

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting

May 23, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Lewis on Monday, May 23, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Lewis introduced Jacob Troyer, High School senior, who spent the day with him and went to each City Department to learn about City government and how it works.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Duane Royston, New Faith Church of the Nazarene followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2016:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 9, 2016, as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. (Mitchell)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 16, 2016:** Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Russo to approve the special meeting minutes of May 16, 2016, as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. 0 No. 1 Absent. (Mitchell)

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Mitchell.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC HEARING: HAZARD & NUISANCES:**  
Public Hearing opened at 7:04 P.M.

Linda Robbins, owner 120 E. First St, Charlotte, MI asked for clarification on the \$150.00 charge for weed mowing at this residence.

City Manager Guetschow explained that the mowing was completed in May of 2015 and the invoice was sent on June 1, 2015.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:10 P.M.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2016/2017 BUDGET:**

Public Hearing Opened: 7:10 P.M.

Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, Charlotte, thinks a better job needs to be done to keep the water rates balanced without raising rates. He doesn't feel that enough money has been budgeted for streets.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:14 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Zachary Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, Charlotte, was opposed to water/sewer rate increase. He feels that more money needs to be budgeted for streets.

**Sherry Clark**, 405 W. Lawrence Ave., was opposed to water/sewer rate increase.

**CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON:** No report.

Councilmember Mitchell arrived at 7:21 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Ridge to approve the agenda with the amendment

to Item 14 to switch the order of 14(a) and 14(b). Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None

**EXPEDITED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-55 MICHIGAN PAVING & MATERIALS CO FOR WSFS:**

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Paving Project contract was awarded to Michigan Paving & Materials by City Council on March 14, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire department has budgeted for asphalt improvements to resolve a drainage issue at the West Side Fire Station (WSFS); and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Paving & Materials submitted the lowest unit price bid that will allow for applying those unit prices to the WSFS project.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City authorize a contract change order with Michigan Paving & Materials to perform the additional paving services at a cost to not exceed the budgeted \$8,000 utilizing the existing unit prices from the 2016 Paving Project.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve Resolution No. 2016-55 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-56 MERS HYBRID PLAN AMENDMENT:**

**WHEREAS**, these Plan Amendments are for the defined contribution (DC) component of the Hybrid retirement plans

for the POLC (Police), SEIU (DPW/Clerical) and Fire/Police (Non-Union) and;

**WHEREAS**, every year following receipt of the actuarial, the City is required to resubmit a new agreement with the adjusted employer contribution for each group based upon the calculation outlined in the collective bargaining agreements, and;

**WHEREAS**, This amount is calculated by the following formula (maximum employer contribution – defined benefit % of earnings = defined contribution % of earnings) and;

**WHEREAS**, For the POLC (Police) the calculation for FY 2016/2017 is 16.2% - 5.00% = 11.20% Employer Contribution and;

**WHEREAS**, For the SEIU (DPW/Clerical) the calculation for FY 2016/2017 is 10.0% - 4.44% = 5.56% Employer Contribution and;

**WHEREAS**, For the FIRE/POLICE (Non-Union) the calculation for FY 2016/2017 is 16.2% - 5.19% = 11.01% Employer Contribution and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Charlotte City Council hereby authorize the Defined Contribution Rate change as of July 1, 2016, for the FY 2016/2017.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to approve Resolution No. 2016-56 MERS Hybrid Plan Amendment as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2016-61 HAZARD & NUISANCES:**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on Monday, May 23, 2016, after due and legal notice, and reviewed the special assessment roll prepared by the Assessor of all lots and parcels of land within the City upon which hazards and

nuisances were found to have existed and for which the City incurred costs associated with the altering, repairing, tearing down, abating or removing the hazards and nuisances including the following property addresses:

<b>421 Court</b>	<b>509 Opal</b>	<b>506 S. Cochran</b>
<b>120 E First</b>	<b>618 Pearl</b>	<b>111 VanLieu</b>
<b>504 E Henry</b>	<b>649 Pleasant</b>	<b>321 W Lawrence</b>
<b>416 Maynard</b>	<b>442 Prairie</b>	<b>706 W Shepherd</b>
<b>235 N Bostwick</b>	<b>810 S Clinton</b>	<b>824 W Shepherd</b>
<b>N Washington</b>	<b>1018 S Cochran</b>	

**And**

**WHEREAS**, after hearing all persons interested therein and after carefully reviewing said special assessment roll the Council deems said special assessment roll to be fair, just and equitable and that each of the assessments contained therein results in the special assessment being in accordance with benefits derived by the parcel of land assessed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor is hereby confirmed and shall be known as Special Assessment Roll No. 2016-01.
2. Said special assessment roll shall be added to the Summer 2016 property tax bill.

