

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Special Meeting – 11:00 A.M.
May 23, 2025 – as amended

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Lewis on Friday May 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council members in attendance; Mayor Lewis, Pro-Tem Duweck, Chin, Fullerton, Scott, Rodriguez and Christensen. A quorum was met.

City staff in attendance; Deputy Clerk Middaugh, Manager Hillard and Finance Director/Treasurer Horton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Lewis

ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

All present

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Scott, supported by Duweck to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- a. FY 25/26 Budget

Finance Director/Treasurer Horton presented the proposed FY 2025–2026 budget to the Council, referencing her accompanying PowerPoint presentation. Her presentation included a chart illustrating that the overall collective millage rate for City services is projected to decrease in 2025.

Council engaged in discussion regarding several aspects of the proposed budget, including concerns about vehicle and retirement costs, water rates and the historical pattern of rate increases, the methodology for determining fees and the current cost allocation study. Council also reviewed several items in the Capital Improvement Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Comments

STAFF COMMENTS:

No Comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Christensen thanked the online attendees and questioned the history behind the Carmel Township agreement. He also thanked Mary for the new City website, noting that it is simple and user-friendly.

Fullerton provided context on the Carmel Township agreement.

Scott had no comments.

Chin raised the need for changes to the City's pension program and emphasized the importance of providing training for new Council members. He also suggested that resolutions be made accessible on the City's website.

Rodriguez ~~noted that expenditures have increased and highlighted that current expenditures exceed revenues by approximately \$102,000. He stated that a budget amendment will be necessary.~~ Expressed that the proposed budget expenditures for general fund budget was less than projected income by \$102k. He also expressed that he would like to see an

amended budget to the current budget so that way he can know more accurately what the current fund balances are.

Duweck had no further comments.

Mayor Lewis thanked Finance Director Horton and City Manager Hillard for their efforts in preparing for the meeting. He emphasized the importance of improving communication infrastructure within the Council Chamber

ADJOURN:

Motion by Christensen supported by Duweck to adjourn at 12:38 a.m. Carried. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

Respectfully submitted,
Mary LaRocque, City Clerk