

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting

April 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis on Monday, April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Council members Bahmer, Ridge, Johnston, Sanders, Mitchell, Russo, Mayor Lewis and City Clerk Terpstra.

The invocation was offered by City Manager Guetschow followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2017: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Mitchell to approve the regular session meeting minutes of April 10, 2017 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2017: Councilmember Johnston moved, supported by Ridge to approve the special session meeting minutes of April 17, 2017. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council member Ridge asked that that item #13a) first reading of Resolution No. 2017-43 to reject Tennis Court bids be tabled to allow for more time for funding.

Council member Mitchell moved, supported by Russo to amend the agenda to remove item #13a) first reading of Resolution No. 2017-43 to reject Tennis Court bids. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

EXPEDITED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-39 FOR INDEPENDENT BANK AUTHORIZED SIGNERS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-39

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR VARIOUS INDEPENDENT BANK ACCOUNTS

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 7.7(B) of the City of Charlotte Charter, the City Council has the authority to designate authorize signers for city bank accounts

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the following signers to Independent Bank Accounts: 1133756, 1235492, 1235489 and 1246766:

TITLE	SIGNER
City Treasurer	Christine K. Mossner
Deputy City Treasurer	Lisa C. Brown
Deputy City Treasurer	Sally E. Starkweather
City Clerk	Ginger Terpstra
Deputy City Clerk	Tina Holliday

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Ridge to approve Resolution No. 2017-39 to authorize signers for Independent Bank as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-41
MAYORAL APPOINTMENT:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-41

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

WHEREAS, a need for an appointment exists on the Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lewis is recommending the following individual to be appointed to this board:

Name	Board	Term Ending
Erica Limas	Downtown Development	3/15/2021

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

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Russo to approve Resolution No. 2017-41 to approve Mayoral appointment as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-42 TO
APPROVE BUDGET PROCESS:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-42

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SCHEDULE FOR REVIEWING
AND ADOPTING THE 2017-18 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, City Manager Guetschow has submitted to Council a proposed budget for the fiscal year that commences July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Charter requires Council to adopt a budget not later than its first meeting in June or within one week thereafter; and

WHEREAS, City Manager Guetschow has proposed the following schedule for considering and adopting said budget so as to comply with the above referenced Charter requirement:

May 8, 2017: Special Presentation by staff members regarding budget proposals; first reading of budget resolution and utility rate resolution; budget discussion

May 15, 2017: Special Council work session to discuss amendments to the proposed budget

May 22, 2017: Second reading and adoption of budget resolution and utility rate resolution, as amended
;and

WHEREAS, said schedule is subject to modification should Council determine that additional time is required to complete its review and adoption of the budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby approve the proposed schedule for reviewing and adopting the 2017-18 budget and directs the City Clerk to give notice of the special meeting to be held on May 15.

Council member Johnston moved, supported by Ridge to approve Resolution No. 2017-42 to approve budget process as presented. No Vote.

Council member Bahmer suggested changing the resolution to give more time to review the budget. He would like to have the special presentation on May 8th, Special meeting on May 15th, first reading on May 22nd and second reading on June 12th.

Discussion was held among council members on a schedule.

Council member Johnston moved, supported by Mitchell to table Resolution No. 2017-42 to the next meeting. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

**D. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-40
REGARDING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS BY ROLL CALL VOTE:**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-40

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY
FOR APRIL 24, 2017**

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

WHEREAS, the April 14, 2017 payroll totaled \$138,565.95; and

WHEREAS, the March 2017 Bank of America credit card charges totaled \$7,915.64; and

WHEREAS, the April 24, 2017 claims total \$406,666.39;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves claims and accounts for April 24, 2017 in the amount of \$553,147.98.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Johnston to approve Resolution 2017-40 for expenditures of the City for April 24, 2017 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: None

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION
NO. 2017-43 TO REJECT TENNIS COURT BIDS:**

Removed from agenda

**B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING OF
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44 ESTABLISHING A STREET
IMPROVEMENT PLAN :**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROGRAM OF STREET
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR
2017 THROUGH 2022**

WHEREAS, Council has received a schedule of proposed street reconstruction and rehabilitation projects for the 2017 through 2022 construction seasons which formed the basis for the document entitled “Major Street Cash Flow v. 3”; and

WHEREAS, Council has approved Resolution 2017-15 authorizing staff to proceed with plans for the reconstruction in 2017 of E. Lovett Street from Cochran Avenue to Washington Street; and

WHEREAS, the schedule of projects in Major Street Cash Flow v. 3 provides for reconstruction of the following streets during the associated construction seasons:

Lincoln Street from Lawrence Avenue to Seminary Street...2018

State Street from Seminary Street to Shepherd Street...2018

West Lovett Street from Cochran Avenue to Sheldon Street...2019

West Harris Street from Cochran Avenue to Sheldon Street...2022

; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation projects will be proposed for 2019 and subsequent years based on an annual survey of street conditions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby approve the proposed program of street reconstruction and rehabilitation projects and authorizes staff to commence actions necessary to undertaking said projects and to pursue borrowing up to \$400,000 to be used for the Lincoln-State street reconstruction project in 2018.

Council member Johnston stated that he will support the plan, however he feels that it does little to address the issues. He would like to see a committee formed to look at it on a larger scale and have a bond issue to correlate with the additional plan.

Council member Bahmer stated that he is a fan of this plan because it addresses three of the biggest streets without raising citizens taxes. He is not opposed to citizen committees in the future.

City Manager Guetschow stated that Resolution No. 2017-44 will be corrected to reflect v.3 in all references due to a typo.

Mayor Lewis stated that he is not a fan because he is concerned about the rehabilitation and dropping the fund balance to a low level in the third year. However, he will support the plan and move forward. He also concurs with forming a citizen committee in the long range.

Council member Bahmer moved, supported by Sanders to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 2017-44 establishing a street improvement plan as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. (Bahmer, Russo, Lewis, Sanders, Johnston, Mitchell) 1 No. (Ridge)

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that the proposed budget has been posted to the website. He presented information regarding Resolution No. 2015-19 for the designation of Owens-Brockway Judgement Funds as requested by Council member Ridge at the previous meeting. He invited everyone to attend the Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28th at Camp Frances.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ed Foster, 316 Beech, suggested that they get citizen involvement for the street program. He stated that council needs to get facts together to be able to pass a bond.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Council member Johnston thanked council, staff and citizens for the input on the streets.
- Council member Ridge thanked everyone for coming. She stated that she hopes to have more information on the tennis courts at the next meeting.
- Council member Bahmer thanked the Charlotte Police Department for their efforts with the speeding issues on Sheldon Street.
- Mayor Lewis welcomed Tina Holliday as Deputy City Clerk. He stated that there will be a student from the High School working with each department next Monday and shadowing the City for the day. The student was very impressed with the Police Department's role in the recent lock down at the High School and the relationship that our current school officer has with the students.

Council member Johnston moved, supported by Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No

Mayor Tim Lewis

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, CMMC