

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Conway, Dyer, Ridge, Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, Mayor Burch, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Burch followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 22, 2014: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to approve the minutes of December 22, 2014 as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ABSENT: Councilmember Johnston.

There was no motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Johnston.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, welcomed the new year and looks forward to positive changes for 2015. He encouraged council to move more money to infrastructure and stated that the roads will not fix themselves.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Baker moved, supported by Conway to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approve reappointment of Joseph Pray to the Airport Advisory Board with term expiring 4/1/2017
- b) Approve Statement of Doing Business with City of Charlotte 2015
- c) Approve Proposal of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber for NPDES permit in the amount of \$3,500.00
- d) Approve Prein & Newhof Contract for engineering of Airport runway rehabilitation
- e) Accept terms and conditions of Federal Airport Improvement Grant/Signatory Resolution
- f) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$477,988.43

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Ridge to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Johnston)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- A. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE 221 W. LOVETT FROM OS-1 TO RT TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL:**

City Manager Guetschow explained that Mr. A.G. Twitchell, owner of 221 W. Lovett, has previously applied for and been granted a Class A Non-Conforming Use at that address to maintain a residence in the building. He now wants to remove the office in the lower level of the building and make the downstairs his residence and the

upstairs an apartment. He needs the property to be rezoned from OS-1 to RT Two family residential in order to do this.

Councilmember Conway stated that this residence is very close to his and is and has been well maintained.

Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Ridge to rezone 221 W. Lovett from OS-1 to RT Two family residential. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Johnston)

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE 446 N. SHELDON FROM I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL:

City Manager Guetschow explained that the property at 446 N. Sheldon asked that their property be rezoned to R-1 Single Family Residential due to some refinancing issues. The City looked at the Future Land Use, which calls for that entire area to be changed to R-1 Single Family residential. They proposed to change the entire area instead of only one property.

Planning Commission after much discussion decided to only recommend the rezoning of the one property at 446 N. Sheldon from I-2 General Industrial to R-1 Single Family Residential.

Mark Johnson, LL Johnson Lumber, sent a letter in opposition of changing the zoning for the surrounding properties from OS-1 to R-1 Single Family Residential. He is concerned about setback changes etc. that would impact his business if these properties were rezoned.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Sanders to approve the rezoning of 446 N. Sheldon from I-2 General Industrial to R-1 Single Family Residential. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Johnson)

C. PRESENTATION REGARDING EATON COUNTY GOOD FOOD PLAN – RESOLUTION 2015-01:

Councilmember Ridge gave a presentation to explain the Eaton County Good Food Plan and introduced the following resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Charlotte recognize the importance of a local food system in which agriculture and food businesses are valued and viable occupations that enhance the local economy, improve the health of residents, and increase food security; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Charlotte support the Eaton Good Food Council and their efforts to bring together local leaders and organizations to promote and expand the robust food and agricultural sector and to promote equitable access to safe, healthy and affordable food; and

WHEREAS, support of the Eaton Good Food Plan will increase awareness about local food supply and distribution and lead to strengthened quality and equality in our local food system; thus improving the overall economy and quality of life for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Charlotte hereby support the attached Eaton County Good Food Plan effective this date, January 12, 2015 which provides strategic strategies to create a compilation of information to be used for education, advocacy, and identification of underserved communities, local producers (farms) and crops;

establishing clear pathways for producers to access local markets; and establishing pathways for consumers to access locally grown foods.

Supported by Baker. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent (Johnston)

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: Owens-Brockway has filed a Motion to consolidate the two applications for the Leave of Appeal that are presently before the Michigan Supreme Court..

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that the enforcement of the sidewalk snow removal will be starting on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The online Christmas Kiddies funding through Crowdrise generated \$2120.00 to date. There will be discussion about using Crowdrise for Camp Frances funding in the future. The MSHDA Grant application for construction of apartments in downtown buildings has been approved. The asbestos inspection for the Armory has been completed and there is no significant amount of asbestos found in the building. There will be a report prepared for the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Recreation Co-op will be meeting on January 15, 2015.
- Councilmember Dyer reported that the Sustainability Committee is still working on their Green plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B,

thanked everyone who has helped with the Christmas Kiddies program and hopes that it is around for a long time. He stated that he objects to the snow removal program. He does not feel

that it is fair or will be enforced fairly. He would like to see the consent agendas dissected more for citizen information. He would like all zoning looked at to see how it affects businesses.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Dyer requested that DPW Director Gilson attend the next meeting to answer any questions they may have regarding the Armory.
- Councilmember Conway announced that there will be a CanDo and DDA meeting later in the week. The truck traffic will be a topic of discussion at this meeting.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that she is excited about the rental rehab project for downtown. She hopes that some open houses can be held to promote more development. The ITC Grant is exciting for Camp Frances to continue programs there. She thanked the citizens for coming.
- Mayor Burch thanked the DPW for once again maintaining the roads in the recent snow fall. She stated that more property owners seem to be clearing their walks and she appreciates that. She clarified that there will be inspections and warnings after each snowfall.

Councilmember Conway moved to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Carried. 6 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk