

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
August 25, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Burch on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Conway, Dyer, Ridge, Cuttle, Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, Mayor Burch, City Clerk Terpstra and City Manager Guetschow.

The invocation was offered by Mayor Burch followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2014: Councilmember Baker moved, supported by Sanders to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014 as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Burch, stated that she would like to remind council, staff and the public that personal attacks will not be permitted. She would like everyone to remember that we all need to work together toward the good of the community.

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, addressed the council requesting the city manager announce his salary and would like to know if he resides within the City of Charlotte. He addressed the repair of streets.

CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON: No Report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved, supported by Cuttle to approve the agenda as presented. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Consider First Reading Mixed Use Zoning/Overlay Text Amendment and Set Public Hearing for September 2, 2014.
- b) Consider First Reading Accessory Building Height Text Amendment and Set Public Hearing for September 2, 2014 Planning Commission.
- c) Consider First Reading Text Amendment Section 82-56 – Board of Appeals and Set Public Hearing for September 2, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting.
- d) Consider Public Hearing for Variance Request –Raul Escamilla-430 N. Cochran for September 22, 2014.
- e) Approve Claims and Accounts in the Amount of \$253,990.51.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA BY ROLL CALL VOTE: Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders, supported by Conway to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR MSHDA GRANT APPLICATION:

Public Hearing Opened 7:09 P.M.: Lindsay Hager, representing Hager Consulting Inc., LLC, was present to explain the MSHDA grant application process to the council and gave an overview of the project.

Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, asked if Mr. Hager was able to identify the properties that were interested at this time.

Mr. Hager stated that those properties are: 112 E. Lawrence, 239 S. Cochran and 245 S. Cochran at this time.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:17 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte wishes to encourage the upgrading of downtown residential units and housing conditions for its low income residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is committed to Fair Housing, and will work to ensure that all housing programs comply fully with all state, federal and local Fair Housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager or his designee will ensure that Fair Housing Information is available to the public, and will refer Fair Housing complaints or concerns to the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, HUD, and notify MSHDA of any complaint or concern; and

WHEREAS, the City will not deny housing or a contract to an applicant or contractor based on his or her race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, familial status, or handicap, and will not retaliate against persons raising concerns regarding discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The City of Charlotte City Council wishes to submit an application under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte City Council held a public hearing on the request for Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program funding for six (6) new units within the Downtown Development Authority Boundary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Charlotte authorizes the City Manager to apply to the Rental Rehabilitation Program for the amount of \$283,200 for funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and to take all necessary steps to execute agreements necessary to receive and redistribute funds through the Rental Rehabilitation Program.

Moved by Councilmember Ridge, second by Cuttle to approve the resolution and submittal of the MSHDA grant application. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

B. CONSIDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 FOR SIDEALK SNOW REMOVAL ALONG LANSING STREET TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2014:

City Manager Guetschow stated that the cost for this is significantly higher than anticipated. He would recommend waiting another year to see if we can get compliance through the ordinance before considering a special assessment for these property owners.

Councilmember Conway stated that he feels that the cost is an eye opener and hopes that the property owners will be compliant without having to go ahead with the assessment process in the future.

No action was taken at this time.

C. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONSUMER ENERGY TO CHANGE STANDARD LIGHTING CONTRACT:

City Manager Guetschow explained that one of the lights were missed in the original contract and this is to add that light to the contract.

Councilmember Conway moved, supported by Sanders to authorize Consumer Energy to change the Standard Lighting Contract as presented. Carried. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT: City Manager Guetschow stated that Keith Moss, Utilities Superintendent, has resigned his position effective August 27th to accept employment in the private sector. Matt Griffith has been promoted to this position. The City Attorney is working on language on two ordinance amendments.

City Manager Guetschow responded to Zach Story's request for the amount of his wage and benefit package and that he is a resident of Charlotte. He also stated that the parking lots that have been purchased and are located behind the old Bank of America building and their drive-thru location on S. Bostwick and will be used as parking lots.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilmember Cuttle stated that there was a Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, however he was unable to attend.

- Councilmember Dyer stated that the Sustainability Committee is looking to have two interns in the fall from Olivet College. They are planning to have a website to educate the public on being "green".
- Councilmember Ridge stated that the Recreation Co-op is still working on the softball fields.
- Councilmember Conway stated that the Recreation Co-op will be meeting on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Story, 105 ½ S. Cochran, Ste. B, stated that he doesn't feel the city is spending wisely on street repairs.

City Manager Guetschow stated that his employment contract can be viewed in the December 23, 2013 council packet.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Dyer encouraged everyone to enjoy Frontier Days. He wished the kids a good transition back to school.
- Councilmember Ridge thanked Mr. Hager for the presentation on the rental project and thanked everyone for coming.
- Councilmember Conway thanked Keith Moss for his 28 ½ years of service to the City of Charlotte. He sent his condolences to the Robert Fulton family on his passing. He stated that there will be information coming on community forums regarding street repair solutions.
- Councilmember Baker wished everyone a safe labor day weekend. She asked if council would like to have a county commissioner at the next meeting to consider support of the County Road millage.
- Mayor Burch sent her condolences to the Robert Fulton family. She stated that Mr. Fulton was very dedicated to his

community and had 58 years of perfect attendance at Rotary. She thanked the Frontier Days Board for their tireless dedication to the community. She thanked the two young boys on Pleasant Street with the frog for the reminder of the simple pleasures of this City. She encouraged everyone to support the Aquatic Center. It is a beautiful facility and the cost is \$4.00. She encouraged community support of the facility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sanders moved to adjourn at 7:37 P.M.

Mayor Burch

Ginger Terpstra, City Clerk