

CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 1993, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting was called to order by Charles Abbey, Chairman at 6:10 P.M.

Members Present: Walls, Zelenko and Abbey.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor Charles H. Smiley; B. Becker, Treasurer/Controller; J. Benthall, Police Chief; K. McArdle, Personnel Director; J. Major, DPW Director; T. Martinbianco, Council President; T. Hammon, Council Vice-President; C. Cross, Councilman and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion And Possible Recommendation Concerning Ordinance No. 67 C, Article 5, Section 5.10 And Other Matters That Might Arise.

PRESENTATION:

ORDINANCE 67C:

Mayor Smiley said the applicant knew that we had an Ordinance restricting the times that a billiard hall could be opened when he applied for a license. The Mayor said he had some concerns in allowing billiard halls to be open 24 hours every day.

Mayor Smiley said if the committee passes a change in the ordinance, he hoped that the owner would provide security at certain times of the night while open.

Chief Benthall reviewed the status of other pool halls in the county. He said he was concerned about the hall being in the proximity of bars and strip joints. He said he had no concern about GM workers coming from work, but other clientele could be a problem. He also said his department would take care of any problems that might arise.

ORDINANCE 6C & 54C:

Mr. Major discussed the changes he suggested for Ordinances 6C & 54C as it relates to per foot and parcel assessments.

Mayor Smiley said the developers have requested the ability to have the option for both water and sewer.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

ORDINANCE 67C:

Jim Townsend, 2051 Covert, said he had mixed feelings about the hall staying open 24 hours and suggested it be done on a trial basis.

Trudy Kent, 2158 Chapin, Grand Blanc, said she had no problem with having a security guard at certain hours.

ORDINANCE 6C & 54C:

John Stapish asked the committee to consider revising the 25 ft. limit in the burning ordinance.

Mr. Abbey said he would take it up with the committee at a later meeting.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

ORDINANCE 67C:

Mrs. Zelenko said she favored the business being there and her only concern was security.

Chief Benthall said he favored a uniform security person who was visible.

The owner of the hall expressed concern on using a uniformed person.

Mrs. Walls wanted to be sure they did not plan to ask for a liquor license later. They assured her they did not.

Mr. Abbey said he favored this establishment and expressed concern about other types that might come under the ordinance later.

Chief Benthall said he thought if the Council opened the door in this case, that they might not be able to back track later.

Mr. Hammon said the ordinance needs to be changed and drawn around the security issue.

Mr. Abbey suggested the ordinance be sent to the Attorney and include operating hours and security for Council action.

Mayor Smiley said the concern was with Section 5-10 #1, which did not include #2.

Mrs. Zelenko stated that hours was not a problem and that the problem would be with security.

Mr. Abbey asked the Clerk to advise the Attorney of the changes needed for the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Walls expressed concern on Section 21-90 in the ordinance, which she feels should be addressed at some time.

ORDINANCE 6C & 54C:

Mr. Major said the ordinance amendment would be concerned with his exhibits B & D.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

ORDINANCE 67C:

Moved by Zelenko, supported by Walls to send the ordinance to the Attorney to include security from 2:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and have the Attorney prepare an amendment to Ordinance 67C for the next Council meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

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ORDINANCE 6C & 54C:

Moved by Zelenko, supported by Walls to recommend the changes to Ordinances 6C & 54C to the Council for the next regular meeting and for Mr. Major to meet with the Attorney to draw up the amendments in ordinance form. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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