

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750**  
**Workshop Meeting**  
**October 13, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

By Mayor Armitage on Thursday October 13, 2022 at 7:05p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Armitage, Council members Duweck, Chin, and Rodriguez and Dyer. A quorum was met. City staff in attendance were City Manager LaPere, and City Clerk LaRocque and in the audience, Bryan Myrkle

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Armitage

**EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Motion by Chin supported by Duweck to excuse Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn and council member Van Langevelde. Carried; Yea 5; Nay 0; Absent 2

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bryan Miller, business owner, in support of changing ordinance to allow marihuana related business in Charlotte

Mary Rosario, resident, spoke in support of allowing marihuana related business in Charlotte

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Motion by Duweck supported by Chin to approve the agenda. Carried; Yea 5, Nay 0, Absent 2

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Discussion on Commercial Marijuana Licensing

The prior council worked to develop this project and produced two ordinance amendment drafts. One for the regulation of

commercial marihuana establishments, and the other to authorize and regulate certain medical and recreational marihuana establishments. Because of timing issues, the prior council decided it best to put a hold on the work to allow for the incoming council to consider.

Council member Dyer requested the discussions to begin again and submitted a list of his reasons to allow marihuana business in Charlotte.

Items of discussion were; to include the addition of retail licenses in the discussion; review impacts from other cities that have opted in; gather input from stakeholders; economic development potential; tax revenue benefits; morality issues; attracting jobs; providing patient access; and the element of an urgent need to decide, as the state is discussing limiting the number of licenses allowed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Justin Sealy – Potterville – He has several related businesses and has offered his knowledge and contacts as a resource to staff.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Dyer – EATRAN and CATA now share a CEO. EATRAN will provide free rides to and from all Eaton County Election Polls – contact 517-543-4087

Armitage – Topic will be revisited at the January, 2023 workshop giving staff time to compile necessary data

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Chin supported by Dyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Carried. Yea 5; Nay 0; Absent 2

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Michael Armitage, Mayor

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Mary LaRocque, City Clerk