

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 24, 1998, 10:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Finance Meeting was called to order by Keith Cox, Chairman, at 10:10 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Cross and Martinbianco.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Charles Smiley; J. Major, DPW Director; H. Throop, Street Supervisor and C. Ladd, Deputy City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Meadowcroft Estates
2. Street Reconstruction
3. Transfer of Fund (\$100,000.00)

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Smiley stated the reason for this meeting is because there is a large surplus in the General Fund and it is important that we put some of this money back into the City, which will benefit all of the residents. Meadowcroft Subdivision is in need of major repairs and we would like to put some of the money into these streets. The question is, what type of resurfacing should be done, cement or asphalt. We have put thousands of dollars into patching and we need repair the streets so they last for a period of time. We are suggesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 and start with this figure. The Council may have other concerns they would like to address with some of the excess in General Fund. Mayor Smiley referred to a memo from Mr. Major dated May 9, 1994 concerning the cost of repairs on the Meadowcroft Estates streets. He noted that it would probably not be feasible to repair the streets this year, due to the fact there is a water project going into the subdivision.

A discussion was held at length concerning the types of resurfacing and what the pros and cons would be with each of them.

Mr. Throop stated it looks like there could be a base failure in the concrete. Mr. Throop also said he thinks it would be difficult to get a contractor to bid on this project at this late date, and if they did, the price would be much higher than if it was delayed until next construction season.

Mr. Major suggested the local contractors might possibly bid for the work to be done in late fall, but we would have to work with their schedules.

Mr. Cross inquired about Calvert Park work being completed.

Mr. Martinbianco inquired about Lapeer Manor and Casto work being completed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

There was no one in the audience.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cross stated he is in favor of putting in asphalt, but is against replacing the concrete. He would like to see the concrete come out of there, because it is more difficult to maintain.

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Mr. Cox said he would like to see a professional opinion regarding the different options available before determining whether the concrete or asphalt should be used.

Mr. Major said if this project is turned over to an engineering firm, there will be construction costs and that will eat up a large sum of the money.

Mr. Cox said he didn't mean to hire an engineering firm, but have the DPW look at this and identify the concrete that is good and eliminate the good and work on the bad areas of the streets.

Mr. Major said again, a concrete person would be an added expense. He suggested having Mr. Throop, along with a local DPW Director from another municipality look at the project and see what they would recommend and they might possibly have had to do some of this same type of work in their communities. Discussion continued regarding the repair of the streets and the amount of money it will take for the repairs.

Mr. Martinbianco said if the decision is made to earmark the first \$100,000.00, and the process is done for a period of 7 years, the cost could end up being \$700,000.00. He said he would support approval for transferring the \$100,000.00 for testing and attacking the problem areas. He would like to see the DPW engage with other DPW Directors in the County and then come back with a plan for the repairs.

Discussion was then held concerning the use of various materials for the project and also what would be best for the residents.

Mr. Martinbianco asked what impact the watermain project would have on the streets.

Mr. Major said there would be some damage, but he isn't certain to what extent. They have done some video taping and taken pictures.

Mr. Martinbianco said he understands the DPW will get together with another DPW Director and street person and will report back to the Committee with a list and prices.

Mr. Cox said he would like to see a list of options and whether regrinding or ultra thin should be done. If the Committee could have a few options, it will be helpful in making the right decision.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Martinbianco moved and Cross seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorization recommendation to City Council to transfer \$100,000.00 from General Fund-Contingency to Meadowcroft Subdivision Street Reconstruction.

Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Deputy City Clerk

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