

**ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MEETING NO. 15
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2025**

The Legislature was called to order by Chair Meyers.

All members present, except Legislators Greene, Mills & Todaro.

An Invocation was held, led by Chair Meyers, who requested a moment of silence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Lorigo.

COMMUNICATIONS DISCHARGED FROM COMMITTEE

Item 1 – MR. GILMOUR moved to discharge the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE of further consideration of COMM. 13E-14 (2025). MS. VINAL seconded.

CARRIED, MS. LORIGO in the negative.

MR. GILMOUR moved to amend the resolution. MS. VINAL seconded.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. NOES: MS. LORIGO. (AYES: 7; NOES: 1)

CARRIED.

MR. GILMOUR moved to approve the resolution as amended. MS. VINAL seconded.

CHAIR MEYERS directed that a roll-call vote be taken.

AYES: MR. BARGNESI, MR. DUPRE, MR. GILMOUR, MR. KOOSHOIAN, CHAIR MEYERS, MS. ST. JEAN TARD and MS. VINAL. NOES: MS. LORIGO. (AYES: 7; NOES: 1)

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 141

RE: PILOT Agreement for Marine Drive
Apartments Phase 1 – City of Buffalo,
Affordable Housing Development

WHEREAS, Marine Drive Apartment I consists of the demolition of a 370-space surface parking lot and the construction of three (3) residential buildings providing two hundred and fifty-four (254)

rental units with two hundred and fourteen (214) affordable rental units at 90 Erie Street, City of Buffalo, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature adopted a policy on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on December 16, 1999, and the PILOT is consistent with said policy; and

WHEREAS, in order to make the Project economically feasible for Bridges Marine Drive I Housing Development Fund Company, Inc., Marine Drive Apartments I LLC to operate the housing project it is necessary to extend tax relief from the County of Erie and the City of Buffalo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to execute a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement with Bridges Marine Drive I Housing Development Fund Company, Inc., Marine Drive Apartments I LLC, and the City of Buffalo, and any other organizations necessary to conclude this PILOT Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature is support of the consideration of entering into a Project Labor Agreement for such project, recognizing such agreements as consistent with the promotion of fair labor standards, workforce stability, timely project completion and whether such Agreement is in the County's best interest; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Agreement shall include an annual PILOT in the amount of taxes due as set forth on Schedule A attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Division of Budget and Management, Department of Real Property Tax Services, Department of Environment and Planning, and Department of Law.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

FROM CHAIR MEYERS

Item 2 – (COMM. 15E-1) Calling a Special Meeting of the Legislature

Received, filed and printed.

August 26, 2025

Hon. Olivia M. Owens
Clerk of the Legislature
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Calling a Special Meeting of the Legislature

Dear Ms. Owens,

Please be advised that there is a pressing matter before the Erie County Legislature that needs immediate attention. Therefore, there is a need to call a Special Meeting.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 2.02 of the Rule of Order of the Erie County Legislature, you are hereby directed to call a Special Meeting of the Legislature to be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. in the Chambers of the Legislature, 4th Floor of Old County Hall, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to discuss and potentially act on a Discharge from the Economic Development Committee, COMM. 13E-14 (2025), “PILOT Agreement for Marine Drive Apartments Phase 1 - City of Buffalo, Affordable Housing Development”.

The items on the agenda of the Special Meeting will include the Discharge from the Economic Development Committee; COMM. 13E-14 (2025), an Amendment to the Discharged Item, my letter to you directing the calling of the Special Meeting, and your Memo as Clerk of the Legislature to Members of the Legislature calling the Special Meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Meyers
Chair, Erie County Legislature

FROM THE CLERK OF LEGISLATURE

Item 3 – (COMM. 15E-2) Special Meeting Notice for August 28, 2025

Received, filed and printed.

August 26, 2025

To: All Members of the Erie County Legislature

From: Hon. Olivia M. Owens, Clerk

Subject: Special Meeting Notice for August 28, 2025

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 2.02 of the Rules of Order of the Erie County Legislature, and under the direction of Chair Timothy J. Meyers, there will be a Special Meeting of the Erie County Legislature on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. in the Chambers of the Legislature, 92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor, Buffalo, NY 14202.

The Special Meeting will consider a Discharge from the Economic Development Committee, COMM. 13E-14 (2025), “PILOT Agreement for Marine Drive Apartments Phase 1 - City of Buffalo, Affordable Housing Development”.

The items on the agenda of the Special Meeting will include the Discharge from the Economic Development Committee; COMM. 13E-14 (2025), an Amendment to the Discharged Item, Chair Meyers’s letter to me directing the calling of the Special Meeting, and my Memo as Clerk of the Legislature to Members of the Legislature calling the Special Meeting. The items are attached.

Please contact me with any questions, thank you.

Sincerely,

Olivia M. Owens
Clerk, Erie County Legislature

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 4 – Chair Meyers announced that the next scheduled session of the Legislature will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Item 5 – Chair Meyers requested that when the Legislature adjourns, it do so in memory of those who are no longer with us.

ADJOURNMENT

Item 6 – At this time, there being no further business to transact, CHAIR MEYERS announced that the Chair would entertain a Motion to Adjourn.

MR. GILMOUR moved that the Legislature adjourn until Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 11:30 A.M. MS. ST. JEAN TARD seconded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CHAIR MEYERS declared the Legislature adjourned until Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 11:30 A.M.

OLIVIA M. OWENS
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE