

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, May 6, 2013, AT 6:00 p.m. IN THE Second Floor Conference Room.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

Closed session as provided by Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

BY Paige Barfield

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – May 6, 2013

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin. Absent: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris.

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris), to meet in closed session for consultation with legal counsel regarding negotiation of the terms and conditions of a cost sharing agreement with the Albemarle County Service Authority for the costs of the Rivanna Pump Station, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (7).

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris), that to the best of each Council Member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.

COUNCIL CHAMBER - May 6, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Council met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja. Absent: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Smith read a proclamation for Race Unity Day, which will be on May 15. Ms. Demesey Perry was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the Dialogue on Race.

Ms. Galvin read a proclamation in support of the General Education Diploma. She said starting June 1, free GED classes will be made available for public housing residents. Contact the Adult Learning Center for more information at 245-2817.

Mr. Huja read a proclamation for Public Works Appreciation Week. Ms. Judy Mueller was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the City's Public Works department.

Mr. Huja announced the next Our Town meeting May 23 at the Herman Key Center from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for the Martha Jefferson and High Street neighborhoods.

Ms. Smith announced the Charlottesville Youth Council is seeking applicants. Go to www.charlottesville.org/youthcouncil to apply online. The deadline is May 24. Contact the Clerk of Council at 970-3113 for more information.

Ms. Charlene Green announced Race Unity Week May 11 - 17; go to www.charlottesville.org/dialogue for more information on the activities and events that will take place during the week.

Ms. Galvin announced the Mother/Son Dance on May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carver Recreation Center. Registration is required. To register, please call (434) 970-3260.

Ms. Galvin announced a panel discussion and reception to talk about the value of walkable and bike friendly communities on May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in CitySpace.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Naomi Roberts, St. Clair Ave., said she opposes Council's appropriation of money to Virginia Organizing.

Mr. Corky Shackelford, volunteer with Virginia Cooperative Extension, said he appreciated Council's approval of funding for the current year and gave an overview of their planned use of the funds. He asked Council for their continued support.

Mr. John Pfaltz, 1503 Rugby Rd., asked when the list of "stretch objectives" for the City Manager will be available for public inspection. He gave suggestions for objectives. The objectives should be reviewed by the public before Mr. Jones attempts to fulfill them.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, 727 Denali Way, said affordable housing is in a crisis. Even in the non-metro areas of Virginia, housing is not affordable. Rental costs are also going up, and this affects people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups in the community.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said the current housing authority does not respect that PHAR is the newly appointed advisory board to the housing authority. He explained the reason PHAR organized a protest last week. He said he has not heard any response from Council or the housing authority.

Mr. Joseph Jordan called for dissolution of the Housing Authority.

Mr. Daniel Poehailos, speaking on behalf of students at Monticello High School, gave an overview of his classmates' study of the City Market project. He said the City Market's proposed change to Garret Street has positive aspects and posed the possibility of making renovations to the current location. Mr. Huja asked the students to send the Clerk their report.

Mr. Wes Bellamy, 1002 Linden Ave., said this Saturday at Carver Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. will be the third installment of "Real Men and Real Women". The event is free, and food will be provided.

Ms. Lena Marie, 808 Altavista Ave., asked for better pedestrian access to the Downtown Transit Center, especially during the Belmont Bridge process.

Mr. Melvin Grady thanked Council for their support of the GED program.

COUNCIL RESPONSES TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Smith thanked the youth in attendance for their presentations and Mr. Shackelford for his presentation on Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Ms. Galvin said we do not give money to political groups. We funded Virginia Organizing because they are a 501 (c) (3), and they are meeting a need in the community. She told Mr. Pfaltz Council has not discussed stretch objectives with Mr. Jones at this point. She thanked Ms. Carpenter for her remarks and said we need many tiers of housing. She thanked the students for their report on the City Market.

Mr. Huja said the City is exploring ways to help the Housing Authority improve. The City has 18% of the region's population but 57% of public housing, so we are doing more than our fair share. He disagreed with Mr. Collins' comments and said 90% of the suggestions from the housing tenants group were accepted. Discussion and negotiation must be permitted without an ultimatum.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. ~~Minutes for April 15~~ *approval deferred to May 20*

b. **APPROPRIATION: J&DR Phone System Upgrade - \$39,954.16 (2nd reading)**

J&DR Phone System Upgrade

c. **APPROPRIATION: Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program Summer Food Service Program - \$95,000 (carried)**

Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program Summer Food Service Program

d. **APPROPRIATION: Police Department - Special Events Overtime and**

Miscellaneous Revenue - \$100,000 (carried)

Police Department - Special Events Overtime and Miscellaneous Revenue

- e. **RESOLUTION: SUP at 600 McIntire Rd**

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- f. **RESOLUTION: Emergency Communications Center Emergency Telephone Replacement System - Transfer of Funds from Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account - \$520,298**

Emergency Communications Center Emergency Telephone Replacement System

- g. **RESOLUTION: Neighborhood Drainage Policy**

Neighborhood Drainage Policy

- h. **RESOLUTION: Bike Pedestrian Coordinator Summer Intern - Transfer \$15,000 from Bike Infrastructure Capital Account to NDS General Fund Budget**

Bike Pedestrian Coordinator Summer Intern

- i. **RESOLUTION: Easement to ACSA across Darden Towe Park Property (Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center)**

Easement to ACSA across Darden Towe Park Property

- j. **ORDINANCE: Approve Bond Issuance (2nd reading)**

Approve Bond Issuance

- k. **ORDINANCE: Vending from Vehicles Chapter 28 (2nd reading)**

Vending from Vehicles Chapter 28

- l. **ORDINANCE: Mobile Food Units Chapter 34 (2nd reading)**

Mobile Food Units Chapter 34

- m. **ORDINANCE: Affordable Dwelling Unit Ordinance - Index Used to Calculate Optional Cash Contribution (carried)**

Affordable Dwelling Unit Ordinance

n. ORDINANCE: Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance to Allow an Option to Contribute to Sidewalk Fund (carried)

Amendment to Subdivision Ordinance to Allow an Option to Contribute to Sidewalk Fund

Ms. Smith requested deferring approval of the minutes.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Smith, the consent agenda was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris)

PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Consolidated Plan

Ms. Thackston presented Council with an overview of the Consolidated Plan process. She said staff added workforce housing as a goal. Ms. Galvin thanked staff for responding so quickly to her request.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said Charlottesville is burdened with having the bulk of subsidized housing for this region, and increased funding can help address affordable housing. Public housing and subsidized housing is the only truly affordable housing available; the market does not provide affordable housing in the City. He said the Consolidated Plan is wrong to suggest that subsidized housing tends to be in better condition. Properties are falling apart, and maintenance is terrible. Rehabilitation and renovation is desperately needed.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, 727 Denali Way, thanked Council for supportive housing at The Crossings. This represents what the Consolidated Plan is trying to accomplish. She quoted hourly wages necessary to afford fair market value housing in Charlottesville.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Smith asked about some of the assumptions in the Consolidated Plan. There are a few disconnects. She asked how confident staff was in the 30% figure. It is important to look at other costs necessary to live in our region, not just housing costs. Utility costs are very high. Any way we can impact these other costs will enable people to make ends meet. What constitutes "overcrowded" speaks to our values and how they have changed over time. It is important for people to live in their community, especially if that is where their support system is. She said the most shocking issue is that the Hispanic community is bearing the greatest hardship and is the least represented in public housing. The workforce table shows a massive number of jobs available with few people to fill them, and this does not line up with what we are seeing in reality. If this is actually accurate, it is a training issue.

Ms. Galvin said none of this is going to prevent us from coming up with different housing types to meet our needs. With regards to workforce housing, many workers would love to live in the City but cannot find affordable housing.

Ms. Smith said she appreciated the section on health issues.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Smith, the resolution on the Consolidated Plan was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: None; Absent: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris).

**APPROPRIATION: HILLSDALE DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS -
APPROPRIATION OF PAYMENT FROM STONEFIELD DEVELOPERS FOR
TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS - \$800,000 (carried)**

Hillsdale Drive Improvements

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council. The City has received a payment of \$800,000 from the Stonefield developers for traffic improvements in the City. The payment was made for traffic improvements in the City and releases the developer from construction of road improvements on Hydraulic Road and 29 North in the City. An opportunity has been identified to construct another phase of the Hillsdale Drive improvements while the new Homewood Suites is under construction on India Road. The engineering estimate for the road section connecting Hillsdale to India Road is \$750,000, based on preliminary plans. This appropriation will allocate the \$800,000 received from the Stonefield developer to an account for City-funded Hillsdale Drive improvements.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Smith, the appropriation carried for a second reading.

REPORT: CCS "STEM" PRESENTATION

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Ms. Gertrude Ivory gave an overview of the STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Mr. Eric Johnson, Buford Middle School teacher, introduced his students. Mr. Henderson and staff shared preliminary designs for the science labs.

Mr. Eric Johnson thanked Council for their support over the years. He introduced Ms. Ariana Fich, who shared her experiences with science class as an 8th grade student at Buford Middle School. Students Angie Solinas, Thomas Butler, and Kerrington Galley also presented to Council.

Mr. Huja said he is happy the students are here and so excited about their school work.

Mr. Henderson introduced Mr. Breitenbach, CHS Project Manager with the City's Facilities Department, to Council to speak about the project. The STEM Lab renovations that are about to take place are cutting edge. He reviewed the renovations and conceptual design, which was developed by staff and students. The conclusion time is targeted for February. This mirrors the rapid prototyping lab at UVA.

Mr. Steve Davis, VMDO, presented the plans for lab renovations at Buford Middle School. He said the project is currently advancing. He gave an overview of the plans for the project.

