



CITY OF BURTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 15, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

**4303 S. Center Road
Burton, MI 48519**

A. Call To Order

President Fenner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Invocation

LED BY: Councilwoman Candice Miller

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

LED BY: Councilwoman Candice Miller

D. Roll Call

Present: Council President Gregory Fenner, Council Member Candice Miller, Council Member Steven Heffner, Council Member Ellen Ellenburg, Council Member Kris Johns, Council Member Tina Conley, Council Member John Wright

Absent: None

E. Approval of Agenda

1. Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

F. Staff Present

Duane Haskins, Mayor

Joy Roe, Deputy Clerk

Charles Abbey, DPW Director

Ted Valley, HR Director

Brian Ross, Police Chief

Kirk Wilkinson, Fire Chief

Amanda Odette, City Attorney

G. Approval of Minutes

1. City Council Budget Workshop, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM.
City Council Budget Workshop, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

H. Administrative Reports

Mayor Haskins gave the following report:

Covert Road is done. Belsay Road, which was closed at the railroad crossing, is scheduled to be reopened by Monday. Genesee Road is making progress and is on schedule. This has made traffic difficult, but it had to be done. I apologize for not being here at the last meeting, but Memorial Day was a huge success. I would like to once again thank all the volunteers and sponsors. It would not be possible without them. The fourth of July is coming up and, per the union contracts, City Hall will be closed on Friday in observation of the holiday.

I. Committee Reports

Mr. Johns stated the Parks & Recreation Commission met last Thursday. We discussed the walking club, by-laws review and upcoming city events.

Mr. Fenner stated, I attended the first Walking Club. This is not a training session or about trying to beat personal records. It is more about finding someone you want to chat with for a mile or two and having a nice stroll. We walked Forman this time and there was a good turnout. The next walk will be in Davison, leaving from the municipal building on Irish Road. We walk on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Heffner spoke about the Planning Commission meeting. We recommend changing the hours of our marijuana dispensaries, allowing them to remain open until 9:00 PM, instead of 8:00 PM. This will give our Burton businesses the ability to compete with neighboring communities.

J. Audience Participation

Now is the time set-aside for members of the audience to address the Burton City Council. I would ask each individual to give their name and address for the record and to limit their comments to three (3) minutes and to speak on the topics germane to City business.

Jim Craig of 6195 Hidden Trails in Burton spoke about the Burton Walking Club. For Wednesday's walk, we will meet under the pavilion. He thanked President Fenner for his participation.

K. Council Discussion

None.

L. Council Action

1. Approve and authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Odette) 5/28/26 to 6/10/26, invoice 1099 & 1100, in the amount of \$2,121.00.

Motion by Council Member Conley, second by Council Member Ellenburg, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

2. Approve and authorize the payment of Attorney Billing (Miller Johnson) 5/1/26 to 5/30/26, invoice 2074050, in the amount of \$535.60.

Motion by Council Member Miller, second by Council Member Heffner, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

3. Approve and authorize the mayor's re-appointment of Gregg Dunkel, 4075 Howe Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, to the Planning Commission, term to expire June 2029.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Miller, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

4. Approve and authorize the mayor's re-appointment of Kevin Burge, 1415 S. Genevieve St., Burton, MI 48509, to the Planning Commission, term to expire June 2029.

Motion by Council Member Ellenburg, second by Council Member Johns, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

5. Motion to rescind the previously adopted 80/20 resolution (2025-21), enacted on December 4, 2025, and approve and authorize the Hardcap Resolution 2026-10 regarding the cost-sharing model set forth in the State of Michigan Public Act of 2011.

Mrs. Ellenburg asked what difference this would make in the cost for the employees.

Mayor Haskins stated this will make a significant difference. Rates have gone up about five times as much from the previous year. We worked hard to get the rates down. The 80/20 did not work out. July 1st is the renewal date, and we are trying to help the employees out by going with the Hard cap at no additional cost to the city. Blue Cross has taken their time at getting us the rates.

Mrs. Ellenburg asked about other insurance company options.

Mayor Haskins stated there are others but they cannot come close to these rates.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.

Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 7 - 0.

6. Approve and Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to approve the contract with Stantec Consulting Michigan Inc., 3754 Ranchero Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2771. To provide flow monitoring and modeling for the 2026 citywide

wastewater assessment in an amount not to exceed \$206,778.00.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Miller, to Approve.
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright
Voting No: None
Motion Passed 7 - 0.

M. First Reading of Ordinance

Approve and authorize to amend Chapter 157 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burton by the amendment of hours of operation for marijuana facilities.

Mr. Heffner asked the administration to look into the impact of moving our time to 10:00 PM to give our businesses an advantage.

Mayor Haskins said we did that. The facilities were part of making this decision. They said that they don't see any benefit of staying open past 9:00 PM. We took their recommendation.

Mr. Fenner agreed.

Motion by Council Member Heffner, second by Council Member Conley, to Approve.
Voting Yes: Gregory Fenner, Candice Miller, Steven Heffner, Ellen Ellenburg, Kris Johns, Tina Conley, John Wright
Voting No: None
Motion Passed 7 - 0.

N. Meeting Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 6, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

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President Fenner adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

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