

**MINUTES**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**City of Butler, Pennsylvania**  
**April 27, 2023**

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Reese, Shearer, Christy, and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Pastor David Janz, First United Methodist Church.

**ACTIONS AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON April 13, 2023.**

- **PRESENTATION: PNC Institutional Asset Management**

Christopher Merlo, Henry Wilson and Nathan Willi presented a strategic plan for the City's consideration.

- **PUBLIC HEARING:** Conditional use request at 422A North Main Street by Abstract Studio, LLC. There was no public comment.
- Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:20 PM for a brief executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Meeting reconvened at 7:39 PM. A motion was made by Mayor Dandoy to add a motion at the forum meeting to approve the Global Settlement Agreement with the International Association of the Firefighters, Local 114. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy made the motion to approve the Global Settlement Agreement with the International Association of the Firefighters, Local 114. Second by CM Christy. CM Reese, CM Shearer, CM Christy and Mayor Dandoy voted aye. CM Herr voted no.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 27, 2023**

**PRESENTATION: Edward Jones**

Jeffrey Geibel, CLU, ChFC, CFP, presented the strategic plan for the City's consideration.

Motion by CM Christy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of April 27, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Reese to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to acknowledge receipt of the monthly minutes from RACB, including the CDBG/HOME Program activities. All voted aye.

## MONTHLY BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES LIAISON REPORTS

Liaisons gave brief reports from boards and authorities that met in March.

## MONTHLY & ANNUAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

*(Note: Department Reports Distributed to Council electronically)*

Motion to accept the monthly reports from the Office of the City Clerk, the Police Department, Fire Department, Office of Business & Community Development/Code Enforcement, Department of Public Works and Parking Department for the month of March. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

## COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

### Councilman Reese

1.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1815**, an ordinance of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania amending the City's traffic control schedules contained in Chapter 245 of the codified ordinances of the City of Butler by making permanent the experimental regulations previously adopted by city council on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

2.Motion to install a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign 21 feet on the south side of Lyon Avenue at the intersection with Morton Avenue on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

### Councilman Shearer

3.Motion to approve The Master Client Services Agreement with **Perfection Services, Inc.** Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

4.Motion to approve an amended contract with **Perfection Services, Inc.** to migrate from IT Assist to Total IT Essentials w/Advanced Security Stack in the amount of \$1,481.95/month (current costs are \$1,201.95/month). Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

### Councilman Christy

5.Motion to accept the resignation of Derek Shick, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, effective April 27, 2023. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

6.Motion to approve the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector job description. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

7.Motion to authorize the City Clerk to begin the hiring process to fill the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

8.Motion to approve the request from First English Lutheran Church to bag 6 meters in the Main Street Lot on Mondays for use by the volunteers who will be working the community dinners. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve the purchase of Military Time for pension purposes by **Firefighter Joshua Abbott** for the period of July 17, 2022 through December 31, 2022 due to his deployment. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

### Councilman Herr

10.Motion to approve the quote from **Lins Elevator Service, Inc.** in the amount of \$4,980.00 for repairs with an additional expedited permit fee from the state of \$1,175.00 for inspection of the elevator in the city building. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve the lease agreement with Butler County YMCA for the use of the Pickle Ball courts 1 - 7 and parking lots adjacent hereto in Ritts Park from June 2023 until September 2023. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

### Mayor Dandoy

12.Motion to approve the Conditional Use request by Mary Augustine and Kayla Campbell (**Abstract Studio, LLC**) to operate an art studio at 422 Suite A, North Main Street, with the condition that the business's hours of operation are limited to 8 AM to 9 PM Monday through Sunday. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve agreement with Butler Downtown to operate the **Farmers' Market** at the Farmers' Market facility from May 20, 2023, until October 28, 2023. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

14.Motion to approve Mayor Dandoy to attend the 52nd Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association on Thursday, July 20 through Sunday, July 23, 2023 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania (\$250 registration). Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

15.Motion to enter into an agreement with Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co. for the fireworks display for July 4, 2023 (not to exceed \$19,500) contingent upon review by the city solicitor. (*Costs to be defrayed or mitigated through sponsorships/fundraising*). Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

### • **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 6<sup>th</sup>, "Sips in the City" from noon until 5:00 PM

"Key to the City" was presented to Matthew Kraemer, Conductor for the Butler County Symphony.

Proclamation for Kids Day America May 13, 2023 (23<sup>rd</sup> year).

The City Treasurer presented a Monthly Intake Report for March 2023.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$845,321.09; from the parking fund - \$47,929.76; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$5,453.48; for a **grand total of \$898,704.33**. Motion by CM Shearer with second from CM Christy to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

#### **April Public Announcement - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)**


As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents that when walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving the waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into storm drains and eventually into the local streams.

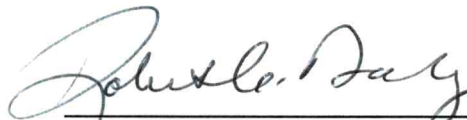
Also, if you plan on washing your vehicle, use a commercial car wash if possible. Car washes are setup to treat or recycle the wastewater. If you want to wash your vehicle, pull the car onto a lawn area to wash it. This way, all of the soap and water will infiltrate into the ground. Try not to wash the car on a paved surface as all the runoff will flow onto the street and into a nearby storm sewer. Soaps, wax and other chemicals used to clean cars are toxic to fish and aquatic organisms.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED

  
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Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

  
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Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor



# *City of Butler*

## *Mayor's Proclamation*

WHEREAS: Butler, Pennsylvania is a community which celebrates exceptional talent. **Matthew Kraemer** was selected as the Conductor of the Butler County Symphony and began his tenure in the 2012-2013 season. Kraemer was described as having a "musical sensitivity" and "energized sense of interpretation"; and it was noted that he was the overwhelming choice of the (search) committee and of the members of the orchestra; and

WHEREAS: In the words of the symphony's executive director, John Furman, "Matthew has brought us from a community orchestra to a professional regional orchestra". Musicians travel from all over to play with the Butler County Symphony under **Matthew Kraemer's** direction; and

WHEREAS: Butler, Pennsylvania recognizes the importance of the artistry of music. **Matthew Kraemer** is an accomplished violinist who began playing violin at age five. He is a graduate of Butler University and the University of Nevada where he studied violin as part of their master's program. He graduated with a master's degree in orchestral studies and received a conducting certificate from the Vienna Conservatory in Austria. Among his many accomplishments, he has been guest conductor with several national orchestras, and he has collaborated with outstanding performers such as Idina Menzel, well-known actress and Broadway performer/singer; and

WHEREAS: Before accepting the Conductor position in Butler, **Matthew Kraemer** was the associate conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic and served with symphonies in Akron, Ohio and in Virginia. In addition to being the conductor for the Butler County Symphony, he has been the musical director for the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra since 2015. He has accepted a new position of conductor and musical director for the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra in New Orleans beginning in September of 2023; and

WHEREAS: **Matthew Kraemer** is passionate about new music and teaching. He currently serves on the faculty at New England Music Camp. He also reads and discusses concert-themed children's stories to the youth at Butler Area Public Library as part of 'Symphony Storytime.'; and

WHEREAS: The people of the City of Butler recognize their good fortune in being the home of a vibrant and strong arts community. The Butler County Symphony Orchestra, with its offices on Main Street, is an integral and important part of that community and contributes to the health and wellbeing of its citizens and the development of our community. **Matthew Kraemer's** contribution to the growth and excellence of this orchestra and organization has been exemplary.

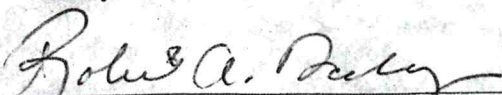
NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as MAYOR of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania, and on behalf of our residents and the many visitors from throughout the area, I recognize the dedication, work, and success of:

*Matthew Kraemer*

an outstanding conductor, musician, and leader and I present him with the **Key to the City of Butler**.

On behalf of all the citizens of Butler and all symphony enthusiasts I congratulate Maestro **Matthew Kraemer** on a successful career with the Butler Symphony Orchestra and I extend our sincere gratitude and well wishes for his continued success at his next position for Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra in New Orleans.

**SIGNED and SEALED** this Eighth day of April Two Thousand and Twenty-Three at City Hall in Butler, Pennsylvania.

  
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Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor-City of Butler

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## *Mayor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS:** Kids Day America is a special day established to address health, safety and environmental issues that affect us as individuals and as a community. In addition, child safety ID cards and fingerprinting for the children will be performed at no cost; and

**WHEREAS:** Kids Day America was founded for the purpose of educating children, their families and communities about these important social concerns; and

**WHEREAS:** Kids Day America is celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year. Many businesses participate in this event and as many as 3,000 children and families have enjoyed this day.

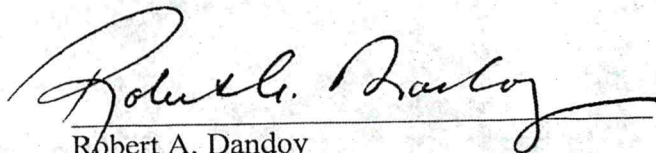
**WHEREAS:** Kids Day America with the help and support of our local police departments, regional dignitaries, county officials, sheriff's office, dentists, optometrists, audiologists, etc. who volunteer their time, children have opportunities for education and screenings not found elsewhere in one location; and

**WHEREAS:** Kids Day America 2023 will benefit not only children and their parents about many health and social concerns, the event will also benefit *Butler YMCA Children's Programs*

Now, therefore, I, Robert A. Dandoy, by virtue of the authority vested in me as **MAYOR** of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania do hereby **PROCLAIM** the day of **Saturday, May 13, 2023**, as

*"Kids Day America"*

SIGNED and SEALED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, two thousand and twenty-three at the City of Butler, Pennsylvania.



Robert A. Dandoy  
Mayor, City of Butler