

City Beat

News Briefs

City Hall Still Closed. As cases of COVID-19 remain elevated in Eaton County, City officials have opted to keep City Hall closed to the public to protect staff members who work in the building.

More Paving Projects. Street work continues this fall with resurfacing projects on S. Seminary Street, W. 1st St., and Tully Brown Drive.

Protection for Sewer Backups. Does your homeowners insurance provide coverage in case of damage from a sewer backup into your basement? Don't wait until this happens to find out the answer. Review your insurance policy or contact your insurance agent to determine whether additional coverage is needed.

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September 7. Labor Day. City offices are closed.

September 14. City Council meeting, 7PM, Meeting expected to be held via Zoom and Facebook Live. Details at charlottemi.org

September 28. City Council meeting, 7PM, Meeting expected to be held via Zoom and Facebook Live. Details at charlottemi.org

Contacting Staff. Some staff members are working remotely. Please consult the City website for contact information, including email addresses, or call 517-543-2750 for a phone directory. For public works emergencies, call 517-543-8858 during business hours and 517-543-8874 after hours.

City Clerk Ginger Terpstra Lauded. During its August 24 meeting, City Council recognized Ginger Terpstra for her 41 years of service to Charlotte citizens. She started her career as a co-op student and worked as DPW secretary and Deputy City Clerk before being appointed City Clerk in 2013 and Clerk-Treasurer in 2018. Mayor Michael Armitage proclaimed August 28 "Ginger Terpstra Day" in Charlotte to celebrate her loyalty and dedication. Ms. Terpstra has resigned the position of Clerk-Treasurer but will continue as Director of Elections until mid-November, when she will begin her retirement. "The upcoming election will present a number of unique challenges," said Mayor Armitage. "I can think of no one more qualified to lead this effort than Ginger Terpstra."

Organizational Structure and Finances To Be Reviewed. Current and upcoming vacancies in key administrative positions, including the city manager, city clerk-treasurer, deputy city clerk, and finance director, have led City Council to pursue a review of the organization's administrative structure this fall. At the same time, an analysis of the City's finances will be undertaken to provide direction in addressing budget shortfalls, pension liabilities and funds for capital improvements. An interim city clerk and interim city manager will be appointed to provide continuity while permanent replacements are sought. It is expected that the financial blueprint will be completed in November. Consultants have been selected by Council to provide analysis and recommendations.