

CITY OF BURTON
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
JULY 19, 2004, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Council President Danny Wells called the Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bement, Centilli, Cross, Curtis, Isham and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martinbianco.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley; C. Abbey; DPW Director; J. Major, DPW Representative;
Attorney R. Austin and Gayle Webster, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion concerning the following Item:

1. Pilot Ordinance for Lockwood

PRESENTATION:

Carl Skrzynski, The Lockwood Group, 30100 Telegraph Road, Suite 426, Bingham Farms, MI., reviewed the revised proposal for Maple Grove Apartments. He revised the original 5% PILOT Ordinance and requested a 4% PILOT. He offered a Municipal Emergency Service Agreement whereby they would make an annual contribution to the City, which would be increased annually for inflation. This revenue, in combination with their annual supplemental contribution, would equate to the same revenue stream the City would receive if the community were taxed on an ad valorem basis. He provided a copy of the proposed 4% PILOT Ordinance and Municipal Emergency Services Agreement. (A copy of this information is on file in the Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Skrzynski outlined the benefits of the housing development. He felt Maple Grove would provide affordable housing, short-term jobs and increase the student population in the Atherton School district.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh St., spoke in reference to the current tax abatement properties, which included Burton Place, Blackberry Creek and Lockwood. She wanted clarification on the ownership of the proposed Maple Grove site.

Laurie Tinnin, 2340 Harmony Dr., asked for clarification on the Municipal Emergency Service Agreement.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Council discussed the following issues: The possible impact on the Atherton student population, the positive affect on short-term construction jobs and aspects of the Municipal Agreement.

Mr. Cross felt the PILOT revisions and the Municipal Emergency Service Agreement should have been reviewed by the Legislative Committee prior to coming to the Council as a Whole.

Attorney Rick Austin made a brief comment on the Municipal Service Agreement.

Mr. Wells acknowledged that the Council provided a fair opportunity for Mr. Skrzynski to review his proposal. He said the City needed more time to gather historical data on current sites and determine the financial ramifications before taking on other PILOT projects. He appreciated Mr. Skrzynski's hard work and efforts on preparing the proposal.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Gayle Webster, City Clerk