Said Special assessment roll shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk who shall attach her warrant to a certified copy thereof within ten (10) days commanding the Assessor to spread the various sums shown there as directed by the City Council.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the second reading and adoption of Hazard & Nuisances Resolution No. 2016-61 as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. (Johnston, Mitchell, Ridge, Russo, Sanders, Lewis) 1 No. (Bahmer)**

**D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-60 CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268(d):**

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager is requesting authorization for a closed session; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) a closed session can be held to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that a closed session be held at the end of the regular council meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016, for the discussion of property acquisition as permitted under MCL 15.268(d).

**Councilmember Russo moved, second by Johnston to approve Resolution No. 2016-60 regarding closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d). Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**E. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-57 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 May 13, 2016, payroll totaled \$134,995.87; and

**WHEREAS**, the May 2016 Bank of America credit card charges totaled \$4,185.74; and

**WHEREAS**, the May 23, 2016, claims total \$129,521.18;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council approves claims and accounts for May 23, 2016, in the amount of \$268,704.79.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS BY ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Mitchell to approve Resolution 2016-57 for expenditures of the City for May 23, 2016, as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**A. CONSIDER SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-52 STAIRWELL REMODEL PROJECT CITY HALL BUILDING:**

**WHEREAS**, The Charlotte City Hall Building was built in 1975 and the stairwells are in need of repair from leaks, damaged drywall and wallpaper and;

**WHEREAS**, The City budgeted a total of \$8,000.00 for the repair and remodel of one stairwell in the 2015/2016 fiscal year, and;

**WHEREAS**, The City has budgeted a proposed total of \$8,000.00 for the repair and remodel of the second stairwell in the 2016/2017 fiscal year, and;

**WHEREAS**, The amount budgeted is an estimated amount for the cost of the project and;

**WHEREAS**, The City bid out the project to have one stairwell completed by the end of the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year, June 30, 2016, and the other stairwell to be completed by August 31, 2016, within the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year, in order to have the total remodel completed simultaneously, and;

**WHEREAS**, there was only one bid received from Berkompas Home Improvement Solutions, LLC, 2206 E. Kinsel Hwy, Charlotte, MI in the total amount of \$16,800.00;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Charlotte City Council hereby authorize the low bid of Berkompas Home Improvement Solutions, LLC, be awarded the North & South stairwell project for the City Hall Building in the amount of \$16,800, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the South Stairwell part of the remodel be subject to the approval of the FY 2016/2017 Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Ridge to approve the second reading and adoption of Resolution No. 2016-52 Stairwell Remodel Project City Hall Building as presented. Carried. 5 Yes. (Ridge, Johnston, Sanders, Russo, Lewis) 2 No.(Bahmer, Mitchell)

**B. CONSIDER SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-53 PUBLIC ART FOR COMMUNITIES GRANT AGREEMENT:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte applied for, and received, a Public Art for Communities 2016 grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, successful completion of the grant project requires a formal agreement between the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and the City of Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement details the roles and responsibilities of the grantmaker (LEAP) and the recipient (City of Charlotte);

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the representatives of the City of Charlotte be authorized to execute the Public Art for Communities 2016 Grant Program agreement.

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the second reading and adoption of Resolution No. 2016-53 Public Art for Communities Grant Agreement as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. (Russo, Sanders, Johnston, Mitchell, Ridge,

Lewis) 1 No. (Bahmer)

**C. CONSIDER SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-54 CELEBRATE  
CHARLOTTE:**

**WHEREAS**, the Celebrate Charlotte Festival 2016 is a community-based, organized event that is to be held June 15 to 19, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Celebrate Charlotte Festival Committee is responsible for organizing these events that 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 closure of certain public facilities, streets and right of ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee has requested that the Charlotte City Council approve the following requests and conditions, including assistance with street closures:

1. Closure of South Cochran Avenue in the 100 and 200 blocks, and East & West Lovett Streets in the 100 blocks to through traffic from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016, for Touch-A-Truck.
2. Closure of South Cochran Avenue in the 100, 200 and 300 blocks, and East & West Lovett Streets in the 100 blocks to through traffic from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2016, for the Celebrate Charlotte Cruise-In.
3. Temporary closures of portions of Vanlieu Street, Seminary Street, Lincoln Street, Shepherd Street, Cochran Avenue, Lovett Street, Bostwick Street, Pearl Street, and Lawrence Avenue for the United Way's Color's United 5K running event.

4. Authorization for the use of Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport for the annual Father's Day Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast at the airport the morning of June 19.
5. Authorization for the use of Lincoln Park for the annual Skate & BMX event from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.
6. Authorization for the closure of a portion of City Parking Lot #1, adjacent to Beach Market, on the evenings of Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 in conjunction with an entertainment and refreshment event at Beach Market.
7. Authorization for the city to supply whatever closing signs and barricades it has available for the street closures. Other signs will be the responsibility of the event committee.
8. Authorization for the city Department of Public Works to place the required barricades as needed and designated by the Charlotte Police Department.
9. Authorization for the Charlotte Police Department to provide assistance for traffic diversion as necessary for the above-mentioned events.

**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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that these street closures at the specified times be granted and carried out in accordance with those permissions issued by the Michigan Department of Transportation; and,

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

Councilmember Bahmer moved, supported by Russo to approve the second reading and adoption of Resolution No. 2016-54 Celebrate Charlotte Festival as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**A. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-59 WATER & SEWER RATES:**

Resolution No. 2016-59 was introduced as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte completed a Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study to develop a schedule of rates which equitably reflect the cost of service to each customer class and to recommend a rate adjustment necessary to fund operations, maintenance and improvements, and

**WHEREAS**, this Council has evaluated said report and concur that said rates are required

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following schedule of

<b>Water Rates</b>		
<b>Quarterly</b>		
<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Base Charge</b>	<b>Rate per 1,000 gal.</b>
5/8 x 3/4	\$ 33.00	\$ 2.45
1"	50.00	2.45
1.5"	110.00	2.45
2"	170.00	2.45
3"	330.00	2.45
4"	510.00	2.45
6"	1,100.00	2.45

<b>Sewer Rates</b>		
<b>Quarterly</b>		
<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Base Charge</b>	<b>Rate per 1,000 gal.</b>
5/8 x 3/4	\$ 81.00	\$ 5.35
1"	130.00	5.35
1.5"	270.00	5.35
2"	430.00	5.35
3"	810.00	5.35
4"	1,250.00	5.35
6"	2,690.00	5.35

water and sewer rates be adopted:

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that these rates be effective July 1, 2016.

Councilmember Ridge moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-59 Water/Sewer Rates. Motion failed with the lack of support.

**B. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-58 FY 2016/2017 BUDGET ADOPTION:**

Resolution No. 2016-58 was introduced as follows:

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, the City Manager on April 11, 2016, submitted to this Council a recommended budget for the City of Charlotte, Michigan for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council has considered the financial needs of the City of Charlotte for its efficient operations during the coming fiscal year and has reviewed the recommended budget submitted by the City Manager, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with state statute, the Council did after proper notice, conduct public hearings on the proposed budget on May 23, 2016, at which public hearing all objections and comments on the proposed budget were considered.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the estimated revenues for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, are hereby approved by the Charlotte City Council as follows:

