

CITY OF BURTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2013, 8:30 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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Chairman Joey Richvalsky called the Meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richvalsky, Fenner, Coates, Paulus and Moncrieff.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stapleton and Gilmore.

OTHERS PRESENT: G. Burke-Miller, Controller, Police Chief, T. Osterholzer, and J. Adams, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible actions/recommendations to the Burton City Council regarding the 2013-2014 Burton Downtown Development Authority Budget.

PRESENTATION: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Paulus said without any long term consideration of what our plan will be, we have to put that money back in. Until they meet with the Back to the Bricks Committee, they are unable to fund this on a long term basis.

Mr. Richvalsky asked if Mr. Paulus was suggesting they alter the Budget to include \$7,500.

Mr. Paulus said he didn't know what the other members feel the amount should be, but obviously it will come out of the surplus.

Mr. Fenner verified that the Police Chief was seeking grants with the Department of Community Health but was doubtful it would go through.

Chief Osterholzer said they are still trying to work with the Mott Foundation for a grant that may or may not be coming to the City of Flint. They have a good chance of receiving the grant if they can show they are policing Flint. If they consider putting money towards the Police coverage at Back to the Bricks, they could do so contingent upon not receiving the grant money. If the Mott money came through, they wouldn't transfer the money from DDA to Police. They weren't sure how much the grant would be for. Maybe \$6,000 based on how much they policed in Flint last year.

Mrs. Burke-Miller said if they decide to go that route, the City has new software that allows her to make a note in the system that would memorialize the agreement and make it contingent upon not receiving the grant money.

Mr. Paulus asked if the money that they give would help what they do over there.

Chief Osterholzer said the money they give would help offset the costs in Burton.

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Mr. Paulus said he voted against the money going to the Police Department because his property got destroyed at Back to the Bricks last year. He asked if they vote to put the money back in, is the Police Department going to work diligently next year to where they won't need the DDA money.

Chief Osterholzer said Back to the Bricks should cover the cost of their event.

Mr. Fenner clarified that if they don't get the money from the DDA it will come out of the Police Department, which will have to be transferred from General Fund.

Chief Osterholzer said the money would have to be transferred from General fund because there is no money for Back to the Bricks overtime.

Mr. Paulus pointed out this amount is 1/4 of the DDA annual Budget that they spend on a one week event. He would rather make a Police donation rather than replace General Fund money. Can we make a donation?

Mrs. Burke-Miller said she would prefer they not call it a donation because Government entities cannot make donations.

Mr. Fenner asked how much a Police Cruiser costs.

Chief Osterholzer said it costs about \$23,000 and \$8-\$10,000 to outfit it.

Mr. Fenner said they would basically be buying them a new Police cruiser every 3 years. It is a lot of money out of their budget.

Mr. Richvalsky said in the past the Police transfer of funds used to be \$15,000. He said they still have a surplus and are not running a deficit.

Mr. Paulus said they are here to make a motion of whether or not to put the money back in, so they should do that.

Mr. Richvalsky said he thinks they should increase the amount.

Mr. Paulus said he would be willing to go back to what they were doing, and give them what they have been giving them.

Ms. Moncrieff said these kinds of events are important to the community. The more of a presence they have in the Back to the Bricks, the more help they will get.

Chief Osterholzer said money was given to the Regional Chamber of Commerce to disperse the money and some of it should have come to Burton.

Mr. Richvalsky said the motion has no contingency and they get the money regardless.

BOARD ACTION:

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Paulus moved and Coates seconded the following motion:

Approve and authorize the Controller to transfer \$7,500 from the DDA budget to the Police Department for the Back to the Bricks event. Motion Carried 5-0.

Coates moved and Moncrieff seconded the following motion:

Amend the 2013-2014 DDA Budget and present it to the City Council. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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