

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Regular Council Meeting
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
January 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Monday January 3, 2022 at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members Dyer, Rodriguez, Van Langevelde, Lake, Councilman Horvath, also in attendance were the City Manager LaPere and City Clerk LaRocque

INVOCATION:

Randy Royston, New Hope Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Van Langevelde, supported by Dyer to approved the meeting minutes as presented by the following vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0, Motion passed.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

All Present

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weissenborn, supported by Dyer to approve the agenda as published. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0, Motion passed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

a. Presentation of the FY21 Audit by Plante and Moran

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of claims and expenditures totaling \$253,259.27
- b. Approval of Mayoral appointment Rico Rios to the Parks Advisory Committee
- c. Consider Resolution 2022-001 Adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions. Item was moved to Business Agenda item b. for further discussion by council member Rodriguez.

Moved by Weissenborn, supported by Van Langevelde to approve the consent agenda items a. and b. by the following vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0. Motion passed.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Consider Resolution 2021-169 Grant Funding Appropriations

CITY OF CHARLOTTE
RESOLUTION 2021-169

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT GRANT FUNDING
APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte operates a public water system which serves consumers in the city limits; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 399 of 1976, known as the Safe Drinking Water Act, outlines the powers and duties of a public water supply; and

WHEREAS, consistent with that Act, the state of Michigan, through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is responsible for establishing and enforcing

state and federal drinking water requirements of public water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City’s public water system is operated as an Enterprise Fund within the city’s fund accounting and is legally obligated to recover all costs, primarily through fees or charges to users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte Department of Public Works (DPW) is given the administrative authority to operate and maintain the system by City Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the DPW has determined that ongoing improvements to the water system are necessary for maintaining the system and would provide a benefit to consumers of the water supply along with improving service to residents and visitors to the service area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council supports the appropriation of funds from the State of Michigan, the County of Eaton, the Federal Government, or any other granting sources to fund any needed improvements to the water system infrastructure in the city of Charlotte.

The foregoing resolution was presented by Dyer and supported by Horvath for approval with the following roll call vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0. Motion passed.

- b. Consider Resolution 2022-001 Adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE
RESOLUTION 2022-001**

GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY EXEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for

exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the City of Charlotte, County of Eaton, State of Michigan adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

FEDERAL INCOME GUIDELINES FOR 2022 POVERTY EXEMPTION

1 person	\$12,880
2 persons	\$17,420
3 persons	\$21,960
4 persons	\$26,500
5 persons	\$31,040
6 persons	\$35,580
7 persons	\$40,120
8 persons	\$44,660
For Each Additional Person add	\$4,540

MAXIMUM ASSET STANDARDS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A POVERTY EXEMPTION (PA 390 of 1994 states that the poverty exemption guidelines established by the governing body of the local assessing unit shall include an asset level test)

1 person	\$28,656
2 persons	\$35,499
3 persons	\$42,459
4 persons	\$49,284
5 persons	\$56,347
6 persons	\$63,287
7 persons	\$70,132
8 persons	\$77,230

For Each Additional Person add \$9,653

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte Board of Review shall follow the above stated income and asset level guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution was presented by Dyer and supported by Lake for approval with the following vote; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0. Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No comments

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney report was received
- b. City Manager report was received
- c. Council member Committee Reports

Pro-Tem Weissenborn reported on CARC. Need 1 more member, a resident within the city limits.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Armitage: Remote meeting allowances and requirements coming to an end. Discuss the value to retain or go another route?

Horvath: Enjoyed the Fireman’s Christmas and noted it as a monumental achievement!

Van Langevelde: Thanks to CFD Christmas – Awesome and Amazing. A big Thank you to the police for Shop with a Cop

and noted how giving our community is. A happy and healthy 2022 to all.

Rodriguez: Enjoys being part of council, noted the big learning curve and thanked staff and council for their help.

Dyer: Reminded of workshop on Thursday the 13th and next regular meeting on Tuesday the 18th of January.

Weissenborn: Happy New Years! Asked for monthly updates on code enforcement activities/progress

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Dyer, supported by Weissenborn to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0, Motion passed.

Mayor Armitage

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk