

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Tom Martinbianco, Chairman, at 10:05 A.M.

Members Present: Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: S. Perez, Treasurer; Pat McDougall, Criminal Diversion Officer and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and Possible Recommendation Concerning Criminal Diversion Rate Increase and Other Matters That Might Arise.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Martinbianco noted the letter from Mr. McDougall as attached as "A".

Mr. McDougall said that the decrease in cases is probably due to the changing of the guard, as the Court now has two new Judges. He said he wanted the committee to consider raising the program fee, his taking some computer classes, discuss pay raise and expanding the program to other courts.

He suggested a committee to look at expanding the program in other courts at no cost to the City.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Pauline Dargel, 6119 Hugh, expressed concerns on different aspects of the program since its inception. She also thought that more detailed reports need to be sent to Council on the program.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Walls asked who decides who goes in the program.

Mr. McDougall said the Judge tells the person they may be eligible for the diversion program and it is then the prosecutors decision.

Mrs. Zelenko asked if the fee can be waived.

Mr. McDougall said that in some cases it can be partially waived in a hardship situation. He said that if sanctions are imposed early, there is a better chance of the readjustment of the client.

Mr. Martinbianco expressed some concern on the possibility that Burton would be subsidizing the program if it was expanded to other Courts.

Mr. McDougall said he would recommend a 6 to 12 month experiment first.

Mr. Martinbianco asked that documents "B", "C" and "D" be attached to the minutes concerning the reports from Mr. McDougall on the program budgets and statistics.

Mr. Martinbianco suggested that the records be changed to a fiscal year basis instead of calendar year in order that the Council can make better comparisons of data.

Recess: 11:22 A.M.
Reconvene: 11:26 A.M.

Renee Jackson said that Mr. McDougall needs training in DOS and would also need to find out where training could take place for Microsoft Access.

Mr. Perez noted that we should look at the MML courses as an alternate to Mott classes if they are cheaper.

Mr. Martinbianco asked where the funds came from on the time she has given Mr. McDougall to date. She assumed the City budget, as it was just her time during regular working hours.

Mr. Perez said the raise would be 7.69%.

Mr. Martinbianco noted that would be 3.35% over the two years as Mr. McDougall did not make a raise request last year.

Mr. Martinbianco noted that the City employees were all on a freeze this year.

Mrs. Zelenko said she wanted to look at this item during the budget review.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Moved by Zelenko, supported by Walls to recommend to Council an increase of the Criminal Diversion Program Fee from \$200 to \$250 effective February 1, 1995.

The committee recommended that Mr. McDougall pay for his computer course work in advance and come back to the committee on reimbursement.

The committee wants to look at the budget considerations for the upcoming year before taking any action on a salary increase for Mr. McDougall.

The committee took no action at this time on expanding the diversion program in other Courts.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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