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May 12, 2026 Council Meeting @6:00 PM Council Chambers

PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers
Councilperson Glenn Harris

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Council Member Jacob Hopkins gave the invocation.

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the April 21st, 2026 Regular Council Meeting: A motion to approve the April 21st Regular meeting minutes was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimously approved. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*

NEW BUSINESS:

Amendment to Agenda: Public Works Director David Windham asked the Council to amend the agenda to reflect the addition of a purchase from SPLOST funds and an extension of the Manufactured Home Subdivision ordinance. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and seconded by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*

SPLOST Purchase: Public Works Director David Windham asked the Council to approve a \$70,000 purchase from old (2017) Public Safety SPLOST funds to purchase a truck for the Police Department. It was noted that the city has had several issues with the Ford Explorers that are in the police fleet, and the proposed truck will be a Dodge and will be purchased from ALM (Atlanta Luxury Motors). A motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and was seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*



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Resolution for 90 day extension on Manufactured Home Subdivision Ordinance Moratorium:

City Administrator/City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked the Council to adopt a resolution to extend the moratorium on the Manufactured Home Subdivision ordinance for another ninety days, until September 5th, 2026. She said that the staff and Council have not had enough time to discuss what changes, additions, or deletions are to be made to the current ordinance. Councilman Hopkins asked if this meant no mobile home additions or replacements are to be brought into the city until September? It was stated that an individual could bring a mobile home onto their land as their primary residence, only one mobile home per lot is allowed. But nothing in a trailer park/manufactured mobile home subdivision. Councilman Harris asked how many applications the city currently has on hold and was told that there are two currently. Ms. Wainwright stated that the owner of the mobile home park has checked in several times to inquire about the status of the ordinance and/or moratorium. A motion to extend the moratorium on the Manufactured Mobile Home Subdivisions was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and was seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*

Resolution for Supplemental Lease/GMA Direct Leasing Program for a new Fire Truck: Interim Mayor Ed Guinn stated that this has been a long time coming, as the city has been working on this project for several years.

Fire Chief David Windham said that the new fire truck is almost complete and ready to be delivered. It is now time to sign the resolution for the lease purchase agreement from Georgia Municipal Association. The city will be financing a total of \$377,389 over a six-year term at 4.49% interest. This resolution gives Interim Mayor Guinn the authority to sign the lease purchase documents. He said that one half of the truck is being funded by the Taylor County Board of Commissioners. A motion to approve the Interim Mayor to sign the documents was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and seconded by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Assistant Chief Wallace Carpenter said that the Butler Police Department worked four hundred and twelve occurrences with one hundred and eight seven of those being traffic stops. There were accidents, four with injuries and four with no injuries. There were also two fire alarm calls, one drug case, and one shoplifting case. In addition to those there were twenty-four domestic dispute calls with four of those having injuries related to the incident. They also responded to four fires, two suicide threats, four prisoner transports and seven alarms. The department worked six burglaries within the same general location and on April twenty-fourth during the commission of the sixth burglary there was one arrest made on the burglary in progress. One of the two suspects got away and is still currently on the run. On that same morning they served an search warrant on Cardinal Way in Butler and were able to recover a substantial amount of stolen property. The majority of that property has been returned to the rightful owner. It was the same two individuals that were responsible for all six burglaries.

Assistant Chief Carpenter told Councilman Harris that during last months meeting, he was asked about the number of suicide threats. He said after looking into that further he discovered that it was the same individual each time, and that the person has some mental issues.

Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox said that the Butler Fire Department ran twenty-five calls last month. Those calls were one domestic disturbance, one traffic accident with no injuries, one traffic accidents with entrapment, six traffic accidents with injuries, one structure fire, one machine fire, one vehicle fire, four wildland fires, four illegal or controlled burning, one adult choking, one difficulty breathing, one service call, one unconscious person, and one wires down call.



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Public Works Director David Windham stated that as everyone knows the last week was pretty rough with a lightening strike on last Thursday morning hitting a water line in two different places. That has been repaired and the city is back in normal operations.

He reminded everyone that Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day holiday and garbage pick-up will be delayed by one day that week. Garbage will be picked up on Saturday, May 30th. That day will also be GFL's last day servicing Butler as the garbage carrier. 121 Disposal will start dropping off the new trash carts around the 27th of May and will begin picking up garbage the following week. The City is unsure of the route and pick-up days at this time, but 121 Disposal should be sending out a letter to each resident within the next week. The City will also share the new route and pick-up days on the website and social media. 121 Disposal is working with GFL regarding how GFL will pick up their carts. He said that the new carts will be barcoded/chipped, and the truck will have cameras on it. This will help with keeping up with the carts and who may have been missed. He also announced that there will be a dedicated number for citizens to directly contact 121 Disposal, and that number will be added to the City's phone tree. This will take the city out from being the "middle-man" and the customers can speak directly with someone who has more knowledge of the route. The City will facilitate the billing process and receipt of payments only.

The waterline project is moving along fine. They hope to bore under the railroad track on June 1st. The paving is complete on Marshall, Kings Lane, and a portion of Sandy Run. They still have to do the striping in the Venus Steet area. This project was done with 2025 LMIG funds. The City was only able to pave less than a mile, as the LMIG funds that are paid to the city is a small amount. He typically tries to roll three years of LMIG to work on a project. He also said that he has never brought the selection of roads to be paved to the Council as he has always chosen the roads that have the most need of being resurfaced.

A question was asked about the data center ordinance that is the hot topic currently. The City adopted a data center ordinance a couple of years prior, and the question was is the County's Ordinance is more restrictive or less restrictive, which one would take priority? Or if there were a data center in Butler's city limits, would the County's Ordinance come into play at all? Attorney Nichols stated that he believes that the County's Ordinance would not control anything that the City elected to do, as that would fall solely on the City's Ordinance. Councilman Hopkins stated that he was just seeing if the two ordinances



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would conflict with each other. It was also noted that a lot has changed in the two years since the City adopted the current Data Ordinance was adopted, so it may be worth revisiting to update it.

Mention was made of the social media posts regarding the potential apartment buildings that have been proposed by Low County Housing. The citizens do not understand that the apartments are not government housing, not Housing Authority property or Section 8 facilities. They will be privately owned. The apartments are not three-story buildings. There is a lot of misinformation out there, and citizens are saying that it was "snuck in behind their back", which is not the case. There have been public hearings, but nobody showed up for those public meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Interim Mayor Guinn stated that as there is no more discussion, the Council needs to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion to enter into an Executive Session was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers, The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*

Regular Session (continued):

Councilperson Glenn Harris made a motion to accept and approve the salary sheet that Assistant Chief Carpenter has submitted and approve his recommendations. The second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Williams was absent)*

Mayor Pro-Tem Austin E. Guinn

ATTEST



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