Town facilities because they do not require voter approval, and the funding to pay for them comes from the General Fund.

While...

Other people think that using COPs is not a good idea because it uses money from the Town's General Fund, which could tie up funding that could be used for other projects, services, and programs for many years.

Which of these are closer to your point-of-view?

COP's best way to build/renovate Town facilities;-1
COP's bad idea, take away funding from other projects, services, and programs;-2
Unsure/No Opinion;-3

Affordable Housing/Housing Diversity Questions

T13. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The Town of Erie needs more housing diversity, meaning a better balance between condos, apartments, townhomes, smaller (cottage-sized) homes, and single-family homes?



Strongly Agree;-1
Somewhat Agree;-2
Somewhat Disagree;-3
Strongly Disagree;-4
Unsure or No Opinion;-5

T14. How much of a problem is the availability of homeownership opportunities in the Town of Erie?

Big Problem-1
Somewhat of a Problem-2
Not Too Much of a Problem-3
Not A Problem at All-4
No Opinion-5

T15. How much of a problem is the availability of rental opportunities in the Town of Erie?

Big Problem-1
Somewhat of a Problem-2
Not Too Much of a Problem-3
Not A Problem at All-4
No Opinion-5

- T16. How much of a problem is it for local essential workers (teachers, retail workers, firefighters, police, nurses, etc.) to find rental and homeownership opportunities within their budget range in the Town of Erie?

Big Problem-1
Somewhat of a Problem-2
Not Too Much of a Problem-3
Not A Problem at All-4
No Opinion-5

- T17. How would you rate residential housing costs in the Town of Erie?

Much Too High-1
Somewhat Too High-2
Just The Right Amount-3
Somewhat Too Low-4
Much Too Low-5
Unsure or No Opinion-6

- T18. As you may be aware, less than 5% of the people who work in Erie live in Erie (2022 Census data). While there are various reasons why this may be the case, the Town believes that one contributing reason is the lack of available housing for lower- and middle-income people. Knowing this, do you agree or disagree with the following statement? It is important that people who work in Erie should have the opportunity to live in Erie.

Strongly Agree;-1
Somewhat Agree;-2
Somewhat Disagree;-3
Strongly Disagree;-4
Unsure/No Opinion;-5

- T19. From the images below, what sort of neighborhood would you prefer to live in?



[Image of Residential-Rural] Larger lot, very low housing density;-1



[Image of Residential-Low] Suburban-style, single family attached/detached units;-2



[Image of Residential-Medium] Mix of housing types, single-family, duplexes, and townhomes;-3



[Image of Residential-High] Townhomes, condos, apartments, stacked flats; -4



[Mixed Use Village (left picture)] Primarily vertical mix of residential, commercial, retail, and office uses in compact, pedestrian-oriented environment;-5



[Mixed Use Neighborhood (right picture)] Mix of residential attached homes, commercial, retail, and office uses in walkable block system;-6
Unsure/No Opinion;-7

T20. How familiar are you with the Town of Erie's Affordable Housing Program?

- Very Familiar;-1
- Somewhat Familiar;-2
- Not Too Familiar;-3
- Not Familiar at All;-4
- Unsure/No Opinion;-5

T21. The Town of Erie's Affordable Housing Program has hired dedicated staff, has purchased land for future affordable housing developments, has received grant funding to help repair existing affordable housing units, and continues to try to diversify housing in Erie. Knowing this information, do you support or oppose the work of the Town of Erie's Affordable Housing Program?

- Strongly Support;-1
- Somewhat Support;-2
- Somewhat Oppose;-3

Strongly Oppose;-4
Unsure/No Opinion;-5

- T22. As you may know, the Town of Erie purchased land in 2023 to create the Cheesman Street Residences as a first step in Erie's effort to create more attainable housing options. The Cheesman development will be 35 homeownership deed-restricted homes.

The Town of Erie has also purchased the Village Coal Creek property, to not only create more attainable housing options, but to connect trails and provide additional open space.

Knowing this, do you support or oppose the Town of Erie, purchasing additional land in the future, to build more of these types of developments which would include attainable and mixed-income housing options?

Strongly Support;-1
Somewhat Support;-2
Somewhat Oppose;-3
Strongly Oppose;-4
Unsure/No Opinion;-5

- T23. Do you believe the Town of Erie should be more involved, stay about the same, or be less involved in supporting affordable/attainable housing?

Much More Involved;-1
Somewhat More Involved;-2
About the Same;-3
Somewhat Less Involved;-4
Much Less Involved;-5
Unsure/No Opinion;-6

- T24. Which of the following funding options would you support the Town of Erie using to help pay for affordable or attainable housing projects? Please select all that apply and if you do not support using any of these funding sources, there is an option for that too.

Modest Sales Tax Increase
Modest Property Tax Increase
Certificate of Participation (COP's)
Development Related Fees
State and Federal Grants
From the General Fund
None, Would Not Support Any funding to Affordable/Attainable Housing
Unsure/No Opinion

Traffic/Streets Transportation

T25. How would you rate the overall condition of the major streets and roads in the Town of Erie?

Excellent;-1
Good;-2
Fair;-3
Poor;-4
Unsure or No Opinion;-5

T26. How would you rate the condition of the roads in your neighborhood?

Excellent;-1
Good;-2
Fair;-3
Poor;-4
Unsure or No Opinion;-5

T27. Do you think traffic in the Town of Erie has increased, stayed about the same, or decreased in the past 5 years?

Definitely Increased;-1
Probably Increased;-2
Stayed About the Same;-3
Probably Decreased;-4
Definitely Decreased;-5
Unsure or No Opinion;-6

T28. For each of the following individuals, do you believe safety on the roads within the Town of Erie has increased, stayed about the same, or decreased in the past few years?

A) Drivers
B) Pedestrians (walking, running, rolling)
C) Bicyclists

Definitely Increased;-1
Probably Increased;-2
Stayed About the Same;-3
Probably Decreased;-4
Definitely Decreased;-5
Unsure or No Opinion;-6

T29. In general, would you support or oppose a modest tax or fee increase to help fund the streets, roads, and transportation services in the Town of Erie?

Strongly Support;-1
Somewhat Support;-2
Somewhat Oppose;-3
Strongly Oppose;-4
Unsure/No Opinion;-5

T30. How familiar are you with the RTD JUMP Bus Route?

Very Familiar;-1
Somewhat Familiar;-2
Not Too Familiar;-3
Not Familiar at All;-4
Unsure/No Opinion;-5

T31. As you may know, RTD offers the JUMP bus route from the Erie Community Center to Downtown Boulder. Have you ever used the RTD JUMP Bus Route?

Yes;-1
No;-2

T32. As you may know, the Town of Erie is developing an on-demand shuttle service with the goal of providing more convenient transportation options for residents. If transit was offered to be picked up and dropped off anywhere within Erie for low or no cost, would you use the service?

Yes;-1
No;-2

Parks, Rec, Other Amenity Questions-

T33. From the following list of community amenities... On a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being extremely important and 1 being not important at all please indicate how important are the following amenities in the Town of Erie to you and your family.

- A. Neighborhood Parks
- B. Performing Arts Center
- C. Second Recreation Center
- D. Outdoor Pool Only (No Recreation Center)
- E. Water Park (Similar to Bay Aquatic Park in Broomfield)
- F. A Community Campus – Similar to Erie Community Center/Erie Community Park with a rec center, aquatic center, and full amenity park nearby.
- G. Community Trails
- H. Open Space

5-Extremely Important
3-Neutral
1-Not Important at All

- T34. As mentioned above, there are multiple ways for the Town of Erie to pay for services, programs, and amenities. From the following list, please indicate how you would prefer the Town of Erie to pay for the service or amenity?

Please keep in mind, the Town of Erie could fund these projects gradually over time using the general fund or Enterprise Funds, but that approach may significantly delay their completion. If you do not believe a specific service or amenity should be funded at all, there is an option to for that as well.

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Property Tax;-1

Sales Tax;-2

Town of Erie General Fund Over Time;-3

Town of Erie Should Not Fund;-4

Unsure/No Opinion;-5

Sustainability & Water Conservation Questions

- T35. How familiar are you with the Town of Erie's sustainability work including the 2019 Sustainability Plan?

Very Familiar;-1

Somewhat Familiar;-2

Not Too Familiar;-3

Not Familiar at All;-4

Unsure/No Opinion;-5

- T36. The Town of Erie currently has a team of full-time staff who are dedicated to water conservation efforts and sustainability efforts like saving energy, offering rebates to residents, and planning for the future to make the Town more efficient and resilient. Knowing this, do you think the Town of Erie should do more, keep doing about the same, or do less to support sustainability, water conservation, and similar efforts now and in the future?

Much More Involved;-1

Somewhat More Involved;-2

About the Same;-3

Somewhat Less Involved;-4

Much Less Involved;-5

Unsure/No Opinion;-6

T37. As mentioned above, the Town of Erie offers many programs for sustainability. Among the following list of programs, do you think the Town of Erie should be doing more, about the same, or doing less to promote each of the following sustainability areas?

- A. Support solar/renewable energy options for residents
- B. Support and expand electric vehicle infrastructure for public use
- C. Increase waste diversion opportunities including yard waste and organics recycling collection
- D. Increase Town resilience to climate impacts including extreme heat events, flooding, and wildfire
- E. Increase rebate offerings including water wise landscape conversion, energy efficiency upgrades, etc.
- F. Related policy advocacy and support at the state level including efforts involving climate mitigation, increased resilience, and other related initiatives
- G. Continue to maintain and expand recycling services at the Erie Recycling Center
- H. Continue to support Town engagement and events including the biannual Clean Up Day, Arbor/Earth Day, and recently added Compost Giveaway event.

Do More;-1

About the Same;-2

Do Less;-3

Unsure/No Opinion;-4

T38. Similar to some of our neighboring municipalities, would you support or oppose a modest tax increase for the Town of Erie's sustainability initiatives?

Strongly Support;-1

Somewhat Support;-2

Somewhat Oppose;-3

Strongly Oppose;-4

Unsure/No Opinion;-5

T39. What is the absolute best thing about living in Erie?

TEXT BOX

T40. If you could improve one aspect of Erie, what would it be and why?

TEXT BOX

T41. Many that live in Erie, cherish the small-town feel. Being as descriptive as possible, how would you define Erie's small-town feel?

TEXT BOX

Thank you for your time, the survey is almost complete. We just have a few more questions regarding how you stay informed about your community.

T42. How do you currently receive news and information about what's happening locally in the Town of Erie? *Select all that apply.*

Friends and family;-1
Neighborhood Networks / News (HOAs, Facebook pages, etc.)
Social Media;-2
Local community publications such as the Hometown Weekly;-3
Town of Erie website;-4
Town of Erie newsletters;-5
Statewide news organizations such as 9News or the Denver Post;-6
Other method not mentioned;-7 **TEXT BOX**

And now, we have a few questions for statistical purposes only.

T43. Are you:

Male;-1
Female;-2
Identify Differently;-3

T44. Are you between the ages of:

18 to 34-1
35 to 44-2
45 to 54-3
55 to 64-4
65 or Older-5

T45. For statistical purposes only, are you registered to vote as an Unaffiliated voter, a Democrat, a Republican, or another party?

Unaffiliated;-1
Democrat;-2
Republican;-3
Other Party;-4

T46. Which race or ethnicity do you most identify with?

White;-1
Hispanic or Latino;-2
Black or African-American;-3
Asian;-4
Other;-5

T47. Have you earned a four-year college degree?

Yes;-1
No;-2

T48. When thinking about fiscal issues such as taxes and government spending, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, or liberal?

Conservative;-1
Moderate;-2
Liberal;-3
Unsure/No Opinion;-4

T49. Are you a parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18?

Yes;-1
No;-2

T50. How long have you lived in the Town of Erie?

Five years or less;-1
6 to 10 years;-2
11 to 20 years;-3
More than 20 years;-4
Prefer Not to Say;-5

T51. Do you rent or own your home?

Rent;-1
Own;-2
Other;-3
Prefer Not to Say;-4

T52. How would you describe your annual household income?

Less than \$50,000;-1
\$50,000 to \$74,999;-2
\$75,000 to \$99,999;-3
\$100,000 to \$149,999;-4
\$150,000 to \$199,999;-5
\$200,000 to \$249,999;-6
More than \$250,000;-7
Prefer Not to Say;-8

The Town of Erie thanks you for participating in this important survey and sharing your opinions. If you would like to learn more about any of the topics in this survey, please visit www.erieco.gov/SurveyTopics. We hope you enjoy the rest of your day.