

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
February 22, 2024

Councilman Shearer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council members Douthett, Shearer, and Herr were present. Mayor Dandoy and Councilman Christy joined via telephone. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed an invocation given by Fr. David Hicks, St. Peter's Anglican Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on February 8, 2024.

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, and Herr were present. Councilman Christy joined via telephone.

There were no "Persons To Be Heard".

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Douthett to approve the agenda of action items for the forum meeting of February 8, 2024. All voted aye.

1. Motion to approve a **revised** revolving loan application (loan from the Housing Redevelopment Assistance Fund) from the Penn Theater Performance Company per the recommendation by the Butler Downtown Revolving Loan Committee. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

2. Motion to accept the resignation of **Firefighter Liam F. Fodor** from the City of Butler Bureau of Fire, effective February 24, 2024. Motion by CM Christy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

3. Motion to approve the conditional hiring of **Cody L. Craig** as a full-time Firefighter in the City of Butler Bureau of Fire. Motion by CM Christy. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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Motion by CM Sherer with a second from CM Douthett to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of February 22, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Douthett 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 February.

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 January. Motion by CM Shearer. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1. Motion to participate in the DGS (Costars) sodium chloride (road salt) contract for the approaching August 2024- July 2025 season. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
2. Motion to paint the curb yellow to create "No Parking" at 330 Virginia Avenue, 8 feet in front of the dumpster, on a 90-day trial-basis. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

3. Motion to accept a **Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services** grant in the amount of \$16,173.90 from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner and execute the required grant agreement. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
4. Motion to petition the Civil Service Commission to advertise and conduct an examination to develop a Full-time Firefighter Eligibility list. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

5. Motion to terminate the current agreements with Schindler Elevator Corporation, effective June 2024. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.
6. Motion to approve an agreement with the **Butler Youth Lacrosse Association** to utilize Memorial Park and Father Marinaro Park beginning February 22, 2024, and ending June 12, 2024, for their Spring Youth Lacrosse Season contingent upon execution of the lease agreement and the receipt of proof of insurance. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
7. Motion to approve **Thrower Home improvement** service to repair the roof on the Bauer Shelter in the amount of \$5,750.00 from the City property maintenance line item. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

8. Motion to approve the **Revolving Loan Fund Committee** as proposed by the Economic Restructuring Committee of Butler Downtown. The seven members are: Lisa Campbell (BDT Board Member), Joe Gray (Business Owner and BDT/ERC Committee Member), Dena Martinez (NexTier financial representative and BDT/ERC Committee Member), Steve Braden (Business Owner), Tim Yerace (Business Owner) the City Solicitor and Robert A. Dandoy (Ex-officio). Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve payment to **Ibis Emergency Vehicles** in the amount of \$13,699.00 for the upfitting of the 2023 Ford SUV. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10.Motion to appoint Rob Stern to the **City of Butler Parks, Recreation Grounds & Facilities Authority** (replacing Gary Vanasdale) for a 5-year term, ending January 1, 2026. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

11.Motion to permit Butler Downtown to reserve the North Main Parking lot on the following Fridays in 2024; May 17th; June 21st, July 19th, and August 16th for the Foodie Friday Events. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

12.Motion 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 CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve the request from Butler Downtown to use the parking spaces for Foodie Fridays 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 Shearer. All voted aye.

14.Motion to approve the request from Butler Downtown to hold the event **Sips in the City** for 2024 on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

15.Motion to waive the civil service application fee for entry-level police officer and entry-level firefighter for the year 2024. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

16.Motion to approve a letter of support for the **SR 68 Karns Crossing Bridge Replacement Project (Butler, PA) Bridge Investment Program Grant Application** as requested by PennDOT. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

17.Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the deed transferring the library parcel to the **Butler Library**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$565,090.47; from the parking fund - \$64,609.31; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$102,677.23; for a **grand total of \$732,377.01**. Motion by Councilman Shearer with second from Councilman Douthett to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to follow the manufacturer's recommendations for salting driveways and sidewalks. If too much salt is applied, it will runoff into the storm sewer system and impact our local waterways. Please keep the de-icing materials away from landscaping and keep it isolated to the walkway or driveway. Also, if you change the fluids in your automobile, please recycle the used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Do not dump these chemicals down the storm drains or dispose of them in the trash. If you want to temporarily store any of these chemicals on your property, just make sure that they are in sealed containers that will not rust or leak and try to keep them in a dry place.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Mark Burd, Representative Marci Mustello's office, introduced himself to council. Mr. Burd discussed new programs available to the public. RAMP is mandatory training for any group that would be selling alcohol at any event.

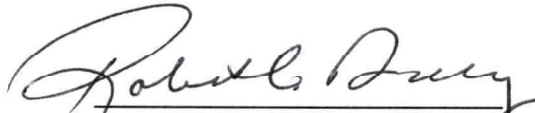
Mark Krenitsky discussed several different issues.

Steve Pelusi discussed his issues with rules and regulations in the City.

Councilman Shearer adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk
Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor