

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
July 25, 2024

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, Christy and Herr were present. The pledge of allegiance to the flag followed a moment of silence for the victims of the Trump rally and an invocation given by Deacon Jim Shope, All Saints Parish.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of July 25, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Christy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 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 the City's boards and authorities.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Shearer

1.Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1824**; an ordinance of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania to repeal Chapter 212; Rental Occupancy Reports, and replace Chapter 212 with Rental Occupancy, of the codified ordinances of the City of Butler. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

2.Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1823**; an ordinance of the City of Butler amending Chapter 260, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Butler, to rezone parcels 563-6-22, 563-6-23, and 563-6-24, which are currently zoned in an R-2 zoning district, to M-1 light industrial district. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

3.Motion to review and approve the lot consolidation as requested by the **First Baptist Church** Plan, located at 221 W. New Castle St. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

4.Motion to approve the retirement of **Captain James A. Kaufman** from the Butler Bureau of Fire following 33 years of service, effective July 30, 2024. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

5.Motion to accept the retirement of Leo M. Stepanian II from the **Zoning Hearing Board** effective August 1, 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

6.Motion to reappoint Mike Preston to the **Zoning Hearing Board** for a 3-year term which ends June 2026. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

7.Motion to reappoint Maggie Stock to the **Zoning Hearing Board** for a 3-year term which ends June 2027. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

8.Motion to reappoint Marlene Myers to the **Code Management Appeals Board** for a 5-year term which ends June 2029. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

9.Motion to reappoint Joe Gray to the **Code Management Appeals Board** for a 5-year term which ends June 2029. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10.Motion to reappoint Mike Miller to the **Code Management Appeals Board** for a 5-year term which ends June 2029. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

11.Motion to reappoint Travis Uhl to the **Planning and Zoning Commission** for a 4-year term which ends June 2028. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

12.Motion to approve an agreement with the **Butler Midget Football League** for the 2024 season. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

13.Motion to approve the agreement with the **Rotary Club of Butler/PM** and the **Butler Rotary Foundation** to utilize the top two levels of the Centre City Parking Garage for **BrewFest** to be held on August 17, 2024, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

14.Motion to approve the resignation/retirement of **Lieutenant David M. Villotti** from the Butler Bureau of Police following 16 years of service, effective July 4, 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

15.Motion to approve closing Cedar Street below E. Brady and E. Locust Streets and to close E. Locust Street below N. Main and Cedar Streets and motion to approve the Butler Area School District to use the Main Street lot for a **Butler Back to School Bash** to be held on August 15, 2024, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

16.Motion to approve the promotion of **Patrol Officer Ryan Doctor** to the rank of Sergeant in the Butler Bureau of Police effective July 28, 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

17.Motion to approve the promotion of **Sergeant Caleb Forsythe** to the rank of Lieutenant in the Butler Bureau of Police effective July 28, 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Announcement:

Cindy McKnight has been re-appointed to the **Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler** for a term of 5 years will expire on June 30, 2029.

Due to the absence of the City Treasurer, there was no Monthly Intake Report for June 2024.

The City Clerk, in the absence of the City Controller, presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$2,233,443.44; from the parking fund - \$61,774.96; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$18,284.35; for a **grand total of \$2,313,502.75**. Motion by Mayor Dandoy with second from CM Shearer to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

July Public Announcement – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito proof rain barrels. The water can then be used later to water lawns and garden areas. Do not brush/sweep dirt, leaves, etc. into any storm drain. The purpose of the storm sewers are to direct stormwater runoff to the local streams. If the system is clogged, then localized flooding may occur during a large rainfall event.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Charmaine Fetterman, Sons and Daughters of Italy, spoke about the Italian Festival's positive impact on her business and how disappointed she is about the festival being cancelled this year.

Bill Atkinson, Chop Shop, shared his thoughts about the Italian Festival's negative impact on his restaurant.

Deb Matonak, Miller's Meat Shop, shared thoughts from local businesses about the negative impact on local business during the festival.

Mark Krenitsky, spoke about selling his home in the City and shared various other thoughts including loud exhaust issues.

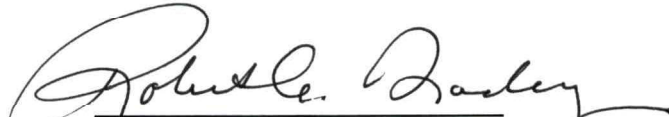
Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

SUBMITTED:



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor