

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

June 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2015: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Baker to approve the minutes of June 8, 2015 as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: Councilmember Johnston
Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Dyer to excuse Councilmember Johnston. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Carol Halsey, 416 Johnson, addressed the Council regarding the Main Street Project with suggestions and ideas for the project.

John Greathouse, Legislative Director of American Postal Workers Union, Lansing MI, addressed the Council regarding the resolution presented that is requesting U.S. Congress to prohibit the U.S. Postal Service from closing or consolidating

it's mail processing center in Lansing. He gave an overview of the mail distribution process. He urged the council to contact local Senators and Representatives.

Zachary Story, 105 ½ S Cochran, Ste. B, stated that he was grateful to the Chamber of Commerce and the hard work they put into organizing the Celebrate Charlotte festival.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Ridge to approve the agenda as presented. With the addition to Items of Business item 11B, to approve the Resolution requesting that the U.S. Congress prohibit the U.S. Postal Service from closing or consolidating its mail processing center in Lansing, Michigan. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. Absent (Johnston)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Approve Reappointment of Dale Dodds to the Library Board with Term Expiring 6/30/2018.
- 2) Approve Open Torque Tube Painting to Commercial Painting Services in the Amount of \$4,325.00.
- 3) Approve Moore & Bruggink UV Project Change Order in the Amount of \$8,035.44.
- 4) Approve Budget Adjustments #1 & #2
- 5) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Engineering Agreement with Airport Consultant Establishing Fees for Construction Phase Services.
- 6) Approve Resolution Authorizing Signatures MDOT Contract 2015-0296.

- 7) Approve acceptance of FAA Statements of Assurances, Circulars, Certifications and Drug-free Workplace Documentation.
- 8) Approve Contract with MDOT for Concrete Rehab Project No. 2015-0296.
- 9) Approve Claims & Accounts in the Amount of \$228,401.27.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Sanders to approve the consent agenda as presented. 6 Yes. 0 No. Absent (Johnston)

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHARLOTTE INSURANCE INVOICE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE LIFE INSURANCE POLICY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$872.90.

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Ridge to approve Volunteer Life Insurance Policy in the amount of \$872.90 as presented. Carried. 5 Yes. 0 No. Abstain (Baker) Absent (Johnston)

B. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS PROHIBIT THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE FROM CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATING ITS MAIL PROCESSING CENTER IN LANSING, MICHIGAN

Councilmember Conway apologized to Council for the delay in getting the resolution to them. He stated that the importance of the resolution, will in effect, help make changes to the efficiency of the distribution center.

Discussion was held.

The resolution was presented as follows:

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service plans to close (or “consolidate”) the Lansing mail Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC), and

WHEREAS, this plan would severely delay mail delivery, and

WHEREAS, the delay of mail would negatively affect residents and local businesses, and would harm our community, and

WHEREAS, the closure depends on a degradation of “service standards,” that would result in the virtual elimination of overnight mail delivery throughout the country, and

WHEREAS, the closure is not in the public’s best interest, and

WHEREAS, Federal law stipulates that, “The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to provide postal services to bind the Nation together through personal, educational, literary, and business correspondence of the people. It shall provide prompt, reliable and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities,” [39 U.S. Code Section 101 (a)]

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. That the City of Charlotte does hereby demand congressional intervention to stop this proposal to Close or Consolidate the Lansing Processing & Distribution Center.

Section 2. Does hereby demand congressional intervention to stop the delay of mail and the elimination of overnight delivery of first-class mail, set for January 5, 2015.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be forwarded to our U.S. Senators and Representatives and the Postmaster General.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, seconded by Conway to adopt the resolution as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. Absent (Johnston).

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR COUNCILMEMBER RIDGE TO ATTEND THE MML CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER:

Councilmember Ridge stated that other Michigan Municipal Conferences she attended had been very informative and this particular conference will benefit her work in council.

Discussion was held regarding the funds for training and the cost of registration.

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Baker to approve Councilmember Ridge to attend the MML Conference as presented. Carried. 5 Yes. 0 No. Abstain (Ridge) Absent (Johnston)

D. DISCUSSION ON FIVE YEAR ROAD PLAN:

City Manager Guetschow introduced Public Works Director Amy Gilson and gave a brief overview of the strategic plan for the repair of the city streets. He explained that this presentation is for informative purposes.

Director Gilson presented to Council the “Strategy One” plan based on the finances we have currently. She stated that the engineering includes the re-construction and any preventative maintenance to the streets. The work would also include any utility reconstruction. She presented a financial sheet to Council. She expected to begin the construction in April or May of 2016.

Discussion was held in regards to the procedure of petitioning specific streets and their repair and the amount of funding for the project.

The board thanked Director Gilson for her work and the information presented.

E. DISCUSSION ON CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – COUNCILMEMBER DYER:

Councilmember Dyer stated that he would like to discuss ways to communicate to the public in a more digital way. He gave an example of a utility notice and the delay of the postal mail.

Discussion was held regarding notices through texting, email or express mail.

City Manager Guetschow stated that notices are set by the Council policies. He stated that there had been issues with mail delivery and the policy defines the use of the postal service. He was encouraged that members of council were introducing this topic and the need to re-evaluate the process.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow had no report for he was supervising at Girls State. He stated that he was encouraged by the many young women who are naturally pursuing civic leadership roles.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Patronicity grant for the tennis courts has been approved and the site is up and running. She also reported that the DNR gave a sound review of the softball fields.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Baker stated she participated in the Celebrate Charlotte festival and the fireworks were the best she had ever seen. She also thanked Director Amy Gilson for all her hard work and Carol Halsey for her efforts on the Main street project.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that she was impressed on how well organized Celebrate Charlotte was this year. She reported that over 700 people were served during the pancake breakfast at the airport and 248 runners in the 1st year of the Color Run. She commended Chief Sherman and the officers for all their help with the Color Run.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders stated that he was happy to see so many people at the celebration and the turn out at the airport.
- Councilmember Conway thanked the City Manager for teaching government at Girls State again this year. He encouraged the board members to reach out to Congress

in regards to the Postal Service resolution. He also recommended a new app for the cell phone called Vote Spotter.

- Councilmember Dyer reported that \$7,000 dollars was raised for the Color Run.
- Mayor Burch thanked all the volunteers for their help during the Celebrate Charlotte festival. She stated that it is always nice to have quality events for our community. She encouraged everyone to support the downtown, shop local and enjoy Charlotte our great city.

Councilmember Conway moved, second by Dyer to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. Absent (Johnston)

Mayor Burch

Denise M. Dell'Acqua, Deputy City Clerk