

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
November 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Lewis on Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

City staff in attendance; City Clerk LaRocque and City Manager Hillard

INVOCATION:

Randy Royston, New Hope Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Lewis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. October 28, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chin supported by Duweck to approve the October 28, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, as amended. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

All present

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Annie Williams, resident and Exec. Dir. Of Charlotte Rising. She distributed Social District packets to everyone, which included an invitation to the ribbon-cutting event scheduled for Monday November 25th at 1:30 p.m. on the lawn of Courthouse

Square. Additionally, she shared updates on the façade grant program and the upcoming Small Business Saturday event.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Scott supported by Chin to approve the agenda, Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney Report was received
- b. Councilmember Committee Reports

Christensen – the Camp Frances board meeting is being held tonight. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Master Plan and received very low public attendance. New businesses coming to town include a service station and convenience store, and Excel Propane.

Chin – EATRAN meets tomorrow. The City Manager Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee met with Hillard and is currently in the final stages of editing. The completed document will be sent to the City Council for final approval. Having troubles getting the Youth Advisory Committee started.

Scott – The Charlotte Area Recreational Coop has morning and evening meetings this Thursday with more information to come

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$466,176.81
- b. Approval of Mayoral Appointments

NAME	BOARD/COMMISSION	EXP. OF TERM
Curtis Scott	Ad Hoc Housing Committee	Term of office
Joe Chin, Jr	Ad Hoc Housing Committee	Term of office
Michael Duweck	Ad Hoc Housing Committee	Term of office

The Ad Hoc Housing Committee will perform as a study group intended to explore all areas of housing-related issues within the city. A workshop is scheduled for December 18th to facilitate a council discussion on these topics

Motion by Duweck and supported by Scott to approve the consent agenda. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7 Nay 0; Absent 0

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Consider approval of a sealed bid contract with Mannick Smith Group in the amount of \$11,820 for Oak Park Preliminary Design Services

Motion by Chin supported by Fullerton to approve sealed bid contract with Mannick Smith Group in the amount of \$11,820 for Oak Park Preliminary Design Services. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- b. Consider approval of a sealed bid contract with Prein and Newhof for Airport Engineering Services

Motion by Rodriguez supported by Scott to approve sealed bid contract with Prein and Newhof for Airport Engineering Services. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- c. Consider approval of the FY24 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) reimbursement grant in the amount of \$720,000, authorize administration to accept the grant and proceed with the purchase of the related equipment.

Motion by Duweck supported by Fullerton to approve the FY 24 COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) reimbursement grant in the amount of \$720,000, authorize administration to accept the grant and proceed with the purchase of the related equipment. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- d. Council discussion: Street Maintenance Program Review

Lewis sought input from the Council on the street program, including potential solutions, condition ratings, and long-term financing options. It was suggested to await the comprehensive report, which will include a PASER assessment. City Manager Hillard is working with Spalding DeDecker, the city's DPW Director service provider, and expects to have more information available by January.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nicole Christensen, resident. Announced she is the new District 12 County Commissioner Elect and thanked all her supporters.

STAFF COMMENTS:

No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Scott – Shared that DPW performs stump grinding during the winter season.

Chin – Shared MML and State legislation updates.

Rodriguez – He asked Hillard to provide the Council with context regarding street repairs and sought clarification on discussions during the Consent Agenda items. Additionally, he acknowledged the Clerk for successfully managing the recent election

Christensen - Commended the organization of the recent elections. He also attended the 130th anniversary celebration of the Library and highlighted that several local restaurants offered free meals to veterans and active-duty service members on Veterans Day. Additionally, he mentioned that the GWFC fundraiser for the Siren Center will take place at St. Mary's this Sunday.

Fullerton – No comment

Duweck - No comment

Lewis – Thanked the Clerk and staff for a successful election.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Christensen supported by Fullerton to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

Respectfully submitted,
Mary LaRocque, City Clerk