

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
January 30, 2025

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 Fr. Martin Johnson, St. Anthony Orthodox Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on January 16, 2025.

There were no "Persons to be heard".

Motion by Mayor Dandoy to amend the agenda to add: Motion to approve a loan for up to \$35,000 for regular expenses at Historic Pullman Park. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Motion to approve the agenda for January 16, 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

1. Motion to approve the retirement of **Roderick P. Huey** from the Parks Department after 26 years of service, effective February 4, 2025. Motion by CM Herr. All voted aye.

2. Motion to approve a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the City of Butler Bureau of Police, Fraternal Lodge #32 concerning lateral hiring. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

3. Motion to approve a loan for up to \$35,000 for regular expenses at Historic Pullman Park. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

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CITY COUNCIL, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH, and under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Title 11 Cities; Chapter 123 Public Health; Subchapter B – Public Nuisances Detrimental to Public Health; §12321 Abatement of public nuisances by designated department; finds the following subject structure detrimental to public health and orders its removal by demolition:

104 ½ Mackey Avenue

Motion by CM Shearer. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Christy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of January 30, 2025. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2024.

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

MONTHLY BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES LIAISON REPORTS

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

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 December and for year 2024. Motion by Mayor Dandoy. Second by CM Shearer. 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 2025- July 2026 season. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

2.Motion to approve a proposal submitted by **Caruso & Spencer, PC, Certified Public Accountants** for monthly auditing services for Fiscal Year 2025 as outlined in their engagement letter of January 3, 2025, and to authorize the City Clerk to sign said letter on behalf of City Council. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

3.Motion to approve the sale of a **2008 Ford Expedition** from the City of Butler Bureau of Fire to Chicora Volunteer Fire Department for \$500.00. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

4.Motion to direct the City Clerk to advertise for sale through Municibid one **2010 Will-Burt Night Scan Light Tower** that is surplus to the needs of the Bureau of Fire. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

5.Motion to approve a **Transfer of Assets Agreement** with the Butler County Fire Chief's Association for a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Compressor. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

Councilman Herr

- 6.Motion to accept the bid from **Jason Lauer – Electrical**, in the amount of \$1,600.00 for the replacement of 2 lights in the salt bin at the streets department. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
- 7.Motion to accept a bid from **Jeffrey & Associates**, in the amount of \$4,790.00, for the installation of 7 Miracle fitness stations. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
- 8.Motion to approve the promotion of **Clay McAnallen** to Parks Department Foreman effective February 4, 2025. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.
- 9.Motion to approve the lease agreement with **Ellen O'Brien Gaiser Center** for the use of the Pickle Ball courts 1 - 7 and parking lots adjacent hereto in Ritts Park from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM, on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.
- 10.Motion to approve use of Miller and Deal shelters in Memorial Park for **Breakthrough Butler** activities at no charge. Second by Mayor Dandoy. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

- 11.Motion to designate Veronica Walker as the **City's Fair Housing Officer** for 2025. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
- 12.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2025-01-30**, the City of Butler's Fair Housing Resolution. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
- 13.Motion to reappoint Kerry Dowdy as the city's **Section 504/ADA Officer** for 2025. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
- 14.Motion to permit Butler Downtown to reserve the North Main Parking lot on the following Fridays in 2025; May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, and August 15th for the **Foodie Friday Events**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.
- 15.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 Events**. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.
- 16.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 Herr. All voted aye.
- 17.Motion to approve the request from Butler Downtown to hold the event **Sips in the City** for 2025 on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.
- 18.Motion to enter into an agreement with **Peak Pyro Productions**. for the fireworks display for July 4, 2025, and July 4, 2026 contingent upon review by the city solicitor. (Costs to be defrayed or mitigated through sponsorships/fundraising.) Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

19.Motion to approve the quote from **Laurel Auto Group, Inc.** in the amount of \$90,630.00 for two 2025 Ford Interceptors SUV-4 Door AWD (\$45,315/ea.) for use in the police Department. (Costar Contract #013-E22-248). Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

20.Motion to approve the quote from **Ibis Emergency Vehicles** for the upfitting of two police vehicles in the amount of \$29,584.00 (\$14,792.00/each). Costars #012-E23-318. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

21.Motion to transfer \$32,500,000.00 from the City's NexTier Bank account to the **City of Butler's Fidelity Investment** account. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

22.Motion to accept the Long-Range Plan. Second by CM Christy. CM Douthett voted no. CM Shearer, CM Christy, CM Herr and Mayor Dandoy voted aye.

23.Motion to approve the employment renewal agreement with **Robert S. O'Neill** for the year 2025. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

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

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$927,588.59 ; from the parking fund - \$1,598.00; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$49,765.44 ; for a **grand total of \$978,952.03** . Motion by CM Shearer with second from CM Christy to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to ensure that local residents are aware of the two types of systems that are within Butler City and the other local municipalities. The one system is the sanitary sewer system, in which toilets, sinks and garbage disposals are all connected and flow into a treatment facility that removes all of the contaminants and then discharges clean water into a local waterway. The storm sewer system is made up of catch basins that are usually placed along curbs in streets and parking lots and direct stormwater runoff through a series of pipes directly into the local waterway. Please be aware that there is no treatment for stormwater, so do not dump anything into the storm sewer catch basins. If you are unsure about the proper disposal of any type of waste material, please contact your local municipality.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

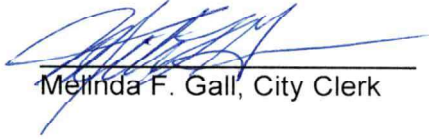
John Kramer – discussed the procedures for tenant registration/inspections. Mr. Kramer voiced his concerns about the police needing to cite squatters and trespassers in rentals.

Mark Beatty – voiced concerns about the drug use and drug deals in Cliff Street apartments and requested the police to have a friendly presence in that area.

Kenny Stahl, Eagle Scout attended the meeting to receive his Citizenship Badge.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

SUBMITTED:

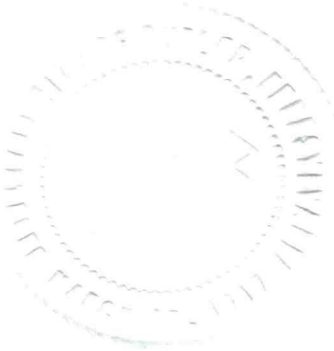


Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor





FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION 2025-01-30

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Butler that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the City of Butler/*(Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler)* to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Additionally, it is illegal to retaliate against a person who has filed a fair housing complaint or assisted in a fair housing investigation. Therefore, the City of Butler/*(Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler)* does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the City of Butler/*(Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler)* will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Butler/*(Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler)* shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

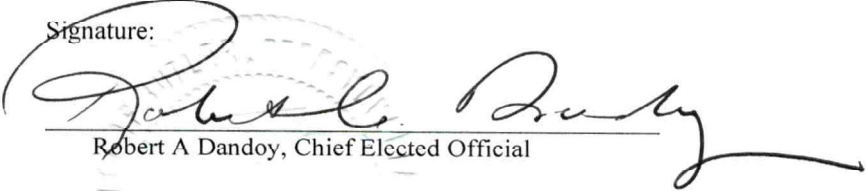
FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

If you are a person with a disability or have Limited English Proficiency and require reasonable accommodation or document translation, please contact the business offices of (*Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler, 129 West Cunningham Street, Butler, PA 16001, 724-283-0116, racb@zoominternet.net; www.RedevelopmentAuthorityCityofButler.net*.)

Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Butler held Month/Day/Year.

Signature:


Robert A Dandoy, Chief Elected Official


Date

(SEAL)