NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Friday, February 24, 2012 AT 12:00 noon IN THE Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

Luncheon meeting with School Board

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR BY Paige Barfield

BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM – February 24, 2012

Council met in special session with the following members present: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith, Mr. Huja

Mr. Ed Gillespie gave a presentation to Council and School Board members. He reviewed the impact of the Governor's proposed budget for 2012-13, which creates a total negative impact of just over $4.2 million. He reviewed the change from FY09 to FY13 General Fund Operating Budget revenue summary and presented recommended budget adjustments for 2012-13.

Ms. Smith asked about the impact on intervention. Mr. Gillespie said schools have flexibility on how they can use funds, and the children most in need of these services are not expected to see an impact.

The School Board reviewed issues associated with various budget reduction items and explained why various reduction options have been removed from consideration. Council asked the School Board to consider what steps to take this year to avoid another budget gap, especially since Council is bridging the gap with one-time money. Mr. Jones said the City and the schools are committed to bringing together groups to discuss a sustainable budget that addresses the long-term needs of the school division. There are plans to have this discussion as a community after this year's budget process is complete.

Ms. Szakos said this is a new reality, where the state is no longer funding the schools. We are fortunate to live in a community that values education. Ms. Galvin said there should be a discussion on possible City/County consolidation. Mr. Huja agreed. Council and the School Board agreed to form an advisory committee to discuss collaboration. The committee may include current and past School Board members and Councilors. Further work on forming the committee will continue at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned.

Satyendra Singh Huja

President

Paige Barfield

Clerk