

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
May 23, 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 an invocation given by Deacon Mitch Natali, All Saints Parish.

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

Mayor Dandoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Mayor Dandoy and Council members Douthett, Shearer, Christy, and Herr were present.

There were no "Persons To Be Heard".

Motion by Mayor with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda of action items for the forum meeting of May 8, 2024.

Mayor Dandoy made the motion to amend the agenda to add the motion to enter into an agreement with **Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co.** for the fireworks display for July 5, 2024 (not to exceed \$15,000) contingent upon review by the city solicitor. (Costs to be defrayed or mitigated through sponsorships/fundraising). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

All voted aye to approve the agenda.

Mayor Dandoy

1.Motion to approve a Request for Proposal (RFP) document and direct the City Clerk to seek proposals concerning the hiring of a consultant pursuant to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development **Strategic Management Planning Program Proposal**. (Proposals are required not later than close of business on Friday, May 31st.) Second CM Christy. All voted aye.

2.Motion to enter into an agreement with **Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co.** for the fireworks display for July 5, 2024 (not to exceed \$15,000) contingent upon review by the city solicitor. (Costs to be defrayed or mitigated through sponsorships/fundraising). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of May 23, 2024.

Motion to amend the agenda to add a “Motion to approve an agreement with Nick Yanotty and Breakthrough-Butler for a children’s summer program in City parks and playgrounds contingent upon final review by the City solicitor”. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

All voted aye. Agenda amended.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 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 May.

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 Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Shearer

1.Motion to approve payment to USBank in the amount of \$92,609.39 for interest due on the **General Obligation Bonds Series B-2015**. LIN 01 472 800. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

2.Motion to approve the Property Condition Checklist for 2025 in accordance with the Landlord-Tenant relations ordinance. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

3.Motion to approve the Global Settlement and Release Agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 114, and Captain James Kaufman. Second by CM Herr. CM Shearer voted no. CM Douthett, CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye.

4.Motion to approve the Grievance Settlement Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 114. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

5. Motion to approve an agreement with Nick Yanotty and **Breakthrough-Butler** for a children's summer program in City parks and playgrounds contingent upon final review by the City solicitor. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

6. Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1822**; an ordinance of the City of Butler amending Chapter 260, Zoning, to add Arts District to Article IV; to add Arts District Signage to Article XVII and to add Article XXIV Arts District; for the purpose to promote and support the arts within the designated arts district and throughout the City of Butler. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

7. Based on recommendation from his chain of command and satisfactory completion of his probationary period, motion to grant permanent employment status as of May 12, 2024 to **Patrol Officer Zachary Yates**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

The City Treasurer presented a Monthly Intake Report for April 2024.

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$648,672.44; from the parking fund - \$64,536.04; from the capital projects fund - \$0; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$26,503.16; for a **grand total of \$739,711.64**. 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 will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day and Friday, June 14th in observance of Flag Day.
- Farmers' Market opens Saturday, May 25th.
- Touch-a-Truck event at Farmers' Market, June 1st.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Concerns were raised about Federal Street.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor