

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting
January 03, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Tuesday January 03, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members, Van Langevelde, Chin, Duweck, Rodriguez and Dyer. A quorum was met. Also in attendance were City Manager LaPere, City Clerk LaRocque and City Attorney Gillies.

In the audience; Community Development Director Myrkle

INVOCATION:

Randy Royston – New Hope Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. December 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Chin asked for a correction to change the name of the street from Harrison to W. Henry in the Council Comments section.

Motion by Weissenborn supported by Van Langevelde to approve the meeting minutes with the correction. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

All present

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. Butternut Creek PILOT Proposal

Hearing opened and closed at 7:04 p.m. after no comments were received

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Request by Dyer to add business items C Meeting date discussion and D City Manager evaluation discussion.

Motion by Dyer supported by Duweck to approve the agenda with additions c and d. Carried. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$252,843.92

Motion by Chin supported by Van Langevelde to approve the consent agenda. Carried by roll call vote. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Second reading and consider approval of Ordinance 2022-09 Butternut Creek

Duweck objected to granting the PILOT at 8% and asked for a motion to change the PILOT to 10%.

Motion by Duweck supported by Chin to amend the PILOT from 8% to 10%. Carried by roll call vote Yea 6; Nay 1 (Armitage); Absent 0

Motion by Dyer supported by Duweck to approve the (newly amended) PILOT for Butternut Creek. Carried by roll call vote Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- b. Consider rescheduling January 11, 2023 workshop meeting

Motion by Chin supported by Van Langevelde to move the Wed. January 11 workshop meeting one day to Thursday. January 12, 2023. Carried Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

- c. Meeting dates discussion

Discussion on whether meeting agenda and packet materials can be provided to council before Friday preceding the council meeting. LaPere cautioned that the city charter provides for additions to the agenda up until noon on Friday preceding the council meetings and the likelihood changes will be made to an early agenda and changing a Friday due date would cause a disruption to the workflow of staff as many processes are built around that deadline.

- d. City Manager evaluation discussion

Armitage created the current evaluation utilizing Google Forms, copying questions from an evaluation found in city records by Clerk LaRocque. He emailed the evaluation to Council members with a due date of January 10. Armitage will compile the information and schedule the evaluation for the January 17th regular Council meeting. LaPere may ask for a closed session during her evaluation. Dyer mentioned the evaluation must be very dated because as long as he has been on Council, no evaluation was given to the previous City Manager. Council discussed developing a more relevant evaluation in a future workshop.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney report was received

No additional comments by Gillies.

- b. City Manager report was received

No additional comments by LaPere

- c. Council member Committee Reports

Parks Advisory– Mtg. held tonight to discuss the tennis courts and ice rink. Van Langevelde will obtain updates to share at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Chin – Thank you to CFD for Christmas Kiddies and requested LaPere to look into providing department activity reports

Duweck – Would like more information sooner (in relation to Friday agenda)

Dyer – This Council has been the best he has been on in regards to “agreeably disagreeing” and thanked fellow members.

Weissenborn – Thanked fellow Council members for comments shared about PILOT and the discussions that ensued helped her to finalize her decision. Happy New Year to everyone!

Rodriguez – Feels Charlotte is the best place he has lived compared to other cities he has lived in. He would like better training and information regarding the larger agenda topics brought to Council meetings. He would like to see audio equipment upgrades to broadcast online City Council meetings.

Van Langevelde – Hoped everyone had a happy holiday. She thanked DPW for their work in the snowstorm and Police and

Fire for their holiday programs. She felt the Council made the right decision regarding the PILOT action.

Armitage – Appreciates the dialogue and discussions held by Council. He likes that agenda items are thought through and not just “rubber stamped”. He thanked DPW, Police and Fire for their hard work through the holidays and the holiday programs offered.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Dyer supported by Weissenborn to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Carried; Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

Mayor Michael Armitage

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk