

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**July 18, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

By Mayor Armitage on Monday July 18, 2022 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

City staff in the audience; Fire Chief Jordan; and Community Development Director Myrkle.

Special guests were Chuck Jensen and Tim Davis from 4-D Acquisitions.

**INVOCATION:**

Chuck Jensen, West Carmel Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Mayor Armitage

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

July 05, 2022 Regular meeting minutes and July 14, 2022 Council workshop minutes.

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

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

Motion by Weissenborn supported by Duweck to excuse the absence of Council man Dyer. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

State Rep. Witwer reported the State budget has been signed and highlighted that 750 million is assigned for pension relief, a one-time revenue increase is being given and was very happy that Charlotte was awarded with \$1 million in grant funding for fire trucks. Council thanked her for all her efforts that were instrumental in Charlotte receiving the grant.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to approve the agenda, amending it to move Consent Agenda items a (Chin) and b (Chin) to the Business Agenda. Business Agenda items a and b to be moved to c and d. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Mayoral Proclamation 2022-02 honoring Chuck Jensen

A Proclamation that July 10, 2022 be named Chuck Jensen Day in the City of Charlotte and to be recognized by its' residents. It was presented to Jensen on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the ceremony to honor Jensen as he was inducted into the Michigan Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall of Fame, and read again tonight.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. ~~Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$197,681.38~~ MOVED TO BUSINESS (Chin)
- b. ~~Police Vehicle Outfitting~~ MOVED TO BUSINESS (Chin)
- c. Certify the Officer delegate to the 2022 MERS retirement conference
- d. Approval of Mayoral appointments.

Motion by Duweck to approve Consent Agenda items c and d supported by Van Langevelde. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**BUSINESS AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of Claims and Expenditures totaling \$197,681.38

Motion by Van Langevelde to approve the Claims and Expenditures supported by Weissenborn. Carried by roll-call vote; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

- b. Police Vehicle Outfitting

Chin asked for future requests to clearly indicate whether a “Quote” or “Formal Bid” was used. It was noted that the Council has the ability to waive the formal bidding process by way of action, in accordance with the current purchasing policy.

Motion by Van Langevelde and supported by Weissenborn to approve Police Vehicle Outfitting. Carried by roll-call vote. Yea 5; Nay 1 (Rodriguez); Absent 1.

- c. First reading of Ordinance 2022-04, proposed amendment to Chapter 52, Article I, Property Maintenance Code.

Motion by Van Langevelde and supported by Duweck to approve Ordinance 2022-04 with the changes to language as presented by Chin, to be moved to a second reading and Public Hearing on August 1, 2022. Carried by roll-call vote. Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

- d. Discussion on road improvements and ARPA funds

Questions being considered; (if allocating ARPA funds to the McClure/Hall/Washington project) how much to contribute to “street” and how much to contribute towards “water” or underground utility work; May need to consider reserving funds

for the Safe Route to School project depending on rebid results coming this fall. More discussion needed.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. City Attorney report was received.
- b. City Manager report was received. Detailed information given on the upcoming August 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary; Public hearings for Ordinances 2022-02 and 2022-03; Planning Commission preparing to discuss an ordinance change regarding fencing at their August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting; RAVE alerts, volunteer opportunities and assistance programs.
- c. Council member Committee Reports  
Weissenborn – CARC (Charlotte Area Recreational Coop). Softball field project is wrapping up, it was newly named “CARC Park” with plans for online reservations and date for ribbon cutting yet to come.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No Comments

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Van Langevelde – Reminder about Aug 6 at 10 a.m. Bennet Park clean-up. A thank you to Judge Cunningham for issuing a stern sentence to the defendant involved in a shooting incident with Charlotte Police Sgt. Brown. She recognized the danger Police Officers face and thanked them for their duty.

Chin – Attended the Airport Advisory Board meeting unofficially and plans to visit Wednesday for a tour. He mentioned receiving citizen concerns about General Fund dollars used to support the Airport, he is learning more in this area. He is also researching the purchasing policies of other similar sized cities

Rodriguez – No comment

Duweck – He has attended the Airport Tour as a Council member and recommends it to any other members who have not yet done so. The visit brought him a new perspective and now considers the airport to be a hidden jewel to be polished.

Weissenborn – No comment

Armitage – Recognized the efforts that improved the appearance of Bennet Park and the tennis courts and plans to attend the second clean-up event planned August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:**

At 8:17 p.m.

- a. Pursuant to PA 267 of 1976, Section 15.268 (d) to consider the purchase of real property

Motion by Weissenborn supported by Van Langevelde to recess to closed session allowing for a 5-minute break before beginning at 8:22. Carried with the required 2/3 vote by roll-call; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:**

At 9:14 p.m.

No further action being required

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Van Langevelde supported by Weissenborn to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Carried; Yea 6; Nay 0; Absent 1

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Mayor Michael Armitage

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Mary LaRocque, City Clerk