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Comment: HIDDEN AGENDA? – ETHICS QUESTIONED

In the last election, I voted for Council Members whom I didn't know, based on what they published about themselves and their goals, as I didn't know them personally. Nowhere did I see anything about not renewing the City Manager's contract. When one reviews the Council Meeting of December 14th, it is astonishing to see that those who voted to do so, did so without any discussion while the motion was on the floor, and none explained their position. I perceive a lack of transparency and feeling that such a decision was made prior to the Council meeting. I question the good judgment of new council members who would hardly have had time to know if this was a prudent action.

Thank you to Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Ridge and Mr. Lewis for being responsible and voting to extend Mr. Guetschow's contract, so that the matter could be looked into responsibly.

Now that such action has been taken, I would hope that when a new contract is presented to Mr. Guetschow, that it is one that will properly reflect a fair and reasonable one. The City of Charlotte has been very lucky to have had such a dedicated, well-trained, experienced City Manager as Gregg. With such poor economic times that we've had over recent years, he has done a remarkable job. Getting money from Owens Illinois, is just one example. He also voluntarily reduced his salary by 5% to help, and has not had a salary increase since that time! At a minimum, the Council needs to look at contracts for City Managers for comparable-sized cities in Michigan.

I support offering Gregg Guetchow a new, fair and reasonable two-year contract.

Linda Foster, Concerned Charlotte, MI Citizen

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