



## Manager's Report June 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

### Public Input Opportunities

Sign Ordinance - The Planning Commission will be hearing feedback on the proposed changes to the city's sign ordinance on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

ARPA Funds - The City Council will be hearing from interested persons on ARPA funds and discussing survey results from the May online/paper survey at the workshop scheduled for Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm.

SAD – The City Council will hold a second public hearing on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the regular Council meeting beginning at 7pm to hear comments on the fire special assessment roll.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The City has several opportunities for citizens to participate in their local government. We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Water Treatment Committee; Camp Frances Board; Downtown Development Authority; and Planning Commission. Interested persons can find more information here: <https://www.charlottemi.org/volunteers-wanted/>

### Code Enforcement and Rental Inspection Update

The Code Enforcement Officer continues efforts to ensure properties are in good repair and we are now entering weed/lawn cutting season. From March to May, 65 complaints were logged, 9 have been corrected/closed, and the remainder are open with ongoing efforts to achieve compliance. The Code Officer is also working to establish a "Sponsor a Neighbor" program where a person can offer to help cut a neighbor's lawn, or can ask for assistance in lawn cutting to help those individuals who are unable to maintain their grass. If you are able to help, or know someone who would benefit, reach out to Cheri at 517-543-8837 or [ccummings@charlottemi.org](mailto:ccummings@charlottemi.org) for more information.

The Rental Inspector is actively working to ensure safe living conditions for tenants. The City will be sending out final notices to those property owners that have not registered and second notices to those owners that have not scheduled their initial inspection for certification. The Inspector is working with those property owners to address violations when found. The rental property in the 200 block of Oliver St has changed ownership. The home has been inspected and deemed inhabitable. The new owner has already begun work on the cleanup of the home. Since January, we have issued 167 Certificates of Compliance for rental properties and conducted 201 inspections.

### **Pension Contribution FY21-22**

In anticipation of this fiscal year's additional contribution of \$178k towards the city's underfunded pension liability, Administration contacted MERS to create a Surplus division. The City will deposit those additional contributions into that division which will work to accelerate the percent funded status of the city's pension system.

### **First Responders Training Grants**

Unfortunately, the city was not successful in obtaining grant funding through the state for first responder training opportunities. The State noted that they received over 400 requests totaling nearly \$30 million for a program that had a total limit of \$5mill available for funding.

### **Assistance Programs**

For persons who may be facing financial difficulties with utilities, mortgage/rent, or other hardships, there are a number of assistance programs available. More information can be found on the city's website: <https://www.charlottemi.org/assistance-programs-available/>

### **RAVE Alerts**

The City participates in RAVE Alerts which provides alert notifications to participants via voice, email, text, and posts to social media. There are several ways to register: Text CHARLOTTE to 67283; Download the Smart911 app; Register for a free and secure safety profile online at Smart911.com.