



Town Council
Retreat

TOWN OF ERIE

1874



Agenda

01

Desired Outcomes for the Day

An overview of how the day is intended to run and the approach for each of the sections in the agenda.

9:00 a.m.

02

Community Priorities & Project Review

An overview of Community Priorities from the recent survey, and a walk-through of all submitted projects.

9:10 a.m.

03

Council Members Prioritizing Projects

Each Council Member will have the opportunity to share what they consider their Top 3 and Bottom 3 projects from the list.

10:45 a.m.

04

Alignment Discussions

Deep dive into the topics that Council may not be currently in alignment with or may need more information about at this time.

12:00 p.m.

05

Wrap -Up and Next Steps

Summarize the learnings and direction from the day. Identify the next steps for accomplishing the identified priorities.

1:30 p.m.

01 Traffic & Infrastructure



06 Public Safety Services

02 Growth & Development



07 Oil & Gas Development

03 Water Cost & Availability



08 Preserving Open Space

04 Affordable & Diverse Housing



09 Community Amenities

05 Commercial Development



10 Multi -Modal Focus

Community Priorities

Onboarding Town Attorney and Hiring Staff

Onboarding the newly hired Town Attorney, establishing new review processes and schedules, training the Attorney on our agenda software, and hiring the Assistant Town Attorney and Legal Assistant.



Project Lead Department: Administration

- Full Budget**
\$500,000
- Spent So Far**
\$0
- 2026 Request**
\$500,000
- Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2025 | Complete: 2026
- Percent Completed So Far**
5%
- Council's Responsibilities**
 - Complete interviews of top candidates
 - Approve the hiring of the chosen Attorney
 - Be the direct supervisor to this position

Manage 2026 Election for Town of Erie Items

2026 is an election year for three of the Town Council seats.

In addition, the Council may decide to add additional ballot questions.

The Clerk will manage all timelines, coordination with the county Clerks, and management of invoices for the election management services from the counties.



Project Lead Department: Administration



Switch Agenda Management Software

Staff is looking to move from away from Legislate/Legistar to a more modern and user - friendly product.

A new product should provide better service and transparency to the public and be easier for Council and advisory board/commission members to use. We anticipate pricing to be comparable to current service.



Project Lead Department: Administration



Full Budget

\$38,000

Spent So Far

\$0

2026 Request

\$38,000



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2025 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

5%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve the contract if it is over the Purchasing Policy guideline for Council Approval.
- Use the new system when it is rolled out.

Creation of Staff Communications Certification

The Communications & Community Engagement department will create a certification training course for any interested (or assigned) staff members to complete in order to have access to update the website, create projects in Canva, etc. This should help with clarity, consistency, and professionalism in all Town materials.



Project Lead Department: Communications

	Full Budget Staff Time	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$0
	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2025 Complete: 2026		
	Percent Completed So Far 10%		
	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None		

Erie Town Center Development

Complete underground mine mitigation, site plan review and development agreements for Town - owned site at Erie Town Center, facilitating new specialty grocer, retail/restaurant space, hotel and civic use. Mine mitigation work to begin in 2025, but completed in 2026.

Full Budget \$5,000,000	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$5,000,000
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Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2021 | Complete: 2027

Percent Completed So Far
10%

- Council Responsibilities**
- Give clear direction on the use of COPs or other funding mechanisms for this mitigation.
 - Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: Economic Development

I-25 Erie Gateway - Land Contract, Sewer Design, IGA

Approve new land contract with Hines for the sale and development of 253 -acre Town-owned land at the I-25 Erie Gateway (if not completed by end of 2025). Complete preliminary design for sanitary sewer extension and lift station and establish a financing plan for construction. Execute a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Frederick to govern annexation limits, regional drainage and cost/revenue sharing.



Full Budget
\$7,000,000

Spent So Far
\$7,000,000

2026 Request
\$50,000 (URA)



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2018 | Complete: 2050



Percent Completed So Far

20%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
- Review and approve recommended IGA language when it is prepared.



Project Lead Department: Economic Development

Erie Airport Economic Development

Consider any land acquisition at Erie Municipal Airport to facilitate development and employment opportunities recommended by new Airport Economic Development Strategy and Airport Crosswind Runway Evaluation with Airport Economic Development Advisory Board (AEDAB).



Project Lead Department: Economic Development

Makerspace Lease Agreement

After construction is complete, negotiate lease/operating agreement with nonprofit board and aid in preparing the space to open for business.

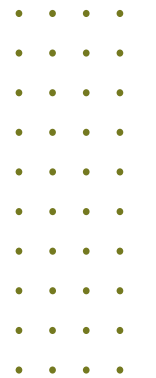
Full Budget \$1,200,000	Spent So Far \$1,200,000	2026 Request \$0
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Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2020 | Complete: 2026

Percent Completed So Far
60%

Council Responsibilities

- Approve the lease and operating agreement as recommended by staff.



Project Lead Department: Economic Development

Historic Old Town Development

Staff will prepare a Letter of Intent (LOI) and Purchase and Sale Agreements (PSA) with preferred developers for TOEURA -owned sites at:

- NWC of Briggs Street and Maxwell Avenue; and
- SWC of Wells Street and Kattell Street in Historic Old Town URA.

●	Full Budget \$1,085,000	Spent So Far \$1,085,000	2026 Request \$0
●	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2023 Complete: 2027		
●	Percent Completed So Far 20%		
○	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve Letter of Intent (LOI) and Purchase and Sale Agreements (PSA).		



Project Lead Department: Economic
Development

Street Light Purchase & Conversion

Negotiations to purchase Town streetlights from United Power continue. Xcel Energy streetlight purchase was approved by the Public Utility Commission on Feb. 5 with final purchase happening in early spring 2025.

	Full Budget \$2,640,000	Spent So Far \$827,458.71	2026 Request \$1,750,529
	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2017 Complete: 2026		
	Percent Completed So Far 50%		
	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve negotiated purchase agreement as recommended by staff.		



Project Lead Department: Environmental Services

Solar at Lynn R. Morgan Water Treatment Facility

Solar planned for current building rooftops and the existing clear well tank. The initial design was estimated at \$1.7 million dollars and will qualify for 30-40% IRA Direct Pay reimbursement from the Federal Government if 5% purchased by EOY 2025.

Currently exploring more detailed project information including roof capacity, structural integrity of the clear well tank, and grant opportunities. Funds applied from the Water Fund.



Full Budget

\$1,000,000

Spent So Far

\$110,000

2026 Request

\$1,000,000



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2024 | Complete: 2027



Percent Completed So Far

10%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: Environmental Services

Impact Fee Study

This study will review all of the Town's impact Fees. This review is undertaken per the Town code which requires a review of the fees every 5 years.



Full Budget
\$60,000

Spent So Far
\$0

2026 Request
\$60,000



Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2026 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far
0%



Council Responsibilities

- Review and approve any proposed changes to the Impact Fees following presentation of the Study.



Project Lead Department: Finance

Budgeting for Resiliency

Update budget guidelines for clarity and add guidance on identifying and tracking performance measures, as well as enhanced reporting and collaboration with departments throughout the budget cycle.

Explore 2-year budgeting process.

	Full Budget Staff Time	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$0
	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2024 Complete: 2027		
	Percent Completed So Far 30%		
	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue following all requirements from the Purchasing Policy.• Receive updated reporting from departments as those become available.		



Project Lead Department: Finance



Re-design Employee Performance Evaluations

Design performance evaluations to be more meaningful as well as less cumbersome for the employee and the evaluator.

The intention is to retain and recognize talent at the Town and to identify and address low performance.



Project Lead Department: Human Resources

	Full Budget Staff Time	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$0
	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2026 Complete: 2026		
	Percent Completed So Far 0%		
	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None		

Server Refresh

The Town's servers will be 7 years old in March 2026 and will need to be replaced. This project will include all on -premise servers, hosts, and SAN devices.



Full Budget

\$140,000

Spent So Far

\$0

2026 Request

\$140,000



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2026 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

0%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: IT

AI Chatbot Project

In 2025, an internal staff committee formulated an AI policy and guidelines. Research indicated that developing an internal AI chatbot would significantly enhance efficiency, decrease potential data leaks, and improve user experience.

In Q1 of 2026, we'll partner with an external vendor to develop an internal AI chatbot for our end users.

 Full Budget \$50,000	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$50,000
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**Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2025 | Complete: 2026

**Percent Completed So Far**
0%

**Council Responsibilities**

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.




Project Lead Department: IT

EPD Fleet Technology Replacement


The Police fleet's Toughbooks are at the end of their life and require replacement. New fleet vehicles were ordered in 2024 and will be ordering nine in 2025. The new units will require new docks in the cars. We also plan to install new dual SIM/band wireless devices.

The Toughbooks, docks, and wireless devices allow the police department to access 911 systems for public safety.

 Full Budget \$190,000	Spent So Far \$62,000	2026 Request \$0
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 **Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2024 | Complete: 2026

 **Percent Completed So Far**
20%

 **Council Responsibilities**

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: IT

Morgan Hill Neighborhood Park

The Morgan Hill Subdivision has dedicated a 14 - acre tract of land for the development of a neighborhood park. The Town developed a concept plan for the park with extensive community involvement, approved in 2023.

This project is intended to align with the Compass neighborhood park project. This would complete the design as well as construct the park in phases in accordance with available funding. 2026 funds will be utilized to complete the design and begin the first phase of construction.



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation

Full Budget \$13,000,000	Spent So Far \$45,000	2026 Request \$3,675,000
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Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2022 | Complete: 2030


Percent Completed So Far
10%

- Council Responsibilities**
- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.

Compass Park

The Compass Subdivision has dedicated a 10 -acre tract of land for the development of a neighborhood park.

In order to plan for construction costs, the Town developed a concept plan for the park with extensive community involvement which was approved in 2023.

 Full Budget \$12,700,000	Spent So Far \$295,000	2026 Request \$3.375.000
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 **Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2022 | Complete: 2028

 **Percent Completed So Far**
35%

 **Council Responsibilities**

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation

Erie Community Park Storage Creation

With the increased size of Erie Community Park now that it's completely built out, there is a need for more storage of maintenance equipment and snowmaking equipment. Additionally, Recreation staff needs storage for equipment, requiring a new structure.

Currently, they are renting storage space. The design for the expansion of the current building and net new building is already complete.



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation



Full Budget

\$773,800

Spent So Far

\$0

2026 Request

\$473,800



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2024 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

25%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.

ECP #2 Planning


Initial concept design at Erie Community Park #2 will fund a comprehensive planning effort to guide future phases of park development. This includes community and stakeholder engagement, site analysis, preliminary engineering review, and the creation of multiple concept alternatives aligned with the Town's PROST Playbook.

This is intended to be a full community campus.

 Full Budget \$200,000	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$200,000
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 **Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2026 | Complete: 2026

 **Percent Completed So Far**
0%

 **Council Responsibilities**

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
- Participate in any stakeholder engagement opportunities.



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation

Public Art - Austin Roundabout

Artist selection and fabrication of a public Art piece at County Line Road & Austin Avenue Roundabout.

Art would be in alignment with the Town of Erie Public Art Plan.



Full Budget

\$170,625

Spent So Far

\$0

2026 Request

\$170,625



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2026 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

0%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation

Trail Design & Construction/ Wayfinding Projects

Sunset Area Plan design and construction. Construction of trails through Allan Farms to connect to Boulder County's Prairie Run area. Finish design and construction of Reach 2 trail. Design and installation of next phase of trail wayfinding and e-bike signage. Compass to Coal Creek Trail connection.



Full Budget

\$2,813,284

Spent So Far

\$755,000

2026 Request

\$60,000



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2023 | Complete: 2027



Percent Completed So Far

70%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation

2026 Possible Ballot Initiative(s)

If Council decides to pursue ballot initiatives for certain project(s) for the 2026 ballot, this item will begin.

Budget includes the funds for surveys and education.



Full Budget

\$48,000

Spent So Far

\$0

2026 Request

\$48,000



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2026 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

0%



Council Responsibilities

- Provide direction to begin ballot surveys for initiatives you wish to test.
- Review results of ballot test surveys.
- Ultimately determine whether the initiative is added to the 2026 Election ballot and approve ballot language (August).



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation

CAPRA Re-Accreditation

Every five years, the National Recreation and Park Association requires a full audit of our policies, procedures, and standards to stay in compliance with the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies' (CAPRA) guidelines.

CAPRA is the only national accreditation of park and recreation departments and is a valuable measure of our department's overall quality of operation, management, and service to the community.



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation



Full Budget

Staff Time

Spent So Far

\$0

2026 Request

\$0



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2026 | Complete: 2027



Percent Completed So Far

0%



Council Responsibilities

- None

Schofield Phase II, Package A, Barn Rehab, & Makerspace Construction

The Town adopted the Schofield Farm & Open Space Plan in 2018. The community strongly desires to use the space for events, programming, trails, and historical and agricultural interpretation. Site improvements will address drainage issues along 111th. Additionally, we will rehabilitate the historic barn and renovate the Quonset Hut into a Makerspace. The project has utilized State Historical and LWCF grant funds



Project Lead Department: Parks & Recreation

Unified Development Code (UDC) Update

The Unified Development Code regulates all development within the town. The code should be updated every 5 -10 years in order to align with updates to the Comprehensive Plan and changes in the building and development industry.

Full Budget \$250,000	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$250,000
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Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2025 | Complete: 2027

Percent Completed So Far
0%


- Council Responsibilities**
- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
 - Review and approve any proposed changes to the UDC following presentation of the recommended amendments.



Project Lead Department: Planning


Update to Special District Policy

The Special District policy was adopted in 2022. The intent of the policy is to ensure that taxes in special districts are transparent and understood by future residents and provide a public benefit. Staff anticipate evaluating this policy regularly.

 Full Budget \$20,000	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$20,000
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 **Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2026 | Complete: 2026

 **Percent Completed So Far**
0%

 **Council Responsibilities**

- Provide clear direction to staff about whether to pursue an update to the current policy.
- Review and approve an amended policy if direction is given to complete an update.



Project Lead Department: Planning

Affordable Housing Policy & Strategy Update

The Town's Affordable Housing Policy was adopted in 2024, in concert with an update to the Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and Strategy. These documents outline the tools and strategies that the Town will pursue to increase the supply and support creation and preservation of affordable housing in the community.



Full Budget
\$50,000

Spent So Far
\$0

2026 Request
\$0



Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2026 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far
0%



Council Responsibilities

- Provide direction on whether to update these documents in 2026.
- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: Planning

Concept Plan & PD for Village at Coal Creek

The site was purchased in 2023 and annexed in 2024. Zoning the site from Ag Holding to PD (Planned Development) will allow for a diverse residential development with potential mixed use as well as Park and Recreation's ability to utilize existing buildings and construct new. A contract for a Concept Plan and PD with Dig Studios was approved Dec. 10, 2024.

Work will begin in December and go into Q2 2026.



