

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2008, 6:15 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Special Council Meeting is called to order by Council President Tom Martinbianco at 6:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martinbianco, Conley, Heffner, Ellenburg, Haskins, Tinnin and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: G. Kray, DPW Director and J. Adams, Deputy City Clerk.

THE PRESIDENT READ THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING:

THIS IS THE TIME FIXED FOR HEARING AND CONSIDERING ANY COMMENTS TO THE DEMOLITION UNDER CONSIDERATION, TO-WIT: **1476 Donovan**

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Kray read aloud the DPW hazardous inspection report dated November 27, 2007. Items listed were: garbage and debris in the yard, window sills rotted letting water inside of house, evidence of mold growing on the windows, broken windows, crawl space open letting in access to animals, siding missing, falling off and unable to hold to house due to rotting, roof sagging bad and appears to be leaking, installation and drywall in piles on floor from ceiling, trees and vegetation growing inside of house, and damaged slab or foundation. Recommend demolition as soon as possible.

Mr. Kray expressed that it would be the recommendation of DPW before we proceed with demolition to give the owners, if they have been contacted, every opportunity to fix up this home.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Theresa Carrell, 1053 W. Parkwood Ave., Flint, MI, 48507, stated her maiden name is Theresa May. She inherited the house in April of 2007. The debris on the floor that was stated in the report is caused from her tearing it out, it is not from a leaking ceiling. She had to deal with a couple of deaths in 2007 and handle an estate. Unfortunately the work stopped and I had to take care of family matters. Ms. Carrell said she wants to proceed and get the house up to code.

Mr. Martinbianco expressed sympathy and understanding for her loss, and stated we also have business to conduct as well.

John Stapish, PO Box 190134, commented on pictures of the DPW building he presented at the last public hearing, and the Council Chambers in need of repairs. He feels DPW exaggerates their reports. He expressed to Council to let the owners fix up the house.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wells wanted clarification to Ms. Carrell's address. He had been trying to locate her on McLean St. Mr. Wells said we think the house is salvageable on Donovan St. He is glad she is present tonight. He asked Ms. Carrell what her intentions are with the house.

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Ms. Carrell replied she wants to fix up the house and move back in it. She likes the area better then where she is at now.

Ms. Ellenburg asked for her time plan to start work.

Ms. Carrell said she would like to start work on the house within 2 weeks.

Mrs. Tinnin asked if there is an active permit on the house and how much time she is going to need to fix up the house.

Ms. Carrell replied there is not an active permit. She is not sure on how much time she will need because this is the biggest project in all the houses I have dealt with in 18 years. It is going to be a little rough because there is no heat or electricity. I know I can't deal with the basement issues till spring.

Mrs. Tinnin said if we give 90 days, you could at least show you are progressing on it.

Mrs. Ellenburg said with the weather conditions, she does not see a lot of progress being made in 90 days without heat and electricity. She would like her to come to Council to give progressive reports.

Mr. Martinbianco expressed to Ms. Carrell that she will have to get the electric and gas reconnected and it will require a substantial permit fee from Consumers Energy.

Ms. Carrell responded she is prepared for that.

PRESIDENT DECLARES THE HEARING CLOSED:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Wells moved and Haskins seconded the following motion:

RESOLUTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE the Standard Resolution for Step V of the Burton City Demolition Procedure, determining said premises at **1476 Donovan**, to be a public nuisance or hazard and to further require the owner(s) or occupant(s) to:

2. Alter by repair the structure at 1476 Donovan to Burton City Code with a Building Permit pulled within 15 days, and construction completed within 180 days. The Department of Public Works is hereby given the authority to demolish the structure upon failure to comply with the Building Permit or Demolition Permit.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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