CITY OF BURTON
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12, 2009, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The meeting is called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Tinnin at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tinnin, Conley and Ellenburg.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney R. Austin, G. Kray, DPW Director and L. Young, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and possible recommendations concerning the following:

1. **Approve and authorize the Introduction of an Ordinance, amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burton by the addition of Section 91.04, Identifying, registering, securing and maintaining bandoned buildings and structures and providing for the recovery of costs expended by the City to enforce said Ordinance.**

2. **Approve and authorize the Introduction of an Ordinance, amending Chapter 31, Section 31.01 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burton, Establishing a City Planning Commission and providing for the appointment, term, and removal of its members pursuant to Public Act 33 of 2008.**

PRESENTATION: No Presentation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Rick Fuhst, 1208 S. Genesee, stated his concern about the importance of differentiating between abandoned and vacant properties. He also feared that having a list of registered abandoned homes would lead to an increase of crime in the city, as people could read the list and go into the empty houses and steal copper pipes and other materials.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held regarding the definition of abandoned and how the city would enforce the ordinance.

Mr. Kray stated that the Assessor's office keeps a record of foreclosed homes, the DPW has been receiving complaints of abandoned homes and either Mike Butzke or Bob Zirnhelt would be responsible for enforcing the ordinances.

Discussion was held regarding an initial registration fee for abandoned homes and an annual renewal fee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ellenburg moved and Conley seconded the following motion:

1. The Legislative Committee recommends to City Council to approve proposed ordinance No. 2009-5-91 for a Second Reading.

Motion carried 3-0

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held in regards to the proposed changes of the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Tinnin voiced her concerns with the conflict of interest that it would create by having the Mayor on the Planning Commission with full voting rights. She also stated that the chief administrative official, Ken McArdle, is not even a resident of the state of Michigan.

Mrs. Ellenburg felt that he Mayor should be on the Planning Commission because he is the leader of the city.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Tinnin moved and Conley seconded the following motion:

1. The Legislative Committee recommends to City Council to approve a revised proposed ordinance No. 2009-6-31.

Motion carried 2-1, with Ellenburg voting no.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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