

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Workshop Meeting**  
**111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750**  
**May 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

By Mayor Armitage on Thursday May 12, 2022 at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members, Van Langevelde, Rodriguez and Dyer. Quorum was met. Also in attendance were the City Manager LaPere, City Clerk LaRocque and in the audience were Finance Director Smith, Community Development Director Myrkle, and Police Chief Brentar, with Fire Chief Jordan joining later.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to approve the agenda. Carried Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2 (Rodriguez, Lake)

**EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to excuse Horvath. Carried Yea 5; Nay 0, Absent 1

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion of FY 22-23 Budget

Two items for consideration were reported by LaPere; 1. The grant was not awarded to the City for the boilers and roof. 2. A police Sgt. is retiring and a road patrol officer recently resigned. Because of the difficulty in hiring officers currently, it is requested to consider sponsoring a police recruit, if necessary. Tuition is around

\$8,000.00. Reminder to council of the public hearing on June 6<sup>th</sup> for the Special Assessment District roll.

Available sources for funding projects are the "OI" fund which is a separate fund account of around \$800k that the city maintains for the purpose of internal loans for capital projects; possible use of ARPA, an outside loan or to appropriate funds from the budget.

The mayor recessed the meeting for a short break at 8:47 p.m. and resumed at 9:01 p.m.

Consensus was to proceed with the budget as is and to amend the budget for any projects or needs, as necessary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brett McRae, resident, made comment regarding the management of police fleet vehicles.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Van Langevelde; National Law Enforcement Week, extending thank you to police and thanked City staff for attending and answering questions.

Dyer; Offered City staff the opportunity for one last comment and is open to a second budget meeting.

Rodriguez; Thanked all City staff for answering questions. Reminded public he is available for contact.

Weissenborn; Thanked City staff for attending long meeting

Armitage; Thanked City staff and the Council for asking important questions. Reminder to the public that there are currently two openings on Council in District 1 and District 2. Applications for District 1 are due by noon on Friday May 13

and the position to be appointed at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
District 2 applications are due by noon on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the  
position to be appointed at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to adjourn the  
meeting at 9:59 p.m. Carried. Yea 5; Nay 0; Absent 1

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Mayor Armitage

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Mary LaRocque, City Clerk