

Burlingame City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2006

1. Call to Order by Mayor.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Roll Call.

Roll Call:	Present:	Bill Kraus Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Ron Nichols Julie Sanders Dustin Swander
	Staff Present	Kurt Hassler, City Administrator Jon Shaffer, Chief of Police

8. Osage County Economic Development Director.

This item was moved to the top of the agenda at the direction of the Mayor to allow Mr. Mosier to attend a second meeting that evening.

Mr. Mosier introduced himself to the Council. He is the new Economic Development Director for Osage County. He will be working with local businesses and the City to help expand existing businesses and recruit new businesses.

3. Citizen Comments.

John Fry asked a question regarding his gas meter. He stated it was no longer working and had not worked for quite some time. He stated he was told by David Panches it had been flagged and he wanted to know why it has not been replaced. Mr. Hassler informed the Council he was not aware of the situation and would investigate it and report back to the Council in the near future.

Bill Coursen questioned if the new meters were supposed to be read automatically. He was informed that they would be once the project was complete, which should be in the next couple of weeks. He also thanked the City for planting the wind break on the south side of the sewer ponds.

4. Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 1st regular meeting by Sanders and seconded by Dubois.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Ron Nichols Julie Sanders Dustin Swander
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5. April, 2006 Financial Statement

The Council asked several questions that were answered by staff. Mr. Godderz asked a question regarding missing check numbers. It was explained that the check report does not include the checks from payroll, but they could be provided if requested. The Council did not request a copy of this in the future. Ms. Sanders asked what the travel payment for Patti Gilbert was for. Mr. Hassler stated he thought it was for travel to Salina for a CDBG conference, but he would have to check the voucher and verify it.

Motion to approve the April, 2006 financial statement by Fry and seconded by Nichols.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Ron Nichols Julie Sanders
	Nays:	Dustin Swander

6. Sales Tax.

The Council discussed the possibility of putting a question on the ballot in November to pursue a 1% sales tax for the City of Burlingame. It was recommended by staff that if the Council wanted to pursue a sales tax that designating the funds for specific projects would likely help the question pass.

Staff had presented five different options for projects/programs. Mr. Swander stated he would rather see the money spent on something everyone could use such as a fishing pond. Mr. Fry stated he thought that the money would be better spent on sidewalks and streets which would be something everyone could use. There was other discussion. Staff was asking the Council to designate the funds at this meeting so three public meetings could be held in the near future to inform the public about the proposal and get some feedback from them before making a final decision.

Motion to pursue the 1% sales tax with 60% of the revenue to go toward streets and 40% to go toward sidewalks by Nichols and seconded by Fry.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Ron Nichols Julie Sanders
	Nays:	Dustin Swander

7. Commercial Utility Reduction Program.

The Council continued the discussion from the previous meeting regarding a utility reduction program for new commercial businesses. Staff had developed a list of recommendations that could be included in an ordinance that could be considered by the Council at a future meeting.

The Council heard concerns from Jeanie Riggs regarding the proposed program. She wanted to make sure that this was a short term program and that hopefully assistance could be given to existing businesses.

The Council discussed the options presented by staff. Several council members did not want requirement number 4 (must employ at least one person other than the owner). There was also some concern regarding existing businesses that change ownership not being eligible. It was noted that by allowing this reduction for a change in ownership could be abused. It was determined that if a business did not meet all the requirements, the ordinance could be written to have the application automatically appealed to the City Council for review. This could allow an owner to qualify for the utility reduction, but they would have to have council approval to help deter abuse of the program.

Motion to have staff draft an ordinance with all the recommendations except item #4 by Sanders and seconded by Fry.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Julie Sanders Dustin Swander
	Nays:	Ron Nichols

Executive Session.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes by Dubois and seconded by Swander.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Ron Nichols Julie Sanders Dustin Swander
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The Council adjourned to executive session at 8:34pm.

The Council returned to open session at 8:54pm.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 15 minutes by Fry and seconded by Swander.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Ron Nichols Julie Sanders Dustin Swander
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The Council adjourned to executive session at 8:54pm.

The Council returned to open session at 9:09pm.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes by Fry and seconded by Dubois.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry Chris Dubois Ron Nichols Julie Sanders Dustin Swander
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The Council adjourned to executive session at 9:09pm.

The Council returned to open session at 9:19pm.

No action was taken on this item.

13. Reports.

Kurt Hassler – Mr. Hassler informed the Council that the speakers that used to be in front of the library are no longer working. Mr. Gifford purchased two new speakers for \$1,300, and he would like reimbursed by the City. The Council directed staff to look into the issue further and look for other options.

Mr. Hassler informed the Council that he had attended the KMU conference on May 4th and 5th. One of the items of interest was the possibility of wind power generation. Staff would be investigating this as an alternative to another generator. He also reminded the Council that three public meetings would be held regarding the proposed sales tax.

Chris Dubois – Mr. Dubois requested that staff evaluate the lights at the ball diamonds. He stated that a couple of lights were out and that the recent hail storm may have altered the alignment of the lights. Mr. Dubois also resigned his council position effective immediately.

14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Swander and seconded by Nichols.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kevin Fry
		Chris Dubois
		Ron Nichols
		Julie Sanders
		Dustin Swander

The Council adjourned at 9:37pm.

Christina Lewis, City Clerk