

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Workshop Meeting
April 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members Duweck, Chin, Rodriguez and Van Langevelde. A quorum was met.

City staff in attendance were City Manager LaPere, City Clerk LaRocque, Finance Director/Treasurer Smith, Community Development Director Myrkle, Acting Fire Chief Daly, Police Chief Brentar, and Public Works Director Gilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn

EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS:

Mayor Armitage and Dyer

Motion by Chin and supported by Duweck to excuse Mayor Armitage and Councilmember Dyer. Carried; Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Van Langevelde and supported by Duweck to approve the agenda. Carried; Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2

Dyer arrived at the meeting at 7:06 after approval of the agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Presentation and discussion on FY 23/24 Budget

Council was provided a copy of the draft budget at the April 3rd Council meeting for review and today's discussion started with

LaPere's PowerPoint presentation that included an overview of the 23/24 proposed budget with projected revenues and expenses. It addresses Council priorities by being in conformance with the Fund Balance Policy, it provides for pension/OPEB funding, supplies funds for the airport tree removal project, includes the Master Plan update and addresses improving customer service with a new phone system.

Staff was available to answer various questions posed by Council.

For the next budget discussion, Council asked for administration to include the projected PILOT revenue, the projected expenses for another DPW employee and to allocate ARPA funds to Major Roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Van Langevelde – Thanked Erin for presenting the budget in a very understandable way and for making progress to build a better community and she thanked administrative staff.

Rodriguez – This budget was easier than the last. He would like to see budget meetings throughout the year and to seek out increasing revenues without an additional SAD or raising taxes. Would like to see a 5-year capital expense plan which includes parks.

Chin – Thanks for answering his “rookie” questions. He would like a long-term plan developed for facility and infrastructure maintenance and a sign at the west side fire station.

Duweck – Thanked administrative staff. He would like to see the projected PILOT revenue represented in this budget.

Dyer – Thanked administrative staff and fellow Council members. He reminded everyone of the workshop planned for Monday April 17th from 6 to 7 p.m. to discuss the marihuana ordinance. This is an hour before the regular meeting that same night.

Weissenborn – Thanked Council members and administrative staff. This is her 4th budget. She is happy about the gains and moving (the city budget) in the right direction. Reminded citizens of the Leaf and Brush pick up dates Monday April 10 through April 13, 2023 and May 1 through May 4, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Duweck to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Michael Armitage, Mayor

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk