

Written Comment - Town of Erie Mineral Right - June 16 Council Meeting

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Full Name Ana Grantham

City/Town of Residence Erie

Your Comment

As an Erie resident, I respectfully urge the Town Council not to sell the Town's remaining mineral interests associated with the Draco Well Site.

Although the project may already have state approvals, retaining these interests preserves some degree of local influence and leverage on behalf of residents. Once those rights are sold, that influence may be permanently lost.

I ask the Council to place the long-term health, safety, environmental quality, and trust of Erie residents above short-term financial considerations. Many families chose Erie because of its commitment to quality of life, and I hope that commitment remains the priority in decisions related to oil and gas development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Meredyth Muth

From: Bryon Bednar <bryon.bednar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:37 PM
To: Town Clerk; Andrew J. Moore; Council Mail
Subject: Draco Well Pad

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Request the public comment be entered into the record and provided to the Town council for their consideration regarding agenda item 2026-394.

I appreciate the mayor's informative blogs regarding the Draco Well Pad. I have very mixed feelings about profiting from the State's decision to allow the Draco project. If the decision is to stop fighting and take the money, my concern is that the Town will use this new found wealth to circumvent strict oversight and prioritization. There will be a temptation to spend the money on low priority projects that wouldn't be funded if funding were tight. These are projects that have very low return on investment or the return is limited to a very small portion of our population. One specific example mentioned in the mayor's blog is Connecting County Line to Airport Drive. This project deserves intense scrutiny.

Thank you for all you do and try to do for our community.

Sincerely,

Bryon Bednar

280 Skylane Drive

Meredyth Muth

From: Nathan Brinza <ndbrinza@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 7:07 PM
To: Andrew J. Moore; Council Mail
Subject: Re: Blog - Should Erie Benefit from Draco?

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Dear Mayor Moore,

I am writing to express my sincere concern regarding the proposed vote on the Draco pad and to respectfully request that the Town not move forward with approval just yet. While I appreciate the importance of economic development and thoughtful use of public assets, I believe this decision warrants additional time, broader community engagement, and a more transparent public process before any final action is taken.

Given the potential long-term implications of this decision, I would like to see the Town create more open and structured opportunities for residents to better understand the proposal, ask questions, and provide meaningful feedback. A project of this nature should not only meet technical or financial requirements, but should also reflect the community's values, expectations, and confidence in the process.

I also believe it is important to confirm that the Town has fully explored whether an RFP or other competitive process was conducted for the sale, lease, or transfer of these rights. If such a process has not occurred, I would encourage the Town to pause and evaluate whether a competitive solicitation would better protect the public interest, ensure market-based value, and demonstrate that all reasonable options have been considered.

My concern is not necessarily opposition to the project itself, but rather the need to ensure that the decision has been fully vetted. Residents deserve confidence that the Town has reviewed the financial, legal, operational, environmental, and community impacts in a comprehensive and transparent manner before committing to a path forward.

I respectfully ask that you and the Board consider delaying the vote until there has been more public discussion, clearer documentation of the evaluation process, and confirmation that the Town has pursued the appropriate competitive and due diligence steps. Taking additional time now may help avoid future concerns and strengthen public trust in the ultimate decision.

Thank you for your leadership and for your consideration of this request. I appreciate the work you and the Board do on behalf of the community, and I hope you will view this as a good-faith request for a careful, transparent, and community-centered process.

