

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 25, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Lewis on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Bahmer, Johnston, Mitchell, Ridge, Russo, Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, Mayor Lewis, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Pastor John Bailey, Charlotte Church of Christ, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2016:** Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Russo to approve the minutes of January 11, 2016 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**ABSENT:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Morris, 307 Pearl Street, addressed the council regarding sidewalk clearing issues and concerns about the age of water lines.

**Jenna Rohrs, President Chamber of Commerce**, 2990 N. Stewart, addressed the council to announce that the Chamber Dinner is to be held on January 28, 2016. She also announced the Dancing with the Stars on February 18, 2016 at CPAC. It will be featuring Charlotte residents.

A Grand Ledge resident announced her candidacy for Eaton County District Court Judge in the vacancy of Judge Harvey Hoffman's retirement.

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** Madelynn Hull was not present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the agenda with the addition of in 12( c) to include setting a public hearing for February 2, 2016. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Anthony Faulkner** gave a presentation on his intentions to improve 339 N. Cochran and 401 N. Cochran, Charlotte, MI. He gave council an overview of the shape the buildings were in when he purchased them, what he has done since he purchased the buildings and what he is looking to accomplish overall. He is also asking council to approve the resolution creating an OPRA District for the properties located at 339 & 401 N. Cochran Avenue.

**Marilyn Crowley, MEDC representative**, gave a presentation on Project Rising Tide. She explained that one community was selected from each of ten regions in Michigan. Charlotte was selected for our region. Their team has met with community leaders to identify areas that Charlotte may need improvement. They have provided action steps by quarters. Their team will be working with officials to move Charlotte forward over the next several months.

**William SaintAmour**, representative for Michigan Nordic Fire Festival, along with Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director presented the activities planned for the Nordic Fire Festival.

**Councilmember Bahmer** asked for an update on the O-I Arsenic

issue. City Manager Guetschow gave the council the background information on how this issue had been handled.

**Councilmember Bahmer** discussed establishing a subcommittee with Chamber of Commerce to draw business to Charlotte and keep the council informed as to what they are working on.

**EXPEDITED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016 REGARDING THE CREATION OF OPRA DISTRICT FOR 339 N. COCHRAN AVE. & 401 N. COCHRAN AVE.:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Act No. 146 of the Public Acts of 2000, this City of Charlotte City Council has the authority to establish Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Districts within the City of Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, 401 N. Cochran, LLC and 339 N. Cochran LLC have filed a written request with the clerk of this City of Charlotte requesting the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District on its property located in the City of Charlotte hereinafter described; and

**WHEREAS**, this City Council of the City of Charlotte sets forth a finding and determination that the district meets the requirements set forth in section 3(1) of Public Act 146 of 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the proposed district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the County Journal and/or public posting of the hearing on the establishment of the proposed district; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2016 a public hearing was held and all residents and taxpayers of the City of Charlotte were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte City Council deems it to be in the public interest of the City of Charlotte to establish the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District as proposed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that the following described parcels of land situated in the City of Charlotte, County of Eaton, and State of Michigan; to wit:

S 40 FT OF LOT 2. LOTS 3,6,7. BLK 4. & SLY PORTION OF ADJACENT VACATED FOOTE ST. SEC.12, T2N,R5W, CITY OF CHARLOTTE 1991

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COM ON W LINE OF COCHRAN AVE 33 FT N OF NE COR OF BLK 4. O.P., N 147 FT TO A PT 3 FT N OF N RAIL OF M.C.R.R. SIDE TRACK, W ON A LINE 3 FT N OF SAID TRACK TO A PT 360 FT W OF SAID W LINE OF COCHRAN AVE, S TO N LINE OF FOOTE ST., E TO BEG. & NLY PORTION OF ADJACENT VACATED FOOTE ST. SEC.12, T2N,R5W, CITY OF CHARLOTTE 1991

Be and here is established as an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District pursuant to the provision of Act No. 146 of the Public Acts of 2000 to be known as City of Charlotte Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District No. 2016-1.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve Resolution No. 2016-09 for creation of OPRA District for 339 N. Cochran & 401 N. Cochran Ave. and set a public hearing for February 8, 2016. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 218 N. COCHRAN AVE. TO MX-1 MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2016:**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 82 - ZONING, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE A CERTAIN DESCRIBED PARCEL FROM RT TWO FAMILY TO MX-1 MIXED USE OVERLAY DISTRICT

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning District Map of the City of Charlotte, being part of Chapter 82 - Zoning, of the Code of the City of Charlotte, is hereby amended as follows:

That property described as: 218 N. Cochran Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813

is hereby rezoned from RT- Two Family Residential to MX-1 Mixed Use Overlay District.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to make the necessary corrections evidencing this zoning change.

Section 3. The attached map evidencing this change shall be marked and designated as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ and the City Clerk shall enter on the zoning map this ordinance number and the date of the adoption thereof and shall maintain a file containing a copy of this ordinance and a map thereto attached.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its publication.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to rezone 218 N.**

**Cochran Ave. to MX-1 Mixed Use Overlay District and set a public hearing for February 2, 2016. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE 622 W. LAWRENCE AVE. TO B-3 BUSINESS DISTRICT:**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 82 - ZONING, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE A CERTAIN DESCRIBED PARCEL FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO B-3 BUSINESS DISTRICT

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning District Map of the City of Charlotte, being part of Chapter 82 - Zoning, of the Code of the City of Charlotte, is hereby amended as follows:

That property described as: 622 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813

is hereby rezoned from R-1 Single Family Residential to B-3 Business District.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to make the necessary corrections evidencing this zoning change.

Section 3. The attached map evidencing this change shall be marked and designated as Ordinance No. \_\_\_ and the City Clerk shall enter on the zoning map this ordinance number and the date of the adoption thereof and shall maintain a file containing a copy of this ordinance and a map thereto attached.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its publication.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Sanders to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to rezone 622 W. Lawrence Ave. to B-3 Business District and set a public hearing for February 2, 2016. Carried. 7 Yes. 0No.

**D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-10 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS – SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05:**

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Planning Commission and in positions to which City Council members are appointed as Council representatives; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lewis is recommending the following individuals to fill these vacancies:

Name	Board	Term Ending
Matt Harag	Planning Commission	March 31, 2017
Mary Jean Baker	Eatran Board	December 31, 2019
Christine Reist	Camp Frances Board	May 15, 2019

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the appointments listed above shall be and the same are hereby approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Bahmer to approve Resolution No. 2016-10 Mayoral appointments – subject to the approval of Resolution No. 2016-05 with the addition of Councilmember Russo. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-08 REGARDING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:**

WHEREAS, Section 7.7 (B) of the City Charter requires Council approval for the expenditure of city funds; and

WHEREAS, the January 15, 2016 payroll totaled \$137,757.54; and

WHEREAS, the January 25, 2016 Bank of America credit card charges totaled \$3,527.72; and

WHEREAS, the January 25, 2016 claims total \$173,558.24;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves claims and accounts for January 25, 2016 in the amount of \$314,843.50.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS BY ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve Resolution 2016-08 for expenditures of the City for January 25, 2016 as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 1 No. (Bahmer)

**ACTION ITEMS- RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**A. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03 – 2016 POVERTY EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR CITY OF CHARLOTTE:**

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemption is within the purview of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the City Assessor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL.211.7u); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 the City of Charlotte, Eaton County adopts the following Income and Asset levels establishing eligibility for Poverty Exemptions in the year 2016,

**FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES FOR 2016 POVERTY EXEMPTION**

1 person .....	\$ 11,770
2 persons .....	\$ 15,930
3 persons.....	\$ 20,090
4 persons.....	\$ 24,250
5 persons.....	\$ 28,410
6 persons.....	\$ 32,570
7 persons.....	\$ 36,730
8 persons.....	\$ 40,890
For Each Additional Person add.....	\$ 4,160

**MAXIMUM ASSET STANDARDS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A POVERTY EXEMPTION**

*(PA 390 of 1994 states that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit shall include an asset level test)*

1 person .....	\$ 25,680
2 persons .....	\$ 31,811
3 persons.....	\$ 38,048
4 persons.....	\$ 44,167
5 persons.....	\$ 50,494
6 persons.....	\$ 56,712
7 persons.....	\$ 62,846
8 persons.....	\$ 69,060
9 persons or more.....	\$ 75,568

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Johnston to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-03 – 2016 Poverty Exemption Certificate City of Charlotte as presented. Carried 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**B. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-04 FOR PURCHASE OF 2016 JOHN DEERE GATOR RSX860i FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**WHEREAS**, The Charlotte Fire Department had been operating a 1969 Jeep grass firefighting unit that had become obsolete and not worthy of being used for firefighting operations;

**WHEREAS**, The Charlotte Fire Department budgeted a total of \$16,000.00 for the purchase of a replacement unit in the 2015/2016 fiscal year, where the total cost of the unit will be equally split between the City of Charlotte (50%) and The Rural Fire Association (50%);

**WHEREAS**, The Charlotte Fire Department took bids for a 2016 John Deere Gator RSX860i to replace the 45 year old Jeep grass firefighting unit;

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsive bidder for this unit, complete to the Charlotte Fire Department specifications is D&G Equipment of Charlotte, MI to the amount of \$14,062.46;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Charlotte City Council hereby authorizes the purchase of a 2016 John Deere Gator RSX860i from D&G Equipment of Charlotte, MI.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Russo to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-04 for purchase of 2016 John Deere Gator RSX860i for Fire Department as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**C. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05 TO INCREASE TO NINE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE CAMP FRANCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council previously established the Camp Frances Educational and Recreational Center, Inc; and

**WHEREAS**, the bylaws of the corporation provide that the number of members on the board of directors shall be no fewer than five and no more than nine; and

**WHEREAS**, the president of the board of directors has advised Mayor Tim Lewis that the board wishes to increase the number of members from the current seven to nine;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the number of members of the board of directors of the Camp Frances Educational and Recreational Center, Inc. is hereby increased to nine.

**Councilmember Bahmer moved, supported by Ridge to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-05 to increase to nine the number of members on the Camp Frances Board of Directors as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**D. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06 FOR RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATORIES FOR MDOT CONTRACT:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte wishes to continue operating and maintaining a Weather Observation and Data Dissemination System at the Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport, more commonly referred to as the AWOS; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics requires that a Resolution authorizing signatures accompany this contract.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Tim Lewis and City Clerk Ginger Terpstra are hereby authorized to sign MDOT Contract No. 2016-0058.

**Councilmember Johnston moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-06 to authorize signatories for MDOT contract as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**E. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07 FOR RENEWAL OF AWOS CONTRACT WITH MDOT:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte wishes to continue operating and maintaining a Weather Observation and Data Dissemination System at the Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport, more commonly referred to as the AWOS; and

**WHEREAS**, the AWOS is a suite of meteorological sensors that continuously monitor and report real-time local weather data; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued availability of this data is integral to the safety and welfare of pilots and passengers making use of the Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the ownership, operation and maintenance of this AWOS is a joint venture between the City of Charlotte and the State of Michigan, the terms of which are set forth in this contract, No. 2016-0058.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that MDOT Contract No. 2016-0058 is hereby approved by the City of Charlotte City Council.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-07 for renewal of AWOS Contract with MDOT as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11 AUTHORIZING REQUEST OF MAYOR LEWIS AND COUNCILMEMBER RIDGE TO ATTEND MML CONFERENCE IN MARCH:**

Resolution No. 2016-11 was introduced, reading as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lewis and Councilmember Ridge have requested authorization to attend the Michigan Municipal League Conference to be held in Lansing, MI on February 22 and February 23, 2016

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor Lewis and Councilmember Ridge be authorized to register to attend the league events provided at the Michigan Municipal League Conference as requested.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to approve the adoption of the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-11 to authorize the request of Mayor Lewis, Councilmember Ridge and add Councilmember Russo, to attend the MML Conference on March 22 & 23, 2016 (change Resolution to read March instead of February) Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12 AUTHORIZING USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THE MICHIGAN NORDIC FIRE RESTIVAL:**

Resolution No. 2016-12 was introduced, reading as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the inaugural Michigan Nordic Fire Festival is a community-based organized event that is to be held February 26 to 28, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nordic Fire Festival Committee is responsible for organizing these events intended to contribute to community-wide fellowship, benevolence, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee in conjunction with City Administration, have planned events that require the use and/or closure of certain public facilities, streets and right-of-ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee is asking the Charlotte City Council to approve the following requests and conditions, including assistance with street closures:

1. Closure of Shepherd Street from S. Cochran Avenue to the Sledding Hill at 6:30 p.m. for a short lighted parade.
2. Authorization for the use of the Sledding Hill Area for festival activities on February 26, 27 & 28; these activities to include a historical Viking encampment, a community bonfire, entertainment, non-alcoholic refreshments, sledding contests and historic demonstrations, vendor tent and artisan marketplace, games and contests.
3. Authorization for the use of Lincoln Park for festival activities on February 26, 27 & 28; these activities to include event parking, and kids and family activities.
4. Authorization for the closure of a portion of City Parking Lot #1 adjacent to Beach Market, on the evening of Saturday, February 27, in conjunction with an entertainment, food and refreshment event at Beach Market.

5. Authorization for the city to supply whatever closing signs and barricades it has available and deems necessary for the street and parking lot closures. Other signs to be the responsibility of the event committee.
6. Authorization for the city Department of Public Works to place the required barricades as needed and designated by the Charlotte Police Department.
7. Authorization for the Charlotte Police Department to provide assistance for traffic diversion as necessary for a lighted parade on Friday, February 26.
8. Authorization for the Charlotte Fire Department to provide public safety assistance as it deems necessary for the community bonfire on Friday, February 26; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Charlotte determines these temporary street closings and other conditions are in the best interests of the community.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that these street closures at the specified times be granted and carried out; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the city Department of Public Works and Charlotte Police & Fire Department provide the authorized assistance as outlined above.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the adoption of the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-12 to authorize the use of public facilities for the Michigan Nordic Fire Festival as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13 TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH NORTHERN PUMP & WELL**

**FOR SERVICES RELATED TO CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF WELL #5:**

Resolution No. 2016-13 was introduced, reading as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the specific capacity of production wells diminish over time and need to be cleaned to restore their efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the last preventative maintenance to Well # 5 was in 2009 when it was relined; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Pump & Well has been providing maintenance on the City wells since 2003, and their staff has worked on the City wells for over twenty years; and

**WHEREAS**, any pump repairs identified during the cleaning and inspection will be performed under a separate time and material contract also approved by this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Pump & Well submitted the lowest quote in the amount of \$10,500 to clean Well #5 per the specifications prepared by the Department of Public Works.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That the City enter into a contract with Northern Pump & Well to provide the above mentioned services and that the mayor or clerk be directed to sign said contract on behalf of the City.

**Councilmember Bahmer moved, supported by Sanders to approve the adoption of the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-13 to authorize contract with Northern Pump & Well for services related to cleaning and inspection of Well #5 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14 FOR STREET CERTIFICATION OF A PORTION OF FIELDBERRY LANE:**



Resolution No. 2016-14 was introduced, reading as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte approved the Sanstone Estates No. 3 Plat on October 8, 2001 and said plat was recorded on December 4, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place this street within the City Street System for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the center line of said street is described as:

Sanstone Estates No. 3 portion of Fieldberry Lane Right-of-Way: An area of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, T2N, R4W, City of Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan, the limits of said area described as 33 feet each side of the centerline described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 9; thence S89°50'00"E along the North line of said Section 9 a distance of 558.00 feet to the Easterly line of Sanstone Estates as recorded in Liber 12 of Plats, Pages 38-39, Eaton County Records; thence along said Easterly line the following eight courses: S00°10'00"W 183.00 feet, S89°50'00"E 387.02 feet, S00°10'00"W 137.00 feet, S18°41'23"W 69.61 feet, S00°10'00"W 116.12 feet, S80°07'37"W 77.16 feet, S39°32'35"W 374.00 feet and S89°18'00"E 78.48 feet to the Northwest corner of Sanstone Estates No. 3, as recorded in Liber 13 of Plats, Pages 79-82, Eaton County Records; thence along the North line of said Sanstone Estates No. 3 the following two courses: S89°18'00"E 119.70 feet and N62°34'27"E 51.01 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence Southwesterly 93.99 feet on a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 200.00 feet, a delta angle of 26°55'35" and a chord length of 93.13 feet bearing S14°09'47"W; thence S00°42'00"W 103.48 feet to the centerline of Daryl's

Way and the point of ending. Total length of Fieldberry Lane in Sanstone Estates No. 3 is 197.47 feet.

2. That said street is located within a City right-of-way and is under the control of the City of Charlotte.
3. That said street is a public street and is for public street purposes.
4. That said street is accepted into the City Local Street System.

**Councilmember Russo moved, supported by Sanders to approve the adoption of the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-14 for street certification of a portion of Fieldberry Lane as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15 IN SUPPORT OF DOWNTOWN PUBLIC ART PROJECT:**

Resolution No. 2016-15 was introduced, reading as follows:

**WHEREAS**, public art installations are recognized as a best practice of downtown placemaking; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte's downtown revitalization strategy incorporates placemaking as an important element of the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lansing Economic Area Partnership is making funding available for public art installations through its Public Art for Communities 2016 grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, an ad-hoc public art committee is preparing an application to this grant program.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Charlotte City Council hereby authorizes the committee, with the help of city staff, to submit the aforementioned application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the City of Charlotte will commit up to \$5,000 in funding for site preparation and installation expenses associated with this project, if the grant is received.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Johnston to approve the adoption of the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-15 in support of downtown public art project as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 1 No. (Bahmer)**

**F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-16 TO APPROVE FAIR BOARD EVENTS FOR 2016:**

Resolution No. 2016-16 was introduced, reading as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Eaton County Fair Board has presented the following schedule for 2016 as follows;

**Eaton County Fair Grounds 2016 Events**

**January 2016**

January 18 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

**February 2016**

February 13 - Squirrel Hunt

February 15 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

**March 2016**

March 21 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

**April 2016**

April 8-9 – Storage Removal

April 18 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

April 23 – B & B Horse Show

**May 2016**

May 7 – Llama Show

May 7 – Horse Show

May 7 – Small Animal Show

May 14 – 4-H Dog Show

May 14 – Horse Show

May 15 – B & B Horse Show

May 16 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

May 21 – KK Horse Show

May 22 – B & B Horse Show

**June 2016**

June 4 – Demo Scramble

June 4 – KK Horse Show

June 5 – KK Horse Show

June 11 – B & B Horse Show

June 11-18 BlueGrass Festival

June 20 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

June 25 – B & B Horse Show

**July 2016**

July 2 – KK Horse Show

July 11-16 – Eaton County Fair

July 18 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

**August 2016**

August 6 – B & B Horse Show

August 15 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

**September 2016**

September 7-10 – Charlotte Frontier Days

September 16-17 – Dog Show

September 19 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

September 24 – B & B Horse Show

**October 2016**

October 17 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

**November 2016**

November 21 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

**December 2016**

December 19 - Fair Board Meeting-Kardel Hall 7pm

\* This is a TENTATIVE list of events for 2016 at the Eaton County Fair Grounds. This list is subject to change at any time without notice.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above schedule of events be approved for the 2016 schedule of events as presented

**Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Bahmer to approve the adoption of the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-16 to approve the schedule of fairboard events for 2016 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**G. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 SECTION 2-141 SUNSET PROVISION FOR SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2016:**

Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 2-141 Sunset Provision was introduced, reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-141 OF DIVISION 5 – SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – OF CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION – OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, BY AMENDING THE SUNSET PROVISION TO MARCH 16, 2020.

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ORDAINS:

§ 2-141 – Sunset Provision – of Chapter 2 – Administration – of the Code of the City of Charlotte is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§2-141 SUNSET PROVISION.**

This Division 5, §§ 2-135 to 2-140 shall be null, void and of no force

and effect on March 16, 2020.

This ordinance shall become effective 20 days after adoption and that the above ordinance be passed to a second reading.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the adoption of the first reading of Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Section 2-141 sunset provision for Sustainability Advisory Committee and set public hearing for February 8, 2016 as presented. Denied. 1 Yes.(Ridge) 6 No.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** City Manager Guetschow reported that the new website for Camp Frances should be up by February. He stated that he would be out of the office for a few days in the next couple of weeks.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Charlotte Area Recreation Co-op is still working on the softball field project. She stated that grant applications will be available in March.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Mark Morris**, 307 Pearl, addressed the council about cleaning up at Bennett Park and Camp Frances.

**Joe E. Pray**, 316 W. Seminary, thanked Anthony Faulkner for his presentation. He also thanked the Rising Tide Committee for their presentation. He addressed council and thanked them for renewing the AWOS Contract at the airport and highlighted how important it is to the airport.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilmember Johnston stated that he is very excited about the Nordic Festival and activities. He thanked everyone for attending.
- Councilmember Russo thanked the presenter for the Nordic Fire presentation.
- Councilmember Ridge thanked everyone for coming and staying for all of the presentations. She encouraged anyone interested in getting involved with the Rising Tide project to contact her and she will get them in touch with the right people. She looks forward to making this successful.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders thanked everyone for attending and the presentations. He looks forward to the Nordic Festival.
- Councilmember Mitchell thanked everyone and the presenters. He would like to see the excitement continue.
- Councilmember Bahmer thanked the public for attending. He thanked the presenters for bettering the community. He mentioned the Rogers family and sent condolences for the loss of a member of the community.
- Mayor Lewis stated that these projects come from very dedicated people in the community. He thanked everyone involved in getting the Rising Tide Project underway. He mentioned the Special Meeting of council held on Friday, January 22, 2016. He stated that he feels the council is ready to work together as a team.

**Councilmember Johnston moved, second by Sanders to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No**

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Mayor Tim Lewis

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Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk