



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes

Town Council

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting

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

I. Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 Mayor Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Bell, Council Member Pesaramelli, Council Member O'Connor, Council Member Baer, Council Member Mortellaro, and Council Member Hoback

III. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Bell made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Hoback seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote at 6:02 p.m.

Ayes 7 Mayor Moore
Mayor Pro Tem Bell
Council Member Pesaramelli
Council Member O'Connor
Council Member Baer
Council Member Mortellaro
Council Member Hoback

IV. Public Comment On Non-Agenda and Consent Items only.

Mayor Moore opened Public Comment at 6:02 p.m.

Jason Manly spoke regarding the Erie Highlands Metro District election. Asraf Shaikh also spoke in support of the Town Council appointing Josh Malm to the Erie Highlands Metro District No. 1 board position. With no others online or in person, Mayor Moore closed public comment at 6:08 p.m.

V. General Business

Special District Review & Policy

Attachments: [Special District Review Policy](#)
[List of Metro Districts](#)
[Special District Policy Presentation](#)

Sarah Nurmela, Director of Planning and Community Development, presented the item at 6:08 p.m.

Melissa Wiley, Deputy Town Manager, introduced Melissa Buck to present general information and the history of special districts. Melissa Wiley and Sarah Nurmela presented potential updates to the metro district policy and asked for Council direction.

Mayor Moore asked staff to prepare some options on how to proceed given various levels of growth. He also asked staff to create a point system to better evaluate applications and how best to update the policy.

Draft Resilience Action Plan Presentation and Discussion

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Draft Resilience Action Plan](#)

Eryka Thorley, Sustainability Manager, presented the item at 7:26 p.m.

Adam Arata, Stephany Correa-Diaz, and Sean Lee, CU Boulder's Masters of the Environment Graduate Program students, presented the draft Resiliency Action Plan and the information they gathered from the Town of Erie.

Emma Stone, Sustainability & Water Conservation Specialist I, presented information on how the plan will be implemented in 2026. Council Member O'Connor asked staff to share the current sustainability plan with Council for review.

Black Hills Energy Presentation

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Todd Fessenden, Director of Utilities, presented the item at 8:08 p.m.

Tom Henley, Black Hills Energy, presented information regarding a franchise agreement with the Town of Erie. Black Hills will return in 2026 to review the agreement and fees with Council.

VI. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION to hold a conference with the Town Attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. §

24-6-402(4)(b), and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, develop a strategy for negotiations, and/or instruct negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e), all regarding the Stratus/Redtail Ranch litigation

Mayor Pro Tem Bell made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Mortellaro seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote.

Ayes 7 - Mayor Moore
 Mayor Pro Tem Bell
 Council Member Pesaramelli
 Council Member O'Connor
 Council Member Baer
 Council Member Mortellaro
 Council Member Hoback

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.