

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**111 E. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813 (517) 543-2750**  
**Workshop Meeting**  
**August 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

By Mayor Armitage on Thursday August 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Armitage, Mayor Pro-Tem Weissenborn, Council members, Van Langevelde, Duweck, Chin, Rodriguez and Dyer. A quorum was met. City staff in attendance were City Manager LaPere, City Clerk LaRocque, and Community Development Director, Myrkle.

Special guests who made presentations included Annie Williams – Executive Director of CharlotteRising; Courtney Mead – Executive Director of Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; William SaintAmour – Owner of Cobalt Community Research and CharlotteRising board member; and Cooper Frost – Chair of the CharlotteRising Economic Vitality Action Team. Other distinguished guests included Donald Sovey – Owner of School & Municipal Services; Keisha Howe – Owner of Reflections Boutique and CharlotteRising board member; Kalli Dempsey – Streetheart Neighborhood Coordinator, Sparrow Eaton Hospital employee and CharlotteRising board member; and Brad Stark – Owner of Stark Concrete Solutions and CharlotteRising board member.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Armitage

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

Motion by Chin supported by Weissenborn to approve the agenda. Carried; Yea 7, Nay 0, Absent 0

**EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS:**

All present

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave Lemon, resident, had a few questions about last year's City audit, voting on special assessments, and the handicap parking at the church located at 123 Stoddard Street.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Presentation from Community Development Director and Economic Development Partners

The Council was introduced to several economic development partners working for the betterment of the City of Charlotte, in the downtown area and the larger area of the City. A wealth of ideas and data were presented that will be helpful when creating and updating the Master Plan.

Community attendance and involvement is encouraged at a "Community Reunion" gathering planned for Wednesday August 24 at 6:30 p.m. Beach Market 248 W. Lovett St. in Charlotte presented by CharlotteRising group.

Visit the CharlotteRising website at <https://www.charlotterising.com/> and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce website at <http://www.micharlotte.org> to learn about the events and programs they offer and for more information about these organizations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Dyer – Thanked everyone who attended the (Bennett) Park clean-up, including the DPW who moved sand and mulch

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk

Weissenborn – Thank you to Bennett Park clean-up attendees and today's meeting attendees

Van Langevelde – Thank you to all attendees today

Duweck – Thank you to all attendees and volunteers

Chin – Thank you to all attendees, it's exciting news.

Rodriguez – Requested a follow up on the corner lot fencing issue and parking on Stoddard St. In response to one of the tonight's presenters he is willing to host vendors at his business and he inquired about programs for youth entrepreneurship.

Armitage – He will not be attending the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting; the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting is a Tuesday and the September 8<sup>th</sup> Work Session that same week Thursday will be discussing the Purchasing Policy; the October 13<sup>th</sup> Work Session will be on ARPA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Dyer supported by Van Langevelde to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Carried. Yea 7; Nay 0; Absent 0

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Michael Armitage, Mayor