At Ms. Smith's request, Mr. Henderson gave a brief overview of the four phases of the renovation plans.

Mr. Huja said Council is supportive of these improvements, and he is pleased the schools are moving forward with the planning, design and construction phases.

REPORT: RIVANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION (RRBC) WATERSHED SNAPSHOT

Rivanna River Basin Commission Watershed Snapshot

Ms. Leslie Middleton presented to Council on the Rivanna Watershed Snapshot. She reviewed information about the watershed, the dangers of contaminated stream water, ways of protecting our watershed, shared goals and the Comprehensive Plan, and watershed planning.

Mr. Jones said there is a one-time \$25,000 request from RRBC, and they are looking for direction from Council. Ms. Smith asked how this money would be used. Ms. Middleton said it will be directed toward specific components of the watershed planning process.

Mr. Huja said he supported the request.

Ms. Galvin said these projects are extremely valuable and will benefit the watershed on the whole. She asked if there will be enhanced coordination over time. Ms. Middleton said a key component is coordination with partners.

Ms. Smith said she supports funding. She asked if this piece is dependent on other funds. Ms. Middleton said it is not.

REPORT: SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Social Services Advisory Board Update

Ms. Anne Broccoli presented to Council. She reviewed the Social Services mission and vision, and total federal and state funding for FY 2012. Ms. Kelly Logan, VIEW Supervisor, also presented to Council.

Ms. Broccoli reviewed current and future challenges, including space needs and federal sequestration. Council thanked them for their report and their work for the City.\

REPORT: PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. Daly presented Council with a summary of the last five years of activity with the Parks and Recreation department. He gave an overview of renovation projects and the awards they have received. In response to a question from Ms. Smith, Mr. Daly said all spray ground waters are recycled. He reviewed the Azalea Park and Rives Park Master Plan and Renovations projects. He gave an overview of the formal Parks and Recreation Department Park Master Planning Process and listed the completed park master plans to date.

Mr. Chris Gensic presented an overview of recent park land acquisitions. Approximately 50-60 acres of land have been added in the last five years, and 10% of the City's area is currently parkland. He reviewed trail easements and the status of existing trail network. He reviewed the Urban Forest Management program, which has advanced in the last five years. He reviewed their work with stormwater management.

Mr. Daly reviewed facility attendance numbers and programs. Registered program participation has increased by 10% since 2012. He reviewed recreation programs and new events, and the revamped scholarship program. He reviewed internal changes, management and tracking, and data analysis. He gave an overview of future projects.

Ms. Galvin asked how the department developed their internal improvements. Mr. Daly described the process staff went through to improve their structure and plans for moving forward.

Mr. Huja asked what the total cost of the projects over the last six years has been. Mr. Daly said almost \$25 million.

Ms. Smith asked how they make programming decisions, and how they compare to other local recreation facilities. Mr. Daly said they do needs-based programming and target less than 10% cancellation rates. Ms. Smith said she would like to see a pond in one of the City's parks and more impervious surfaces used in future park designs. Ms. Smith asked them to comment on the Downtown Mall and the City Market. Mr. Daly said they are open to suggestions for improvement on management models for either of these.

REPORT: UVA STUDENTS ON "WAYS OUT OF POVERTY"

UVA Students on "Ways out of Poverty"

Ms. Lauren Purnell, UVA graduate student, introduced the project to Council and gave an overview of the makeup of the public policy class she teaches. She reviewed the methodology used for the report and the research and interviews conducted during the course of the study.

The students reviewed the agenda for their presentation, including the central question of how to end poverty in Charlottesville. The students gave an overview of three strategies that work: bundling social services, promoting community asset growth, and employment through community-based social enterprises. A report on their work this semester will be available in a few weeks.

Ms. Galvin asked what the next step would be, and who would be responsible. Ms. Purnell said the City can bring the appropriate parties to the table to bundle services. Suggestions are also going to be published in the report. Ms. Galvin said she would like to see the report, especially in light of the Strategic Action Team's work.

Mr. Huja said this is good work, but he said the question of who will pursue these projects is an important issue. Ms. Purnell said there are many local players in the room who work on this, and they should be called upon.

Ms. Galvin said we need to bring the workforce back to downtown Charlottesville, for instance. There is talk about it, but we have to organize and make it happen. We should examine what piece of this City government would be the most effective in tackling, versus grass roots projects.

Ms. Smith said using the community college is an interesting thought. Open Collaborative and other organizations are good resources. Ms. Purnell said it takes a lot to navigate the options available for residents.

Mr. Huja asked if there are any ideas from the class. Ms. Purnell said the City could host an open house for UVA graduates for example, who are doing amazing things and have a passion for Charlottesville to come back and provide education and opportunities.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Diane Kuknyo, Director of Social Services, said these students give her hope for the future.

Meeting adjourned.