

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis, Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Lewis, Councilmembers Ridge, Russo, Christian, Baker, City Manager Guetschow, Police Chief Sherman, Director of Public Works Gilson, and Deputy City Clerk Walters.

ABSENT: Council members Mitchell and Dyer.

Council member Baker moved, supported by Christian to excuse Council member Mitchell due to illness and Council member Dyer due to a training commitment. Carried. 5 Yes. 0 No.

DISCUSSION FY 2019/2020 BUDGET:

Mayor Lewis stated the purpose of meeting was to discuss FY 2019/2020 proposed budget.

City Manager Guetschow introduced a fiscal overview to council outlining expenditures, revenue sources, and significant future budget items. He also discussed the need to develop a corrective action plan to address pension and retiree health liability.

Chief Sherman presented the Charlotte Police Department proposed FY 2019/2020 budget. Chief Sherman discussed the need to replace two patrol vehicles. Chief Sherman discussed the importance of recruiting quality personnel and the vision of sponsoring an intern and hiring on as a cadet. Chief Sherman shared data on the amount of work done in the police department and stressed the need to maintain the 16 positions in the department in order to provide the same high quality service.

Mayor Lewis spoke in support of the new recruit technique and in support of maintaining the standard currently held by the police department. He also stated using other policing agencies for support such as the county or the state generally lacks support from communities.

Discussion was held regarding police department options.

Director of Public Works Gilson presented the portion of her budget related to utilities. She stated unfunded mandates regarding an Asset Management Plan and the new Lead and Copper rules.

8:18pm Council member Dyer arrived.

City Manager Guetschow stated an increase in water rates would be necessary and that he is working with Director Gilson to determine a recommended increase. Discussion was held regarding water rates.

Discussion was held regarding roads. Director Gilson stated new roads require consideration of utility costs and discussed pieces of the six year plan to revisit. City Manager Guetschow stated there are more road funding opportunities to be pursued.

Director Gilson stated that new equipment for Dean Park was approved. She also stated there are more park updates coming for Dean Park and Bennett Park.

Discussion was held to clarify the process of various mileages and special assessments.

Councilmember Ridge asked about the status of the Fire Department in staffing and stated she is interested in data regarding runs out of each of the fire stations.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

- None

Councilmember Ridge moved, supported by Dyer to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Tim Lewis, Mayor

Jessica Walters, Deputy City Clerk