

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Meeting
July 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Lewis on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Christian, Dyer, Ridge, Russo, Baker, Mitchell, Mayor Lewis, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Randy Royston, New Hope Community Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF July 8, 2019: Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Ridge to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 8, 2019 as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Don Sovey, 106 Kensington Ct., thanked council for addressing the sustainability issues facing the City. He is in support of the water and sewer rate increase and the Headlee override. He encourages this to keep the City strong financially.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Council member Ridge moved, supported by Christian to approve the agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

EXPEDITED RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-74 REGARDING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS & ACCOUNTS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-74

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY
FOR JULY 22, 2019**

WHEREAS, Section 7.7 (B) of the City Charter requires Council approval for the expenditure of city funds; and

WHEREAS, the July 19, 2019 payroll totaled \$169,977.61:

WHEREAS, the July 22, 2019 claims total \$1,285.50 and \$199,142.24;

WHEREAS, the July 8, 2019 insurance claims total \$1078.77 and the July 15, 2019 insurance claims total \$2961.33; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council approves claims and accounts for July 22, 2019 in the amount of \$374,445.45.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Council member Ridge moved, supported by Mitchell to approve Resolution 2019-74 regarding payment of claims & accounts as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

ACTION ITEMS – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-63 REGARDING UTILITY RATES:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 –63

RESOLUTION TO SET WATER AND SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte completed a Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study to develop a schedule of rates which equitably reflect the cost of service to each customer class and to recommend a rate adjustment necessary to fund operations, maintenance and improvements; and

WHEREAS, this Council has evaluated said report and concur that said rates are required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following schedule of water and sewer rates be adopted:

FY 19-20

Water Rates			Sewer Rates		
Quarterly			Quarterly		
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Charge</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 gal.</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Charge</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 gal.</u>
5/8 x 3/4	\$ 42.00	\$ 2.86	5/8 x 3/4	\$ 73.50	\$ 5.12
1"	70.00	2.86	1"	120.00	5.12
1.5"	140.00	2.86	1.5"	240.00	5.12
2"	220.00	2.86	2"	390.00	5.12
3"	420.00	2.86	3"	740.00	5.12
4"	650.00	2.86	4"	1,140.00	5.12
6"	1,400.00	2.86	6"	2,450.00	5.12

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the FY 19-20 rates be effective July 1, 2019 for bills sent in October, 2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Ridge to approve Resolution No. 2019-63 with the rates for FY 19-20 to become effective October of 2019 as presented. Carried. 5 Yes. (Baker, Christian, Dyer, Ridge, Lewis) 2 No. (Mitchell, Russo)

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL RESOLUTION NO. 2019-72 FOR 2019 STREET REHABILITATION:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-72

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2019 STREET REHABILITATION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously approved a street reconstruction and rehabilitation plan and has appropriated funds for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, street rehabilitation projects are identified on a year-to-year basis based on the annual evaluation of street conditions

and an inspection of specific candidate streets by the Public Works Director; and

WHEREAS, there are in any given year more candidates for street rehabilitation projects than there are available funds to complete such projects, a situation that requires that choices be made among competing projects; and

WHEREAS, City staff, in evaluating candidate streets, considers a variety of factors that include the budget available for street rehabilitation, the amount of traffic a street typically carries, the various methods of rehabilitating streets so as to improve their overall condition and useful life, and the dispersal of street projects throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, City staff has developed a recommendation for City Council consideration which, if approved, will be the basis for bids to be sought for work to be performed in September 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby accept the recommendation of City staff to perform the following street rehabilitation projects

- Seal coating of Shepherd Street from State Street to Cochran Avenue for an estimated cost of \$25,000
- Mill-and-fill of Sheldon Street from Lawrence Avenue to Seminary Street for an estimated cost of \$132,110
- Mill-and-fill of W. First Street from Cochran Avenue to Peal Street for an estimated cost of \$134,400; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize City staff to solicit a proposal for engineering services for the design and construction phases of the 2019 street rehabilitation program from Rowe, Inc.

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Baker to approve Resolution No. 2019-72 for 2019 Street Rehabilitation as presented. Carried 7 Yes. 0 No.

C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-73 TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-73

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Park Advisory Board has requested certain old equipment be replaced at Dean Park; and
WHEREAS, the Board chose specific dinosaur elements that are popular with kids; and
WHEREAS, the elements are manufactured by Playworld and sold by Midstates Recreation; and
WHEREAS, the Board applied for and received a grant from the Charlotte Area Recreation Cooperative (CARC) to cover the cost of equipment and shipping totaling \$36,925.00, and
WHEREAS, the equipment will be installed by the Department of Public Works as a grant match estimated to be \$3,100; and
WHEREAS, Section 2-186 of the City Ordinances allows for the waiver of sealed bids for purchases over the amount of \$5,000.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the City Council authorizes of the purchase of new dinosaur elements for Dean Park as recommended by the Park Advisory Board in the amount of \$36,925.00 from Midstates Recreation and agrees to waive the sealed bid process because of proprietary nature of the equipment chosen.

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Dyer to approve Resolution No. 2019-73 to approve purchase of playground equipment as presented. Carried 7 Yes. 0 No.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

A. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO.

2019-75 TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT WITH TEAM ONE FOR PURCHASE OF TWO 2020 CHEVROLET TAHOE PATROL VEHICLES:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -75

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH TEAM ONE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 2020 CHEVROLET TAHOE PATROL VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, these purchases were identified in the budgeting process to replace two (2) 2015 Ford Explorer Police Vehicles due to age and maintenance costs.
WHEREAS, we have solicited bids from those manufacturers that provide qualified police vehicles, the following providers met the qualifications.
WHEREAS, four bids were received in total from the preferred manufacturers. Two of the bids were from the State of Michigan bid contracts, two of the bids were from local Charlotte dealers.
WHEREAS, Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids holds the State of Michigan contract bid #071B7700177 for the 2020 Chevrolet Police Tahoe 2WD with a bid of \$32,835 and a 2020 Chevrolet Police Tahoe 4WD with a bid of \$35,633. Gorno Ford of Woodhaven holds the State of Michigan contract bid #071B7700181 for the 2020 Ford Police Interceptor with a bid of \$33,050, local bid from Team One Chevrolet for the 2020 Chevrolet Police Tahoe 2WD is \$33,715 and for the Chevrolet Police Tahoe 4WD is \$36,540, local bid from Candy Ford for the 2020 Ford Police Interceptor is \$33,438.20.
WHEREAS, local bid for the 2020 Chevrolet Police Tahoe's from Team One Chevrolet meets the local bid preference, within 5%, per city policy.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte enter into the purchase agreements for two 2020 Chevrolet Police Tahoe's, one 2WD and one 4WD, with Team One Chevrolet in the amount of \$33,715 and \$36,540, for a total expenditure of \$70,255.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, supported by Dyer to approve first reading of Resolution No. 2019-75 to authorize contract with Team One for purchase of two 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe Patrol vehicles as presented. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

B. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-76 AUTHORIZE HEADLEE OVERRIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-76

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN OVERRIDE OF THE ROLLBACK PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE HEADLEE TAX LIMITATION AMENDMENT AND TO REINSTATE THE ORIGINAL AUTHORIZED CHARTER RATE

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the City faces a significant reduction in revenues due to the decrease in the value of real property within the City of Charlotte and the reduction in revenue sharing from the State of Michigan; and **WHEREAS**, the City is prevented from levying its full authorized millage as set forth in the City Charter pursuant to the millage reduction provisions of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City if it seeks approval from the voters pursuant to MCL211.34d to override the rollback of the City millage rate from the current maximum allowed millage of 14.2913 mills to 15 mills and to reinstate said rate for a term of years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to submit the proposal in question to the voters at the November 5, 2019 election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The following proposal shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the November 5, 2019 election:

HEADLEE OVERRIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL

Shall the authorized charter millage for the City of Charlotte, established at 15 mills (\$15.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and reduced to 14.2913 mills (\$14.2913 per \$1,000 of taxable value), by the required millage rollbacks, be increased in an amount not to exceed .7087 mills (\$.7087 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to restore the full amount of the original authorized charter rate for each year for twenty years, 2020 to 2039 inclusive, for all City and municipal purposes authorized by law; and shall the City levy such additional millage? The estimate of the revenue the City will collect if the millage is authorized and levied by the City in the 2020 calendar year is approximately \$155,000, a portion of which (\$200) will be disbursed to the Charlotte Downtown Development Authority.

2. The City Clerk, the City Attorney, and other City officials are authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to have the proposal placed on the November 5, 2019 election ballot.
3. All existing or previous resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they may conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby rescinded to the extent necessary to avoid such conflict.

Council member Ridge moved, supported by Baker to approve first reading Resolution No. 2019-76 to authorize Headlee Override ballot proposal as presented. Carried. 6 Yes. (Russo, Baker, Christian, Mitchell, Ridge, Lewis) 1 No. (Dyer)

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney report included in the packet.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow reported that he has put the City's path to fiscal stability out on the website along with a fiscal report card and will continue to keep working on developing it. He stated that he met with most all employees last week

to review the city's position and fiscal challenges. There were five meetings in total. He stated that City Hall was open as a cooling center last week during the extreme heat. He will be out of the office next week for vacation.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council member Ridge reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on August 6, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Michael Armitage**, 213 Plymouth Dr, stated that 911 is working with the Fire Department on the warning system for the entire county. He stated that sitting in the audience it was unclear as to what rate was passed for the utility rate increase.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Council member Christian no comment.
- Council member Russo stated he would like to thank the officer who stopped by when he was looking for his dog over the weekend. He stated he thinks that \$600,000 overpayment is a huge red flag. He thinks it should be investigated.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Baker stated he feels that City Manager Guetschow gave a reasonable explanation to the overpayment.
- Council member Ridge reported that the Vision 2025 is going well. They have completed all focus groups. There is an online survey going on as well as the "Picture this" project. There is a chalkboard still roaming around the city. Every Thursday Charlotte Rising has something going on at the courthouse during the concerts on the square.
- Council member Dyer no comment.
- Council member Mitchell echoed Mr. Russo's opinion regarding the \$600,000. He thinks it should be looked into more closely.
- Mayor Lewis announced that the MML Convention will be held in Detroit this year September 25-27. Please let Ginger know soon if you would like to attend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker moved, seconded by Mitchell to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Tim Lewis

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk, CMMC