

March 20, 2015

Clerk Ginger Terpstra
City of Charlotte
111 E. Lawrence Avenue
Charlotte, MI 48813

Dear Ginger:

The City of Charlotte Code of Ordinances, Section 2-113 requires the Local Officers Compensation Commission (Commission) meet every odd year to determine salaries for elected City Council members. The Commission held a meeting on March 19, 2015, 2013, at which all four members were in attendance. It was the unanimous determination of the Commission that there should be no change in the elected officials compensation in 2015 and 2016, and that councilmembers should still be allowed to opt out of being paid for any/all regular or special meetings if they so choose. The commission encourages all members to take advantage of Michigan Municipal League training as well as other training opportunities

I have attached the unapproved minutes of the Commission meeting held on March 19, 2015. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Shaughnessy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Debbie Shaughnessy, Secretary
City of Charlotte
Local Officers Compensation Commission

**COMPENSATION COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 19, 2015**

Charles Green called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Charles Green, Gary Colles, Becky Kendall and Deb Shaughnessy

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Ginger Terpstra

APPOINT OFFICERS

Motion by Shaughnessy to elect Charles Green as Chairperson. Discussion was held and Mr. Green wished to decline. Commissioner Shaughnessy withdrew her motion.

Motion by Shaughnessy, second by Kendall to elect Gary Colles as Chairperson. Carried. 4 Yes. 0 No.

Motion by Colles, second by Kendall to elect Debbie Shaughnessy as Secretary. Carried. 4 Yes. 0 No.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Shaughnessy, second by Colles to approve January 17, 2013 minutes of the Local Officials Compensation Commission. Carried. 4 Yes. 0 No.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Colles, second by Shaughnessy to approve the March 19, 2015 agenda, as presented. Carried. 4 Yes. 0 No.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSIDER COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Commissioner Green indicated that all members have received copies of the Local Officials Compensation Commission meeting minutes held on January 17, 2013, a memorandum which outlines what City Council members are currently paid for council meetings, committee meetings and the Mayor's annual stipend. Also included was the results of a survey that was sent to and completed by current council members along with several surrounding communities council compensation.

Council members currently receive \$50 per council meeting that they attend. The Mayor is paid \$55 per council meeting that s/he attends plus an annual \$2000 stipend. All council members are paid \$10 an hour for meetings that they attend and which they are assigned a seat on by the Mayor/Council; \$50 for an out of town half day conference/workshop and \$100 for an out of town full day conference/workshop. In addition, council members are reimbursed for meals incurred while at these conferences/workshops. They are also reimbursed for mileage at the IRS rate. All pay and reimbursement must be requested by the council members.

Motion by Kendall, second by Colles to leave City Council compensation as it is currently with no change, and to leave it up to the Mayor and Councilmembers if they choose to opt out of payment for any or all regular and special meetings. Carried. 4 Yes. 0 No.

Commissioner Shaughnessy encouraged all members to take advantage of the MML training available as she feels that it is well worth the investment to attend.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2017.

Motion by Shaughnessy, second by Kendall to adjourn at 9:01 a.m.

Debbie Shaughnessy, Secretary