

unappropriated fund balance. These funds are necessary to continue critical repairs and prevent service disruptions.

Your consideration and approval of this request are respectfully appreciated.

DANIEL GEERCKEN, SENIOR FOREMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to receive and file, act on ordinance.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET ORDINANCES ADOPTED JUNE 9TH 2025.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lackawanna, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance adopted June 9th, 2025, is hereby amended to accommodate a General Fund transfer of funds to the Special Revenue Fund, as set forth below.

FOR THE GENERAL FUND

SECTION 2. That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add **\$60,000.00** to Budget Code **A.9000.9551** ("**Transfer to Other Fund – Special Revenue**").

SECTION 3. That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to appropriate **\$60,000.00** of The City's Fund Balance in this respect.

FOR THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

SECTION 4: That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to increase Budget Code **CL.0000.5031** ("**Interfund Transfers**") by **\$60,000.00**.

SECTION 5: That the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance is hereby amended to add **\$60,000.00** to Budget Code **CL.8160.0443** ("**Repairs and Replacements**").

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

DATED: 3/3/2026

Lackawanna, New York

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to adopt ordinance as written.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Senior Foreman, Public Works requests the Council approve the milling and paving project on Martin Road spanning from Abbott Road to South Park. This will allow the City to engage a professional engineering firm to prepare the necessary scope of work and technical specifications.

3. Dear City Council Members,

I respectfully request Council approval to initiate the milling and paving project on Martin Road, spanning from Abbott Road to South Park Avenue.

This project will require engaging a professional engineering firm to prepare the necessary scope of work and technical specifications. Upon completion of the design phase, the project will proceed through the formal bidding process in accordance with all applicable procurement requirements.

Authorization to move forward at this time will enable the City to properly plan, obtain accurate pricing, and schedule the work accordingly.

Please note that this project will be fully reimbursed through the NYSDOT CHIPS program.

Thank you for your consideration.

DANIEL GEERCKEN, SENIOR FOREMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS

Moved by Marrano second by Surdyke to approve request.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Senior Foreman, Public Works request the Council direct the City Clerk to begin the bid process for an engineering firm for the Martin Road Project.

4. **Re: Bid Advertising Engineering Firm – Martin Rd. Paving Project**

Dear Respected City Council Members,

The Department of Public Works request that the council allow the City Clerk to start the bid process to retain an engineering firm for the Martin Rd Paving Project.

DANIEL GEERCKEN, SENIOR FOREMAN OF PUBLIC WORKS

Moved by Marrano second by Surdyke to direct City Clerk to begin bid process.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Director of Development & Marketing Informs the City Council that effective February 10, 2026, the City of Lackawanna has been officially certified as a Pro-Housing Community by NYS through the Division of Homes and Community Renewal.

5. Frederic Marrano, Council President
Charles Clark, Director
February 23, 2026

Re: March 2, 2026 Meeting Agenda Item – Lackawanna Pro-Housing Certification

I'm proud to inform the City Council that effective February 10, 2026, the City of Lackawanna has been officially certified as a Pro-Housing Community by New York State through its Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR). Our certification letter is attached to this memo.

This designation recognizes Lackawanna City Government's commitment to preserving and expanding housing opportunities, promoting smart growth and continuing efforts underway since 2020 to rebuild the City's local economy and community infrastructure for the benefit of all residents and property owners.

As a certified Pro-Housing Community, the City of Lackawanna is now eligible for various state funding programs and resources which support housing and economic development, and the preservation and transformation of neighborhoods into vibrant catalysts for economic growth.

My thanks to Mayor Iafallo and the City Council for their leadership actions supporting the City's application; which involved the compilation and submission of significant amounts of zoning information and data, along with corresponding narratives.

I also want to recognize the city's Code Enforcement team of Scott Hayes, Steven Balon and Grace Galanti, and Development Assistant James Gibson, for their valuable contributions to the City's application – which received an expedited review and approval by HCR due to its high quality.

Overall, this is a great development news for the City of Lackawanna. Therefore, I ask that this brief update be placed on the March 2, 2026 City Council Meeting Agenda for receive / file action.

Dear Chuck –

We are delighted to inform you that the City of Lackawanna has been designated a Pro-Housing Community. Attached please find the official certification letter along with a social media toolkit and program seals for your use.

If you have any questions, please let us know!

*Thank you,
Karis*

KARIS RASMUSSEN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

*New York State Homes and Community Renewal
641 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022
212-872-0508
hcr.ny.gov*

February 10, 2026

*City of Lackawanna
Attention: Annette Iafallo
714 Ridge Road, Room 301
Lackawanna, New York 14218*

Dear Mayor Iafallo,

Thank you for submitting the City of Lackawanna's application to New York's Pro-Housing Communities Program. We are delighted to inform you that we have completed the review of your application and the City of Lackawanna has been certified as a Pro-Housing Community.

The housing shortage that New Yorkers face affects residents of all ages and income levels, and the urgent need to take action to address the issue is only growing. In New York State, rents have risen 40 to 60 percent since 2015 and home prices have risen 50 to 80 percent. More than half of New York renters are rentburdened, meaning that they pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent - the second-highest rate in the nation. Here at HCR, we understand the nexus between supply and affordability. In order to achieve true equity of opportunity and to erase the gaps in access to health, education, and wealth-building, we must guarantee that people have a choice as to where they live and raise their families. So much of the housing progress we have made and want to make is dependent on the support of municipalities like yours who are on the front lines helping families fight for housing that meets their needs.

As a certified Pro-Housing Community, the City of Lackawanna will now be eligible to apply for various discretionary funding programs with up to \$750 million in funding available.

We are excited that the City of Lackawanna has chosen to join the Pro-Housing Communities Program and we look forward to continuing to work with the City of Lackawanna to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to a safe, affordable, equitable place to live.

RUTHANNE VISNAUSKAS, COMMISSIONER/CEO

CHARLES CLARK, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING & PUBLIC INFORMATION

Moved by Marrano second by et al to receive and file with thanks to Director of Development Chuck Clark.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Director of Recreation requests the City Council direct the City Clerk to advertise for lawn mowing and landscaping bids for the 2026 calendar year.

6. Honorable Members of City Council:

I am requesting your Honorable Body to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for lawn mowing and landscaping of various recreational and public property areas in the City of Lackawanna for the 2026 calendar year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

KATHLEEN MORAN, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

Moved by Marrano second by Meegan to advertise for lawn mowing/landscaping bids.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

City Attorney requests the City Council approve the proposal between the City of Lackawanna and CPL Architecture and Engineering Firm to develop a plan regarding changes to the City Court facilities and authorize the Mayor to sign same.

7. Fred Marrano
City Council President
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, New York 14218

Re: Proposal with CPL Architecture Engineering and Planning Firm

Dear Council President Marrano and the Honorable City Council:

On behalf of Mayor Iafallo, the undersigned requests that the attached proposal between the City of Lackawanna and CPL Architecture Engineering and Planning Firm ("CPL") be placed on the agenda for City Council on March 2, 2026 authorizing the Mayor to sign same.

As your Honorable Body is aware, the New York State Office of Court Administration ("OCA") has approached the City and requested substantial changes be made to the Lackawanna City Court facilities within City Hall. While the City is working diligently with OCA to develop a plan that is suitable for both parties and realistic for the City, it is necessary for the City to retain an engineering firm to develop that plan.

Based on prior conversations with OCA representatives, the City intends to submit a request to OCA to reimburse the City for the total \$44,500.00 proposal cost.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

ARIANNA KWIATKOWSKI, CITY ATTORNEY

A copy of this agreement may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to approve proposal and for Mayor to sign same.

Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano

Carried 5-0

Communications from Citizens:

John Bauer, Erie County Board of Elections requests the City Council approve the use of the Lackawanna Senior Center for early voting in 2026 and for the Mayor to sign the lease agreement.

8. 2026 Early Voting Lease Agreement

Dear Grace,

*Attached to this email is a lease agreement for the use of the **Senior Citizens Center** as an Early Voting Polling Location for the 2026 election cycle, the dates of which are specified in the agreement.*

We ask that you please pay special attention to this information for the primary contact, the delivery contact, who ensures access to the location for the delivery of the voting machines, and the building opener, who ensures election inspectors have the requires access on voting days one-half hour prior to the polls opening.

Completed agreements can be scanned and emailed to John.Bauer@erie.gov. or Joe.Bochiechio@erie.gov. If you prefer you may mail the hard copy to the Erie Board of Elections, 134 West Eagle Street, Buffalo, New York 14202 – Attention: polling Site Coordinators.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience. Thank you very much for your assistance.

JOHN BAUER, ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

A copy of this agreement may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office.

Moved by Marrano second by Muflahi to approve request and for the Mayor to sign lease agreement.
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

Business Registrations:

Bakery Bish, 1245 Abbott Road (Bakery), Jeneen Bish (Owner).

Moved by Marrano second by Meegan to approve Business Registration.
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

L'Adore Nail & Spa, 2723 South Park Avenue (Nail and Hair Salon), Charlie Horton (Owner).

Moved by Marrano second by Anderson to approve Business Registration.
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Moved by Marrano second by Muflahi to adjourn meeting.
Yeas: Muflahi, Anderson, Meegan, Surdyke, Marrano Carried 5-0