

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2003, 6:45 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Larry Brawner, Council President, called the Special Meeting to order at 6:47 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: C. Abbey, Administrative Assistant; B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; R. Hamilton, City Attorney and C. Ladd, Deputy City Clerk.

PUPROSE OF THE MEETING: PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Becker commented that there is no formal presentation. The meeting is to gain input from the public.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Davis, 1514 Alcona Dr., spoke concerning abuse of sick and vacation time. He thinks the time should be used or lost. He suggested rather than cell phones that 2-way radios be used.

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh St., suggested that the use of city vehicles be limited and not be driven home. She also agreed with not having cell phones. She suggested no pay increases and that the Mayor should rebate his pay increase that began in January of 2003. She spoke concerning the capital improvement plan and asked what the long-range capital improvement plan is.

Arthur Jankowski, 4808 Leith St., asked if the Police Lieutenant position was in the budget. He doesn't want to see this cut.

Mr. Brawner explained that he should speak with the Police Chief concerning this matter. To promote an officer to lieutenant is not a simple process as testing has to be done.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Brawner said the Police and Fire budgets would now be held on May 6th and the Capital Improvement would be held on April 30th. These changes are due to a conflict in scheduling.

Mrs. Tinnin said she feels much the same way as the residents who spoke. She doesn't see a need for the administration to have cell phones. She would like to see the bonuses scraped and the Mayor rebate his pay increase. She would like the city vehicles turned in, which would save a great deal of money. The sick and vacation days shouldn't be cashed out on a yearly basis. She would like to see this implemented when Ordinance No. 68-C comes before the Council.

Mr. Wells said he doesn't have the figure amount as to how much the cars are costing the city. He asked how many cars were being used.

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Mr. Abbey replied this issue should be discussed during the budget session, not here tonight. This is strictly a public hearing for the budget. He indicated that new police cars are purchased and the other vehicles are passed down. Sometimes the administrators drive the police cruisers and put some miles on them and then turn them over to the police department.

Mr. Brawner said a plan should be in place before terminating the use of some of the above-mentioned items.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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