

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 26, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Burch on Monday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Baker, Dyer, Ridge, Johnston, Conway, 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 MAY 11, 2015:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Conway to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**ABSENT:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B,** addressed the council stating that he would like the street funding committee's recommendations. He would also like to see a presentation on the Sustainability Committee.

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Baker to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Approve Independent Bank Signature Resolution 2015-08
- b) Approve Authorization for change in Standard Lighting Contract for Consumers Energy covering replacement and conversion of street lights
- c) Approve Claims & Accounts in the amount of \$309,850.15

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL**

**VOTE:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Dyer to approve the consent agenda as presented. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING HAZARD & NUISANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL 2015-01:**

**Public Hearing Opened at 7:06 P.M.**

**Phil Berkompas,** addressed the council in regards to the Special Assessment for 413 Pearl Street in the amount of \$144.15 for brush removal. Mr. Berkompas stated that a notice should have been sent before the brush was picked up. He stated that he did receive an invoice at the time but that he did not contact the City at that time.

**Public Hearing Closed at 7:13 P.M.**

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HAZARD & NUISANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL 2015-01:**

Discussion was held on what type of notices are sent to property owners.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Conway to approve Hazard & Nuisance Special Assessment Roll 2015-01 with the removal of 413 Pearl St. assessment for further investigation. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**C. PUBLIC HEARING FY 2015/2016 BUDGET:**

**Public Hearing Opened: 7:19 P.M.**

There was no public comment.

**Public Hearing Closed: 7:20 P.M.**

**D. DISCUSS WATER/SEWER UTILITY RATE RESOLUTION 2015-09:**

Discussion was held on the cost of maintaining the water/sewer system and the need for the rate increase.

**E. DISCUSS RESOLUTION 2015-10 ADOPTING FY 2015/2016 BUDGET:**

City Manager Guetschow provided copies of the proposed DDA Budget and the proposed CARA Budget. He also provided a copy of the revised budget resolution including levying the 2 mills for the Downtown Development Authority.

Discussion was held on the 2 mills to be levied for DDA.

Discussion was held on bonding for parking lot improvements. It was the consensus of council to remove the parking lot bonding from the budget at this time.

**F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MILLAGE AGREEMENT WITH EATON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:**

City Manager Guetschow explained the agreement with the Eaton County Road Commission for Millage Revenue that was agreed upon by both the Eaton County Road Commission and the City of Charlotte.

**Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Johnston to approve the agreement as written. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMPANY FOR TENNIS COURT ENGINEERING SERVICES:**

City Manager Guetschow explained that there were two proposals received for the tennis court engineering services. Rowe Professional Services Company was the low bid.

**Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to authorize approval of the proposal from Rowe Professional Services Company in the amount of \$9,200.00. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**H. DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCILMEMBER DYER'S PROPOSAL FOR DDA REVOLVING LOAN FUND:**

Councilmember Dyer stated that he would like to propose a revolving loan fund for the DDA District using some of the O-I settlement monies.

Discussion was held among councilmembers on the implementation of this type of revolving loan fund.

**I. CONSIDER THE CITY MANAGER'S REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.258 (C) TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:**

**Councilmember Dyer moved, supported by Ridge to authorize a Closed Session Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) to discuss collective bargaining. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** None.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Councilmember Dyer reported that the Sustainability Committee will be presenting a report at the first meeting in June.
- Councilmember Conway reported that the Rec Co-op met on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Work is being done on the Master Plan update.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B,** addressed the council on the costs of street repair. He also addressed the City Manager form of government vs. strong Mayor form of government.

**Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio,** addressed the council on the City Manager form of government and on the City budget.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilmember Dyer stated that he looks forward to exploring the idea of the Revolving Loan Fund for the Downtown Development Authority.
- Councilmember Conway thanked everyone who took part in the Memorial Day Parade and appreciates their service.
- Councilmember Ridge thanked City Manager Guetschow and staff for the work done on the budget.
- Councilmember Johnston expressed interest in getting more information on the DDA Revolving Fund Loan program and possibly a model from other communities.
- Mayor Burch encouraged everyone to shop local and get out and enjoy Charlotte.

**Motion by Sanders, second by Ridge to recess to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) at 8:22 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**Motion by Conway, second by Baker to approve the closed session minutes of March 23, 2015 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**Motion by Conway, second by Dyer to approve the POLC Non-Supervisory Contract as proposed. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**Councilmember Conway moved, second by Ridge to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

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Mayor Burch

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Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk