

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

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Monday September 19, 2022 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

City staff in the audience; Community Development Director Myrkle.

INVOCATION:

Randy Royston - New Hope Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. September 06, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. September 08, 2022 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

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

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Motion by supported by to approve the absence of Council member Van Langevelde. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pam Colestock, Eaton Rapids Mayor, presented a donation by check to the Charlotte Athletic Boosters and a picture with Mayor Armitage was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Chin supported by Rodriguez to approve agenda after moving Business Agenda items b and c and the addition of Special Presentation by MERS ahead of the Consent Agenda to accommodate the attorney's schedule. Also adding item e MIHAF Partner Contract to the Business Agenda as submitted by Dyer. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- b. Consider proposed Council Policy 2022-05 regarding acceptance of postmarks for property taxes.

Motion by Dyer, no support. Motion failed.

- c. Consider waiver of penalty for winter 2021 property taxes at 851 Chads Way.

Motion by Rodriguez supported by Van Langevelde (made at the September 06, 2022 meeting and tabled until now) to approve waiving the penalty for 851 Chads Way winter 2021 property tax. Failed; Yea 0; Nay 6; Absent 1

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

MERS Actuarial report given by Marne Daggett

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$182,478.23
- b. Approve fireworks display for Charlotte Public Schools

- c. Approve street closure request for Michigan Mead Night event
- d. Mayoral Board and Commission appointment

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to approve the Consent Agenda items a, b, c, and d. Carried by roll call vote. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Approval of settlement agreement with JRRS Investments, LLC for acquisition of easement at 1671 Lansing Rd.

Motion by Dyer supported by Duweck to approve 1671 Easement acquisition Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0, Absent 1

- d. First reading and set public hearing for proposed amendment to Chapter 82, Sections 82-465 Fences, Residential and 82-466 Fences, Industrial

Motion by Dyer supported by Duweck to approve the foregoing resolution for a public hearing by Planning Commission regarding an amendment to Chapter 82, Sections 82-465 Fences Residential and 82-466 Fences, Industrial. Carried by roll call vote; Yea 6; Nay 0, Absent 1.

- e. Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund MIHAF participation contract.

Motion by Dyer, supported by Weissenborn to approve the City enter in a contract agreement with MIHAF. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney report was received
- b. City Manager report was received

LaPere gave a status update on the following topics Gooble Field Lease with CJO; City Hall roof; keyless entry upgrades; website redesign project; purchasing policy/ordinance; RAVE alerts; volunteer opportunities and assistance programs.

- c. Monthly Police Activity Report was received

Larceny increased drastically due to thefts of catalytic converters.

- d. Council member Committee Reports

Weissenborn – The baseball field at CARC Park located at Packard and M-50 is receiving final touches, a ribbon cutting ceremony is coming Early October – TBA. Weissenborn thanked the DPW and Fred Silvas for maintenance of the field.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Maria Lazaro – resident – Gave her reasons for her request to Dyer to add the agenda item regarding the MIHAF Participation contract that was approved at the meeting tonight.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chin – Thanked Chief Brentar for the BBQ

Duweck – Thanked Chief Brentar for the BBQ

Dyer – Thanked Bryan for his work on the Fence Ordinance amendments

Weissenborn – Thanked Bryan for his work on the Fence Ordinance amendments and to the planners and workers of Frontier Days it's a great community event.

Rodriguez – Thanked all citizen participants who have come to the council meetings the past few months to bring their issues to light. He encourages anyone to contact him through e-mail or phone and to come to future meetings.

Armitage – Visited Cross Walk Teens Center and commended them on their program. He is hosting a Town Hall Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. here in council Chambers, he will be attending the EMS contract meeting Tuesday night and asked for anyone who may have information on the missing Frontier Days banner to please come forward.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

Mayor Michael Armitage

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk