

The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Martinez who indicated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall and on the Borough Website.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Martinez, Councilman Calvi, Councilman Guzman, Councilman Meier, Councilwoman Orcutt, Councilman Piccirillo and Council President Verdonik

ALSO PRESENT: Matthew Guilder, Borough Administrator; Christopher Woods, Office of the Borough Attorney and Brandi Greco, Borough Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 7, 2025 Re-Org

Moved: Piccirillo Second: Verdonik

Abstain: Meier

All in favor

February 4, 2025

Moved: Piccirillo Second: Verdonik

All in favor

Discussion – Film/Video Ordinance– Mr. Guilder stated it would be beneficial to get a film ordinance on the books since Clerk Greco was recently approached regarding permission to film in town. Mr. Woods said they are pretty standard with the variable being the fees we will charge. Mayor and council discussed permit fee options and agreed to introduce an ordinance at the next meeting.

Discussion – Mayor Martinez said he has spoken to developers regarding redevelopment of Main Street. He questioned whether it would be beneficial to offer PILOT programs to revamp the storefronts. Councilmen Verdonik and Calvi expressed concern over the loss of school taxes from all the residential portions. Mr. Woods clarified that we shouldn't do "in lieu of" rather just a freeze on tax increases. Mr. Guilder said he would further research incentivized improvements without a full redevelopment plan. Council discussed covering more areas than just the Main Street area with this plan.

Discussion – Clerk Greco asked if council would support a Resolution regarding the publishing of legal ads on government websites. New legislation will hopefully allow this. All agreed and we will put it on the next meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Martinez opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Mike MacDonald, 9 Beech Street, came forward to express his interest in improving aesthetics on Main Street: Trees, planters and suggested accent lighting on the rubber factory. All reminded him that it is private property and they would need to do it themselves. There are appx. 70 different owners who need to take pride in their spaces.

Seeing no one else come forward to speak, a motion was made to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Piccirillo

Second: Calvi

All in favor

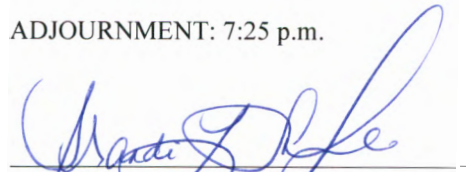
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Moved: Verdonik

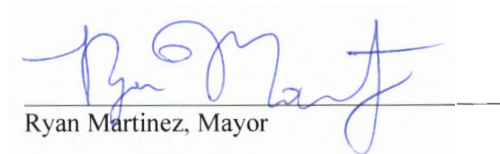
Second: Guzman

All in favor

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 p.m.



Brandi L. Smith-Greco, RMC
Adopted April 1, 2025



Ryan Martinez, Mayor