

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
City of Butler, Pennsylvania
September 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 an invocation given by Rev. Kimberly van Driel, First English Lutheran Church.

The following actions took place at the Forum Meeting held on September 12, 2024.

John Morgan, City of Butler Parks, Recreation Grounds & Facilities Authority presented objectives for Historic Pullman Park and requested that council would approve the City cosigning a loan that would fund improvements.

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Christy to approve the agenda items for the forum meeting of September 12, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion to approve the retirement of **Captain Thomas W. Fair, Jr.** from the Butler Bureau of Fire following 36 years of service, effective September 22, 2024. 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:

100-102-104 Mackey Avenue (excluding 104 ½)

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

PRESENTATION:

Nick Yannotty, Managing Director/Founder Breakthrough-Butler gave a presentation and report on Summer Food & Parks Program that was held in the summer. He is hoping to build on this program for next year.

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

Motion by CM Shearer with a second from CM Christy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2024. All voted aye.

Motion by CM Douthett with a second from CM Herr 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 September.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS/ACTIONS

Councilman Douthett

1.Motion to direct the City Clerk to seek proposals for limestone and asphalt for Fiscal Year 2025 with such proposals due not later than 2:00 PM on November 5, 2024. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

2.Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1826**, an ordinance of the City of Butler, Pennsylvania amending the City's traffic control schedules contained in Chapter 245 of the codified ordinances of the City of Butler by making permanent the experimental regulations previously adopted by city council on a 90-day trial basis. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

Councilman Shearer

3.Motion to change from the current sweep vehicle at PNC for the City's three pension plans (*Federated Hermes US Treasury Cash Reserves Fund Institutional (UTIXX)*, with a 0.20% expense ratio) to the Federated Hermes US Treasurer Cash Reserves Premier (UTPXX), with a 0.15% expense ratio. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

4.Motion to approve the **2025 Municipal Benefits Services** renewal. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

5.Motion to approve the quote from **C. W. Howard Insurance Agency, Inc.** for the renewal of the Law Enforcement Liability Policy for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$60,397.00. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

6.Motion to approve distribution of **2024 State Aid** for pension plans as follows: to the Firefighters' Pension Plan - \$140,859.58, to the Police Pension Plan - \$270,542.77, and

to the Officers & Employees' Pension Plan - \$15,485.33 with the total amount of 2024 State Aid distributed to pension plans being \$426,887.68. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

7.Motion to approve a payment in the amount of \$225,133.20 to the County of Butler for debt service for the **2019 Butler County Infrastructure Loan Payment**. (Note: This payment includes principal payment of \$222,000.00 plus interest payment of \$3,133.20; due November 1st.) Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

8.Motion to accept the resignation of Rob Stern from the **City of Butler Parks, Recreation, Grounds, & Facilities Authority**. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

9.Motion to approve the request from Broad Street School to install temporary speed bumps on Broad Street in front of the school from 8:00AM to 9:30AM and 3:00PM to 4:00PM Monday through Friday during the school year. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Councilman Christy

10.Motion to direct the City Clerk to advertise for bids to replace the fire station garage doors and controls. Funding provided by a 2023 PA Office of the State Fire Commissioner Municipal Fire Department Capital Grant. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

11.Motion for the second reading and adoption of **City Ordinance No. 1825**; an ordinance of the City of Butler amending Chapter, 260, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Butler, to amend Article XIII; Miscellaneous Development Standards; §260-89 Mobile homes on their own lots. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

Mayor Dandoy

12.Motion to approve **City Resolution No. 2024-09-25**; a resolution of the City of Butler, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the CDBG Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

13.Motion to approve the temporary closing of N. Washington Street side street entry up W. Penn Street to Memorial Park. Also, the intersection of Washington and Penn Streets in front of the YMCA, for the annual **Turkey Trot 5K**, sponsored by Butler YMCA, to be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Second by CM Christy. All voted aye.

14. Motion to temporarily suspend the memorial bench program on Main Street until the completion of the sidewalk project. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

15. Motion to approve the conditional lateral hiring of **Trevon K. Williams** for patrol officer in the City of Butler Bureau of Police to fill the vacancy from the resignation of Patrol Officer Lee Niebel. Second by CM Douthett. All voted aye.

16. Motion to approve the conditional lateral hiring of **Adam Barber** for patrol officer in the City of Butler Bureau of Police. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

17. Motion to approve an agreement with Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank for use of the Farmer's Market from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month, January 2025 through June 2025, for the **Food Bank Distribution Program** upon final review by the city solicitor. Second by CM Herr. All voted aye.

18. Motion for the introduction and first reading of **City Ordinance No. 1827**; an ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the City of Butler, Butler County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the general obligations of the City of Butler through 2024. Second by CM Shearer. All voted aye.

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

The City Clerk, in the absence of the City Controller, presented bills for payment as follows: from the general fund - \$1,252,078.11; from the parking fund - \$64,902.12; and from the liquid fuels tax fund - \$24,583.75; for a **grand total of \$1,341,563.98**. Motion by CM Shearer with second from CM Herr approve payment of bills as presented. All voted aye.

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

As part of an ongoing education plan, we would like to remind local residents to properly dispose of the leaves on your property and not brush/sweep dirt, leaves, etc. into any storm drain or onto any street. Either place the leaves and dirt on a compost pile or contact your local municipality for "leaf collection" days or to see what programs your municipality offers for the disposal of yard waste. Remember, the purpose of the storm sewers is to direct stormwater runoff to the local streams. If the system is clogged from garbage, yard waste and dirt, then flooding may occur during a large rainfall event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Trick or Treat, Thursday, October 31st from 6PM to 7PM.
- November 1, 2024 – Extra Mile Day

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Mark Krenitsky discussed several different items.

David Gold discussed his concern with a drainage issue on Fairview Avenue.

Mayor Dandoy adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

SUBMITTED:



Melinda F. Gall, City Clerk

APPROVED



Robert A. Dandoy, Mayor

RESOLUTION

City of Butler

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09-25

A Resolution of the _____ City of Butler _____, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest that _____ City of Butler _____, Pennsylvania, receive funds from the Commonwealth through the Department of Community and Economic Development in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the _____ City of Butler _____ has the legal authority and responsibility under Act 179 to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, _____ City of Butler _____ have undertaken a considerable citizen participation process including written invitations to municipalities, informational meetings, hearings and legal notices all of which culminated in the prioritization of projects and development of a Community Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, _____ City of Butler _____ are familiar with the requirements of the program as provided for in the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) and the Community Development Block Grant regulations; and

WHEREAS, _____ City of Butler _____ wishes to apply for said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the _____ City of Butler _____ that the _____ Mayor _____ is authorized to have prepared the necessary forms and documents to submit an application to the Department of Community and Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purposes aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if CDBG funds are determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, _____ City of Butler _____ agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community Development Plan was developed in coordination with low and moderate individuals, interested organizations, non-profits and other interested parties through the citizen participation process and municipal information gathering is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the _____ Mayor _____ of the _____ City of Butler _____ is empowered to place his/her signature, on behalf of the governing body, on necessary application forms and affix thereto the official seal of _____ City of Butler _____.

Adopted by _____ City of Butler _____ at the regular meeting on September 25, 2024.

Signature

September 25, 2024

Date

Seal



RESOLUTION

Grantees are required to submit a signed resolution adopting the community development plan and approving and authorizing the submission of the Community Development Block Grant application.

Grantees are required to use the text of the attached resolution verbatim. Each applicant must insert the applicant's name and identify whether it is the Board of Commissioners, Borough Council, Board of Supervisors or City Council that is taking action where blank spaces are located.

Each applicant must upload a signed and dated copy of the resolution with the application submission.