**REVENUE S**

Fund #	Fund Name	Amount	Draw from (Increase to) Fund Balance/Net Assets	Total
101	General Fund	\$ 5,149,250	\$ 533,000	\$ 5,682,250
	Taxes	3,165,000		
	Licenses & Permits	25,730		
	Intergovernmental	1,009,950		
	Charges for Services	339,000		
	Fines & Forfeitures	27,500		
	Other Revenue	112,500		
	Operating Transfers	469,570		
202	Major Street Fund	1,155,500	(672,420)	483,080
203	Local Street Fund	258,800	141,180	399,980
230	Police Drug Enforcement Fund	300	1,700	2,000
240	Act 302 Police Training Fund	7,000	2,500	9,500
260	DDA Fund	28,500	(1,150)	27,350
261	LDFA Fund	6,820	-	6,820
270	Industrial Park Fund	7,795	(4,045)	3,750
280	Airport Fund	291,550	(135,650)	155,900
312	Michigan Transportation Bonds 2001 Fund	77,270	18	77,288
330	2008 Facility Building & Site Bonds	203,090	3,430	206,520
510	Water & Sewer Fund	3,943,100	1,307,980	5,251,080
	Water Revenue	1,310,400		
	Sewer Revenue	2,622,500		
	Other Revenue	10,200		
601	Motor Vehicle Fund	389,060	233,440	622,500
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 11,518,035</b>	<b>\$ 1,409,983</b>	<b>\$ 12,928,018</b>

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the expenditures and expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, are as follows:

**EXPENDITURE S**

Fund #	Fund Name	Amount
101	General Fund	\$ 5,682,250
	General Government	1,081,640
	Public Safety	3,133,980
	Public Works	995,850
	Community & Economic Development	164,110
	Recreation & Culture	267,670
	Operating Transfers	39,000
202	Major Street Fund	483,080
203	Local Street Fund	399,980
230	Police Drug Enforcement Fund	2,000
240	Act 302 Police Training Fund	9,500
260	DDA Fund	27,350
261	LDFA Fund	6,820
270	Industrial Park Fund	3,750
280	Airport Fund	155,900
312	Michigan Transportation Bonds 2001 Fund	77,288
330	2008 Facility Building & Site Bonds	206,520
510	Water & Sewer Fund	5,251,080
601	Motor Vehicle Fund	622,500
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 12,928,018</b>

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that 14.2913 mills be levied on the taxable valuation as equalized for general operating requirements of the City of Charlotte;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that .10 mills be levied on the taxable valuation as equalized for yard waste collection;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that .96 mills be levied on the taxable valuation as equalized to cover the principal and interest payments of the 2008 Building Facility & Site bonds due November 2015 and May 2016. The issuing of these bonds was approved through a ballot proposal by the City of Charlotte electorate on **November 6, 2007**;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that 2.0 mills be levied on the taxable valuation as equalized for parcels within the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Revenues collected by this levy will remain in the DDA fund;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all taxes and special assessments levied on the City tax roll be assessed a 1% property tax administration fee;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Manager be authorized to grant wage increases for all non-union employees within the budget appropriations and the wage schedule;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council adopt the following policies as recommended by the City Manager:

**1) City Council reserves the following funds of the City:**

Fund #	Fund Name	Amount
101	General Fund	\$ 1,338,000
	Assigned - O-I Judgment	808,000
	Assigned - Retiree Health Insurance	200,000
	Assigned - Parking Lot Improvements	180,000
	Non-spendable - Prepaids & Inventory	150,000

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to make budgetary transfers within a Fund or between funding centers within a Fund if they exist and that all other transfers be approved only by further action of the City Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Uniform Budget Act.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-58 FY 2016/2017 Budget Adoption as presented. (No Vote)**

Discussion was held on various items in the proposed FY 2016/2017 Budget Resolution.

**Councilmember Bahmer moved, supported by Johnston to amend Resolution No. 2016-58 by a reduction in the MVP rental**

**rate of 3%. Carried. 6 Yes. (Ridge, Russo, Sanders, Bahmer, Johnston, Mitchell) 1 No. (Lewis)**

**Councilmember Bahmer moved, supported by Mitchell to amend Resolution No. 2016-58 to alter the amount transferred from the Water/Sewer Fund to the General Fund to the amount of \$300,000. No Vote**

Discussion was held on the implications of this decision.

**Councilmember Russo moved, second by Johnston to table this issue until further information can be obtained from staff. Carried. 6 Yes. (Bahmer, Johnston, Mitchell, Lewis, Russo, Sanders) 1 No. (Ridge)**

**Councilmember Bahmer moved, second by Russo to amend Resolution No. 2016-58 to reduce the training funds for City Council to \$2,000 from \$5,000. Carried. 5 Yes. (Sanders, Bahmer, Russo, Johnston, Mitchell) 2 No. (Lewis, Ridge)**

**Councilmember Bahmer moved, second by Mitchell to amend Resolution No. 2016-58 to adjust department head wages to cost of living 2%. Carried. 5 Yes. (Bahmer, Russo, Johnston, Mitchell, Sanders) 2 No. (Lewis, Ridge)**

**Councilmember Bahmer moved, second by Russo to amend Resolution No. 2016-58 to set Department Head salaries at a certain rate and eliminate the salary scale range. Denied. 0 Yes. 7 No. (Bahmer, Ridge, Russo, Mitchell, Johnston, Sanders, Lewis)**

**C. CONSIDER FIRST OF READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-62 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:**



Resolution No. 2016-62 was introduced as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlotte recognizes the threat that natural, social, and technological hazards pose to people and communities and that undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan has been adopted by Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties and Delta Charter Township as a required condition of future funding for various Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster mitigation programs; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council adopts the Tri-County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission will note this adoption in the regional Plan and submit a copy of this adoption resolution to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division and to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials along with adoptions of the Plan from other participating municipalities in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties in Michigan.

**Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Russo to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 2016-62 Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:** None.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:** City Manager Guetschow reported that he will be meeting with a realtor regarding the selling of some surplus city property in the near future. He reported that there needs

to be more work done on the CARA budget before it can be presented for approval. He announced that the Chamber of Commerce and CanDo! are cooperating on a Business After Hours to be held at the new Masonic Temple Apartments on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 5:30 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Councilmember Ridge reported that the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative will be presenting their five-year plan to council in the near future. They have also met with the landscape architect for the softball project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ben Phlegar, 425 Horatio, supported the water/sewer rate increase due to the need for the maintenance of the operating system.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Councilmember Johnston thanked everyone for their comments.
- Councilmember Russo expressed his concerns with the condition of the Adrian Blissfield Railroad crossings on both N. Cochran and Lansing Rd. He would like to contact state representatives for help in getting them to fix the crossings.
- Councilmember Ridge announced the CanDo!/Chamber of Commerce mixer for the showing of the apartments at the Masonic Temple and encouraged everyone to attend. She stated that the Scottish Thistle on S. Cochran has been purchased for the use as some type of rental hall. Christensen's building has been sold on W. Lawrence Avenue. She is excited about the many things happening in the City. She announced that Rising Tide has many things moving along and encouraged everyone's involvement in that. She thanked everyone for their comments. She wished everyone a great holiday weekend.

- Councilmember Mitchell apologized for being late as he had plumbing issues at his residence.
- Councilmember Bahmer expressed his condolences to the family of George Riddle. He thanked the military who have served and are serving our country and wished everyone a good Memorial Day.
- Mayor Lewis stated he is excited about the Scottish Thistle building being purchased. He expressed his concern of the Charlotte Area Recycling Authority's financial state. He does not want to see this dissolved. He stated that he is concerned about the water and sewer projects being put off because of the rate increase not being approved. He thanked the department heads and staff for their help with the first annual "Day with the Mayor".

Mayor Lewis presented Jacob Troyer with a key to the City.

Jacob Troyer thanked the members of the council. He stated that spending the day with Mayor Lewis was very eye opening and he enjoyed it very much. He encouraged everyone to have a good Memorial Day which is afforded us by the brave men and women at home and overseas keeping us safe.

**Motion by Councilmember Ridge, second by Sanders to recess to closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d) at 9:05 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, second by Johnston to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016, closed session minutes as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.**

**Motion by Councilmember Ridge, second by Russo to agree to accept assignment of a purchase agreement and receipt of funds subject to environmental studies on the property.**

**Councilmember Johnston moved, second by Ridge to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No**

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Mayor Tim Lewis

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Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, CMMC