

CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750
Regular Council Meeting
March 06, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

By Mayor Armitage on Monday March 06, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

City staff also in attendance: Community Development Director Myrkle

INVOCATION:

Daniel Longden, First Lutheran Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Mayor Armitage

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. February 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chin supported by Weissenborn to approve the meeting minutes. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Rodriguez

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Dyer to approve the absence of Council member Rodriguez. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; absent 1

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chin requested the Consent Agenda item a Approval of Claims and Expenditures be moved to the Business Agenda.

Motion by Duweck supported by Weissenborn to approve the agenda with the requested change. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- a. Water Rate Study – Presentation of Draft Report

An analysis of revenue to determine the rates required to ensure adequate funding of the City’s water and wastewater operations, and to review current policies and ordinances to determine if they are in alignment with best practices and industry standards.

The analysis proposes the use of a \$2.0 million water improvement bond for planned capital improvement projects intended to preserve cash reserves and to provide for a moderate rate increase and spread of rates over a longer period of time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. ~~Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$288,903.88 moved to business agenda~~
- b. Mayoral Appointments to city Boards/commissions
- c. Approve MML Liability & Property Pool insurance policy renewal for April 2023 to April 2024

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde k to approve the consent agenda items b and c. Carried. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

BUSINESS AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$288,903.88

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to approve claims and expenditures totaling \$288,903.88. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

- b. Consider request for an amendment to Ordinance 2022-09 to establish a PILOT tax exemption for Related Affordable, LLC owner of 535 Lansing St., commonly known as Butternut Creek Apartments.

Council directed LaPere to include a first reading and an amendment to ordinance 2022-09 at the March 20, 2023 regular Council meeting to hear what Related Affordable has to offer and to consider approving and amending the PILOT from 10% to 8% and to move it to a public hearing and 2nd reading if approved.

- c. Discussion regarding permitting for private tree trimming of trees located in the City right-of-way.

No action was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. City Attorney report was received
- b. City Manager report was received
- c. Fire Department report – February, 2023 was received
- d. Community correspondence: Lindsey Bliss and Chris Dexter was received
- e. Council member Committee Reports

No reports

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Van Langevelde – Thank you to DPW for doing an excellent job keeping streets clear of snow. Discussion with LaPere regarding utility billing issues with residents.

Weissenborn – Thank you to DPW, they were “on it” during ice and snow storms. She recognized Charlotte HS Teacher Brent Crossman for his 16th year of “Hooping for a Cure” program.

Dyer – Attended the Rotary Evening Social which raised funds for Christmas décor for the Courthouse Square. The EATRAN board is meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. and the public is invited.

Duweck – the Master Plan will be a focus of the Planning Commission tomorrow night

Chin – Attended the same Rotary event as Dyer and mentioned an upcoming event for the County Fair. He has meetings planned with a few residents to discuss water billings and meetings with local realtors and builders to discuss their (industry related) concerns

Armitage – The Nordic Fire Festival was very successful and commended all those involved in putting on the production for a job well done. Thanked Fire, Police, DPW, 911 and EMS for their work during the recent ice and snow storms.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (d) to discuss real estate acquisitions related to airport easements
- b. Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h) to discuss Attorney-Client privileged matters not subject to disclosure

Motion by Duweck supported by Van Langevelde to recess into closed session at 8:46 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268 (d) to discuss real estate acquisitions related to airport easements, and

pursuant to MCL 15.268 (h) to discuss Attorney-Client privileged matters not subject to disclosure; Carried by unanimous roll call vote; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to reconvene to open session at 10:11 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by dyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

Mayor Michael Armitage

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk