

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, October 29, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Luther Kurtz.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Mayor: Luther Kurtz
Members Present: Greg Bryan, Shane Cole, Aaron Hagen, Janet Kalbfell, Tom Oleksy, Leon Perron
Members Absent: None
City Manager: Mark L. Heydlauff
City Clerk: Joyce Golding

3. Presentations

A. Downtown Parking Study

Rob Bacigalupi, AICP of Mission North in Traverse City has studied the parking conditions in downtown Charlevoix over the past few months and presented Council with a final report. He recalled the 2015 Market Assessment Strategy, 2018 Charlevoix Downtown Alley Corridor Vision, and surveys. Mr. Bacigalupi discussed proposed short term and long term strategies in depth:

- Short Term
 - Institute Mobile Pay Solution
 - Expand meter zones
 - Reduce permit spaces in Acacia Lot
 - Replace mechanical meters with pay stations
 - Conduct preliminary parking garage studies to identify costs and number of spaces
- Long Term
 - Eliminate Payment-in-Lieu policy and reduce or remove parking minimums, and consider maximums
 - Develop a plan to finance a parking garage, if desired
 - Continue to improve bike parking and overall bikability
 - Develop curbside management plan in advance of ride-hailing services, scooters, autonomous vehicles, etc.

Mayor Kurtz opened the item to public comment:

- Tim Kish questioned the need for changes in the current parking arrangement.
- Jodi Laurent suggested a parking structure could be used for long term winter parking.
- Jill Rowley was not in favor of a parking structure.
- Vicky Greyerbiehl suggested seasonal boater spaces in the Acacia Lot.

The item was closed to the public.

Mr. Bacigalupi stated that his final report would be published in December.

B. Deer Management

Jennifer Kleitch, Wildlife Biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, explained human-deer conflicts and their causes. She discussed available management options including:

- Education and signage to inform the public
- Fencing and repellents
- Local feeding bans
- Population control, both non-lethal and lethal

Mayor Kurtz opened the item to public comment:

- Maureen Owens asked for clarification on a couple of points.
- Tim Kish cautioned Council to think about public opinion before deciding on a lethal option.

The item was closed to the public.

Ms. Kleitch noted that any population control method requires time and effort to take effect. She strongly encouraged that any deer management options be vetted within the community prior to implementation.

4. Reports & Communications

- A. Public Comments
- B. City Manager's Comments
- C. Mayor and Council Comments

5. Other Council Business

6. Adjourn

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Joyce M. Golding

City Clerk