



TOWN OF ERIE NEWS FLASH

Board of Trustees Action Items

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Erie Board of Trustees Action Items October 28, 2014

Board Takes First Step Towards King Soopers Shopping Center Development – During last night's meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved an agreement giving the Town the exclusive option to purchase a twenty-acre site for the development of a King Soopers-anchored shopping center at the northwest corner of Highway 7 and Sheridan in Erie.

Mayor Tina Harris confirmed that King Soopers has notified the Town of their interest in constructing a 125,000 sq. ft. [King Soopers MarketPlace](#) at this location.

"Erie residents have hungered for a King Soopers for years. I am happy to say the wait will soon be over," said Mayor Tina Harris. *"The Town has worked diligently to attract top retailers such as King Soopers – and I'm confident this is only the beginning,"* Harris said.

According to King Soopers their Marketplace store is more than twice the size of their conventional store and designed as a one-stop "lifestyle" shopping destination. Along with the large variety of fresh foods, it has been expanded to include locally grown produce. Customers will also find what they need for home fashion and décor, bed and bath, kitchen and small appliances, home office and toys. Marketplace stores often include adjacent inline retail stores and several stand-alone pad sites including a fuel station.

Harris said the next steps would include King Sooper's submittal of a development application and the completion of a Development Agreement between the Town and King Soopers.

Board Considers Utility Rate Fee Changes - During last night's meeting, the Board considered on First Reading an ordinance adopting proposed changes to the Town's utility fees based on the findings and recommendations of the recently completed Utility Rate Study. The Board will consider this ordinance on Second Reading at their November 11, 2014 meeting.

BACKGROUND: Town of Erie financial policies require the Town to have a formal Utility Rate Study performed at least every five years. The last such study was conducted in 2008. In 2013, the Town contracted with Wildan Financial Services to perform the Utility Rate Study for the following funds: Water Fund; Wastewater (Sewer) Fund; Storm Drainage Operating Fund and Storm Drainage Impact Fund. More than fifteen scenarios were prepared by the consultant. Staff reviewed the results of these scenarios assessing their impact on customers. On August 26th and September 30th of this year, staff presented to the Board those options believed to best provide a balance in achieving the various goals of the study. The Board selected the option they believe has the least impact on the most customers and incentivizes water conservation.

The projected monthly change for the average residential utility account in 2015 will be \$1.91 or 1.7%.

The Utility Rate Study included all utility customer classifications (Residential, Commercial, Irrigation and Multi-Family). However, the summary below only addresses changes to the Residential & Multi-Family classifications.

PROJECTED CHARGES FOR ALL UTILITIES 2015 – 2019*



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	Water	Wastewater	Storm	Total	\$ Change	% Change
2014	\$56.50	\$48.48	\$5.00	\$109.98		
2015	\$58.00	\$48.48	\$5.41	\$111.89	\$1.91	1.7%
2016	\$60.90	\$48.48	\$6.60	\$115.98	\$4.09	3.7%
2017	\$63.95	\$48.48	\$8.05	\$120.48	\$4.50	3.9%
2018	\$66.51	\$48.48	\$9.82	\$124.81	\$4.33	3.6%
2019	\$68.51	\$48.48	\$11.98	\$128.97	\$4.16	3.4%

**Average is based on the middle 60% of all utility customers.*

Select this [link](#) to view the complete Utility Study Report presented during last night's meeting and the Utility Rate Study Presentation from August 26, 2014.

Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Businesses to be Extended – The Board directed Town Staff to draft an ordinance that would extend the current moratorium on recreational marijuana businesses for an additional year. The current moratorium is set to expire on December 31, 2014. The Board is seeking the extension to allow time for Staff to conduct research; review best management practices for regulating the industry and to conduct a survey of Erie residents.

BACKGROUND: In January of 2013, the Board approved an ordinance imposing a moratorium on recreational marijuana business. The moratorium extended through October 1, 2013. However, in August of 2013, the Board extended the moratorium through December 31, 2014.

Article XVIII, Section 16 of the Colorado Constitution authorizes local governments such as the Town of Erie, to prohibit the operation of marijuana facilities including: marijuana cultivation facilities; marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities and retail marijuana stores through the enactment of an ordinance. The Town may only regulate the business establishment facet of Amendment 64. The Town may not regulate or prohibit the individual use or growing as allowed by the Amendment. As such, it is important to keep in mind that nothing in the Moratorium alters or affects the rights of an individual 21 years of age or older to use, possess and grow a limited amount of marijuana as guaranteed by Amendment 64.

View complete October 28, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting Packet [here](#).

Engage Erie – View the most recent activity on the Town's new social engagement site, [Engage Erie](#).

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings – The next regularly scheduled [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are held in the [Town Hall boardroom](#) located at 645 Holbrook Street in Erie.

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