

CITY OF BURTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2001, 7:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Councilperson Laurie Tinnin led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Bob Centilli at 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brawner, Centilli, Cross, Martinbianco, Tinnin and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bement.

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Major, DPW Director; Attorney R. Hamilton and G. Webster, City Clerk.

Cross moved and Martinbianco seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the minutes of the following meetings: Regular Meeting of May 7, 2001 at 7:30 P.M., as printed. Motion carried 7-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Mrs. Webster noted that Council Calendars contained a typo. The correct meeting date should read June 18th not the 21st.

Mrs. Webster reported that the Council filing deadline was last week and there will be no August primary. The general election will be held November 6th.

Mrs. Webster indicated that there was one application filed for the Zoning Board of Appeal alternate vacancies. There are four other applications on file. She distributed all applications to the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Richard Hughes, District Court Judge spoke on the importance of Burton's Diversion Program. This program has been very successful for first time offenders and has greatly reduced the burden on our attorney and the court system. He spoke in support of Pat McDougall, the Program Director for nineteen years. Judge Hughes respectfully asked that due consideration be given for providing a benefit package for Mr. McDougall.

Barb Haus, 3064 Vineland, spoke about the unsafe conditions at the bus loading area on Vineland. She indicated that Atherton Road Sales customers are parking in the bus loading area, which makes it hard for parents to pick up their children. She would like an update on what the city has done to alleviate this situation.

Kathryn Livingston, 3084 Vineland, commented on the unsafe conditions at the Vineland bus stop. She distributed pictures of vehicles at Atherton Road Sales blocking the bus loading area. She wanted to know where the parents could pick up their children from the bus safely and what is being done to alleviate the situation.

Don Sanderlin, 4460 Killarney Park, asked for clarification on the status of SK Services. He was concerned the site would not be cleaned up properly after the company leaves the site.

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh St, had concerns with the May 7th minutes, Attorney Hamilton's billing, a recent DDA meeting and the Master Plan Workshop. She commented on the DDA's allocation of \$15,000 for the Police Department. In addition, she asked for clarification on Zoning Case #259.

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Larry Petrella, 1081 Howe Rd, had concerns with the possible rezoning of his property, committee appointments, portable signs and council guidelines.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Brawner asked for further clarification on the Vineland bus problems.

Mr. Major indicated that the Mayor had been to the site for observation. However, he did not know if any other action had been taken. He suggested adding a cul-de-sac for easier bus loading.

Discussion continued on the Vineland Street bus stop situation. Chief Benthall has been informed of this issue. A suggestion was made to post signs designating parking at certain times to allow for bus pick up.

Mr. Martinbianco talked to Mrs. Woods at the Road Commission in regards to this issue. Discussion included a deceleration lane across Vineland. He spoke with Mr. Clark, Davison School Transportation Director, who indicated that the Police Chief had not contacted him about this issue. He would like to see available parking in the southbound lane close to Atherton Road.

Further discussion was held in reference to the right-of-way on Vineland. A suggestion was made to add school loading zone signs designating specific bus stop times.

Mr. Major agreed that a loading zone area might help the situation.

Mr. Hamilton said this could be accomplished by issuing a traffic control order through the Council.

Discussion continued in reference to the bus situation on Vineland.

Mr. Martinbianco said the Road Commission thought there might be an underground lake at the end of Vineland. In the future, a catch basin may need to be added to help with drainage.

Mr. Brawner suggested a meeting be held with all parties concerned with the busing situation.

Mr. Centilli indicated that Council would keep working to remedy the situation on Vineland.

Mr. Martinbianco asked for clarification on the DDA budget and the membership of the board. He wanted to know if the police fund revenue still contained \$15,000.00.

Mr. Hamilton said the police fund was not modified, therefore the \$15,000 was still in the DDA budget. He indicated that he had been appointed to the DDA board.

Mr. Cross said Mr. Halvaty wanted him to announce that there would be a helicopter fly-over Memorial Day, May 28th at 12:00 noon.

In reply to Mrs. Dargel's comments, Mr. Cross asked for clarification on ZC #259.

Mr. Major indicated that ZC #259 was tabled at the request of the developer. The case will probably be rescheduled for some time in June.

Mr. Cross asked for clarification on the Maple and Dort site.

Mr. Major said as far as he was concerned there was still an active business at the SK Service site. A final inspection cannot be done until the business shuts down.

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Mr. Hamilton offered further information on the company's bankruptcy situation. It was his understanding that this company was operating out of a number of locations. They have lost a contract to do business at that particular site and plan to close next month. They will no longer be doing business at the Maple and Dort site. The company itself will not be going out of business. They are doing a debt structure reorganization and creditors will be paid on an installment basis. The business will survive. He said Mr. Lacey indicated that there was no contamination of the site during his last inspection. When they leave, the City will make a determination on the site.

Mr. Major said the DPW plans to inspect the site once the company closes. They are prepared to contact the DEQ for further verification on site clean up, if necessary.

Mr. Cross referred a couple of weeding cutting locations to Mr. Major.

Mr. Cross asked about the status of the item that was pulled from Mr. Austin's billing at the last meeting.

Mr. Martinbianco said he has not had any feed back on the issue.

Mr. Cross asked for further clarification on the portable signs.

Mr. Major said there was only one code enforcer working and it is difficult to address all the portable sign locations. Specific sign problems will be addressed, if necessary. Currently, the code enforcer is concentrating on yard clean up and removing junk cars.

Mr. Cross referenced the portable signs at the corners of Atherton and Belsay Rd and Bristol and Center Rd.

Mr. Major planned to issue a ten-day notice and confiscate the Atherton Rd sign as junk and debris. In addition, he will give a notice on the flashing sign at Bristol Rd. He planned to remove portable signs from the corners of Fern and Bristol and Belsay and Atherton.

A brief discussion continued on the removal of portable signs.

In reply to Mrs. Dargel's comments, Mrs. Tinnin had concerns with Attorney Hamilton charging for attendance at a recent DDA meeting.

Mr. Hamilton indicated that he was at city hall for three or four different meetings that day. He is a member of the DDA board and briefly stopped in to vote on the budget. He was asked to attend the Master Plan Workshop to discuss the procedural adoption of the plan. He did not charge the city for his attendance at the DDA meeting.

Mr. Major said the Planning Commission asked Mr. Hamilton to be present for the Master Plan wrap up session. The Planning Commission needed to know what to do next. There was discussion held in reference to proper procedures for publication, public hearings and notifications in regard to the final adoption. The May 22nd Master Plan Workshop was cancelled and posted.

Mrs. Tinnin asked for clarification on the zoning board alternate applications. She suggested Council address the appointments at the next council meeting.

Council was in agreement with that suggestion.

Mr. Centilli felt this would give applicants appropriate time to apply for the positions.

Mrs. Webster indicated that Mr. Petrella recently applied for a Zoning Board Alternate position and four other applicants were on file.

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Mr. Cross asked the Clerk to contact all applicants to determine if they were still interested in the positions.

Mr. Brawner announced that the last budget workshop addressing amendments would be held Tuesday, May 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Brawner moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Austin) from May 2, 2001 to May 16, 2001, in the amount of \$1,383.50.

Motion carried 6-0.

Brawner moved and Wells seconded the following motion:

2. Approve and authorize the Attorney Billing (Richard Hamilton) from May 3, 2001 to May 17, 2001 in the amount of \$1,980.00.

Motion carried 6-0.

Cross moved and Tinnin seconded the following motion:

3. Approve and authorize the application for Sanitary Sewer Installer's License for Todd Scarlett, dba Scarlett Construction Co., Inc., PO Box 490, Holt, MI 48842.

Motion carried 6-0.

Cross moved and Martinbianco seconded the following motion:

4. Approve and authorize the application for Watermain Installer's License for Todd Scarlett, dba Scarlett Construction Co., Inc., PO Box 490, Holt, MI 48842.

Motion carried 6-0.

Cross moved and Tinnin seconded the following motion:

5. Approve and authorize the setting of a Public Hearing for Zoning Case #261 on Monday, June 18, 2001 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion carried 6-0.

Martinbianco moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

6. Approve and authorize the setting of a Public Hearing for Zoning Case #262 on Monday, June 18, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Gayle Webster, CMC
City Clerk

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