

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order by Tom Martinbianco, Chairman, at 6:12 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walls, Zelenko and Martinbianco.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; J. Major, DPW Director and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and Possible Recommendation Concerning the Unilect Voting System and Other Matters That Might Arise.

PRESENTATION:

TOUCH SCREEN VOTING:

Mr. Walworth presented his request to man one precinct at the November election in order to begin to move Genesee County toward touch screen voting, but to also put the City in line to qualify for the Innovations in American Government Award. He said he thought we should purchase at least five units, but preferred six as a safety factor. He said that any additional purchases should be addressed next year depending on funds available and the success of the program. Mr. Walworth said County Clerk, Mike Carr, hoped to be able to fund the touch screen, with a bond issue approved by the County Commissioners, with a 10 year pay back from each municipality.

MAPLEWOOD MEADOWS SUBDIVISION:

Mr. Major said the Maplewood Meadows project, in the Grand Blanc School District, has 51 lots in Phase I and would like water and sewer to start the project.

Mr. Martinbianco asked that they be given more time with advance notice and he would consider the request tonight but stressed he did not want this to happen again. He recessed so that the committee could review the project.

RECESS: 7:00 P.M.

RECONVENED: 7:10 P.M.

Ian Hohloch, 4422 Hedgethorn, apologized for the short notice. He said that Mr. Rizzo had taken care of the storm drain problem and now needed monies to put in water and sewer. He said that it would include curb and gutter.

Mrs. Zelenko asked about the project and was told the house they were looking at was 4 bedroom and in the range of \$120,000 and \$150,000.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

TOUCH SCREEN VOTING:

Jim Townsend, 2051 Covert, said as a member of the election commission, he supported the purchase of the UniLect System and had negotiated a one time purchase agreement with the President of the Corporation. He said he thought if the City was able to pay up front, instead of joining a 10 year pay back, that he might be able to negotiate an additional purchase agreement later.

Barb Scharich, 3222 Eastgate, said she supported the project and that Mr. Walworth had asked her to help him supervise the project. She noted that she assisted Mr. Walworth when the project began at the Atherton School election in June 1989. Mrs. Scharich said she would be more comfortable in producing full success if the committee approved 6 devices.

Luden Cills, 1254 Arrowhead, concurred with the recommendation and asked about manning more than one precinct.

Larry Stephens, 3049 Vineland, asked about the total cost of the project. He commended Mr. Walworth on the work he had done for the City in this worth while project.

MAPLEWOOD MEADOWS SUBDIVISION:

Larry Stephens, 3049 Vineland, wanted it cleared up that the need was because of the money the developer had used up on repair of storm drainage. He was advised that that is what the committee understood. He asked how the pay backs were coming on existing projects at this point.

Mr. Martinbianco said he has not had a report from the Mayor recently and asked if Mr. Becker had any report.

Mr. Becker said Maple Point Sub had a payback of 68 lots out of 73. Phase 5 is just beginning.

Hidden Trails has a payback of 31 lots out of 52 and we are also committed to a Phase II with them.

Brookwood Pointe Sub had 7 lots and sold 7. Now they have 35 lots and sold 20. We have also committed to a Phase III.

Pine Creek I has just begun to move.

Mr. Major said there may be one or two pay backs in that project now.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

TOUCH SCREEN VOTING:

Mrs. Zelenko asked about the costs and where the money would be raised.

Mr. Becker said that there was \$17,998 in the Capital Computer Improvement fund and that was originally intended for a replacement to the system 36.e said there is also a city hall line item dealing with computers in the City Hall budget. He said this was to handle the salary of the computer coordinator. Mr. Becker asked why the second memo was lower than the first he received from the Clerk.

Mr. Walworth said this was due to the negotiations of Mr. Townsend.

Mr. Martinbianco said he was impressed with what has been done to date in the computerized voting and suggested that some monies come from the capital fund and some from the City budget. He said he also understood that Mr. Walworth would be using some monies from the election budget.

MAPLEWOOD MEADOWS SUBDIVISION:

Mrs. Zelenko wanted to know about money out and in and the difference in interest in these projects.

Mr. Becker said he would have to do an analysis on interest rates, but that there are other factors coming into play such as value, people, fees etc.

Mrs. Zelenko noted that when you put everything together that projects like Maple Pointe and Brookwood are good investments.

Mr. Martinbianco asked about the paving being only 22 ft. Mr. Major said by adding curbs and gutter, that the total would be over 26 ft.

Mr. Martinbianco expressed concern on having enough water main dollars available, at all times, in the future.

Mr. Becker noted that we have some bond issues coming due within 5 years and that the new projects would be heavier at the tail end as the others come due soon.

Mr. Becker said that the unknowns are things like additional developer requests and uncertainty on house sales at any particular time in the future.

Mr. Martinbianco said that was his concern also, as there may be a softening of the market place.

Mr. Hohloch said that Mr. Rizzo plans to start in 60 days and hopes to move into phase II by January.

Mr. Martinbianco expressed concern on guaranteed pay backs and recommended that the contract include a maximum 10 year payback or lot sale, whichever is sooner. He said the committee could renegotiate for the next phase if they felt progress was sufficient with the previous phase.

Mr. Becker said the Attorney was concerned on this issue from the beginning and Mr. Becker suggested both water and sewer be included in the contract pay back.

Mr. Rizzo had no problem with this concept.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOUCH SCREEN VOTING:

Moved by Zelenko, supported by Walls to recommend to the entire Council a resolution to transfer \$9,200 from the Capital Improvement fund and \$2,000 from the City Hall budget to the elections budget to purchase 6 devices and 1 control unit of the UniLect Voting System. Motion carried 3-0.

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MAPLEWOOD MEADOWS SUBDIVISION:

Moved by Zelenko, supported by Walls to recommend to Council the seven resolutions submitted by Mr. Major to the full Council with the amendments concerning the 10 year payback on water and sewer. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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