

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Lewis on Monday February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

City staff in attendance; Deputy Clerk Middaugh, and City Manager Hillard.

INVOCATION:

~~Gary Wales~~ Ruby Sanders – Charlotte Evangelical Churches

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Lewis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. February 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chin supported by Scott approve the February 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes; Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Motion by Scott supported by Christensen to excuse the absence of Council member Rodriguez. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Ordinance 2025-01 – To amend city code Chapter 14: Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III Rental Dwelling Registration; and to provide an effective date hereof

The public hearing opened and closed with no comments received.

- b. Ordinance 2025-02 – To amend city code Chapter 14: Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV House Numbering; and Article V House Moving; and to provide an effective date hereof

The public hearing opened and closed with no comments received.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keisha Howe, member of CharlotteRising (CR), shared that CR will be promoting the Social District through planned events on the first Friday of each month starting in May. They are currently developing a mini-master miniature golf event.

Amanda Lipsey, a resident, presented to the council a history of the Chicken Ordinance and proposed a change to remove the current limit of 10 active permits citywide. This change would allow more residents the opportunity to keep backyard chickens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Christensen, supported by Duweck to approve the agenda. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- a. Proclamation 2025-01 50th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War

Mayor Lewis met Steve Latchaw, Americanism Chair from VFW Post 2406 at the speaker's podium to read and present Proclamation 2025-01 to him. Mr. Latchaw followed up with a

thank you to the Council and invitation to the community wide program and dinner on March 29th.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney Report
- b. City Manager Report
- c. Council member Committee Reports

Christensen – The Camp Frances board meeting on February 19th focused on the growth of their fund balance and the importance of evaluating legal matters through City Attorney Revore. They also discussed the potential of investing some funds with Michigan CLASS, a local government investment pool. The next meeting will be held on March 11th at 6:30 PM in the cabin. The Planning Commission is also scheduled to meet in March. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Traffic Quieting Committee has held several meetings and plans to meet next with the MDOT regional director.

Chin – EATRAN held a special meeting on February 19th to address policy changes related to the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA).

Scott – CARC recently welcomed new member Jenny Beck from Carmel Township, and with this addition, the board now has enough members to achieve a quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$603,788.85
- b. Mayoral Appointments

Motion by Duweck supported by Chin to approve consent agenda items a and b. Carried; Yea 6 Nay 0; Absent 1

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Second reading and consider approval of ordinance 2025-01, amending Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Rental Dwelling Registration,

Motion by Duweck supported by Christensen to correct the typographical errors in sections 3, 6, and 7. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Motion by Fullerton supported by Chin to approve ordinance 2025-01 (as amended), amending Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III, Rental Dwelling Registration. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1 (Rodriguez)

- b. Second reading and consider approval of ordinance 2025-02, amending Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV, House Numbering, and Article V, House Moving.

Motion by Duweck supported by Fullerton to correct typographical errors in sections 2 and 4. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Motion by Christensen supported by Fullerton to approve ordinance 2025-02 (as amended), amending Chapter 14, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV, House Numbering, and Article V, House Moving. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1 (Rodriguez)

- c. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-05 Disposition of an aircraft sold at public auction

Motion by Duweck supported by Scott to approve Resolution 2025-05 Disposition of an aircraft sold at public auction. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

- d. Consider approval of proposed purchasing policy updates

Motion by Duweck supported by Scott to correct typo on page 2 chart amount by replacing 0 to \$5k with 0 to \$10k. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Motion by Scott supported by Duweck to approve the purchasing policy updates (as amended). Carried by roll call vote; Yea 5; Nay 1 (Chin); Absent 1

- e. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-06 Eaton County Fair Board – Request for City Council Support for MDARD County Fair Capital Improvement Grant

Motion by Scott supported by Fullerton to approve Resolution 2025-06 Eaton County Fair Board – Request for City Council Support for MDARD County Fair Capital Improvement Grant Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Latchaw, joked with Council member Christensen suggesting he sounds more like a fog horn than a tuba.

Jodee Pruden, (ZOOM) resident, the communication plan is working well and appreciates it.

Anthony Rodriguez, (ZOOM) Council member – checking in to commend his fellow members on a short, yet great meeting and joked that his absence is not the reason for the short meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS:

No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Scott – No further comments.

Chin – Received a response from a Charlotte resident experiencing housing hardship, who will be interviewing with Senator Anthony. He also provided updates on the state budget

process, changes to road funding received from the state and his intention to meet with Sen. Anthony regarding traffic quieting.

Christensen – Thanked all attendees and shared that he will be attending the upcoming traffic quieting meeting along with Chin. He expressed support for an upcoming measure related to the Chicken Ordinance. Christensen also provided details about the Annual Night at the Fair event on March 15 at 6 p.m. hosted by the Fair Board. He attended the County Commissioners meeting and reported that the Court Administration staff will be closed to the public due to short staffing on Friday's beginning this Friday. He attributes his tuba-like sound to his cold.

Fullerton – No further comments.

Duweck – Commended Lewis for holding the shortest meeting in 3-1/2 years, jokingly noting it is the same measure of time as Rodriguez' term. Thanked everyone in attendance.

Lewis – Regarding the traffic quieting efforts, the focus will be on reducing the impact of large 18-wheel commercial vehicles.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Christensen supported by Scott to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Respectfully submitted,
Mary LaRocque MiPMC, CMC
City Clerk