Full Budget

\$200,000

Spent So Far

\$200,000

2026 Request

\$0



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2025 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

50%



Council Responsibilities

- Review and approve the recommended PD



Project Lead Department: Planning

I-25 Erie Gateway Planned Development (PD)

The Gateway area is envisioned to be the Town's eastern gateway and its primary presence along I - 25. The vision for the Gateway/I -25 site owned by the Town and surrounding area was developed further into a Planned Development (PD). The process, led by staff and developed by a consultant team, is mostly complete. The draft PD is under review and posted on the Town's website.



Full Budget

\$500,000

Spent So Far

\$500,000

2026 Request

\$0



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2022 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

97%



Council Responsibilities

- Review and approve the recommended PD



Project Lead Department:
Planning

Land Use Fiscal Model Update

The purpose of the Fiscal Analysis Update is to update the initial Land Use Fiscal Analysis from 2024 with additional data resources previously not available. This update will allow for a more detailed refinement of revenue and cost allocation estimates. Additional work will include the creation of a Development Fiscal Impact Analysis tool to evaluate the fiscal impact of proposed development projects.

	Full Budget \$74,000	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$0
	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2026 Complete: 2026		
	Percent Completed So Far 0%		
	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive the results of the updated Land Use Fiscal Model and use the information to make informed policy decisions in the future.		



Project Lead Department: Planning

Old Town Area Plan

The Old Town area includes Downtown Erie. The Comp Plan engagement process highlighted the need for a holistic review of the Old Town area, with respect to historic integrity, infill development, lighting and streetscape/maintenance, and the health of Downtown.

The Old Town Area Plan will be led and completed by Town staff and is expected to start in Q1 2026 and end in Q4 2026.



Project Lead Department: Planning



Full Budget
Staff Time

Spent So Far
\$0

2026 Request
\$0



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2025 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far

20%



Council Responsibilities

- Participate in any engagement opportunities with the Old Town residents.
- Review and approve the Old Town Area Plan when it is brought before Council.

EPD Expansion Construction & Construction Phasing

Prepare phased plans for operations during construction of building expansion.



Project Lead Department: Police

Coal Creek Reach 2 and 4 Improvements

This project will address safety, erosion, water quality, and capacity issues in Coal Creek. These improvements will also make the creek an amenity. In 2022, a project including Reach 2 and 4 was submitted to FEMA through the State, and the grant was awarded. It will include channel restoration and the replacement of the bridges at County Line Road and Kenosha Road.

When the project is complete, approximately 30 structures in Weld County will be removed from the floodplain.



Project Lead Department: Public Works



Full Budget

\$32,150,621

Spent So Far

\$473,326

2026 Request

\$25,603,912



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2022 | Complete: 2027



Percent Completed So Far

30%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
- Maintain compliance with any other requirements from grant funding.

Erie Community Center Addition


The Erie Community Center (ECC) was built in 2005. The Center supports recreation, senior services, community meeting rooms, activity rooms, and administration. The Facilities Plan identified the need for expansion of administrative workspace, staff locker space, and storage/maintenance areas.

This project will expand the current facility with a 10,000 s.f. addition and renovation of portions of the current facility (20,000 s.f.).

 Full Budget \$11,422,698	Spent So Far \$67,446	2026 Request \$10,712,186
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 **Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2025 | Complete: 2027

 **Percent Completed So Far**
20%

-  **Council Responsibilities**
- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
 - Participate in community engagement process.



Project Lead Department: Public Works

County Line Road Improvements - Erie Parkway to Telleen - Design/Construction

County Line Road will be improved from Erie Parkway to Telleen Avenue in alignment with the Town Center and the TMP. This project will include the addition of turn lanes, bike facilities, and a pedestrian underpass connecting Town Center to the ECC .This project will be combined with the north roundabout project at time of construction. Both designs are underway currently. The roundabout is at the point where ROW is being acquired.



Project Lead Department: Public Works

- Full Budget**
\$11,850,174
- Spent So Far**
\$196,938
- 2026 Request**
\$8,000,000

Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2022 | Complete: 2027

Percent Completed So Far
5%

Council Responsibilities

- Approve any large contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy
- Help dispel any misinformation in the public during construction

VCC - Parks & Open Space Division Facility

The Town acquired the Page property for Open Space and for a future affordable housing project. This project intends to convert the existing house on the property in to office space to house the Parks & Open Space Division of parks and recreation and design for a climate -controlled shop for fleet maintenance of Parks & Open Space equipment.

Investing in this project for P&OS operations would push out need for a major LAWSC expansion, projecting pushing this out to at least 2030.




Project Lead Department: Public Works

Full Budget \$5,989,856	Spent So Far \$50,635	2026 Request \$1,845,500
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Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2024 | Complete: 2028

Percent Completed So Far
5%

- Council Responsibilities**
- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
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111th Street Drainage Improvements

This project will be in partnership with Mile High Flood District (MHFD) to design and construct drainage improvements on and around 111th Street from Flatiron Meadows Blvd to Arapahoe Road. The intent of this project is to address drainage overtopping 111th as an existing condition.

MHFD will typically cost share 50% with the Town and is partnering with the conceptual evaluations to start.

Full Budget \$2,300,000	Spent So Far \$200,000	2026 Request \$1,100,000
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Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2025 | Complete: 2028

Percent Completed So Far
5%

Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
- Uphold the cost -share responsibilities with MHFD.



Project Lead Department: Public Works

County Line Road Improvements - Cheesman Street to Hwy 52

The TMP and the Boulder County CLR Strategic Plan have identified the need to complete improvements from Hwy 52 to Cheesman Street. This project will serve to design and construct appropriate shoulders for cyclists and motorists. This will be done in alignment with strategic plans goals.



Project Lead Department: Public Works



RTD Bus Stops for Jump Route

To support the extension of the RTD JUMP re-route and extension through Erie, the team is working to design bus stops with amenities that match the character of the neighborhoods/communities. The project will install the foundational concrete elements and add the amenities based on right-of-way availability and site conditions.

The project is currently under design.



Project Lead Department: Public Works



North -South Road Connection Feasibility Studies

Council has asked Public Works to prioritize feasibility studies from County Line to Hwy 7, Vista Parkway to Bonanza, and WCR 7 to Sheridan. This will evaluate potential connections in these areas to increase connectivity and distribute traffic volume.

NOTE: The recent survey results show a clear need for east/west connection improvements over north/south.

Project Lead Department: Public Works

	Full Budget \$408,471	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$273,000
	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2025 Complete: 2026		
	Percent Completed So Far 5%		
	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarify direction for these feasibility studies.• Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.		

Hwy 52 Drainage Crossing

The Town of Erie Outfall Systems Plan has identified an undersized culvert crossing just east of Weld County Road 7. The crossing location extends north across State Highway 52 into the Town of Frederick.

The Town of Erie is partnering with the Town of Frederick to identify storm drainage capacity concerns and solutions beginning south of Hwy 52 and extending north to the I-25 Frontage Road.



Project Lead Department: Public Works

	Full Budget \$5,525,000	Spent So Far \$256,355.50	2026 Request \$250,000
	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2024 Complete: 2028		
	Percent Completed So Far 25%		
	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.• Approve IGA.		


111th/Arapahoe Road Intersection Widening

Due to increased development in the area, there has been a correlating increase in traffic at this already busy intersection. Additionally, there is an existing crash history at this intersection that has been considered and factored into this improvement. This project will add dedicated left turn lanes on 111th from north and southbound 111th to east and westbound Arapahoe Road.

An IGA was entered into with the City of Lafayette to fund this project. The project is currently at 100% design.




Project Lead Department: Public Works

 Full Budget \$943,070	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$0
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 **Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2022 | Complete: 2026

 **Percent Completed So Far**
0%

 **Council Responsibilities**

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
- Approve IGA.

CLR & Erie Pkwy Intersection Improvements

A concept design has been evaluated at Erie Parkway and County Line Road to accommodate new development and improve multimodal safety. This project will work to advance that concept to CD design starting in 2025 and construction in 2027. The improvements will include enhanced crosswalk and bicycle facility striping, raised pedestrian islands, raised speed tables at right hand turn crossings, ADA improvements, turn lane improvements, signal improvements, and potential transit improvements.

Project Lead Department: Public Works

Full Budget	Spent So Far	2026 Request
\$3,050,000	\$0	\$0

Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2025 | Complete: 2027

Percent Completed So Far
0%

Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
- Help dispel any misinformation in the public during construction.

Northern Water Reclamation Facility Solar

This project will at final phase provide net zero energy consumption for the NWRf facility. Staff will implement a project to place float solar on the NWRf effluent pond which will also help cool the effluent pond and reducing algae growth by blocking the UV Rays with the panels. Town staff have received concurrence from Council to pursue two grants for funding. Applications for that funding have been complete, and staff have phased the project in such a manner that correspond to grant receipt.

Project Lead Department: Public Works



Full Budget
\$4,000,000

Spent So Far
\$800,000

2026 Request
\$2,256,458



Estimated Project Timeline
Start : 2024 | Complete: 2026



Percent Completed So Far
15%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contract amendments
- Any other grant requirements that involve Council action.



Implementing the Flex Ride Service (Erie Bee)

In 2024, the Town Council adopted the Flex Ride Service Plan. In 2025 and with support of grant funding (2 years), staff will solicit qualifications for a flex ride service providers and begin implementation of micro -transit in the Town. This will help to build additional ridership beyond the RTD Jump Line and provide greater service to Town residents.



Project Lead Department: Public Works

●	Full Budget \$400,000	Spent So Far \$0	2026 Request \$0
●	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2025 Complete: 2027		
●	Percent Completed So Far 30%		
○	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve any large contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy• Any other grant requirements that involve Council action.		

North Water Treatment Plant Design, CMAR & Property Acquisition

We already completed designs up to 15% for the new North Water Treatment Plant and are ready to begin final design, which will likely take a year to work through. In conjunction with this next stage of design we will, through a competitive process, bring on a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) to advise on cost and constructability issues throughout design. Due to the magnitude of this project, there is great interest from highly qualified contractors. Property negotiations are ongoing.



Full Budget

\$200,000,000

Spent So Far

\$3,280,934

2026 Request

\$151,683,000



Estimated Project Timeline

Start : 2019 | Complete: 2029



Percent Completed So Far

30%



Council Responsibilities

- Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.



Project Lead Department: Utilities

Zones 2 & 3 Water Storage Tanks

After many years of effort the Town has acquired two tank sites to construct the Zones 2 & 3 tanks. We are looking closely into potential undermining impacts at the Zone 2 site which may impact the viability of that site, which was identified by an engineering study without consideration of geotechnical issues. Due to ongoing rapid growth, certain areas such as Westerly are already starting to see lower pressures in the higher elevations of the development. Water storage tanks are limited to exact elevations in order to supply pressure without pumping costs. They provide daily demands, emergency and fire storage.




Project Lead Department: Utilities

- Full Budget**
\$65,943,584
- Spent So Far**
\$71,430
- 2026 Request**
\$190,91,872
- Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2017 | Complete: 2028
- Percent Completed So Far**
10%
- Council Responsibilities**
 - Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.

Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP)

NISP is an ongoing project, dating back to 2000. It is intended to provide 15 participants with 40,000 acre-feet (AF) of new water annually. The project is currently at \$2.25 billion with Erie Holding 16.25% of the shares at 6,500 AF. This project is key to providing a water source not dependent on the Colorado River, as well as improving system reliability and serving Erie's future growth. Currently NISP is planned in two phases, phase 1 will include Glade Reservoir and infrastructure, phase 2 will be the addition of Galeton Reservoir.

 Full Budget \$365,625,000	Spent So Far \$30,761,001	2026 Request \$4,858,750
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 **Estimated Project Timeline**
Start : 2000 | Complete: 2031

 **Percent Completed So Far**
50%

 **Council Responsibilities**

- Approve contracts or amendments in accordance with Purchasing Policy.
- Perhaps advocate with neighboring partners if necessary. More to come from staff and Water Counsel.



Project Lead Department: Utilities

Windy Gap Firming (a.k.a Chimney Hollow)

This project started in 2003. Chimney Hollow Reservoir recently was completed in 2025, however there is significant uranium contamination. The Town will need to work closely with Northern Water, our legal team, and other participants to help determine the best path forward.

●	Full Budget \$45,000,000	Spent So Far \$12,269,386	2026 Request \$2,869,000
●	Estimated Project Timeline Start : 2003 Complete: 2027		
●	Percent Completed So Far 80%		
○	Council Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve any contracts or amendments to contracts in accordance with Purchasing Policy.		



Project Lead Department: Utilities



Ballot Item General Steps

Feasibility

Feasibility study:
4–6 months
(shorter for smaller initiatives, longer for large capital projects).

Includes needs assessment, cost estimates, legal review, and potential funding options.

Involves internal staff, consultants, and sometimes early stakeholder focus groups.

Modeling

Goal: Determine the size and scope of tax (sales tax, property tax, bonds, etc.).

Length: 2–3 months, often overlapping with the end of the feasibility study.

Involves: Financial modeling by staff or consultants.

Reviewing mill levy rates, assessed value growth, or sales tax projections.

Running multiple scenarios.

Public Opinion

Goal: Gauge community support and refine the proposal.

Survey development & execution: 2 months (drafting questions, legal review, vendor selection, field survey, and analyzing results).

Education Outreach

Goal: Build understanding of the need, the proposal, and its impacts.

Length: 4–6 months minimum.

In Colorado, governments can educate but not advocate—so the focus is on facts, impacts, and why the measure is being considered.

Ballot Language

Goal: Meet legal deadlines for certification.

Drafting: 4–6 weeks (involving attorneys and finance staff)

TABOR language: must be finalized by **late August** for a November election.

Formal approval: Council must pass a resolution placing the measure on the ballot, by **late August**.

Campaign

Separate, external committee handles this.

Voter-led campaign committee handles advocacy.

Staff continue neutral information-sharing until Election Day.





Sample Ballot Item Timeline

**November –
Year Prior**
Feasibility
Study Begins

March
Feasibility
results; start
public survey

May
Survey results
shared; refine
proposal

May-July
Public
education &
outreach

August
Council
approves final
language

Sept-Nov.
Special
interest
committee
campaigning

If Measure Passes (Sales Tax)

Can begin project design with any already budgeted funds.

