

Borough of Carlisle
Council Workshop Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2025
6:00 PM

Present at the meeting: Mayor Shultz, Deputy Mayor Landis, Councilors Perry, Roos, Shiles, and Stuby. Also present were Borough Manager Armstrong, Police Chief Landis, Assistant Borough Manager Juday, Water Resources Director Abeln, Director of Transportation & Waste Management Bergsten, Parks & Recreation Director Crouse, Human Resources Director Berrier, Fire Chief O'Donnell, Public Information Coordinator Taylor, and Borough Secretary Blair.

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

- A. Mayor Shultz called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council voted 6-0 to allow Councilor Mellen to participate by Zoom call. (Landis/Stuby)

II. Citizens to be Heard

Tina Ziegler 120 E Louther St, John Werner 133 W. High St. requested an update on the Welcoming City Ordinance. Mayor Shultz discussed where it was in the process and assured them it is moving forward. Mr. Werner handed a letter to members of the panel and Ms. Ziegler noted it was a letter from the Director of the Pennsylvania Immigration Coalition supporting the initiative.

III. Meeting Minutes

- A. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the April 30, 2025, Workshop Meeting Minutes. (Landis/Stuby)

IV. Budget & Finance

- A. Action Item: Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the disbursement of funds as part of the 2025 Budget to the following Outside Agencies: (Landis/Shultz)

Outside Agency	Recommended Award
Bluegrass on the Grass Festival	\$1,500
Carlisle Community Coalition	\$2,000
Carlisle Summerfair	\$ 500
Central PA Annual HBCU College & Workforce Fair	\$1,000
Community Empowerment Services	\$ 750
Hope Station	\$2,000
Lamberton Community Garden	\$ 750
Project SHARE of Carlisle	\$2,000
Regain Your Life	\$ 750
Shakespeare Page to Stage	\$ 750

V. Parks & Recreation

- A. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve an Agreement with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit for Teaching Artist Services at the Skate Spot Mural retroactive to April 30, 2025, through August 31, 2025, unless otherwise agreed upon. (Roos/Mellen)

VI. Public Safety

- A. Borough Council voted 7-0 to amend its April 10, 2025 approval for B&L Caribbean's street closure to reflect a change in time, now authorizing the closure of the first block of West Pomfret Street from South Hanover Street to the Pomfret Street Parking Garage on June 14, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a community event with no parking in this section of the street starting at 8:00 a.m. (continued)

Approval shall be contingent upon the receipt of a valid Certificate of Insurance, naming the Borough of Carlisle as an additional insured and the applicant reimbursing the Borough 100% of the variable costs and 10% of the fixed cost associated with this event. (Shultz/Roos)

- B. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the closure of the entirety of North Pitt Street, High Street from West Street to East Street and the first block of North Bedford Street on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to facilitate a parade of vehicles Celebrating 100 Years of Chrysler sponsored by the DCA in conjunction with Carlisle Events Chryslers in Carlisle.

Approval is contingent upon Penn DOT approval, the receipt of a valid Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Carlisle as an additional insured for this event and the applicant reimbursing the Borough 100% of the variable costs and 10% of the fixed costs associated with this event. (Shultz/Roos)

- C. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the closure of the 400 Block of Factory St (between Lincoln and A Streets) on June 14, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a Father's Day community event.

Approval shall be contingent upon the receipt of a valid Certificate of Insurance, naming the Borough of Carlisle as an additional insured and the applicant reimbursing the Borough 100% of the variable costs and 10% of the fixed cost associated with this event. (Shultz/Roos)

VII. Reports From Council Members

- A. Resolution Consideration, Deputy Mayor Landis: Gaza Resolution Discussion

Deputy Mayor Landis provided history on the resolution, how and when it came to the table, the recent council actions and ceasefire in Gaza, and a desire to continue the discussion.

Councilor Perry added the importance of being selective on the items brought forward in council as it affects people in one way or the other, that they put a lot of thought into it, and council desires that the community feel as though they are with them and stand behind them.

Councilor Mellen added that personally she condemns the violence both domestically and internationally, but it is not the duty of the council body to make statements or resolutions on state or foreign policy. She continued that this action would not sway any governing body to open a dialogue, take a position, or vote any specific way regarding the issue. Councilor Mellen noted the previous resolutions and that they were handled in a way that would open dialog with state and federal delegation and attempt to find common ground. She further stated that they were not elected to address international concerns, and that it was

Borough Council's role to provide local services, be the best possible fiscal stewards of the municipality, and to promote discourse on local issues.

Mayor Shultz opened the floor to discussion with the public.

1. Jordon from 2306 Forest Ln., Harrisburg, stressed that the resolution would have no impact on Foreign Policy but will have a direct impact locally on the Jewish Community, citing recent examples of violence against Jews across the country. He stressed that council has a responsibility to make constituents feel safe and that this resolution will stoke division and make neighbors feel less safe.
2. John Werner, 133 W. High St., commented that he would like to view this action from the perspective of mercy in relation to foreign policy and historical events, and how it falls to residents to carry the concerns forward.
3. Brian McDermott, 343 G. St., read a statement from Eric Smith at 121 S. E. St. supporting the resolution.
4. Hannah Roman, 614 N. Hanover St., thanked council for bringing the resolution forward noting the large population of international students, residents, visitors, and immigrants. Noting Carlisle's past and advocating for supporting the resolution.
5. Owen Parker 613 N. Hanover St. supported the resolution, discussing how residents and council must act on communal and personal values.
6. Reverend Anthony Saterno, 430 N. Hanover St., thanked Council for its bravery and courage in bringing this resolution forward, all of the extra comments supporting it, that these resolutions are about human dignity, and that he hopes that council will pass the resolution.
7. Andy Hooper 681 W. Louthier, spoke in favor of resolution, noting the country's involvement in enabling the conflict, and the risk council is taking in moving the resolution forward.
8. Asia Banks, 110 S. Hanover St. appreciated council supporting the resolution and read a statement on behalf of Jennifer McDuffy, 702 N. Pitt St also supporting the resolution.
9. Tinq Ziegler, 120 E. Louthier St. thanked council for continuing to support the resolution. Ms. Ziegler then provided statistics comparing land and population of portions of PA to the Gaza Strip and subsequently a comparison of historical genocide in the two regions.

Mayor Shultz noted that he has opposed and spoken out about genocide and war crimes in numerous areas of the world and wonders why we only pay attention to one. He indicated that he agreed with Councilor Mellen on several points of process but understood that this resolution was coming from a place of heartfelt concern for human beings throughout the world and not just in Gaza. He again agreed with Councilor Mellen that a resolution from council was not the appropriate forum for this action. He noted that the resolution was not opposed to the violence in Gaza, although that was the intent, however it is focused on a statement that President Trump made regarding the rebuilding of Gaza. Mayor Shultz adds that he can't support a resolution by council that is way beyond the scope of council's role, although he is in complete support personally of everything that's in the resolution and the cessation of the hostility in Gaza. He continued that council has a responsibility to the constituents they represent. Council should be spending time on important issues that are directly within their control and this resolution, being federal policy, is not going to be effective. Mayor Shultz advised the borough constituents to spend their time trying to make a difference

in the next election and council to spend its energy to better the lives of the people in the Borough. Mayor Shultz concluded that he is opposed to the war in Gaza but is not in support of the resolution.

Deputy Mayor Landis took a moment to defend the reasoning behind the resolution.

Councilor Perry expressed her opposition to what is happening in Gaza, the history in the region, and concern at the same time with what is happening to people here. Ms. Perry noted the importance of this resolution and how it affects the community and potential danger to council and expressed that she was not ready to vote on the resolution.

Borough Council voted 4-2-1 to approve the resolution. (Landis/Shiles)

Mayor Shultz and Councilor Mellen Dissented.

Councilor Perry Abstained.

VIII. New Business

Councilor Shiles requested that Borough Council consider a resolution to bring transit funding back to Pennsylvania, considering it is part of the Borough's Strategic Plan.

Councilor Stuby suggested a letter to Representative Gleim, Senator Rothman, and Governor Shapiro considering the urgency of the Bill in process.

Councilor Shiles agreed to draft the letter.

IX. Public Comment-None

X. Adjournment

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Sean M. Shultz, Mayor

Patricia Blair, Borough Secretary