

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Workshop Meeting
June 09, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Thursday June 09, 2022 at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Armitage asked for a moment of silence regarding the passing of past Councilmember and Mayor; L. Daryl Baker. He was a prominent community member who served the community in many ways.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to approve the agenda. Carried; Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0

EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS:

No absences

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Valerie Reisen – resident. Presented to Council some resources and ideas to consider other than those presented in the ARPA survey, encouraging a broader look.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion on ARPA funds
 - i. Public Feedback

ii. Survey Results

LaPere began with a summary of what ARPA is, and, under the U.S. Treasury final ruling, what it can or cannot be spent on. Charlotte was awarded \$955,256.46 and has spent \$57,283.13 for an Essential Worker payout (approved by council October 2021); and \$17,956.68 for a Lucas device (approved by council April 2022). A balance of \$880,016.65 remains and is the amount being considered for discussion today.

LaPere gave a detailed report of survey responses from the community which culminated in the following top 10 items:

Lincoln St.	\$700k
Turn out gear	\$30k
Extraction tools	\$35k
City Hall roof	\$130k
Lead service line	\$632k
City Hall boilers	\$70k
Lift pump	\$50k
W. Shepherd St.	\$450k
Patrol car	\$50k
Island Hwy.	\$500k

Council’s discussions ended with a consensus to proceed with the following projects: lift pump, and city hall replacement of the roof and boilers. Council requested LaPere to obtain 3 quotes for each of those three items. The remainder of the funds will potentially be allocated to a lead service line and road

projects, with Council requesting a presentation by Public Works Director, Gilson of her 5-year plan.

Discussion to resume at the July 14 Council workshop meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jessica – resident. Asked for an understanding of what Act 51 (of 1951) is. Armitage answered that it relates to the designation of a street as a “Major Street” and the resulting eligibility of that street to obtain annual funding and grant funding from the State with one condition being commercial activity (i.e., large truck traffic) cannot be restricted on that street.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Van Langevelde mentioned there is discussion in the State House and by the Governor to consider eliminating the gas tax for the summer to help reduce gas prices. She cautioned that (because gas tax is issued to municipalities through revenue sharing, and is to be allocated for local roads for maintenance and improvements), the State should not reduce revenue sharing to municipalities. She is for reduced gas prices but not reduced revenue sharing. Also, she will be in contact with Rep. Witwer next week to continue their discussions about grants and other funding opportunities available to bring to the City of Charlotte.

Rodriguez; Mentioned how highly respected Daryl Baker was to the community and to his family and that he would not have ran against him this last election if (Baker) had decided to run again. Baker told Rodriguez to be humble, to listen, and to learn, advice Rodriguez felt should be shared to all Councilmembers.

Armitage; Next week Tuesday the 14th is a memorial service for Lisa Brown, Deputy Treasurer and Wednesday the 15th is the Funeral for L. Daryl Baker. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Weissenborn supported by Van Langevelde to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Carried. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

Michael Armitage, Mayor

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk