

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis, Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Lewis, Councilmembers Bahmer, Sanders, Ridge, Johnston, and Mitchell, City Manager Guetschow and City Clerk Terpstra.

ABSENT: Councilmember Russo.

Mayor Lewis stated that Councilmember Russo would be late.

PURPOSE: Mayor Lewis explained the purpose of the meeting is to consider approval of a resolution authorizing a Development & Reimbursement Agreement with Spartan Motors and for the purpose of reviewing the Utility Budget and Utility Rate changes.

City Manager Guetschow reviewed the motion that was made at the May 9, 2016 City Council meeting regarding the Reimbursement Agreement.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Sanders to approve Resolution No. 2016-50 to approve the Development and Reimbursement Agreement between Spartan Motors and the City of Charlotte. Carried. 6 Yes. (Bahmer, Sanders, Ridge, Johnston, Mitchell, Lewis) 0 No. 1 Absent. (Russo)

Finance Director Mossner gave a complex overview of the Water/Sewer Utility Budget. She presented several graphs along with a report of Water and Sewer Rate Study dated May 2016.

It was noted that the water usage is down both among the top ten users and also residential users.

Councilmember Russo arrived at 7:32 P.M.

A community comparison chart was presented showing the water rates and where Charlotte falls among the other communities.

Discussion was held on the Water/Sewer Fund contribution to the General Fund and how that is calculated.

Mayor Lewis stated that the decrease in water usage is a concern.

City Manager Guetschow stated that some of that can be attributed to more efficient appliances, faucets, toilets and water softeners using less water. Also many industries are trying to save water.

Discussion was held on the Capital Outlay planned for the Water/Sewer Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Bahmer thanked staff for being there. He stated that he had done some of his own research.
- Councilmember Johnston thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilmember Ridge stated that she feels much more informed this year with the special meetings and appreciates the venue.
- Mayor Lewis stated that he appreciates the Finance Director's concern with the costs and thanked her for the presentation. He thanked WWTP Foreman Matt Griffith and Public Works Director Gilson for attending. He thanked City Manager Guetschow for his leadership and council for attending the special meetings and committing their time to being there.

Councilmember Ridge moved, second by Johnston to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

Tim Lewis, Mayor

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk