

# City Beat

## News Briefs

**Parks Master Plan.** Final approval of a five-year parks and recreation master plan for the City, Eaton Township and Carmel Township will be on the agenda for the January 13 City Council meeting.

**Instagram Account.** The City is expanding its social meeting presence to Instagram and will be experimenting with Instagram TV. Look for posts at [cityofcharlottemi.org](http://cityofcharlottemi.org).

**Water Testing Available.** Concerned about copper in your drinking water? The Department of Public Works will include additional residences in the next round of water testing to take place in 2020. To participate in this testing, which is available at no cost, contact the Department at 517-543-8854.

## January 2020

**January 7.** Planning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**January 13.** City Council work session 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**January 20.** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. City offices are open.

**January 21.** City Council work session, 6:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers.

**January 27.** City Council work session, 6:00 p.m., - 7:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers

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**February 3.** Monday with the Mayor, Facebook Live, 6:00 p.m.. Mayor Yvonne Ridge launches her Facebook Live program with special guests and City updates.

## Calendar

**City Council Considers Street Plan.** Each year, City administrators provide the City Council with an update regarding funds available to undertake street reconstruction and rehabilitation projects over the next five to six years. That plan was outlined at the December 9 City Council meeting. The first reading of the resolution approving the plan took place on December 23 with final action to be considered on January 13. The plan calls for reconstruction of Independence Boulevard, E. Harris Street, the Hall/Washington/McClure route, and two blocks of W. Harris Street over the next five years. Additional information about the plan, including information about how citizens can offer comments, is available at <http://www.charlottemi.org/street-improvement-plan-proposed/>.

**Pension Funding To Be Discussed.** In early 2019, the City was notified by the Michigan Department of Treasury that its pension funding did not comply with a new state statute. In response, City Council approved a corrective action plan. That plan was accepted by Treasury in mid-December with the requirement that action to implement the plan must be taken within the first six months of 2020. The plan requires Council to consider additional funding sources such as millage requests or public safety special assessments to generate additional monies for pensions. A special presentation on the topic will occur during the January 13 Council meeting. Additional information on this subject is available at <http://www.charlottemi.org/path-to-fiscal-stability/>.