

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Smith Monday, February 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Arnold, Cuttle, Kruger, Sanders, Weissenborn, Mayor Pro-Tem Baker, Mayor Smith and City Manager Guetschow

ABSENT: None

The invocation was offered by Mayor Smith, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010: Motion by Councilmember Arnold, second by Sanders to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2010, as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wayne Ridge, 905 S. Bostwick, thanked Council for appointing him to the Camp Frances Board, and announced that he is running for County Commissioner.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: Kelsey Mansel reported that Charlotte students are enjoying a snow day today. The High School varsity boy's basketball team plays away on Tuesday and Friday this week, and the girls varsity team plays at home on Tuesday. There is a bake sale fundraiser at the school on February 23rd, a Band concert at CPAC on March 4th, in coordination with festival March 5th and 6th; and a Red Cross Blood Drive March 5th at the High School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Baker, second by Arnold to approve the agenda with the addition of item 11E) Consider Final Approval for the sale of 3.5 Acres in Combs Industrial Park to Garn Restoration. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Appoint Kimberly Curran to the Board of Review for a term expiring 12/31/2014
- B. Re-appoint Tom Hewitt and Mike Lahr to the Downtown Development Authority for terms expiring 3/15/2014.
- C. Re-appoint David Powers and William Siarny to the Planning Commission for terms expiring 3/31/2013.
- D. Re-appoint Daryl Baker to the Local Development Finance Authority for term ending 3/15/2014
- E. Approve Budget Adjustment #5 in the amount of \$16,945
- F. Approve recommendation of Amy Schoonover to accept the low bid for purchase of one trailer mounted generator in the amount of \$55,125
- G. Claims and Accounts – Total Claims - \$252,990.15

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Councilmember Arnold, second by Sanders to approve the consent agenda. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- A. **Public Hearing for WJG Enterprises Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption**
Public Hearing opened at 7:10 p.m. Bryan Myrkle indicated that WJG is attempting to diversify and reduce its reliance on the auto industry. In order to stay viable they have requested a "Mega Tax Credit" from the State of Michigan

which has been approved contingent upon them receiving tax incentives from the City. Their request is for a PA 198 of 1974 IFT Exemption, similar to those approved in the past. They will be investing about \$1.2 million into the plant, about \$833,000 in personal property and the remainder in real property, allowing them to create 40 – 45 new jobs at the facility. They have received no previous tax abatements and their property taxes are paid to date. The abatement is 50% for 12 years on real property and 50% for 8 years on personal property. Mr. Myrkle introduced Bill Grice, President and CEO of WJG who answered questions from Council. Public Hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

B. Consider Resolution approving WJG Enterprises request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption

Councilmember Kruger offered the following motion for approval and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, this Council has the authority to establish “Industrial Development Districts” within the boundaries of the City of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, this Council on March 28, 1988 established by resolution an Industrial Development District designated as “City of Charlotte Industrial Development District No. 7”; and

WHEREAS, WJG Enterprises Molding Company, Inc. has filed an application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate relative to property situated within City of Charlotte Industrial Development District No. 7; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2010, a public hearing was held at which time the affected taxing authorities, the assessor and the applicant, having been duly informed of said hearing, were afforded an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the granting of the industrial facilities exemption certificate, considered together with

the aggregate amount of industrial facilities exemption certificates previously granted and currently in force, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of the City of Charlotte of impairing the financial soundness of the affected taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that WJG Enterprises Molding Company, Inc., has complied with the requirements of Act. No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the application of WJG Enterprises Molding Company, Inc. for an industrial facilities exemption certificate, pursuant to Act. No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, relative to property situated within City of Charlotte Industrial Development District No. 7, and located at 400 Parkland Drive, is hereby approved for a period of 12 years for Real Property and 8 years for Personal Property.

Supported by Baker. Motion Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

C. Police Department Year End Report and Officer Merit Recognition

Chief Bill Callahan recognized the following Officers for Unit Citations:

- Detective King, Officers Antcliff and Frazer
- Lieutenant Terpstra, Detective Beal, Officers Poshedly, Hafner and Koning

He recognized the following Officers for Certificates of Merit:

- Officer Antcliff
- Sergeant Sherman (received two for two different investigations)

Chief Callahan also reviewed the Police Department Year End Report and answered questions from Council.

D. Consider City Manager’s Request to meet in Closed Session at the conclusion of Regular Business for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Bargaining Strategy

Motion by Councilmember Arnold, second by Cuttle to enter into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, at the conclusion of regular business. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

- E. Consider Final Approval for the sale of 3.5 Acres in Combs Industrial Park to Garn Restoration.** City Manager Guetschow explained that the 28 day period to allow for public inspection and comment on the sale has expired. No input from the public was received.
Motion by Councilmember Cuttle, second by Arnold to give final approval and authorize the sale of 3.5 acres in Combs Industrial Park to Garn Restoration. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reviewed the content of his written report.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Cuttle announced that Step By Step will meet on the third Tuesday in February at 7 a.m. at Biggby Coffee. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Planning Commissioner Mike Ranville and Councilmember Cuttle attended “Creating Walkable and Vibrant Communities” sponsored by the MML on February 12th.

Councilmember Baker gave a brief report on the “Creating Walkable and Vibrant Communities” workshop.

Councilmember Arnold announced that the Recreation Cooperative will be working on a preliminary budget at their next meeting on February 24th at 7 p.m. in the Eaton Township Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Baker commended the Police Officers who were recognized during the Chief’s Year End Report.

Mayor Smith recognized the community members who were presented awards at the Chamber of Commerce Dinner. He updated the Council and public on the Winter Warm-up challenge. The Free International Missions headquarters will celebrate its grand opening with a celebration at the Charlotte Assembly of God at 10:00 am, and then move to the building on Harris Street behind City Hall for a ribbon cutting at 11:30 am. Council and the public are invited to attend.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Baker, second by Sanders to convene in closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Baker, second by Sanders to reconvene into open session at 9:08 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Kruger, second by Cuttle to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2009, closed session as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Deleski R. Smith, Mayor

Michelle M. King, City Clerk