



CITY OF BURTON

BURTON LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 19, 2021

AGENDA

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

**4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519**

A. MEETING INFORMATION

Legislative Meeting

Hosted by Racheal Boggs

<https://cityofburton.my.webex.com/cityofburton.my/j.php?MTID=m7ffdbd90a7261fe44697c69fa35ff6d5>

Monday, Apr 19, 2021 6:00 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Meeting number: 182 743 7016

Password: LEG2021 (5342021 from phones and video systems)

Join by video system

Dial 1827437016@webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: 182 743 7016

B. CALL TO ORDER

Committee members attending through the virtual forum must state their name and physical location for the record.

C. STAFF PRESENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Legislative Committee - Regular Meeting - Apr 5, 2021 6:30 PM

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Now is the time set-aside for members of the audience to address the Burton Legislative Committee. I would ask each individual to give their name and address for the record and to limit their comments to three (3) minutes and to speak on the topics germane to City business.

Public comment may be sent to: publiccomment@burtonmi.gov. Comments received prior to the meeting will be read into the record.

F. COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

1. Discussion and possible recommendations on Chapter 30.03 of the Burton City Charter.



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APRIL 5, 2021

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

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4303 S. CENTER ROAD
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This meeting was opened by Chairman Gregory Fenner at 6:30 PM.

A. MEETING INFORMATION

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Monday, Apr 5, 2021 6:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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B. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Members attending through the virtual forum must state their name and physical location for the record.

Mr. Martinbianco, Burton, MI

Mrs. Conley, Burton, MI

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tom Martinbianco	Council Member	Remote	
Gregory Fenner	Chairman	Present	
Christina Conley	Council Member	Remote	

C. STAFF PRESENT

Duane Haskins, Mayor

Racheal Boggs, City Clerk

Charles Abbey, DPW Director/HR

Ann Abbey, Assessor

Amanda Doyle, City Attorney

Steve Phillips, IT Director

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Legislative Committee - Regular Meeting - Mar 15, 2021 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tom Martinbianco, Council Member
SECONDER:	Christina Conley, Council Member
AYES:	Martinbianco, Fenner, Conley

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

F. COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

1. Discussion and possible recommendations on Chapter 30.03 of the Burton City Charter.

Mrs. Conley stated my opinion is that Kirk needs a \$10,000 raise. I would like to send this to the council. He is under paid compared to some of the other people. He has been here for 25 years. He works 24/7 and is at every city function. He has done a great job. The average salary for a Fire Chief is \$85,764 per year in Michigan. I got this from Google. In Fenton the annual salary of the Fire Chief is \$83,231, Fenton Township is \$87,642. I didn't vote for the Fire Chief to get a raise the last time we did this because I was waiting for a new Fire Chief to come in. I thought by turning the other one down, we would have the opportunity to give the new Fire Chief the raise he deserves.

Mr. Fenner stated I asked for the comparables from the administration late, so I have just received it and can share the information with you now. The median salary for every Fire Chief in Michigan including full time and part time, is \$78,888. 10% of the Chiefs make \$71,586, the 90th percentile is at \$113,000. City of Fenton is \$85,000, Fenton Township is \$62,500, City of Grand Blanc is \$65,000 and Davison is \$58,140.

Mrs. Conley stated on Indeed, the average Fire Chief's salary as of January 1, 2021 is \$85,764. I tried to look up as much as I can because we didn't have comparables.

Mr. Fenner stated we need to understand which cities are full time, which ones are part time and on-call like we are. There is a lot that plays into this. Not to mention the median income of these cities compared to ours. I guess we can take suggestions to get us started. Our Chief is currently at \$70,000 and he will cap out at \$72,000 on December 31, 2021. He has another \$2,000 raise coming at the end of the year.

Mrs. Conley asked is there a raise every year? When we give the Charter Five a raise, do we have to give it every year?

Mr. Martinbianco stated no, we do not. I am unprepared for this conversation. When we talked before, we only discussed the Clerk and Assessor. I am not prepared to talk about the Fire Chief. These are not union people and we have no obligation to give raises.

Mr. Fenner stated that is basically why this ordinance was created. We are setting the parameters for those employees wages. The Clerk hasn't had a raise since 2009 so obviously, we don't have to give a raise every year.

Mr. Martinbianco stated that is correct. There is no obligation on our part except for what is in the ordinance and that is why it is in the ordinance. We need more information. We try our best to compare apples to apples. Because we have a bi-lingual Fire Department with some full time people and mostly part time firefighters. The jurisdiction of the administrator of that department has really got some limited necessity. Kirk, in his own mind, feels fire service is more hands-on. We have to evaluate that and I am not prepared to go that route. The numbers you are throwing out might be good for other areas. We need to look at SEV. Leave Fenton out of it. If a fire is not put out at the \$2.5 million home on Lake Fenton, there's a problem. We don't have \$2.5 million facilities here in Burton.

Mrs. Conley stated at our last Legislative Meeting, we received a comparison sheet for other cities and townships ahead of time so we could review it. Why didn't we get it this time? I am throwing numbers out there because that is all I have to go by. I am getting cheated because I asked for something that wasn't delivered. I want to see this go to council for discussion. It's not right. It's not fair at all. I asked at the last meeting to have this meeting before the council meeting and I figured we would get our comparisons.

Mr. Fenner stated I will take responsibility for that. I got with the administration at a late date. I did bring the comparables tonight but, with the web meeting it is difficult to share them. That's why I read them to you.

Mrs. Conley asked if we can send it to council for discussion.

Mr. Fenner stated I think we need to make recommendation to do something with the ordinance in order to get it to council. Don't we, Mr. Martinbianco?

Mr. Martinbianco stated yes, we do. This is a recommendation that I do not support.

Mrs. Conley asked Mr. Fenner if he would support it.

Mr. Fenner stated don't we have to put a number to it.

Attorney Doyle stated the Legislative Committee does not have to have specifics. You can send it to council of the whole for discussion.

Mrs. Conley stated if we don't do something, it will get pushed under the rug. I make a motion to send the Fire Chief's salary to the council of the whole for discussion.

Mr. Martinbianco asked Mrs. Conley if she is going to flip a coin and pick a number. What is your intention?

Mrs. Conley stated at the council meeting, Mr. Fenner will give the committee report and I will chime in and ask what everyone thinks. Wouldn't that be the right thing to do?

Mr. Martinbiaco stated no, it is not. We spent a whole lot of time at our last Legislative Meeting dissecting exactly what we thought. We all went through many hoops looking at the Clerk and Assessor positions. I think you are flipping a coin and saying I'm going to do this because it is Kirk. You are doing this because it is Kirk. It is not. It is the Fire Chief. We need to do a little more investigative research. I will vote against this motion. You will get my same reaction at council.

Mrs. Conley asked the City Attorney the process for this at the council meeting.

Attorney Doyle stated it would be done during committee report. Once that occurs, the council can add a motion to the agenda.

Mr. Fenner stated that is if we want to discuss it at tonight's meeting. Can we make it for the following meeting?

Attorney Doyle stated certainly. It does not have to be today. You can wait until the next meeting or three meetings after.

Mr. Fenner stated I don't think the council would be any more prepared to set a number today than this committee is. I would like to see it more delved into as far as comparables so we have a more comprehensive set, and put it off to the next council meeting and make it an agenda item. This way, everyone has time to look it over before it is sent to council.

Mr. Martinbianco stated with respect to the Clerk and Assessor, none of our increases are expected to take effect until July 1st of next fiscal year. That gives us some time to discuss the Fire Chief and possibly the Treasurer and incorporate them into the budget. We have enough things on our plate for tonight.

Mr. Fenner stated that would be my suggestion. Put it off until the next council meeting, so we have enough time to get the information we need to council before discussing it. Mrs. Conley, would that be alright to put it on the next council meeting agenda?

Mrs. Conley stated it looks like I am out voted anyway. The thing is, it should have been done tonight. Anytime anyone on the council wants anything, it is always given to them. We had two weeks to get me what I wanted. Because it was me that wanted it, it didn't happen. I think it's wrong. You guys do what you want to do. I want to bring it to the council so we can all discuss it.

Mr. Fenner stated again, I apologize for not getting with the administration sooner with your request. It is my fault. We will get the information and have it to the council next meeting.

Mrs. Conley stated if we didn't have the information tonight, the meeting should have been cancelled. I don't care. I am upset.

Mr. Fenner stated it is a little late to cancel it. I don't think anyone was ready to vote on a number. I think we need to put this on the next council meeting.

Mrs. Conley stated if the three of us can't decide on something, it should go to the council for their input. The way this happened is not good.

Mr. Fenner stated there is a motion on the floor, what I am trying to clarify with Mrs. Conley is, will this be for tonight's meeting or the following meeting?

Mrs. Conley stated she wanted it to go on tonight's meeting just for their input. We don't have to vote on it. I just want their opinion. If someone would like to make a motion besides the three of us then so be it.

Mr. Martibianco stated I totally disagree with Mrs. Conley's approach but, it is up to the committee. If you want to refer it to the council for discussion, that is what committees are all about.

RESULT:	CARRIED [2 TO 1]
MOVER:	Christina Conley, Council Member
SECONDER:	Gregory Fenner, Chairman
AYES:	Fenner, Conley
NAYS:	Martinbianco

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.



SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 5056)

DOC ID: 5056

Discussion and possible recommendations on Chapter 30.03 of the Burton City Charter.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CH 30.03 Administrative Officers (DOCX)
- Fire Chief Salary Comparables by Population 4-19-21 (DOCX)
- Treasurer Salary Comparables by Population 4-19-21 (PDF)

§ 30.03 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS; COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS ADOPTED.

(A) The annual salary of the Clerk of the City of Burton shall be an amount determined by the Mayor not in excess of the following amounts for the periods set forth:

- (1) March 9, 2009 — \$58,241.42.
- (2) July 1, 2009 until modified by ordinance: \$60,571.08.

(B) The annual salary of the Treasurer of the City of Burton shall be an amount determined by the Mayor in accordance with the following:

- (1) December 17, 2018 — \$60,643.91.
- (2) Effective January 1, 2019 the base salary upon appointment shall be \$65,000.00.
- (3) Effective December 31, 2019 and upon fulfillment of 12 months of continuous service as Treasurer, the salary shall not exceed \$68,000.00.
- (4) Effective December 31, 2020 and upon fulfillment of 24 months of continuous Service as Treasurer, the salary shall not exceed \$70,000.00.

(C) The annual salary of the Assessor of the City of Burton shall be an amount determined by the Mayor not in excess of the following amounts for the periods set forth:

- (1) March 9, 2009 — \$72,704.27.
- (2) July 1, 2009 until modified by ordinance: \$75,612.44.

(D) The annual salary of the Chief of Police of the City of Burton shall be an amount determined by the Mayor in accordance with the following:

- (1) December 17, 2018 — \$70,169.55.
- (2) Effective January 1, 2019 the base salary upon appointment shall be \$92,000.00.
- (3) Effective December 31, 2019 and upon fulfillment of 12 months of continuous service as Chief of Police, the salary shall not exceed \$93,500.00.
- (4) Effective December 31, 2020 and upon fulfillment of 24 months of continuous service as Chief of Police, the salary shall not exceed \$95,000.00.

(E) The annual salary of the Fire Chief of the City of Burton shall be an amount determined by the Mayor in accordance with the following:

- (1) December 17, 2018 — \$60,571.08.
- (2) Effective January 1, 2019 the base salary upon appointment shall be \$68,000.00.
- (3) Effective December 31, 2019 and upon fulfillment of 12 months of continuous service as Fire Chief, the salary shall not exceed \$70,000.00.
- (4) Effective December 31, 2020 and upon fulfillment of 24 months of continuous service as Fire Chief, the salary shall not exceed \$72,000.00.

Fire Chief Salary Comparables by Population					
Municipality	County	Population	Taxable Value	Dept. Full/PT	Salary
City of Burton	Genesee	29,999	622,920,961	PT	70,000 current 72,000 Dec 2021
Gibraltar	Wayne	4,656	143,309,712	PT	23,000.00
Davison City	Genesee	4,937	116,147,947	PT	58,140.00
Northville	Wayne	5,970	432,474,197	FULL	61,297.60
Wyandotte	Wayne	8,276	578,555,617	FULL	88,566.40
Grand Blanc City	Genesee	8,276	244,945,784	PT	65,000.00
Flushing	Genesee	8,389	198,476,745	PT	29,026.40
South Lyon	Oakland	11,327	399,130,480	FULL	58,000.00
Fenton	Genesee	11,756	467,456,662	PT	85,000.00
Fenton Twp	Genesee	15,700	855,200,000	PT	62,500.00
Wixom	Oakland	13,498	807,610,650	FULL	93,233.52
Hamtramck	Wayne	22,423	217,026,169	PT	46,415.20
Allen Park	Wayne	28,210	834,485,151	FULL	97,518.48
Flint Township	Genesee	31,929	828,000,000	Mixed	106,106.00
Bay City	Bay	35,235	571,617,465	FULL	79,497.60
Grand Blanc Twp	Genesee	37,508	1,402,449,944	Mixed	92,250.00
Average Salary (8 part time Fire Departments)					54,885.20
Average Salary (16 municipalities with full time, part time & mixed Depts.)					73,120.00

Sources: 2020 MML Wage Survey, 2010 Census, Michigan Department of Treasury, Community Financial Dashboard

Treasurer Salary Comparables by Population				
Municipality	County	Population	Taxable Value	Salary
City of Burton	Genesee	29,999	622,920,961.00	68,000 current 70,000 Dec 2021
Meridian Township	Ingham	39,688	1,872,353,236	75,237.00
Muskegon	Muskegon	38,401	604,919,227	77,952.71
Grand Blanc Township	Genesee	37,508	1,402,449,944	59,972.00
Bay City	Bay	34,932	571,617,465	78,062.40
Independence Township	Oakland	34,681	1,758,475,706	79,512.00
Port Huron	Saint Clair	30,184	645,579,673	64,952.00
Oshtemo Township	Kalamazoo	21,705	918,081,984	71,696.00
Marquette	Marquette	21,355	700,516,935	82,746.00
Adrian	Lenawee	21,133	371,358,372	62,848.00
Owosso	Shiawassee	15,194	261,017,190	62,424.18
Escanaba	Delta	12,616	9,679,703	70,000.00
Fenton	Genesee	11,756	467,456,662	70,000.00
Average Salary (13 municipalities)				71,030.95

Source: MML Wage Survey 2020