

January 31, 2017

Ginger Terpstra, Clerk  
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 Monday, January 30, 2017. It was the unanimous determination of the Commission that there should be no change in the elected official's compensation in 2017 and 2018.

I have attached the unapproved minutes of the Commission meeting held January 30, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Kendall".

Becky Kendall, Secretary  
City of Charlotte  
Local Officers Compensation Commission

**LOCAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 8:30 AM  
JANUARY 30, 2017**

Clerk Terpstra called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Becky Kendall, Ken Wirt and Jeff Wildern

Absent: Gary Colles, Charles Green

Also Present: Clerk Ginger Terpstra

**APPOINT OFFICERS**

**Motion by Wildern, second by Kendall to elect Ken Wirt as Chairperson. Carried. 3 Yes. 0 No. 2 Absent. (Green, Colles)**

**Motion by Wirt, second by Wildern to elect Becky Kendall as Secretary. Carried. 3 Yes. 0 No. 2 Absent (Green, Colles)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Wildern, second by Wirt to approve March 19, 2015 minutes of the Local Officials Compensation Commission as presented. Carried. 3 Yes. 0 No.**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Wildern, second by Wirt to approve the January 30, 2017 agenda, as presented. Carried. 3 Yes. 0 No.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**CONSIDER COUNCIL COMPENSATION**

Clerk Terpstra indicated that all members have received copies of the Local Officials Compensation Commission meeting minutes held on March 19, 2015, a memorandum which outlines what City Council members are currently paid for council meetings, committee meetings and the Mayor's annual stipend. Also included were the results of a survey from communities similar in size of council compensation. Also provided was the amount of pay each council member and the Mayor received in 2016.

Discussion was held on the survey and information that was provided. Commissioner Colles provided a letter to the board in his absence stating "at this time I do not see any reason to increase the 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 Wildern, second by Kendall to leave City Council compensation as it is currently with no change. Carried. 3 Yes. 0 No.**

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2019.

**Motion by Wildern, second by Wirt to adjourn at 8:59 a.m.**

  
Becky Kendall, Secretary