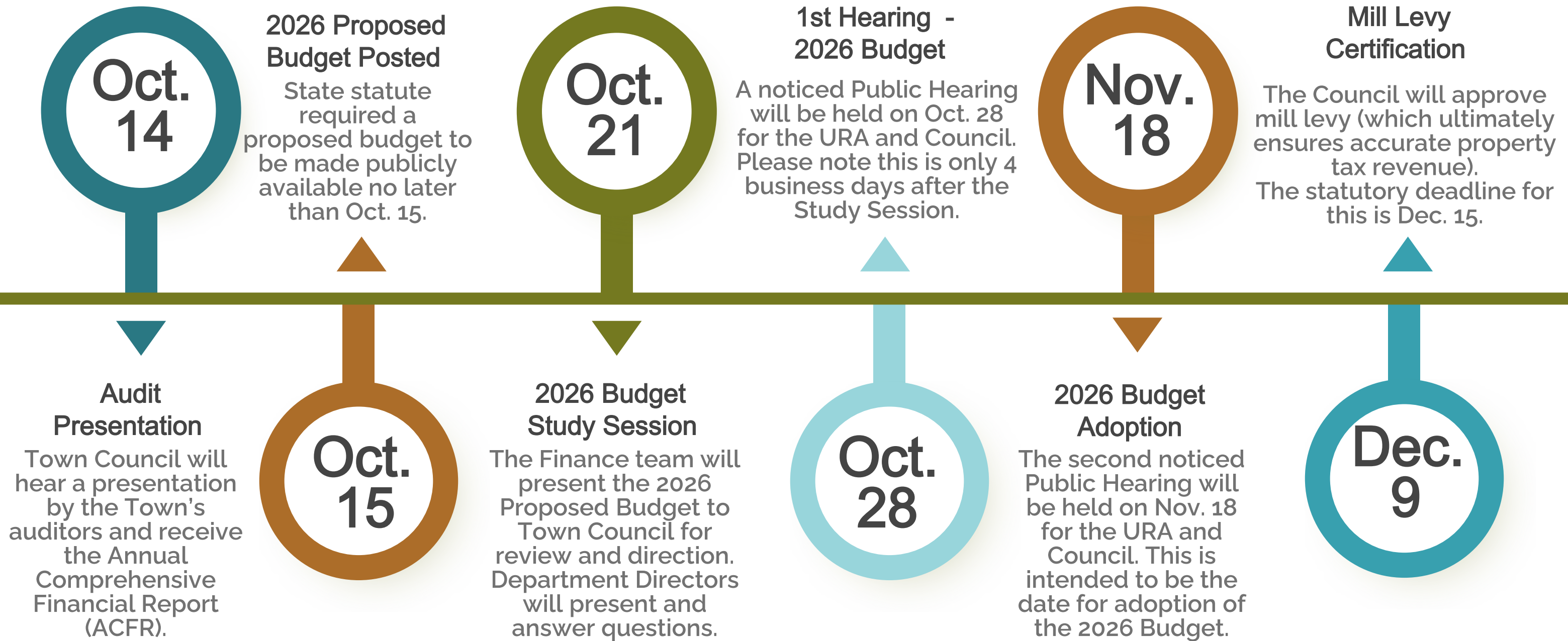
New tax collection begins Jan. 1. Spending new tax dollars can begin 4-6 months later.

If Measure Fails (Any Tax)

Best practice is to wait at least one year for small (<5%) failure and 2-3 years for large failure (10-15%). Consider phased approaches, scaling-down, etc. of the project.



2026 Budget Adoption Schedule



NOTE: Public Hearings for the budget must be noticed to the public at least 10 days before the Hearing. This limits our ability to change this schedule as it upholds that requirement and due to the restrictions holidays create in November and December.

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FTE

Administration

Director: Meredith Muth

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 75%

- ✔ Council Agendas/ Minutes/ Codification
- ✔ Advisory Board Agendas/ Minutes & Coordination
- ✔ Issuing Permits - dumpster, solicitor, handbill, etc.
- ✔ Document Recordation
- ✔ Advanced Agenda management
- ✔ Fulfilling CORA requests & managing Central Records
- ✔ Liquor, Marijuana licensing & Open Container Permits
- ✔ Admin support for Malcolm, Melissa, & Patrick
- ✔ Admin support for CCE, EcoDev, Municipal Courts, and Energy & Environment
- ✔ Resident Input/ requests & customer service (front desk)
- ✔ Internal committee liaison/ support
- ✔ Municipal Court

Director: Gabi Rae

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FTE

Communications

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 70%

- ✔ Collaboration w/ all departments to market programs & projects
- ✔ Creating, posting, and monitoring social media content
- ✔ Video production and editing
- ✔ Website maintenance and creation
- ✔ Internal communication: Launchpad, In the Know, etc.
- ✔ Monthly Utility Bill insert design
- ✔ Weekly Update eNews creation and publication
- ✔ Answer media requests and monitor news coverage

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FTE

Economic Development

Director: Julian Jacquin

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 30%

- ✔ Business Licenses (manage/streamline)
- ✔ Existing business support and resources
- ✔ Manage TOEURA projects and agreements
- ✔ Responding to new interest for space/ sites
- ✔ Proactive recruitment of new businesses and responding to regional prospect alerts
- ✔ Regular updates to the public with business activity
- ✔ Placemaking and activation of catalytic sites
- ✔ Monthly newsletter to Erie businesses
- ✔ Special event permitting and management
- ✔ Manage Colorado Green Business Network of Erie (CGBNE) program and participants
- ✔ Ribbon cuttings, groundbreakings, events, speaking functions, regional collaboration
- ✔ AEDAB liaison and special projects

Director: David Frank

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FTE

Environmental Services

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 70%

- ✔ Ensures compliance with local and state oil and gas regulations
- ✔ Review of environmental, sustainability, and geotechnical reports for planning and development
- ✔ Ensures compliance with local and state waste regulations
- ✔ Administering Air Quality Monitoring Program
- ✔ Manage the Erie Recycling Center and Clean-Up Day events
- ✔ Provide rebate programs to the community in water and energy conservation

