

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting
March 20, 2023 (as corrected)

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Monday March 20, 2023, 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members Van Langevelde, Chin, Duweck, Rodriguez, and Dyer. A quorum was met. Also in attendance were City Manager LaPere, and City Clerk LaRocque.

Also present in the audience was Chief Brentar and via Zoom (Lansing, MI) Attorney Hitch.

INVOCATION:

~~Fr. Dwight Ezop, St. Mary's Catholic Church~~ (absent)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. March 06, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. March 15, 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chin supported by Dyer to approve the meeting minutes. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

No absences

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to approve the agenda with the requested change. Carried. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$657,010.49
- b. Approval of Mayoral Appointment(s)
- c. Approval of MiDeal contract for annual road salt purchase
- d. Schedule workshop meeting for Monday April 17th at 6 p.m. for commercial cannabis discussion

Motion by Weissenborn supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda items b and c. Carried by roll call vote Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Approval of the Final Plan for Pray Funeral Home Planned Development District

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to approve Final Plan for Pray Funeral Home PDD. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- b. First reading of an Ordinance 2023-02 to Amend a PILOT Tax Exemption for Related Affordable, LLC, Butternut Creek Apartments.

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to approve Ordinance 2023-02 to Amend a PILOT Tax Exemption for Related Affordable, LLC Butternut Creek Apartments. Failed by roll call vote; Yea 2 (Armitage and Van Langevelde); Nay 5 (Chin, Duweck, Dyer, Rodriguez, Weissenborn); Absent 0

- c. Discussion on resolution to modify city elections from odd to even years.

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Duweck to set a public hearing on April 3rd in regards to the resolution to modify city elections from odd to even years. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney report was received

Atty. Hitch updated council about the Bruch V City of Charlotte MTT tax tribunal matter being reinstated and slated for an April 3, 2023 hearing.

- b. City Manager report was received

LaPere reminded citizens of the opportunity to serve the community by applying for a Boards and Commissions position.

- c. Council member Committee Reports

No Committee reports

- d. Monthly Police Department Report – February 2023

In reply to question posed by Chin, Chief Brentar explained the department charges the cost of labor with benefit equivalent, (less \$1k as per Charter) when they provide security at community events.

Van Langevelde asked Chief Brentar to thank and commend Det. Poortvliet on his work to discover DNA evidence on a case from 2004 only to discover the suspect is now deceased.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cooper Cross – Per data found on M-live, straight party ticket votes in Michigan was 46%.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chin – wants a formal policy in regards to working with residents on utility bill payment options. LaPere answered other questions about the status of Brownfield funds for CharlotteRising, police staffing, Fire Chief and attorney contract updates.

Duweck – asked about maps of the 425 plans the City is currently engaged in and inquired about the options available to resolve his concerns at the flashing light on Shepherd.

Dyer – moved into an apartment and he is happy the City has instituted the rental inspection program to protect the interests of renters and property owners.

Weissenborn – no comment

Rodriguez – apologizes for his recent absences and assures everyone he is paying attention and has kept himself updated by watching the recorded meetings. He has questions for Erin in regards to those missed meetings that he will email her on.

Van Langevelde – Happy 1st day of Spring. Be careful during road construction this season. The Hall/Washington/McClure road project will be starting soon as well as the Island Rd. project near Wendy's. Be safe!

Armitage – Commended 911 and all responders for the clean-up and management of the multiple accidents that occurred on I-69 N. of Lansing Rd.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Chin supported by Van Langevelde to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

Mayor Michael Armitage

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk