

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 1996 9:00 A.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

This Finance Committee Meeting is called to order by Chairman Cox at 9:10 A.M.

Members Present: T. Martinbianco, C. Abbey and K. Cox.

Others Present: Mayor C. Smiley; K. McArdle, Adm. Assistant; R. LaDuke, Bldg.

Dept. Supervisor, B.Becker, Controller, J. Brown,
Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the

following items:

- Financing
1. Kenneth Street Paving
 2. 25th Anniversary/Veteran's Memorial
 3. Fire Chief

Presentation:

Item #1 - Kenneth Street Paving.

R. LaDuke explained there was a problem with paving this street, Kenneth St

from Barnes to the east terminus. Due to the different sized lots, it is extremely costly to use the normal procedure of special assessments. He asked

if the committee wanted to get into supplementing the cost of paving this street. He said it would be setting a precedent and could present alot of

problems. He said the normal special assessment is around \$1,700 to \$1,800 and

these are running about \$3,000.00. He said they could present the assessments

to the residents and see what happens, it may never be paved, or the City could

supplement because this street is so unique. It could be designated for a CD paving.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

T. Martinbianco asked the formula for determining the average assessment for

this project. Lengthy discussion followed. R. LaDuke said when you supplement

a project, other residents ask for their assessments to be supplemented also.

B. Becker said there was one project which was supplemented with local streets money which was then re-imbursed with CD money. He said it wasn't customary to supplement street pavings with CD money.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The committee concurred that they would take this under advisement.

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PRESENTATION:

Item #2 - 25th Anniversary/Veteran's Memorial Financing

Mayor Smiley said the 25th anniversary and dedication of the Veteran's Memorial is a big event for the City. He feels the committee needs some type of funding for this. He would like possible a line item in the budget. Some area businessmen are trying to raise money for this event. This will be held on May 26th. There will be a parade and the memorial

will be dedicated and City buildings will be open to the public. There will be

cook-outs, entertainment and fireworks. At dusk, Al Hindes will turn on the

Veterans Memorial lights. He is planning on buying key chains, etc for Burton

residents. This will require at least \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Ken McArdle said the city will be inviting national figures, possibly President Clinton or Vice-President Al Gore.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

C. Abbey said that he recommends that they set aside funds for this worthwhile

event. He feels they should come from the General fund. Mayor Smiley said

his secretary, Jean Morgan is forming committees and anyone wishing to be on

a committee is welcome. Discussion followed on the various expenses, and the

activities planned.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion on where the money would come from in the budget. B. Becker said probably the General Fund, Public Service.

Moved by Abbey, seconded by Martinbianco to recommend approval of expenditures up to \$10,000 for the May 26th anniversary parade and dedication of the Veteran's Memorial from the General Fund. Roll call showed motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Item 3 - Deputy Fire Chief

Mayor Smiley said he would like to transfer money for the salary of a Deputy Fire Chief who's duties would be "Right to Know", all inspections, training men, running fires, whatever it takes to make the Fire Department

run smoothly. He said it's long overdue, this position has been on and off

again for many years. The position will be partially funded from the funds

paid to the City from Laidlaw Environmental Services, Inc.

C. Abbey asked how the position would be funded and the yearly amount paid.

T. Martinbianco asked if the Laidlaw contract dictates that the funds go anywhere other than to offset the inspections of that site.

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The Mayor explained these funds are like the Showcase Cinema and Courtland

Mall which pay the City for services that we perform for them.

T. Martinbianco asked if Laidlaw had a yearly variance, the Mayor said yes.

He asked if this position were created and if Laidlaw did not seek a renewal next year, what would happen to this position. The Mayor reviewed

the possibilities. Board discussion followed. T. Martinbianco felt an independent contractor might be more objective in these inspections and be

at a better cost to the City. The Mayor feels the City would have more control over an employee who is doing the inspections, he could be held more accountable for his duties. K. Cox questioned the amount of time that

an inspector will have to spend at this site. He said he is not sure to create this position is necessary. The Mayor explained that the Fire Department is totally volunteer except for the Chief and all the volunteers

have full time jobs so their time is limited in working for the Fire Dept.

C. Abbey said statistics show that contractors do better than employees

do. He said a Deputy Chief would eventually surpass the \$50,000 that the City is collecting from Laidlaw. He feels that we do not have a clear cut direction that the Fire Department is going in. The Mayor explained that the Fire Chief's position is probably the toughest in all the City. He feels this new position would make this department stronger. Discussion on the "Right to Know" followed.

Audience Participation:

There was none.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

T. Martinbianco said he would need a couple of weeks to come to a recommendation. K. Cox said he would like to find out where we are on the "Right to Know" and he must research a few things before he makes a decision. C. Abbey said he sees the need but he has some concerns. The Mayor said he would hope they would move quickly on this, by January he would like to have someone on staff. T. Martinbianco said in the interim he would like to see the request for proposal be printed in the Journal.

Committee Recommendation:

A few weeks for more research on this subject is needed before a recommendation is made.

Meeting adjourned 10:25 A.M.

Jeanette Brown,
Clerk's Office