

CITY OF BURTON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2007, 4:15 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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The Special Meeting was called to order by Councilman Ralph LaDuke at 4:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: LaDuke, Conley, Tinnin and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Isham, Major and Cross.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley, K. Foster, Controller and J. Adams, Deputy City Clerk.

**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Transfers to meet line item budget requirements.**

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Smiley said of the 18 agenda items, 14 are in reference to overtime issues in the Police Department. When Council adopted a line item budget, there was 5% allocated for each police officer. One officer exceeds the 5%, another officer will soon reach the 5%, and the remaining 5 are critical at 60% of funding. In order for them to continue, Council has to transfer money from General Fund back into the overtime slot. Formerly under departmental basis, Mrs. Foster would have made those transfers arbitrarily throughout the overtime area.

Mayor Smiley expressed further the other items are in reference to a grievance settlement of Karen Foster and Jackie Beutler for the extra work put on them by the line item budgeting. To settle the grievance, Council needs to transfer the money or the next step is mediation/arbitration.

Mrs. Foster indicted a lot of the extra overtime of two of the officers that are critical is due to the OHSP Grant. We get that money back from the State and it will be counted as a revenue in the Police Department.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Mr. LaDuke clarified the 5% is an arbitrary number.

Mrs. Foster stated it is based on the average for the union. Some work a lot of overtime and some do not work any.

Mr. LaDuke said this issue needs to be addressed in a timely fashion and we can call a meeting for Monday to get this taken care of. He does not have a problem with Items 1 through 14. Mr. LaDuke asked if more money is needed to be put in this area at this time so they do not have to do this every month.

Mrs. Foster said she put some extra in these numbers but she does not know if it will be enough. She may have to come back on these same individuals at another time. She doesn't want to put too much in.

Mr. LaDuke said he still would like to see some movement from all of us to eliminate this problem.

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Mr. Wells said he agrees with Mr. LaDuke's comments. If he wants to set a special meeting for Monday to have transfers to meet the line item budget, and Item 2 can be discussion about the line item budget with possible action to eliminate it.

Mrs. Conley acknowledged the Monday meeting would be fine with her.

Mrs. Tinnin indicated she is not sure about attending till she checks her calendar.

Mrs. Tinnin questioned if the contribution from General Fund was transferred.

Mrs. Foster replied yes and this will end up increasing the contribution.

Mrs. Tinnin asked if at the end you will transfer back to General Fund whatever is remaining.

Mrs. Foster replied if it isn't expended throughout the year, because she only transfers what she has to have at year end. If they haven't spent that money it won't be transferred and it will stay in General Fund.

Mrs. Tinnin said the officers are probably going to go over and above each month.

Mrs. Foster stated this is for two months and almost all of this is because of the grant work that they did.

Mrs. Tinnin expressed 30% should take you through the end of the year.

Mr. Wells said the problem with that is you never know. This is just the police department. When you get closer to wintertime with DPW, you don't know what is going to happen.

Mrs. Tinnin indicated to put extra in those areas for the entire year.

Mr. Wells said Mr. LaDuke made a point last week about Atherton School is on a line item budget. They are on a set schedule and the City is going 24-7. He just wants to have flexibility in the City and wants the administration to be able to run the City. We are still going to be the eyes and ears and make decisions on the important things. Being more involved and more communication we can do that.

Mr. LaDuke said Council action on the agenda items cannot be taken tonight because there is not five Councilpersons present.

It was a consensus that a Special Council Meeting be scheduled for Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. to deal with the same agenda items.

Mrs. Tinnin expressed that in the future, any transfers beyond on the agenda, the Council agenda and come forth on Monday night, and whoever needs to be here to explain what it is that is needed that they please be here from administration.

Mayor Smiley indicated the transfers are because of the line item budget.

Mr. LaDuke said pre-planning would help and we will continue to work to resolve those issues.

COUNCIL ACTION:

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No Action Taken.

1. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,500 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Salaries Permanent – 2022.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

2. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$575 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Fringe Benefits – 2022.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

3. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,500 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Salaries Permanent – 2017.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

4. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$575 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Fringe Benefits – 2017.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

5. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,500 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Salaries Permanent – 2019.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

6. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$575 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Fringe Benefits – 2019.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

7. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,500 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Salaries Permanent – 2049.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

8. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$575 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Fringe Benefits – 2049.

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Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

9. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,500 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Salaries Permanent – 2121.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

10. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$575 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Fringe Benefits – 2121.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

11. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,500 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Salaries Permanent – 2005.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

12. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$975 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Fringe Benefits – 2005.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

13. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Salaries Permanent – 2047.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

14. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,950 from General Fund - Contingency to Police Fringe Benefits – 2047.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

15. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$22,225 from General Fund - Contingency to General Fund – Controller Salary – 2028.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

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No Action Taken.

16. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$13,625 from General Fund - Contingency to General Fund – Controller Fringe Benefits – 2028.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

17. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,600 from General Fund - Contingency to General Fund – Controller Salaries Permanent – 2051.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

No Action Taken.

18. Approve and authorize a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,850 from General Fund - Contingency to General Fund – Controller Fringe Benefits – 2051.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Carried \_\_\_\_\_.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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