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Finance

Director: Sara Hancock

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 70%

- ✔ Provide all departments with financial data and input
Develop and manage the yearly budget and capital improvement process
- ✔ Publish the yearly budget document
- ✔ Develop long-range forecasting for revenues and expenditures
- ✔ Complete the yearly audit and publish the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- ✔ Publish monthly sales tax reports and quarterly financial reports
- ✔ Prepare/ analyze budget-to-actual reports
- ✔ Complete monthly journal entries
- ✔ Biweekly payroll and weekly accounts payable
- ✔ Review accounts receivable
- ✔ Manage utility billing for water customers
- ✔ Track grant compliance and funds
- ✔ Support grant application/ submission
- ✔ Monitor URA agreements/ distribute TIF funds

Director: Alicia Melendez

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FTE

Human Resources

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 60%

- ✔ Recruiting/ Onboarding
- ✔ Employee Relations
- ✔ Benefits/ Payroll
- ✔ Paycom Maintenance & Enhancements
- ✔ Performance Management
- ✔ Employee Learning and Development
- ✔ Succession Planning
- ✔ Job description design and evaluation
- ✔ Leave Management
- ✔ Employee Event Planning and Execution
- ✔ Administrative Functions
- ✔ Policy / Handbook Review and Updates
- ✔ Insurance claim management
- ✔ Safety program management
- ✔ Insurance policy renewals
- ✔ Insurance audits

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Information Technology

Director: Denise Jakan

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 60%

- ✔ Help Desk – responding to issues
- ✔ Research problems/ solutions
- ✔ Onboarding for new employees
- ✔ Back up, back up, back up
- ✔ Emails/ Discussion
- ✔ Tracking event logs

Director: Luke Bolinger

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FTE

Parks & Recreation

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 60%

- ✔ Community interaction at ECC and recreation programs
- ✔ Daily maintenance of parks/ trails
- ✔ Plan and review park planning efforts
- ✔ HOA/ Metro District interfacing
- ✔ Advisory board liaison roles
- ✔ Projects/ CIP management
- ✔ Coordinating and managing volunteers
- ✔ Vendor and contractor oversight
- ✔ Tracking and reporting performance metrics
- ✔ Coordinating with schools, sports clubs, and community organizations
- ✔ Budget monitoring and expenditure tracking
- ✔ Processing program registrations and facility rentals

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Planning & Development

Director: Sarah Nurmela

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 65%

- ✓ **Building:** plan/building review, permits/licenses, inspections, customer service, admin/training
- ✓ **Planning:** development review, boards liaison, PIT, data, regional coordination, community outreach
- ✓ **Housing:** regional coordination, Town policy development, outreach & facilitation of new units
- ✓ **Admin:** special projects oversight, culture/team, budget, code enforcement

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FTE

Police

Chief: Lee Mathis

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FTE

Sworn - Day-to-Day Tasks

- Calls for Service (Patrol)
- Clearance and Investigations (Detectives)
- Administrative (Sergeants and Command)
- Self-initiated (Code Enforcement and Traffic Unit)
- School Safety (School Resource Officers)
- P.O.S.T. mandated trainings

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Non-Sworn - Day-to-Day Tasks

- Records, Evidence, Victim Services and Restorative Justice, and CoResponders.
- Community Outreach, Code Enforcement and Animal Control.
- Supported by more than 20 volunteers.
- *Includes CoResponders contracted with Boulder County.

Public Works

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 70%

- ✓ Engineering and development review
- ✓ Mobility and transportation safety planning
- ✓ Facilities planning, management, and maintenance
- ✓ Capital/ Budget planning & Admin
- ✓ Airport oversight
- ✓ Regional coordination and community outreach
- ✓ Unplanned issues response

Utilities

Day-to-Day Tasks of Department - 80%

- ✓ Water treatment
- ✓ Wastewater treatment
- ✓ **O&M:** Water distribution system, wastewater collection, storm drainage maintenance & fleet procurement and maintenance
- ✓ Administration of large capital projects, development water rights, water supply and regulatory compliance

Town Manager

Malcolm Fleming

Day-to-Day Tasks

- ✔ Provide leadership & promote a healthy, effective, & efficient organizational culture
- ✔ Keep Council informed of relevant activities/ issues & serve as Council's chief advisor (TM)
- ✔ Ensure accountability, drive innovation, and promote efficiency
- ✔ Ensure effective administration and faithful performance of all Town policies
- ✔ Provide direction for Town staff & oversee personnel matters
- ✔ Provide support for responding to residents, advisory boards, and other community members
- ✔ Recommend annual budget (TM) and administer adopted budget
- ✔ Ensure prudent financial operations and sound fiscal condition
- ✔ Advance Erie's interests with Federal, State, and regional agencies & organizations
- ✔ Negotiate and ensure adherence to contracts and franchise agreements
- ✔ Serve as TOEURA Executive Director (TM)
- ✔ Review policies and researches best practices for local government
- ✔ Act as supervisors for department directors

Melissa Wiley & Patrick Hammer

Deputy Town Managers

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