



CITY OF BURTON

BURTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2021

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

8:30 AM

**4303 S. CENTER ROAD
BURTON, MI 48519**

This meeting was opened by Chair Joey Richvalsky at 8:30 AM.

A. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Joey Richvalsky	Chair	Present	
Steve Coates	Vice Chairman	Present	
Larry Stapleton	Commissioner	Present	
Neil Martz	Commissioner	Present	

B. STAFF PRESENT

Charles Abbey, DPW Director
Katie Malin, Clerk's Office

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Abbey stated that the DPW will be mowing commercial lots today in the DDA District in preparation for Back to the Bricks. Due to the ordinance, they are not allowed to charge the business because they are not 10 inches or more. We need to look into changing our ordinance because depending on the area, 10 inches is excessive in some areas and other areas, it is not.

Mr. Richvalsky stated I appreciate that.

Mr. Martz stated one way to address the grass mowing issue in the DDA since we already have the district divide, we could set a limit within that commercial district. Has the right of way area been turned back as far as soil erosion is concerned? Have you accepted the restoration from the contractor or is that still open?

Mr. Abbey stated that is still open.

Mr. Martz stated then we could do this for the benefit of the soil erosion.

Mr. Abbey stated the contractors did a walk through and now were going to tighten up any loose ends. I agree with what you said in regards to the ordinance. We are working on it internally then will take it to City Council and address it.

Mr. Coates stated we did overlay the ordinance in 2018. We had talked about paying a company to come in and mow the grass in a few areas. If the DPW will mow it and we have to pay them, I think we would all agree to do that for this particular circumstance. My concern is the greenbelt area on Columbine Avenue. I heard currently the owner of North Sea Restaurant is mowing it. I don't know if he plans on mowing it or if we will need to hire someone to come in and keep it mowed?

Mr. Abbey stated we are getting some ideas on cost to beautify that area. The owner of North Sea Restaurant and the pastor of the church have been mowing it. Until we get the details figured out the city will keep it maintained.

Mr. Richvalsky stated he would like to digress back to the contractor and the resurfacing project on South Saginaw Street. There were a number of trees removed during the project. Are those trees going to be replaced at the cost of the contractor.

Mr. Abbey stated I know we had a conversation about some of the trees that were removed. I will talk to the city engineer today.

Mr. Coates stated there are still barrels, cones and metal signs that are piled up at the old Lloyd Tool Building. On the north side of Friel Street and South Saginaw Street there is still sand in the curb, who is responsible for that.

Mr. Abbey stated that would be the contractor, Zito Construction.

Mr. Coates stated I talked to Mr. Fenner and after the torrential rain we had, the road washed out on Whittemore Street and Saginaw Street. There is stone and gravel in the lower part of the road. We may need someone to go talk to A & M Transmission because it appears to have come from the gravel road behind their building.

Mr. Abbey stated I will take care of that, it would be their responsibility.

Mr. Martz stated he would like to give the board an update on the greenbelt area at Columbine Avenue. Fenton Surveying and Engineering Company did put together a site plan free of charge. Last week, I dropped off copies to Mr. Abbey. Next, I will be talking with Zito Construction.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Downtown Development Authority - Regular Meeting - Jul 19, 2021 8:30 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Coates, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Neil Martz, Commissioner
AYES:	Richvalsky, Coates, Stapleton, Martz

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Gregory Fenner, G4071 South Saginaw Street, Burton, Michigan stated as far as mowing, we have discussed an overlay. If it is something Mr. Abbey would like to take up with the Legislative Committee we would be happy to look into it. I am sure it needs to be addressed in other areas of the city as well. South Saginaw Street looks great. I would like to commend the administration, the city, and everyone involved in that project. I've received a lot of great feedback. The DDA is doing a wonderful job. I just wanted to let you all know that the ordinance regarding the donation boxes will be going into effect, so we should see those getting cleaned up. Thank you, to the DDA, the administration, and the Clerk. Keep up the good work.

F. BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Martz asked, do we want to discuss the Christmas Decorations?

Mr. Abbey stated the City Council did allocate money in their budget for Christmas decorations. It will take time, we want to look at some different ideas and make sure it is done right.

Mr. Coates said, I noticed Bill Carr Signs put up the banners for Back to the Bricks, will that bill get passed to us? I spoke to Al Hatch from Back to the Bricks at an event and he reminded me that the former Mayor committed the city to footing the bill for those to be put up.

Mr. Abbey stated I am not sure about the discussion with Mr. Hatch. Steve Hobson from Back to the Bricks, called and said they would like to get the banners and that they would be responsible for getting them put up. Then, Bill Carr Signs did pick them up from the DPW. As far as who gets the bill, I won't know until we get a bill.

Discussion continued regarding banner poles in the DDA District.

**THE NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 @ 8:30 AM.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.
