

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 1990, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

This Finance Committee Meeting is called to order by Tom Martinbianco, Chairman, at 6:40 P.M.

Members Present: Hammon and Martinbianco.

Members Absent: Abbey.

Others Present: J. Major, Assistant DPW Director; A. Walls, Councilperson and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION ON THE GENEVIEVE STREET PAVING AND OTHER MATTERS THAT MIGHT ARISE.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Major said there should be no discussion or recommendation to Council until the litigation and appeals are completed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

George Schuplin, 1447 Genevieve, said he represented the people on Genevieve that petitioned the Council, concerning the 20 foot pavement. He said he did not feel the problem was outside the litigation, as it dealt with relief on the 2 foot pavement and this was not a challenge to the assessment. He said he wants to see a 10% reduction on the assessment for the eight homes concerned.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinbianco said this question arose in mid 1989 and the Council decided to put it aside, pending the tax appeal. The Council also explored the possibility of putting down an additional 2 feet. He noted that the bids came in too high.

Council also considered tacking it onto a new project in 1990, in hopes it would produce a better bid. He said the issue was postponed until Mr. Abbey requested a finance committee meeting to look at the problem again.

Mr. Martinbianco said the 22 feet is an example and the 20 foot pavement was not a sub standard street. He said the committee was here to listen to any ideas from the public.

Mr. Martinbianco asked Mr. Major what reasons were given for the change from 22 feet.

Mr. Major said it was a combination of concerns for the drains/gas lines being under the pavement and the concern for the evergreen trees that might be destroyed due to roots being exposed.

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Mr. Schuplin said he understood it was just the trees at issue.

Mr. Martinbianco read the Attorney's memo into the record.

"Pursuant to our conversation, please have the City Council withhold final action on the Eastmoreland matter until the tax tribunal issues a final opinion on the validity of the assessment roll. Discussion and recommendation by the finance committee may not cause a problem, but a final decision by the Council could."

Mr. Martinbianco hopes for a ruling by mid July, but also noted that appeals could take up to two years after that.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the Attorney's memo, Hammon moved that the item be tabled until such time as a ruling on Eastmoreland is completed and that the item then be brought back to the committee for further consideration. Supported by Martinbianco. Motion Carried 2-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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