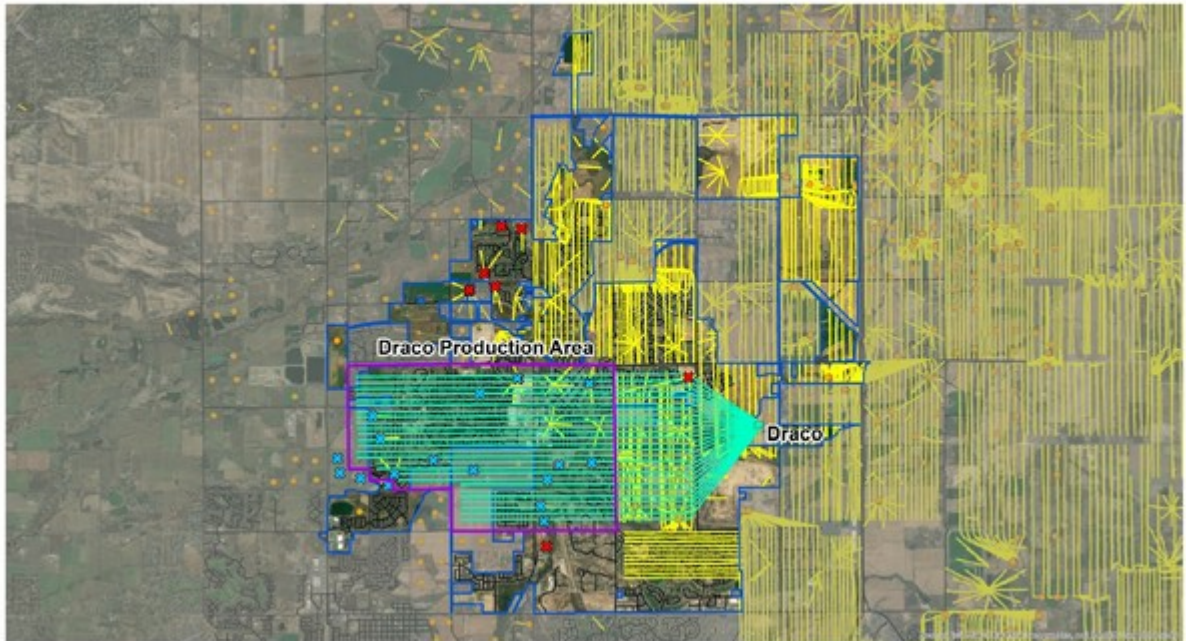
Sincerely,

Nathan Brinz

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 14, 2026, at 2:40 PM, Mayor Andrew Moore <amoore@erieco.gov> wrote:

Existing and Planned Drilling in and near Erie



Each red X indicates one or more wells to be plugged. Including all wells owned by SM Energy.

In my [first blog on the Draco project](#), I provided high-level context on the negotiations and shared that the construction and drilling of the 26 oil and gas wells at Draco will proceed with or without Erie's engagement. In this blog, I've added more specific information about what has resulted from the negotiations between the Town and SM Energy.

The question before Council on Tuesday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m. is whether we will leverage our mineral rights to secure compensation far above their \$1-5.5M value and gain significant safety improvements that benefit Erie residents.

The agreement includes:

- **Cleaning Up the Past:** The acceleration of the removal of 17 additional wells, tanks, and pipelines outside of the Draco drilling area, the plugging of which is to commence within 5 years. These wells are near Kenosha Farms, Kenosha Estates, Erie Village, Wildrose, Lost Creek Farm, Erie Highlands, Colliers Hill, Erie Airpark, and Parkdale subdivisions.

- **Local Oversight:** Giving Erie the right to conduct our own regular inspections directly at the Draco site, even though it is outside of Erie's jurisdiction.
- **Just Compensation: ~\$43.575M**
 - Upfront ~\$4.5M cash payment
 - 3% of production revenue over the life of the operation after 2x capital costs recovery ~\$25.5 million
 - 158 acres of strategic land appraised at ~\$13.575M (Up to ~\$200M once developed)

For years, Erie went all in against the Draco Well Site project, but ultimately the State Energy & Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) granted the project approval to proceed. In my opinion, it is now time to work together to get something meaningful for Erie.

If Erie were a community with abundant resources where our finances did not matter, perhaps this agreement would not have the significance it does. But we are not financially independent, and new revenue of more than \$40M, and far more once the land is developed, is a big deal.

The Town has future planned projects that require significant funding. To budget for those projects, the Council will have to make fiscal decisions which will lead to the reprioritization of the Town's current projects and other resources. This agreement with SM Energy could go a long way toward providing a funding source for major current and future projects:

- A small portion of the 158 acres of prime land will help solve the problem of where to expand public works/utilities/park facilities and expand our open space and trail network corridor along the Coal Creek.
- Selling other parcels of 158 acres will drive new economic development and give us money that could be used to:
 - Expand our public works, utilities, and parks and recreation service centers
 - Provide land for affordable housing
 - Replace our dilapidated airport terminal (Fixed Base Operations - FBO)
- The ongoing wellhead revenue could allow us to bond for projects like:
 - Connecting County Line to Airport Drive
 - Increase our road capacity to reduce traffic bottlenecks

- Building part of a second recreation center
- The accelerated shut-in of 17 additional wells will reduce the risks we live with today and reclaim unusable land.
- Inspections at the wellhead will increase our ability to proactively detect issues.

Because Draco is happening with or without Erie's cooperation, I believe the deal on the table is in Erie's best interest.

Thank you for your patience and for your continued engagement as we navigate this challenge together. You can share your feedback with me directly at amoore@erieco.gov.

Best, Andrew Moore
Mayor, Town of Erie

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Meredyth Muth

From: Nathan Brinza <ndbrinza@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 7:43 AM
To: Andrew J. Moore; Council Mail
Subject: Re: Blog - Should Erie Benefit from Draco?

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Mayor Moore,

I have added the general town council email back into this as they were on my original emails, therefore they should be included in all reply's to ensure complete transparency.

Can you explain why the procurement process was not followed, who directed that and what has occurred because of that.

From what I have researched, I firmly believe that Erie has more leverage over this situation. Possibly, if an RFP was done we could have secured more of a comprehensive process with more negotiation leverage.

Can you please answer that question?

Thank you,

Nathan Brinza
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2026, at 7:01 AM, Andrew J. Moore <amoore@erieco.gov> wrote:

Hi Nathan,

I appreciate your perspective. We have slowed consideration of the agreement to ensure the public knows what it consists of. We've held two study sessions, had a meeting dedicated to public input, and will have one more on Tuesday, where public input will be heard. SM Energy will walk away from the agreement if we don't take action. That is the hard truth.

With regard to the procurement process, Alameda Minerals was selected for its unique understanding of SM Energy's internal economics. The owner of Alameda Minerals left SM Energy 3 years ago, where he served as their COO. This gave us critical information to leverage SB24-185 (no forced pooling) to parlay the first offer by over 10x. It is true that the town staff did not follow procurement best practices, specifically, sole-source

justification. Our attorney has told me that no laws were broken. Regardless, the lack of process in place from our prior town manager is highly concerning and is being handled as a separate matter, including an independent audit. This does not negate the contract with Alameda Minerals.

My cell is below. I'd be happy to take your call if you have further questions/concerns.

Best, Andrew

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Andrew J. Moore, MBA

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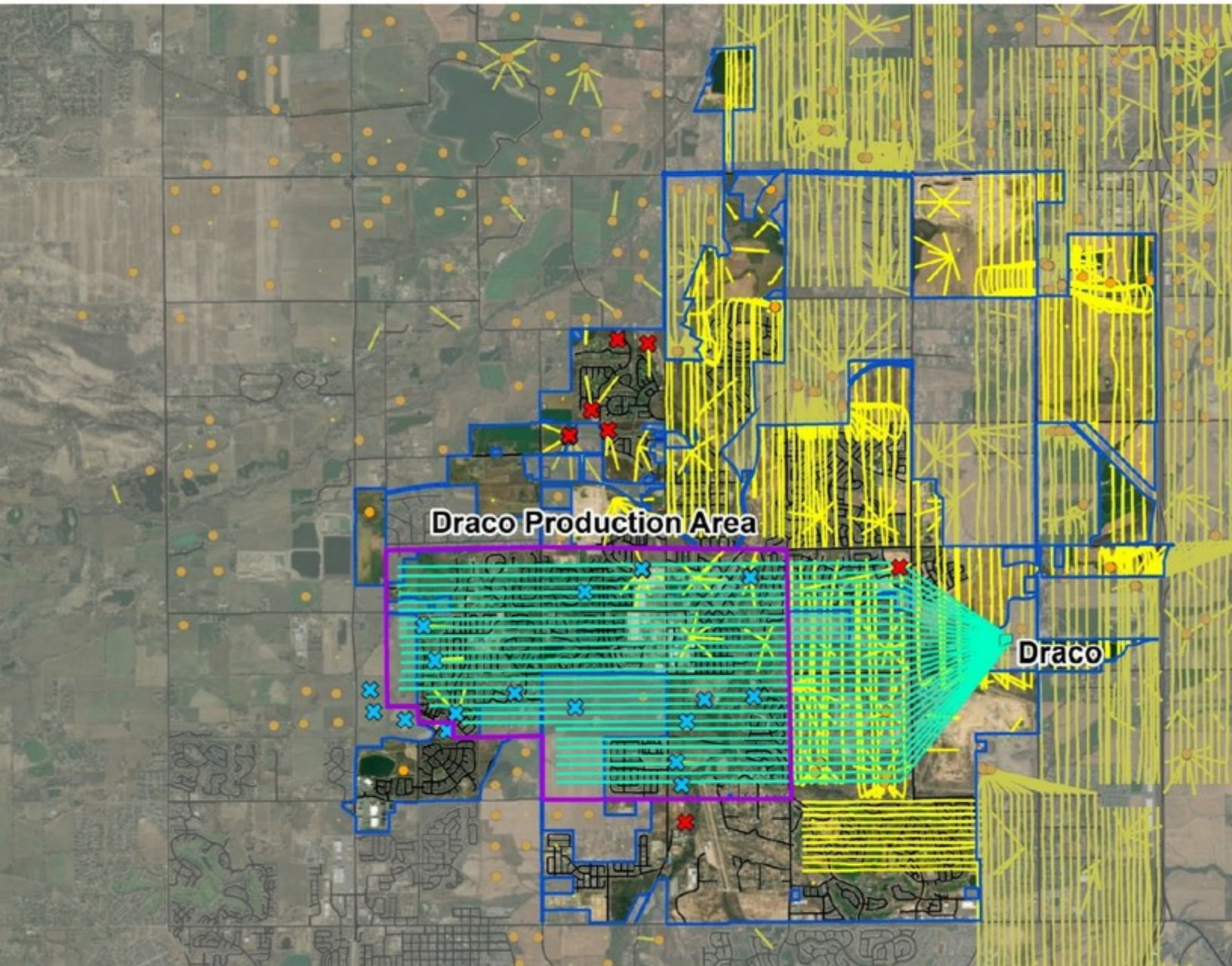
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From: [Bryon Bednar](#)
To: [Town Clerk](#); [Andrew J. Moore](#); [Council Mail](#)
Subject: Draco Well Pad
Date: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:37:03 PM

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Bryon Bednar

280 Skylane Drive

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From: Jill Cragin <jillhcragin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:59 PM
To: Council Mail
Subject: Fracking

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Please vote NO!!!

I live at 665 Brennan Circle and I'm vehemently against selling our mineral rights and fracking under our land. This will force me to sell my property.

Sent from my iPhone

Meredyth Muth

From: DeWayne Drummond <dewayne.drummond@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 5:39 PM
To: Council Mail
Subject: Valuation of Draco agreement

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Dear Mayor Moore and Members of the Erie Town Council,

I am writing regarding the proposed exchange of Town-owned mineral rights for approximately 158 acres of land, \$4.5 million in cash consideration, and other commitments contained in the proposed agreements with 7N, Extraction, and SM Energy.

As elected officials, Council's foremost obligation is its fiduciary responsibility to the residents and taxpayers of Erie. Before conveying public assets of potentially substantial value, the Town should demonstrate that it has exercised the highest level of due diligence and has obtained sufficient information to determine that the transaction is in the best interests of the community.

My primary concern is whether the Town has obtained independent valuations of both the mineral rights being conveyed and the property being acquired.

Specifically:

1. Has the Town obtained an independent appraisal of the approximately 158-acre property that is being transferred to the Town?
2. Has the Town obtained an independent professional valuation of the mineral rights being conveyed?
3. Has the Town received an analysis of the future royalty and production potential associated with those mineral rights under current market conditions?
4. Has the Town compared the proposed transaction against alternative scenarios, including:
 - o Retaining the mineral rights;
 - o Selling the mineral rights through a competitive process;
 - o Leasing the mineral rights;
 - o Negotiating different compensation structures with the operator?

Without independent valuations, it is difficult for residents to determine whether the Town is receiving fair value for a public asset that may have significant long-term economic potential.

The proposed agreement includes benefits such as land acquisition, cash consideration, future revenue participation, road improvements, and commitments related to plugging and reclamation. These may indeed have substantial value. However, fiduciary responsibility requires more than identifying benefits;

it requires demonstrating that the value received is reasonably equivalent to or greater than the value surrendered.

Public assets should not be exchanged based solely on negotiated terms between the parties. The public deserves assurance that the Town has independently verified the value of both sides of the transaction and that Council's decision is supported by objective financial analysis rather than assumptions.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Town publicly disclose:

- Any appraisals of the 158-acre property;
- Any mineral-rights valuation reports;
- Any economic analyses used to support the proposed exchange;
- Any staff or consultant reports evaluating whether the transaction represents fair market value for Erie taxpayers.

Transparency in this matter is essential. The residents of Erie deserve confidence that public assets are being managed prudently and that Council has fulfilled its fiduciary duty to protect the community's financial interests.

What is the estimated net present value (NPV) of the mineral rights being conveyed compared to the appraised value of the land, the \$4.5 million payment, and the future 3% revenue interest?

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the residents of Erie.

Respectfully,

DeWayne Drummond
Erie Resident

Meredyth Muth

From: Tam <texastam@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 12:17 PM
To: Council Mail
Subject: Vote NO to selling mineral rights

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please vote NO to selling the Town of Erie's mineral rights to SM Energy. I live in Brennan by the Lake (Canyon Creek PD) and am directly affected by this decision. Even if this were not happening in my neighborhood, I would stand against prioritizing short term profits over the long term health of this town's residents. Your role is to represent us, the people of Erie-- and we say no. Our health matters. Our environment matters. Our neighborhood matters. Additionally, Thomas Reservoir open space is a treasure that should be protected from future drilling.

Thank you,
Tamara Fisher
591 Brennan Circle

Meredyth Muth

From: Sam Fogleman <sfogleman12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 10:46 AM
To: Council Mail
Subject: Vote No on Selling Town Mineral Rights

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Good afternoon, council members.

I am writing today to add my voice to the many who are vehemently opposed to the selling of our town's mineral rights. All but one of the included public comments from the last week were telling you the same thing and others have done so over and over at public comments in open meetings. You should not accept this deal on our collective behalf. Rather, it should be put to the town's citizens on a public ballot.

It's important to remember that the decisions that you make, especially those with a possible environmental cost, are not made in a vacuum. This area of the country, in fact much of the territory across the northern part of our state, is already being poisoned and blighted by oil and gas operations, as researched recently in this article: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/ng-interactive/2026/jun/02/oil-well-sites-cleanup-colorado-chevron-oxy-civitas>. This decision on its own threatens our collective personal health in a country where that's already devalued. But pair it with the recent work of the county commission to "update" county code to allow data centers to exist and possibly (probably?) operate on water systems that are a detriment to everyone living nearby, plus the work of this council on whether or not to stay in an increasingly precarious water rights deal, and you have a recipe for absolute disaster for everyone living in our town and county.

The fact that there is a clause in the proposed ordinance that states "The Town Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare" is absolutely laughable. This isn't about public health, safety, and welfare; it flies in the face of those and the supposedly "unalienable rights" of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness guaranteed to each of us in the Declaration of Independence. In short, this agreement is treasonous and antithetical to our country's founding documents. You cannot pledge your allegiance to the flag and then choose to ignore it. To accept this agreement, with corporate ghouls who have proven time and time again over decades that the environment and human life are worth less than profits, is unethical and immoral. Accepting a one-time payment for the degradation of our town, county and region for generations to come is not a deal that works out well for any of us.

I guess I shouldn't be surprised that this seemingly obvious choice is being debated. Our own Mayor Pro Tem already publicly stated that his approach is "if you're going to dump trash in my yard, then you're at least going to pay me," admitting that devastating consequences are fine for a one-time payoff. This is governance at its worst; it's selling out. And the fact that you're willing to take such a consequential vote when the entire council won't even be present seems to be just another clue that this was already decided regardless of the feelings of the public.

I'd much rather see a Town Council willing to fight for its citizens than one so willing to throw us all under the proverbial bus. Alas, it seems we're currently governed by sycophants and cowards unwilling to stand up for what's right. I'm going to hold out hope that you either postpone this generationally consequential decision until all council members are present; add it to the ballot for voter decision (as it should be anyway); or vote it down and stand up to those actively working against public health and safety. If not, then I'm sure there will be plenty of folks who live in Erie brushing up on class action lawsuits and statutes around recall elections.

Be brave. Hold the line and we'll be right behind you.

Sam Fogleman
District 2



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Full Name Frank Rosenthal

City/Town of Residence Erie

Your Comment I can't trust a town that is willing to spend taxpayer money to put up pride flags everywhere and continue to increase property taxes making it impossible to live on a fixed income from being fully disabled in combat. All I can say is that no matter what the vote is on this plan, it is likely not in the best interest of the people. Plato said it best when he said that a democracy is one of the worst forms of government; incompetent people run this town. Selling us out to contractors like Allo.

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Full Name	Jacob Beckner
City/Town of Residence	Erie
Your Comment	<p>Dear Erie Town Council,</p> <p>As an Erie resident, I am writing to oppose the proposed sale of our municipal mineral rights to SM Energy. We should not give up our community's legal leverage. Under SB24-185, our minerals cannot be force-pooled, giving us immense power to protect our neighborhoods. Selling these rights now permanently surrenders that protection just to help an oil and gas company meet its May 2028 production deadline. Furthermore, using Alameda Mineral Advisors—a firm led by a former Civitas executive—creates a glaring conflict of interest, and plugging 17 old wells should be a standard safety requirement, not a bargaining chip for a new deal. Sustainability is Erie's top priority. Please listen to the residents, we do NOT support the sale of the mineral rights.</p>

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Full Name	Janet Brown
City/Town of Residence	Erie
Email	janetmbrown25@gmail.com
Your Comment	I will likely be present, but I may be online. Thank you.

Meredyth Muth

From: Tiffany Kalin <tiffany.kalin45@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2026 2:04 PM
To: Council Mail

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Sent: Sunday, June 14, 2026 7:21 AM
To: Andrew J. Moore
Cc: Council Mail
Subject: Re: Re:

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Also what about the implications of law SB24-185?

On Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 7:04 AM Tiffany Kalin <tiffany.kalin45@gmail.com> wrote:
Why aren't you leasing vs selling?

On Sun, Jun 14, 2026, 5:50 AM Andrew J. Moore <amoore@erieco.gov> wrote:
Hi Tiffany,

There are many articles you can find online regarding the approval. This is the link to the article the town published when it was approved over a year ago.
[ECMC Hearing: Proposed Draco Pad - March 26](#)

Andrew

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Andrew J. Moore, MBA

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Subject: Re:

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Thanks for clarifying. Got a link to the approval?

Tiffany

On Sat, Jun 13, 2026, 3:31 PM Andrew J. Moore <amoore@erieco.gov> wrote:
Hi Tiffany,

Thank you for reaching out about the Draco project and Erie's mineral rights. I appreciate your input.

This topic is highly nuanced, and significant misinformation is circulating on social media.

A key decision point is that the Draco project will happen regardless of what Erie does with its mineral rights. Although the town has tried to stop the Draco project, the state approved 26 wells in the Spring of 2025.

The agreement council will consider approving on June 16 goes beyond state approval requirements and Erie's unleased minerals value to include:

- **Cleaning Up the Past:** The removal of 17 older, marginal wells, tanks, and pipelines outside of the Draco drilling area.
- **Local Oversight:** Giving Erie the right to conduct our own regular inspections directly at the Draco site, even though it is outside of Erie's jurisdiction.
- **Just Compensation:** That includes an upfront \$4.5M cash payment, ongoing production revenue, and 158 acres of significant strategic land transferred to the town, totaling over \$40M.

With significant parts of Erie already horizontally drilled and fracked in a manner similar to that in Draco, this challenge is not new. I realize that does not make it any easier.

I'm happy to answer any specific questions you may have on the phone. My cell number is below.

Best, Andrew

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Please vote NO to selling the Town of Erie's mineral rights to SM Energy. I live in Brennan by the Lake (Canyon Creek PD) and am directly affected by this decision. Even if this were not happening in my neighborhood, I would stand against prioritizing short term profits over the long term health of this town's residents. Your role is to represent us, the people of Erie-- and we say no. Our health matters.

Our environment matters. Our neighborhood matters. Additionally, Thomas Reservoir open space is a treasure that should be protected from future drilling. Thank you, Tiffany Kalin

Written Comment - Town of Erie Mineral Right - June 16 Council Meeting

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Residents can also provide comment in person or online for the meeting. Attend in person at 645 Holbrook Street in Council Chambers (capacity is limited) or participate online at www.erieco.gov/CouncilMeeting.

Full Name	Krishnamurthy Sriramesh
City/Town of Residence	Erie
Email	Ksriramesh@yahoo.com
Your Comment	It is a disgrace that four Erie Council members have voted to sell mineral rights even though there was a groundswell of opposition that shelved this idea in 2024. It is even more disgraceful that many of their actions have been conducted in Executive session (with a narrow majority supporting this undemocratic activity) to hide their nefarious activities. Hardly a sign of democratic and transparent governance. DO NOT SELL MINING RIGHTS

Meredyth Muth

From: Judy Moir <jmoir924@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 1:52 PM
To: Council Mail
Subject: Mineral rights

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PLEASE vote NO to selling the Town of Erie's mineral rights to SM Energy. I live in Brennan by the Lake and therefore I am directly affected by the decision. Even if this were not happening to my neighborhood, I would stand strongly against prioritizing short term benefits over the long term health of our community residents. Your role is to represent us, the people of Erie, and I am one of many who say PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND SAY NO! Our health matters, our environment matters, and our neighbors and neighborhood matters. Additionally, and quite obviously, Thomas Reservoir is a TREASURE that should be protected. Thank you, Judy Moir

Meredyth Muth

From: Rita Myers-Wieringa <wirehanger5@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:15 AM
To: Council Mail
Subject: Mineral Rights

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Hello,

I am a community member of Brennan by the Lake and I am encouraging to vote NO to selling the town's mineral rights.

I do not want any fracking taking place in our community.

Thank you,

Rita Myers-Wieringa
519 Brennan Circle
Erie, CO 80516
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Meredyth Muth

From: Jamie Ricketts <jbricket1@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 3:11 PM
To: Council Mail
Subject: Vote No on June 16

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Jamie Ricketts Jones, 645 Brennan Circle, Erie, CO 80516

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Full Name Steve Ernst

City/Town of Residence Erie

Email steve.ernst@me.com

Your Comment I strongly encourage the Town Council to NOT sell Erie's mineral rights to Extraction Inc (SM Energy). The long term health and safety benefits of minimizing the impact of DRACO on the citizens of Erie for many years to come (by not selling Erie mineral rights) fully offsets any funding assets Erie might gain from those mineral rights. The Town Council knows full well there are many other ways to secure funding for Town projects. DRACO should never have been approved, and we must now do anything we can to minimize and hopefully fully rectify potential health and safety impacts of DRACO.

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Full Name	Todd Stoltenberg
City/Town of Residence	Erie
Email	tstol55@gmail.com
Your Comment	I'm 100% against giving up our mineral rights. We own a home in Erie (Flatiron Meadows) and do not support the idea of drilling underneath our neighborhood. Find somewhere else without homes already established.

Meredyth Muth

From: Clifford Zwart <clifford.m.zwart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 2:25 PM
To: Council Mail
Subject: I Support the Draco Proposal

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Good Afternoon, Erie Town Council.

Just a short note to let you know I support the proposed Draco deal being discussed in Tuesday's Town Council meeting as I believe it is in the best interest of the Town.

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Cliff Zwart, MS (Project Management)



Erie, Colorado

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