

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 1998, 6:45 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Special Meeting was called to order by Paula Zelenko, Vice President, at 6:49 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Centilli, Cox, Cross, Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hammon.

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Major, DPW Director; D. Lowthian, Assessor; G. Webster, Clerk and C. Ladd, Deputy Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Second Public Hearing for Zoning Case #234 to rezone property at 4265 and 4275 E. Court Street, from R-1A to R-O for the purpose of uses to be allowed within R-O (Grant Hamady Co. & Dennis Vaughter, 4265 & 4275 E. Court Street, Burton, MI 48509).

PRESENTATION:

Dennis Vaughter, 4265 E. Court St., explained that he is asking for R-O zoning. There was a petition signed in December of 1997 on behalf of himself and Grant Hamady, whose address is 4265 E. Court Street. The purpose in asking for the rezoning to R-O is for a social work office in his home. Both he and his wife are licensed and his wife is also an adoption specialist. He said he is also a Deputy Sheriff and Process Server. Mr. Vaughter said he will be helping his wife with some of the leg work for her business. If the rezoning is approved, there would be no physical changes in the property and it will blend in with homes in the neighborhood. There may be an occasional meeting with a family, but we will not average one extra car per day. There will be no need for on street parking nor a yard sign. If I did put a sign in my yard it would be small and have a yard light shining on it. Mr. Vaughter said he has spoken with a number of the neighbors and no one objects to the business. He said he received a letter from his neighbor, as well as a congratulatory letter from Senator John Cherry, regarding the new business. Mr. Vaughter said Mr. Hamady has been at this location before Burton became a City. If he should move his business, the property would revert back to residential, without the rezoning, and he doesn't want this to happen.

Mr. Major said the Planning Commission recommends approval and the DPW staff concurs.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was no one in the audience who wished to speak.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cross stated when this previously was before the Council, we had a lengthy meeting. I think R-O is the best use for the property and will be supporting the request.

Mr. Martinbianco asked if the letters Mr. Vaughter received were first came through the City or did they go directly to him. He was advised they went to Mr. Vaughter directly. Mr. Martinbianco inquired whether Mr. Vaughter would have to take another step in the process and go before the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Commission for a site plan.

Mr. Major said there may be another step prior to Mr. Vaughter opening his business. He would check into this possibility further.

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COUNCIL ACTION:

Centilli moved and Walls seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the second public hearing for Zoning Case #234 to rezone property at 4265 & 4275 E. Court Street, from R-1A to R-0 for the purpose of uses to be allowed within R-O (Grant Hamady Co. & Dennis Vaughter, 4265 & 4275 E. Court Street, Burton, MI 48509).
Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk

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