

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Special Meeting
January 12, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Armitage on Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Dyer, Council members McRae, Baker, Weissenborn, Hoogstra, VanStee; All council reported their remote meeting location as being in the City of Charlotte, County of Eaton and State of Michigan. Staff: Clerk Tidwell, Fire Chief Fullerton, Assistant Fire Chief Fullerton, Interim Manager Thomas; Attorney Tom Hitch

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No members of the public offered comment.

DISCUSSION OF FIRE AUTHORITY: Attorney Tom Hitch discussed the legal aspects of the formation of a joint fire authority.

Council discussed the challenges and benefits of the formation of a joint fire authority and a potential millage to fund the authority with Chief Fullerton.

Council unanimously consented to pursue outreach and discussions with cooperating inter-local jurisdictions and continue to research the formation of a fire authority.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mayor Armitage asked council to start identifying and prioritizing council objectives for the future.

Weissenborn expressed support for setting an advisory committee.

McRae thanked Thomas, Hitch, Fullerton and Fullerton for their help with the fire authority.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No members of the public offered comment.

Mayor Armitage thanked Interim Manager Thomas for his service to the City of Charlotte during his tenure.

Council member Baker moved, seconded by Dyer to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Carried. 7 Yes. 0 No.

Mayor Armitage

Pearl Tidwell, City Clerk