

CITY OF BURTON

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Finance Meeting Was Called To Order By Keith Cox, Chairman, at 9:17 A.M.

Members Present: Cox and Martinbianco.

Members Absent: Abbey.

Others Present: Mayor Charles Smiley; B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; W. Walworth, City Clerk and Pat McDougall, Criminal Diversion Officer.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and Possible Recommendation
Concerning
MTA Financing and Criminal Diversion Budget
Review
And Other Matters That Might Arise.

PRESENTATION:

Criminal Diversion Program:

Pat McDougall said it had been a year since he came to Council with his recommendation of a \$50.00 per week raise in pay. He said he will be making a presentation to the county on expanding the program in other municipalities, using Burton as his model. He said he would also like someone designated as a liaison with the Council and himself.

MTA:

Bob Foy, General Manager, MTA, reviewed the draft agreement for Burton for 1995-96. He said they service the Burton Mall and Meijer's, plus critical medical services requested by the hospitals. Mr. Foy stressed that with the State Welfare reform, need of people to get to different job locations and student transportation, are just three examples of issues that will need to be addressed by the entire county.

He said the program, outlined for Burton in the contract, addresses the elderly and disabled only. He said a county wide millage needs to be looked at. Mr. Foy explained that the City would be looking at 5/12th of the \$20,000 for

the rest of this fiscal year.

Mid-Year Budget review:

Mr. Cox said the Council did not do a mid-year budget review and would like to have the department heads do a review with Council this year.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Criminal Diversion Program:

None.

MTA:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, addressed the needs of this service and said she supports it.

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Mid-year Budget review:

None.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Criminal Diversion Program:

Mr. Martinbianco said he saw a conflict for them to designate a liaison, as Pat is a contracted service. He said he thought that Pat needs to work closer with the Police Chief since it is a budget item in the Police budget process.

Mr. Martinbianco said he did not want to retro, the contract but instead use an effective date this year.

Mr. Martinbianco asked about using referrals to BNHS.

Mr. McDougall said that BNHS needs to advise him on their needs for public assistance.

Mr. Cox noted that the City does save money by reducing Attorney fees. He asked when the fee was changed.

Mr. McDougall said it had not been changed for 5 years, until last February,
when it went to \$250.

Mr. McDougall said he felt sure that the program will pay for the raise and that
he has not been wrong in this over the past 14 years.

Mr. Becker said that the program has had a surplus in 6 of the last 8 years. He
said that our costs are phone, paper and computer needs when they arise.

Mr. Martinbianco said he thinks that the Police Chief should review this program
at budget time.

MTA:

Mr. Martinbianco asked about the composition of the Board of Directors. He was
advised that it consisted of 10 members:

- 5 appointed by the Flint Mayor
- 1 appointed by the Davison Mayor
- 1 appointed by the Township Assoc.
- 1 appointed by Small Cities
- 1 appointed by Flint School Bd.
- Flint City Administrator

Mr. Martinbianco asked about the limited one year increment on a contract.

Mr. Foy said that costs will depend on the role of the state and long range
financing, like a county millage. He said the program needs a broad base of
support and the role of the public and private sectors needs to be reassessed.

Mr. Foy said he would like to be involved in the budget process next year when
the MTA is discussed.

Mr. Cox said he would like to see the strategic plan due out this month.
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Mr. Cox asked about sub-contracting.

Mr. Foy said that if a bus line can be completely supported, then they use union
people; but, if not, they can sub contract and take bids. He said the unions are

free to bid also, if they wish.

Mayor Smiley asked about routes for Burton in the future.

Mr. Foy said that routes need not be all day and could be for designated times in different areas.

Mr. Cox asked about the Senior Van.

Mayor Smiley said that this is a limited service and the Van does not have handicap facilities.

Mr. Martinbianco said that this was a valuable service for the future. He said that if the Council approved this now and then had a budget cut, they would be criticized. He said he would like to see a multi-year agreement in the future. He said he wants to make this part of the budget proposal this year. He also asked the administration to continue to pursue this program for the Council to consider. He asked also to see the strategic plan.

Mr. Cox said he was uncomfortable with only 5 months left in this fiscal year. He also wants to look at it at budget workshop time.

Mr. Cox thanked Mr. Foy for coming and the valuable information he gave to the committee.

Mid-year Budget review:

Mayor Smiley said that the department heads could review during the budget sessions this year.

Mr. Martinbianco said that the sessions would be a rare opportunity for Council to ask about accomplishments during the year, how they have contained their costs and the long range plans for their area.

Mayor Smiley noted that the Council is free to talk to department heads on areas of interest to them.

Mr. Cox said that he just wanted a chance to meet for 15 or 20 minutes with each department head and talk about where we are headed as a City.

Mr. Becker noted that the Council would need to structure the session, if

needed, so that the 20 minutes did not become a full blown discussion of the budgeting for the coming year.

Mr. Cox said that the Council might have to address specific questions to keep the session short.

Mr. Martinbianco said they might be able to do it during the budget narratives.

Mr. Cox will look into the matter further.

Mayor Smiley noted that the sessions he has are not exciting and do take a long time to narrow each budget request before it comes to the budget workshop setting.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Criminal Diversion Program:

Moved by Martinbianco, supported by Cox to recommend to Council that Mr. McDougall's salary be raised from \$650 per week to \$700 per week effective February 1, 1996. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Martinbianco requested that Mr. Cox, Mr. McDougall, Mr. Hammon and the Attorney sit down and review the contract.

MTA:

The administration was asked to continue to explore the possibilities, including discussion at the budget sessions this coming spring.

Mid-year Budget review:

Mr. Cox said he will look into setting sessions, if needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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