

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 28, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Lewis on Monday October 28, 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, City Manager Hillard, and City Attorney Revore. In the audience, Karen Lancaster of The Woodhill Group and Fire Chief Christiansen

INVOCATION:

Chuck Jensen, West Carmel Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Lewis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. October 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Council added the title “Charlotte Rising Director” to the public comment made by Annie Williams

Motion by Chin supported by Duweck to approve the October 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, as amended. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

All present

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Laupp, resident. Provided wrap-up comments on the Shadow Season activities

JoDee Pruden, resident – waiting for instruction from the Council on addressing public comment questions and shared her concerns with the downtown snow removal contract.

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 Manager Report

Hillard provided the Council a brief review of his meetings with various stakeholders, the fall leaf pickup schedule, and framework document.

- b. Quarterly Financial Report

Lancaster provided council a brief review of the financials and answered various questions asked by the Council.

- c. Proclamation – Family Court Awareness Month

Motion by Chin supported by Duweck to approve the proclamation of the month of November as Family Court Awareness Month, carried by roll call vote; Yea 6; Nay 1 (Rodriguez); Absent 0

- d. Councilmember Committee Reports

Christensen – Planning Commission – Public Hearing on the Master Plan scheduled for the November 6th meeting

Scott – CARC – A complete turnover of the organization is expected (with this coming election) along with new ideas.

Chin – EATRAN – A grant was received to add transportation services intended to accommodate the 3rd shift Delta Amazon plant. Ridership continues to grow from Charlotte to Lansing route, working on publicity plan, plans moving forward for the bus shelter at Courthouse Square.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$398,563.11

Motion by Duweck and supported by Chin to approve the consent agenda. Carried; Yea 7 Nay 0; Absent 0

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Consider Resolution 2024-40 To place delinquent payments for snow removal and to place those delinquent properties on the December property tax roll within the City of Charlotte

Motion by Chin supported by Fullerton to approve Resolution 2024-40 To place delinquent payments for snow removal and to place those delinquent properties on the December property tax roll within the City of Charlotte Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- b. Consider Resolution 2024-41 To amend the operating and capital budget appropriation of funds fiscal year 2024-2025

Motion by Fullerton supported by Christensen to amend the resolution to remove the payments to Rowe. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

Motion by Scott supported by Duweck to approve Resolution 2024-41 (as amended) To amend the operating and capital

budget appropriation of funds fiscal year 2024-2025. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- c. Consider approval of the 2025 benefits for employee health care plans; Blue Care Network (BCN), Delta Dental and Vision Service Plan (VSP)

Motion by Fullerton supported by Scott to approve the 2025 benefits for employee health care plans; Blue Care Network (BCN), Delta Dental and Vision Service Plan (VSP). Carried by roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- d. Consider approval of a sealed bid contract with Spalding DeDecker in the amount of \$72,192.00 for public works director services

Motion by Duweck supported by Scott to approve a sealed bid contract with Spalding DeDecker in the amount of \$72,192.00 for public works director services. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- e. Consider approval of a sealed bid contract with Eric Rogers LLC in the amount of \$42,500 for the airport snow removal for the runway and other areas

Motion by Duweck supported by Fullerton to approve a sealed bid contract with Eric Rogers LLC in the amount of \$42,500 for the airport snow removal for the runway and other areas. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- f. Consider approval of a sealed bid contract with Jett Pump & Valve in the amount of \$38,530.97 for the replacement and installation of two (2) vertical dry-pit sewage pumps

Motion by Chin supported by Scott to approve a sealed bid contract with Jett Pump & Valve in the amount of \$38,530.97 for the replacement and installation of two (2) vertical dry-pit sewage pumps. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- g. Consider approval of a sealed bid contract with Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$18,442.60 for Trojan UV Lamps, Sleeves and Seals

Motion by Chin supported by Christensen to approve a sealed bid contract with Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$18,442.60 for Trojan UV Lamps, Sleeves and Seals. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- h. Consider approval of the sealed bid contract with Axes and Irons in the amount of \$21,797.56 for the purchase of Turnout Gear and Fire Boots

Motion by Christensen supported by Rodriguez to approve a sealed bid contract with Axes and Irons in the amount of \$21,797.56 for the purchase of Turnout Gear and Fire Boots. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- i. Consider approval of the sealed bid contract with Eric Rogers LLC in the amount of \$18,400 for downtown snow removal

Motion by Duweck supported by Chin to approve a sealed bid contract with Eric Rogers LLC in the amount of \$18,400 for downtown snow removal. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- j. Consider approval of a \$1,500 quarterly stipend for the VFD Deputy Fire Chief

Motion by Chin supported by Duweck to approve a \$1,500 quarterly stipend for the VFD Deputy Fire Chief. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- k. Consider approval of the land split for the Fire Department training facility.

Motion by Chin supported by Scott to approve the land split for the Fire Department training facility. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

STAFF COMMENTS:

No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Scott – Hi is glad to be back

Chin – He provided an update regarding the ARPA fund rules and proposed that the administration move forward with audio-visual improvements in the Council Chambers which received unanimous support from the Council.

Rodriguez – He supports the overall intent of the proclamation but has expressed concerns about some specific points, particularly regarding the situations and individuals mentioned within it.

Christensen – He attended the (Shadow Season) Masquerade party, which was a great success and well attended. He recognized First Responders Day and spoke with Hillard regarding his concerns with downtown snow removal. He also commended the DPW for their excellent work in taking down an oak tree on Shaw Street and for the sidewalk repair. He thanked all who attended.

Fullerton – The bridge at South Cochran is expected to be open by the end of the week.

Duweck – He encouraged everyone to avoid calling the Clerk's office until after next week (laughter) as her hands are full preparing for the General Election and wished her good luck.

Lewis – Congratulations to Clerk LaRocque and staff for maintaining order during this busy time.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Christensen supported by Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Respectfully submitted,
Mary LaRocque, City Clerk