

Charles Pugh

August 3, 1971

73 Adelaide

313-832-4233

313-832-7709

313-424-2325

charles@pughforcouncil.com

www.pughforcouncil.com

Charles Pugh Productions

Owner/Public speaker/media consultant

Since March 2009

Diploma, Murray-Wright High School, 1989

Bachelor of Journalism, University of Missouri, December 1993

1. We need NEW leadership. It's time for younger, articulate, viable candidates with integrity to step up. I'm running because I have a passion for Detroit, and want to be part of our solution-finding. I know what many Detroiters want because I spent the last decade in nearly every neighborhood listening.
2. The best experience I have is listening to Detroiters (powerful, influential, uninvolved, young, old, business owners, white, black, Chaldean, etc.) for the past 10 years. I've been an active role model and mentor and have been a VERY involved community advocate. I've also spent a lot of time in the council chambers and am familiar with the people and process.
3. About \$100,000 for the primary and \$150,000 for the general. We've collected about \$20,000 so far. Because we've had a few public functions, there have been close to a couple hundred people who've given donations.
4. Provide safety and order (law enforcement); administer and maintain city services; and promote and assist business growth & development.
5. We could get rid of the office of 311 or combine it with the Ombudsmen office to save money. Another merger could be Human Resources and Human Rights. Our Transportation Department should merge with SMART for MORE savings. We would also eliminate the Civic Center Department. Part of its function would be taken over by the new Cobo Regional Authority. The other work could be done by the mayor's office. This would eliminate about three department directors and reduce staff.
6. There should be a 10% pay cut across the board. We need to DOWNSIZE the size of the fleet of city cars assigned to employees. We could also bring back the city Grant Department. We would use 10 – 15% of the grant money to run the department. The purpose would be to find and go after federal dollars (that often go unsought and unspent) to help reduce costs in many city departments that would be eligible for federal grant assistance.

7. Have an aggressive property owner identification process, then go after the property owner legally (requiring the owner to incur the demolition expenses). We should also reverse the Kilpatrick administration's decision to privatize demolition work and allow city workers to do it. We believe city workers are capable of doing the work. We also believe this could generate revenue for the city, in the long-run, by us providing continuous demolition work for other municipalities and property owners. We could also provide incentives for prospective investors who have legitimate plans to rehab many of our abandoned properties and get them back on the tax roll. One way would be to remove red tape (such as past due water bills and tax bills from previous owners).
8. I do support creating density in our neighborhoods. It would save money by not having to provide most city services to sparsely-populated areas. It would help us be more efficient and effective in areas where people actually live. I would work with the mayor's office, nonprofit organizations (Detroit LISC, Skillman Foundation) and Wayne State University to form a team of urban planners, and land-use professionals to create a plan for land usage and future green-space developments in the city. We could use eminent domain and other incentives like helping landlords of empty properties in fully occupied neighborhoods find tenants who are relocating. We'd use the newly vacant areas for green space, parks, bike trails, urban farms, etc.
9. Yes, we do support the creation of a regional authority. However, in the current negotiations with Mayor Bing, we would also like to see a seven member board (with Detroit having at least 2 votes). We believe a five-member board would only cause gridlock and would give the smallest county the same power as Detroit.
10. Highest priority. The only way we will survive as a region is to have greater cooperation (i.e. discussions on mass transit, economic development and even something as simple as Detroit fully participating in the Woodward Dream Cruise)
11. Better bus service is ANOTHER example of what a greater regional cooperation could do. (partnering with SMART could reduce costs and create a more efficient transit system).
12. We should strongly consider selling city airport. Not sure why we need it and what money is being generated by it. We could sell many of our neighborhood parks to non-profits and mandate that the properties remain parks. The non-profits would be responsible for the up-keep. It would also put them on the tax roll (even though the non-profit would have a reduced tax obligation).
13. For a cash-strapped, deficit-ridden city like Detroit long-term (30-year) agreements are not in our best interests. 10-year LEASE agreements would work

better for up-front cash payments on public parking and tunnel tolls. Otherwise, we lose in the long run.