

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting
December 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Monday December 19, 2022 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members, Van Langevelde, Chin and Dyer. A quorum was met. Also in attendance were City Manager LaPere, City Clerk LaRocque and City Attorney Gillies.

In the audience Community Development Director Myrkle, and Chief of Police Brentar

INVOCATION:

~~Victor Williams, New Hope Community Church~~-absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. December 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. December 8, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chin supported by Duweck to approve the meeting minutes. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Motion by Weissenborn supported by Van Langevelde to excuse council member Rodriguez. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to approve the agenda. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$363,912.52
- b. Resolution 2022-35 Extend the timeframe for filling vacancy of Fire Chief

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to approve the consent agenda items a and b. Carried by roll call vote. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. First reading of Ordinance 2022-09 and set a public hearing for January 3, 2023 to establish a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for redevelopment project at Butternut Creek apartment complex, 100 Butternut Drive, Charlotte, MI

A 5.6 million investment is planned for improvements at Butternut Creek apartment complex. A new PILOT rate request at 8% is vital to make this project viable. Butternut Creek apartment complex is a Section 8 affordable housing development which houses seniors and families. The projected 12-month renovation project will upgrade exterior façade, lighting, landscape, pavement, flooring, kitchens and bathrooms, painting, and where necessary, make the units ADA compliant.

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Dyer to approve a Public Hearing set for January 3, 2023 to consider Ordinance 2022-09. Carried by roll call vote. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney report was received

No additional comments by Gillies.

- b. City Manager report was received

LaPere noted the **urgent** need for new Board of Review (BOR) committee members. A small stipend is paid and lunch is provided in service. Camp Frances is still in need of board members. Michigan Dept. of Treasury is looking for volunteers to help residents with their personal taxes. She also answered questions regarding the progress of the website project with a request by Weissenborn to include information on Charlotte Area Recreational Coop - CARC on the new site.

- c. Police Dpt. Activity Report – November, was received

Brentar mentioned we are close to hiring a Sergeant.

- d. Council member Committee Reports

No reports

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Van Langevelde – Thank you to everyone who volunteers, donates, wraps gifts and gives of their time this Holiday season and cautioned everyone to slow down, drive careful– it's snowing!

Weissenborn – Thanked all the volunteers and Fire Dept and Police Dept. for the Christmas Kiddies and Shop with a Hero programs. She has several students who benefit and knows how much it means to them. She wishes everyone Happy Holidays and New Year! Teen center renovations looks great, excited for completion.

Dyer – Reminded everyone of the snow removal ordinance, thanked DPW and 1st responders and Happy Holidays!

Duweck – 2nd's all previously mentioned thank you sentiments and wishes everyone Happy Holidays.

Chin – Happy Holidays! Thanks Fire and Police. Mentioned the Porta Potty is still out front (on W. Henry St.) and pondered how long it takes to renovate a bathroom. LaPere to check on status.

Armitage – Attended the Wendy's ribbon cutting and mentioned that Wendy's staff collected \$3k to donate to Helping Hands. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Next meeting Tuesday January 3, 2023. City offices are closed for the holiday on Monday January 2nd.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Mayor Michael Armitage

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk