



April 7, 2025
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Darren Alloway, Council District 3, Council President
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent

Matt Traster, Police Chief

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:05 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from the audience pertaining to the agenda items. None

Mayor Hartman opened the **Public Hearing for the Re-Establishment of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund**. He asked for comments or questions from the audience. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Hartman opened the **Public Hearing for the Re-Establishment of the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund**. He asked for comments or questions from the audience. Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

The minutes from the March 17th meeting were presented. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Proposed **Ordinance 1801, Re-Establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund**, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1801 on its third reading by title and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1802, Re-Establish the Fire Equipment Replacement Fund**, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve Ordinance 1802 on its third reading by title with Council Member White seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1803, the 42nd Update to the Code of Ordinances**, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1803 on its second reading by title and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Resolution 25-667, Resolution Opposing Property Tax Cuts Without a Corresponding Replacement Revenue Stream**, was presented. There was discussion on how the Indiana Legislature was not considering the full effects of what they are proposing and rushing the process through. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Resolution 25-667 with Council Member Laub seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the Plan Commission held a public hearing for the rezoning of 521 West Liberty. The Plan Commission voted in favor of the rezoning and is forwarding it to the Common Council for their approval. There was discussion. Council Member White made a motion to approve the rezoning request and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he and Mr. Provines will be conducting a parking audit and inspections to present at the next council meeting.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that brush collection has been completed for April. He also reported that the construction crews on Westward are continually tracking mud into the roadway and creating a mess. He asked that the Police Department and Code Enforcement handle the situation so that it does not happen again.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that 311 service will be taking the place of comments on the City's Facebook page. 311 will become active along with the new City website. He will provide training for the departments so that they know how to use 311.

City Planner Andrew Provines stated that the City's new website is nearing completion. He asked that the Council go ahead and take a look at it. It can be found at cityofbutler.in.gov.



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Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that the City received 6 inches of rain last week. This resulted in three overflows at outlet 003. IDEM currently only allows 6 overflows per year. He also reported that the Wastewater Plant passed the 5th WET Test last week. They have one more to pass before the TRE (Toxic Reduction Evaluation) can be completed. He also received a few calls about raw sewage in basements due to the heavy rain.

The Wastewater Department did repair one water main break last week. SURF did finally repair the sewer main that they damaged on North Broadway last week.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the Butler/Wilmington Fire Territory Board would meet on the 17th at 7 PM at the Fire Station.

Mayor Hartman reported that AIM would hold a Mayor's Roundtable at the Monster Truck Museum on June 27th.

Mayor Hartman reported that he would be attending a presentation in Wabash tomorrow afternoon. JPR would be presenting a request for \$1.8 million from the READI Grant Program.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that the DeKalb County Comprehensive Planning event that was held here last Thursday went very well. There were around 80 people in attendance during the evening portion that was open to the public.

Cloyd Wicker of Eastern Avenue asked when the storm drains had last been cleaned. He doesn't remember them ever being cleaned and this could be the reason why there was so much standing water after the storms. There was discussion.

Mayor Hartman asked that Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden develop a plan for the routine cleaning of storm drains. Mayor Hartman stated that he would then reach out to Mr. Wicker once the plan was ready to look at.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer