

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
June 27, 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 Pastor Theo Edwards, First Baptist Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on June 20, 2024.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the agenda items for the forum meeting of June 20, 2024. All voted aye.

Emily Walker, Community Affairs Manager, Brightspeed introduced herself to council and gave an update on the installation of fiber optics.

Councilman Herr

1. Motion to approve a lease agreement with **Butler Girls Soccer Boosters** for use of the pickleball courts #1-7, and parking lots adjacent hereto in Ritts Park beginning June 15, 2024, and June 22, 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

2. Motion to approve Chief O'Neill's request to pursuant a second **Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Butler Bureau of Police FOP Lodge #32** regarding two potential lateral police hires, and to pursuant acceptable candidates for those lateral hires. The second Memorandum of Understanding and each candidate will need to be presented to Council for approval prior to hire. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

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Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Herr to approve the agenda for the regular meeting of June 27, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by Mayor Dandoy with a second from CM Shearer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 23, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Douthett with a second from CM Christy 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 June.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1. Motion to create a **"No Parking – Loading Zone"** on N. Cedar Street between E. North Street and E. New Castle Street on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

2. Motion to accept the bid from **Bauer Excavating Incorporated** in the amount of \$9,690.00 for the Heim Avenue sink hole repair which includes 80 feet of damaged storm drain at a depth of 7 feet. LIN 35 430 436. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

3. Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$1,554,775.41 to **NexTier Bank for the 2024 Tax Revenue Anticipation Note**. \$1,500,000.00 Principal (LIN 01 472 601) & \$54,775.41 Interest (LIN 01 472 600) – Payoff Date is July 31, 2024 – maturity date is July 31, 2024. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

4. Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$77,036.22 to NexTier Bank for the City's **2021-Series General Obligation Bonds**. (Note: This payment includes principal of \$60,325.38 and interest of \$16,710.84; due June 30th.) Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer distributed of the 2025 budget binders and reviewed the timeline.

Councilman Herr

5. Motion to accept the proposal from **Lins Elevator Service, Inc.**, in the amount of \$275.00 paid monthly for the maintenance of the elevator in the city building for a term of 5 years. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

6. Motion to accept the proposal from **Lins Elevator Service, Inc.**, in the amount of \$225.00 paid semi-annually for the maintenance of the elevator in the public safety building for a term of 5 years. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

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

8.Motion to accept a proposal submitted by **Pennsylvania Economy League**, in the amount of **\$63,750.00** for the preparation of a Five-year Financial Management Plan contingent upon the approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development of the City's request for grant funds and to participate in the DCED's **Strategic Management Planning Program**. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2024-06-27**; To revise the 2020 CDBG-CV programs by reducing the Parks, Recreation Facilities – Fr. Marinaro Park Line Item by \$18,076 and the Administration Line Item by \$15,000 and reallocate \$12,670 to the Parks, Recreation Facilities – Butler Memorial Park Line Item and \$20,406 to the Rehabilitation – Single Unit Residential – Emergency Housing Repair Line Item. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

10.Motion to declare the **2009 Chevrolet Impala**, VIN#2G1WS57M091284895 from the police department of no value and to direct the city clerk to scrap the vehicle. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

11.Motion to approve an agreement with CCR for use of the Farmers Market on Friday, October 11, 2024, for the **Bundle Up Butler (BUB)** event. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

12.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 28, 2024, from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve the agreement with **County Festivals, LLC** to close Main Street from Cunningham Street to Diamond Street for the Butler Italian Festival event, sponsored by County Festivals, beginning at 5:00 PM, August 23, 2024 and ending at 6:00 PM, August 25, 2024. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

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

The City Controller presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$706,982.03; from the parking fund - \$61,826.53; from the capital projects fund - \$26,636.75; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$28,334.81; for a **grand total of \$823,780.12**. Motion by CM Shearer with second from CM Christy to approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to properly store pool and spa chemicals, as well as other household and vehicle chemicals to prevent leaks and spills. Please make sure they are in sealed containers that will not rust or leak and try to keep them in a dry place, preferably in covered areas to avoid exposure to stormwater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- City Building will be closed Thursday July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- The City of Butler's fireworks display will be held on July 5th at dusk.
- The council meeting scheduled for September 26th has been changed to September 25th.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Ralph Pincek voiced concerns about Father Marinaro Park.

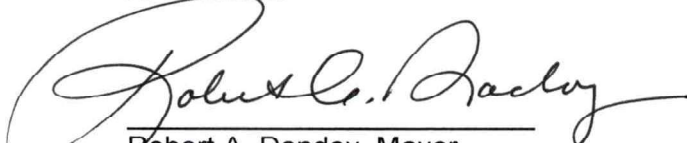
Mark Krenitsky spoke about landlord reports, loud exhaust vehicles, demolition of Locust Street property damaged by a fire and siting tenants for trash.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

RESOLUTION 2024-06-27

CITY OF BUTLER

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Butler has made application and been approved for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs, 2021, 2022, 2023 Entitlements; and 2020 CDBG-CV; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Butler has designated the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler to act as their agent and to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Programs, 2021, 2022, 2023 Entitlements and 2020 CDBG-CV; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to revise its 2020 CDBG-CV grant program by reducing two (2) activities and reallocating those funds to other eligible activities in the 2020 CDBG-CV Program and;

WHEREAS, the City wishes to comply with the State regulations governing the use of State Community Development Block Grant-CV funds.

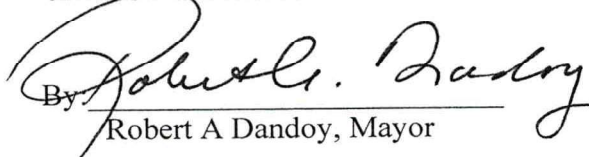
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Butler is so directed to revise the 2020 CDBG-CV program as follows:

2020 CDBG-CV – Reduce the Parks, Recreation Facilities - Fr. Marinaro Park line item by \$18,076 and the Administration line item by \$15,000 and reallocate \$12,670 to the Parks, Recreation Facilities - Butler Memorial Park line item and \$20,406 to the Rehabilitation – Single Unit Residential - Emergency Housing Repair line item.

ATTEST:



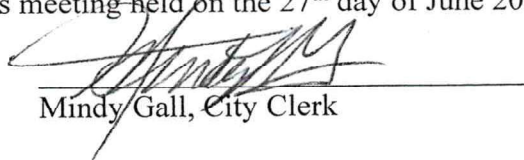
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By 
Robert A Dandoy, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution and dated by the City Council of the City of Butler at its meeting held on the 27th day of June 2024.

(SEAL)


Mindy Gall, City Clerk