



CITY OF BURTON

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

JULY 20, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

8:30 AM

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

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

LED BY: Chairman Joey Richvalsky

B. Call To Order

Joey Richvalsky called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

C. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Joey Richvalsky, Board Member Steve Coates, Board Member Nate Henry, Board Member Neil Martz, Board Member Jerry Barylski, Board Member Jeannie Herford, Board Member Timothy Wagner arrived after roll call and approval of minutes at 8:32 AM.

Absent: None.

D. Staff Present

Erica Rogers, Clerks Office Records Tech

E. Approval of Minutes

1. Downtown Development Meeting Minutes - Monday, June 15, 2026

Motion by Board Member Coates, second by Board Member Henry, to Approve Minutes for June 15, 2026.

Voting Yes: Joey Richvalsky, Steve Coates, Nate Henry, Neil Martz, Jerry Barylski, Jeannie Herford

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

F. Administrative Reports

None.

G. Audience Participation

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

Linda and Melissa Abraham from George's Garage, located at G4307 S. Saginaw Street, spoke about the tree that was hit in front of their business on March 20, 2026, and which tree would be the best replacement for that location.

H. Board Discussion and/or Action

1. Welcome Sign North End District

Mr. Martz stated that we are waiting to hear back from the surveyor. It is a busy time of the year for them.

Discussion ensued about the welcome sign, surveys, the property split, other options they have while still staying true to the vision plan.

2. Other Topics Germane to City Business

Discussion about working with Aspen and Consumers on trimming and cutting the street trees.

Discussion on the different types of trees that would work best for the replacement at G4307 S. Saginaw Street.

Motion by Board Member Henry, second by Board Member Martz, to Approve Tree Replacement for Street at G4307 S. Saginaw St.

Voting Yes: Joey Richvalsky, Steve Coates, Nate Henry, Neil Martz, Timothy Wagner, Jerry Barylski

Voting No: Jeannie Herford

Motion Passed 6 - 1.

Mrs. Herford stated that 24 businesses now have American flags. All the businesses love the flags and the flower pots.

Mr. Henry stated that M.T.A. has launched Genesee Connect ride-shares that cover part of the DDA district. It is a new service that they are providing and should be coming out into new areas soon.

Discussion ensued about Back to the Bricks parties and events happening in the district, and how team work and working together as a board needs to happen.

I. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026 @ 8:30 AM.

J. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 AM.

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