



CITY OF BURTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 20, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

**Special Meeting
Presentation**

6:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

President Fenner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. 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

Absent: Council Member John Wright

C. Staff Present

Duane Haskins, Mayor
Racheal Boggs, City Clerk
Charles Abbey, DPW Director
Ted Valley, HR Director
Kirk Wilkinson, Fire Chief
Amanda Odette, City Attorney

D. Presentation

1. Genesee County Youth Advisory

Presentation by: Darren Bagley, MSU Extension

Darren Bagley of MSU Extensions, Flint gave a presentation to City Council:

Mr. Bagley introduces a Youth Advisory program provided by MSU Extensions, an initiative designed to connect local youth with real-world governance, leadership development, and career exploration. The presentation outlines how hands-on civic experiences empower young participants to understand local and state government while equipping them with essential life skills.

Key Presentation Highlights

Hands-On Exposure to the Legislative Process

- **Demystifying Governance:** Participants move beyond textbook civics by engaging directly with local commissioners, state legislators, and policy experts.
- **Experiential Learning:** Youth observe board meetings, participate in mock legislative sessions, and track mock or actual policy initiatives, giving them a clear

line of sight into how laws and local ordinances are crafted.

- **Youth Voice in Action:** The program emphasizes that young people do not have to wait until adulthood to influence their community; their perspectives can shape policy discussions today.

Mr. Bagley also discussed working with local schools in Burton to find students who are interested in participating, costs associated with the program, and the annual 4-H Capital Experience in Lansing, where participants can gain firsthand exposure to the legislative process, explore career pathways in public service, and build skills in communication, leadership, and critical thinking.

Council discussed the program and posed questions regarding the number of participants needed, past participants from Burton, specific costs to the city, the amount of money that was budgeted for this program, and the level of city staff involvement that will be required.

E. Meeting Adjournment

President Fenner thanked Mr. Bagley for the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

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