



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 – 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN, in compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting of the Buchanan City Commission to be held in the Chamber of City Hall.

** Requests to be added to the agenda as a "Scheduled Matter from the Floor" should be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled meeting during which the speaker wishes to appear, and the approval of such requests remain within the discretion of the Mayor. If denied, the speaker may nonetheless speak during the "non-agenda items only" public comments section of the agenda.*

** Those who are unable to appear during a meeting but who still wish to share public comment may submit such comments in written form to the City Clerk at least 4 hours in advance of the meeting.*

** Individuals with disabilities may request necessary reasonable accommodations by submitting requests to the City Clerk, preferably at least 24 hours in advance.*

** Written requests and comments may be submitted to the City Clerk either in person or via mail to Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107, or via email to clerk@cityofbuchanan.com*

I. Call to Order Public Hearing #1

Weedon called Public Hearing #1 to order.

II. Roll Call

Present: Vigansky, Money, Weedon, Swem, George

Absent: None

III. Opening of Public Hearing #1

Money moved, seconded by George, to open Public Hearing #1 at 7:00pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

IV. Statement and Purpose

A. The proposed ordinance 2026.08/453 would amend the City's bicycle ordinance to address bicycles, electric bicycles, quadracycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades, Segways, and similar devices. The ordinance would remove outdated bicycle licensing requirements, establish updated safety and operating rules, restrict use in designated downtown areas and recreational trails, authorize additional traffic control orders, and provide on that violations are municipal civil infractions.

Norma Ferris – commented that she liked seeing thing being updated, but wondered how they would be enforced.

V. Close of Public Hearing #1

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to close Public Hearing #1 at 7:03pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

VI. Call to Order Public Hearing #2

Weedon called Public Hearing #21 to order.

VII. Roll Call

Present: Vigansky, Money, Weedon, Swem, George

Absent: None

VIII. Opening of Public Hearing #2

Money moved, seconded by Vigansky, to open Public Hearing #2 at 7:03pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

IX. Statement and Purpose

A. The proposed ordinance 2026.08/454 would make amendments to Sections 71-18 Uses – Table 71-J Use Matrix – Residential and Article V Definitions and any other sections of the Unified Development Code that may be necessary.

X. Close of Public Hearing #2

Vigansky moved, seconded by George, to close Public Hearing #2 at 7:04pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

XI. Call to Order Regular Meeting

Weedon called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm.

XII. Roll Call

Present: Vigansky, Money, Weedon, Swem, George

Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Clerk Kalla Langston-Weiss, Planning and Community Development Director Kristen Gundersen, City Treasurer Deborah Perez

XIII. Recognition

XIV. Pledge of Allegiance

Weedon led in the pledge of allegiance.

XV. Invocation

George led the invocation.

XVI. Roll Call

XVII. Approve Agenda

Vigansky moved, seconded by George, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote carried unanimously.

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

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

A. Minutes- Consider the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 27th, 2026.

B. Department Head Reports- Accept monthly reports

C. Special Event Permit & Street -The Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting approval for the 2026 Buchanan Harvest Fest and Chili Walk on October 3, 2026, along with related downtown street closures.

Money moved, seconded by George, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote carried unanimously.

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

XXI. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. August 4, 2026 Primary Election- Clerk Department

Clerk Langston-Weiss reported that the election went well, and while turnout overall was low at 20%, it did go up from last primary, at 16%. The countywide turnout was 25%.

XXII. Unfinished Business

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 2026.08/453 and Enactment– Consider the second reading and enactment of Ordinance 2026.08/453, an ordinance to amend Chapter 98, Article VI, of the City of Buchanan Code to regulate the riding of bicycles within the City and to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith.

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to approve the second reading and enact Ordinance 2026.08/453, an ordinance to amend Chapter 98, Article VI, of the City of Buchanan Code to regulate the riding of bicycles within the City and to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Money hopes the new ordinance will help traffic control with bicycles downtown. George reiterated that the ordinance does not include motorized wheelchairs other mobility scooters, and asked that a map of the prohibited area be included.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

B. First Reading of Ordinance 2026.08/454 and Schedule Public Hearing #2 – Consider the first reading of Ordinance 2026.08/454, amendments to Sections 71-18 Uses – Table 71-J Use Matrix – Residential and Article V Definitions, and schedule Public Hearing #2 for September 14, 2026, to receive public input on the proposed ordinance.

Vigansky moved, seconded by George, to approve the second reading and enact Ordinance 2026.08/454, amendments to Sections 71-18 Uses – Table 71-J Use Matrix – Residential and Article V Definitions, and any other sections of the Unified Development Code that may be necessary, and schedule Public Hearing #2 for September 14, 2026. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XXIII. New Business

A. Redbud Roots- Consider Approval of the Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment Permit Renewal Application for Redbud Roots Lab II, LLC, for a Grower Class C facility located at 835 Terre Coupe Road.

Money moved, seconded by Vigansky, to approve the Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment Permit Renewal Application for Redbud Roots Lab II, LLC, for a Grower Class C facility located at 835 Terre Coupe Road.

Vigansky asked the applicant about State taxes. Money thanked the Chief and Clerk Langston-Weiss for their due diligence.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

B. Acceptance of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Agreement for Phase III Riverfront Park Improvements, Resolution 2026.08/14- Consider acceptance of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant agreement for Riverfront Park Improvements, Project TF25-0123, in the amount of \$385,000; commit the required City local match of \$165,000; adopt the accompanying grant acceptance resolution; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and related documents.

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to adopt Resolution 2026.08/14, accepting the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant agreement for Riverfront Park Improvements, Project TF25-0123, in the amount of \$385,000; commit the required City local match of \$165,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and related documents. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Expenditures- Consider approving the expenditures in the amount of \$90,047.95

Vigansky noted that legal expenses for FOIAs were growing rapidly and this was because of Joe Paolucci.

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$90,0947.95.

George asked Perez if were related to Paolucci or if they were separate. She will share this at the next meeting.

Voice vote carried unanimously.

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

Perez shared that City Hall will be unable to receive payments from August 19-24th while our BS&A software completes a required migration to the cloud. City Hall will be open August 19-21st, but will be closed to the public on August 24th while the final migration takes place. To minimize the impact on customers, no late fees will be assessed for utility bills this month.

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

Chief Harvey Burnett – thanked the community for supporting another successful National Night Out.

Clerk Langston-Weiss shared emailed correspondence from Joseph Paolucci with the Commission and provided copies for the public.

XXVI. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

B. Commissioner Comments

George – National Night Out went great, she thanked the Chief and his Team for a great event. Faith and Family Day is coming up on August 30th. Buchanan's Got Talent will be Friday, August 14th. George also spoke to communications from a previously referenced individual that the Commission, DDA, and members of City Staff have been receiving. She has been threatened professionally and attacked personally, slandering her name.

Vigansky – No comment.

Money – Thanked Chief Burnett for a great National Night Out. He also thanked Denis Mori and the Buchanan Business Boosters for a successful event on Saturday. Thanked George for her comments and the Staff for their hard work.

D. Mayor Comments

Thanked Mori for his work on their event and Hendrixson for a successful Common Concert on Saturday. There's always something going on in Buchanan.

XXVII. Adjourn

Vigansky moved, seconded by George to adjourn at 7:36pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

