

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
May 25, 2023

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Fr. Martin Johnson, St. Anthony Orthodox Church.

ACTIONS AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON May 11, 2023:

- **PRESENTATION: Baird Institutional Consulting Services:**
Tom Edwards and Kathryn Nusbaum presented a strategic plan for the City's consideration.

- 1. Motion by Mayor Dandoy to close Cedar Street between E. Brady Street and E. Locust Street, and to close E. Locust Street between N. Main Street and Cedar Street for Foodie Fridays. Second by Christy. All voted aye.

- 2. Motion by Mayor Dandoy to approve Foodie Friday to use the parking spaces on the east side of N. Main Street between E. Brady Street and E. North Street for the use of food trucks. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

- Persons to be heard: Debbie Bicker and Jaycen Barnhart spoke about safety concerns for the children getting on and off the school bus at the intersection of South Chestnut Street and West Wayne Street.

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PRESENTATION:

Follow-up presentation was given by Jeff Geibel, Edward Jones.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 25, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Reese to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2023. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Reese with a second from CM Herr 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 April.

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 April. Motion by CM Reese. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Shearer

1.Motion to approve the Pension Board’s recommendation to approve the recommended trades for rebalancing the City’s pension plans by **AndCo Consulting**.

	<u>Firefighter</u>	<u>Non-uniform</u>	<u>Police</u>
<i>Vanguard Value Index Fund-sell</i>	-\$200,000	-\$100,000	-\$150,000
Vanguard Emerging Markets Index Fund-buy	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Federated Treasury Cash Reserve-buy	-0-	-0-	\$50,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve payment to USBank in the amount of \$94,942.19 for interest due on the General Obligation Bonds Series B-2015. LIN 01 472 800. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

3.Motion to approve Pennsylvania Heart & Lung Act benefits for **Lieutenant Richard F. Walters, Jr.** beginning on May 3, 2023, for a work-related injury he sustained on December 29, 2022. Second by CM Reese. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

4.Motion to approve closing Main Street from Wayne Street to West Penn Street for the Butler Fall Festival event, sponsored by the **Butler Fall Festival of Butler**, to be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 9:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

5.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2023-05-25**; authorizing the city clerk to sign the attached Agreement, any Amendments, and any other associated documents on its behalf. (Butler Streetscape Project) Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

6.Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Carrie L. Schneider** for the Meter Violation Monitor position. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

7.Motion to approve the retirement of **Sergeant Jeremy W. Walters** from the Butler Bureau of Police following 15 years of service, effective July 11, 2023. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

8. Motion to approve payment to **CHD Enterprises, Inc.** in the amount of \$60,815.29 for the Streetscape Grant. (LIN 18 427 321). Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

9. Motion to approve Robin's Home use of the North Main Parking lot on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM for the **Robin's Home Food Truck and Rock Festival**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

• **MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jeff Double has been appointed to the City Shade Tree Commission for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2026.

Mary Jane Double has been appointed to the City Shade Tree Commission for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2026.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$682,740.85; from the parking fund - \$141,033.76; from the capital projects fund - \$60,815.29 and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$29,054.35; for a **grand total of \$913,644.25**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

May Public Announcement - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to please use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly on their lawns. When necessary, use these chemicals in their recommended amounts. Avoid applying chemicals if rain is in the forecast because the rain will wash all of the chemicals off the lawn area into the storm sewers and into the local streams. Don't over-water your lawns and if you are going to water, do it during the cool times of the day and don't let the water runoff into the streets. Also, check your cars, boats, lawn mowers, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible, and clean any spills up with an absorbent type material such as kitty litter or sand. Do not rinse any spills into the streets or storm sewers. This will go directly into local streams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- City Building Closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.
- Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 29th
- Robin's Home Food and Truck Festival – Saturday, June 3rd
- "Free Saturdays", Butler Cultural District - Saturday, June 3rd
- Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival – Friday, June 9th
- City Building Closed, Wednesday, June 14th in observance of Flag Day
- Butler Road Race, Saturday, June 24th
- Cruise-A-Palooza, Sunday, June 25th

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

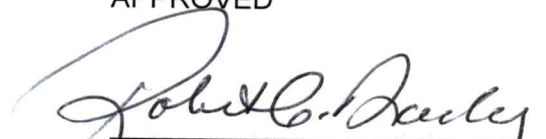
Rachel Watson spoke to council about the Whippo playground. She presented photos of the area and a petition from residents requesting the playground receive necessary improvements for the children in that neighborhood.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

SUBMITTED:


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED


Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

