

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Workshop Meeting
December 08, 2022

PCALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Thursday, December 08, 2022 at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Armitage, Pro-Tem Mayor Weissenborn, Council members Duweck, Chin, Van Langevelde, and Rodriguez. A quorum was met. City staff in attendance were City Manager LaPere, and City Clerk LaRocque

In the audience Community Development Director Myrkle, Airport Manager Todd Cotter, and Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Chairman Joe Pray

Special guests from MDOT AERO Hillary Hoose and Linn Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Armitage

EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS:

Motion by Chin supported by Weissenborn to excuse Dyer. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to approve the agenda. Carried; Yea 6, Nay 0, Absent 2

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Presentation by MDOT AERO regarding the economic impact of the Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport.

A presentation and discussion on the following topics were given; Aviation in Michigan; Transportation Network; The Business of Aviation; Economic Forecast; Michigan Aviation System Plan (MASP); Community Benefit Assessment (CBA); and Emerging Aviation.

The airport provides the City and the region with business industry growth potential which brings job and economic growth.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Pray – resident and AAB chairman. The airport is a fabulous asset. The Trees are a challenge which is being addressed. Current revenue generating activities have reduced the financial burden on the City by 5%. He looks forward to more revenue generating possibilities in the future. He encouraged the Council to continue to support maintenance and improvement efforts.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Armitage – News reports indicate U of M Health has plans to acquire Sparrow Health in a hospital system merger and expects it to have a positive impact on the future of EMS and our City.

Van Langevelde – The Charlotte Fire Dept. has received delivery on two new fire trucks that were purchased with the grant funds received by the State. She thanked State Rep. Witwer and the other “unseen” State staff for their role in the

grant awarded to Charlotte. She asked the State elected officials to remember local communities at budget time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Michael Armitage, Mayor

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk