

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 – 7:00 PM

CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

MINUTES

I. Call to Order the Public Hearing

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Weedon.

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to open the public hearing at 7:00 PM. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Weedon, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Swem, Commissioner Raquell George, Commissioner Dan Vigansky

ABSENT: Commissioner Larry Money

CITY STAFF: City Manager, Tony McGhee; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett

III. Statement of Purpose and announcement of the Rules of the Public Hearing

A. *The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comments on a proposed Ordinance Amendments for Chapter 30-Community Development Article II. Downtown Development Authority.*

Mayor Weedon read the statement and the rules for the public hearing. No public comments were made.

IV. Close of Public Hearing

*Motion made by Swem, supported by George, to close the public hearing at 7:01 PM. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

V. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Weedon at 7:01 PM.

VI. Recognition

VII. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Weedon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VIII. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Weedon, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Swem, Commissioner Raquell George, Commissioner Dan Vigansky

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IX. Approve Agenda

*Motion made by George, supported by Vigansky, to approve the agenda, as presented. Voice vote carried unanimously.

X. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only *(3-minute limit)*

None.

XI. Consent Agenda *(can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)*

A. Minutes- *Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 14th, 2025.*

B. Common Rental- *Consider approving the rental of The Common for August 24, 2025, for Family and Faith Day.*

C. B.A.R.B.- *Consider approving the amended bylaws for B.A.R.B.*

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Voice votes carried unanimously.

XII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor *(if any)*

XIII. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

XIV. Unfinished Business

XV. New Business

A. Ordinance 2025.05/442- *Consider the first reading of Ordinance 2025.05/442, an ordinance to amend Chapter 30 Community Development, Article II. Downtown Development Authority of the city code of ordinances. SEE ATTACHMENT A*

Ordinance 2025.05442 was introduced for the first reading, aimed at updating the DDA ordinance.

*Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Swem, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025.05/442, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

B. 2025 Road Rehabilitation Project- *Consider awarding the bid for the 2025 Road Rehabilitation Project.*

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to award the bid to Reith-Riley Construction Co., Inc, in the amount of \$342,282.50, with authorization for Manager McGhee to execute change orders up to 10% of the original bid. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

C. Portable Toilet Facilities- *Consider awarding the bid for Portable Toilet Facilities for the 2025 season.*

*Motion made by Vigansky, supported by George, to award the bid to Pride the Portable Toilet company, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

D. National Register of Historic Places (Days Ave Nomination)- *Consider awarding the bid for the Days Ave Historic District National Register of Historic Places.*

A \$5,000 grant from the Gateway Foundation will support the nomination of the Days Avenue Historic District. Concerns were raised about the cost and benefits of the historic district nomination.

*Motion made by Vigansky, supported by George, to award the bid to Kurt Garner Heritage Preservation for \$9,800.00, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

E. Construction Project Updates- *City Manager, Tony McGhee*

Updates on several projects, including the McCoy Creek trail extension and downtown construction, were provided. Challenges such as hazardous lead soil levels and project delays were discussed.

F. Review of Draft Budget- *City Manager, Tony McGhee*

A draft budget was presented, highlighting a projected revenue of \$3.9 million. Significant increases in debt service due to ongoing construction were noted. The budget includes allocations for various community projects and capital needs.

G. Expenditures- *Consider approving the expenditures in the amount of \$168,483.93.*

Motion made by Swem, supported by George, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$168,483.93, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

XVI. Communications *(informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired)*

XVII. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only *(3-minute limit)*

Haley Jones- Comments focused on the importance of community support and maintaining a positive outlook during construction.

Randy Hendrixson- Appreciation was expressed for the city manager's efforts.

Mike Baker- Condolences to Jim DeVlaminick's family and friends. He was a huge part of our schools.

XVIII. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

Munchie Mondays will start on June 9th. McGhee thanked the staff, the Commission, and the community for their support.

B. Commissioner Comments

George- Thank you for the positive feedback from the residents in attendance. I also want to express my gratitude to the staff and the Commission for their hard work. This community truly cares about each other and for future generations. Please mark your calendars for May 3rd at 9 AM for Park Clean-Up Day, where lunch will be provided. This day also coincides with the opening of the Farmers Market. A special thanks to McGhee for sharing information tonight about the trail extension.

Swem- another note regarding spring cleaning, Friday and Saturday will be Dump Days at the River Street parking lot. May 10th is Hazardous Waste Day at the landfill. If you are unable to attend these events, you can always come down to collect your free yearly dump pass. Also requesting that the Planning Commission consider amending our street parking ordinance for the non-snow season.

Vigansky - I spoke with Langston about the possibility of the County having only one early voting site. If you haven't seen the Electro Voice Building, I encourage you to drive by; he has done an incredible job with it. In his opinion, Facebook is a better platform for private comments.

C. Mayor Comments

Weedon - I want to thank this Commission; it is one of the most productive and communicative commissions I have been a part of. McGhee, thank you and your staff for your hard work.

XIX. Adjourn

Motion made by Vigansky, supported by George to Adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Kalla Langston, City Clerk

Mayor Mark Weedon