

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, May 7, 2012, 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 7, 2012

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

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Norris, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Ms. Smith), to meet in closed session for (1) Discussion of the terms and costs of the acquisition of real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's bargaining position or negotiating strategy, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3). The properties are located (a) on Old Lynchburg Road; (b) on Kenwood Lane adjacent to Greenbrier Park; (c) in Albemarle County immediately south of Interstate 64 and east of State Route 20; (d) adjacent to Jordan Park and Moore's Creek; and (e) on 11th Street, N.W. The acquisitions are for public park or trail purposes, and for a public storm water retention system on the Old Lynchburg Road property; and, (2) Discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None), 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 CHAMBERS – May 7, 2012

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huja read a proclamation in honor of National Public Works week. Ms. Mueller was present to accept on behalf of the City's Public Works department. Also, the Southern Gas Association recently presented Charlottesville Gas with the Best Practices Award – Public Awareness/Education Program for their Flicker the Flame 2011 campaign. Mr. Huja presented the award to Ms. Mueller. She thanked Council and said they are the smallest gas company that has ever won the award.

Ms. Smith read a proclamation in honor of National Tourism Week. Mr. Burkhart was present to accept the award and thanked Council for their recognition.

Mr. Huja read a proclamation for Bike Month. Members of *Bike Charlottesville* were present to accept.

Mr. Norris announced National Nurses Week and thanked nurses for their service. He also announced *Dance for Winneba* on Saturday, May 19, which will benefit our sister city in Winneba, Ghana.

Ms. Smith announced that for May to September, water rates will go up because of the seasonal tiered rate system to encourage conservation. Ms. Szakos said rates do not go up for estimated basic water usage.

Ms. Szakos said Charlottesville was declared the winner for our category of the Wayland Mayor's Water Conservation Challenge. Please go to www.charlottesville.org/conservation for more information on how to conserve water. She also announced the Jefferson School African American Center is holding their first exhibition at the McGuffey Center, "From Backyard Clotheslines to Museum Walls", during May. She also announced upcoming TomTom events.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Mr. Norris, Council approved the following appointments to the PLACE Design Task Force: Andrea Douglas, Claudette Grant, Rachel Lloyd, Elizabeth Kathryn Meyer, Peter O'Shea, Richard Price, Mark Watson, and Kathy Galvin *ex-officio*. The Planning Commission will appoint a representative at their meeting tomorrow evening.

On motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Smith, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Abigail Turner to the Human Rights Task Force.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Christopher Winter, 3611 Stony Point Rd., said he is currently writing a book on marijuana use based on his addiction to pot. He described the negative effects he suffered because of marijuana use and asked Council not to pass the resolution deprioritizing marijuana.

Mr. Rob Tureman, 171 Ennis Mountain Rd., said denial is a common trait to all addicts. He explained his history with marijuana use and asked Council not to deprioritize marijuana.

Ms. Anna Freshwater, 3160 Turnberry Cir., said passing a resolution deprioritizing marijuana would mar the City. She asked Council to focus efforts on drug prevention and enforcement of drug laws. She asked Council to support the police department.

Ms. Connie Perrin, 849 Cedar Grove Rd., Ruckersville, said there is a study showing legal sanctions may influence initial inclination to use drugs. The study said alcohol use and marijuana use are economic complements.

Ms. Carole Thorpe, 1318 Oak Tree Ln., asked Council not to adopt the resolution on marijuana. She said Council should not use the police department as a political tool to support their agenda. She said Chief Longo has been successful in applying professional discretion regarding marijuana without input from Council.

Mr. Paul Long, 1410 Grady Ave., said public transportation in Charlottesville needs a complete upheaval because of increased congestion on main roads. A vibrant public transportation system will improve safety.

Ms. Naomi Roberts, 1140 St. Clair Ave., said marijuana is a drug, and Council should not use their power to influence the police department. This resolution will turn Charlottesville into a city of potheads. She described her negative experience with drug dealers living next door.

Ms. Barbara Cruickshank, 324 Parkway St., said chloramine leaches lead from pipes. It is extremely corrosive. She said children in Washington, D.C. suffered from high lead blood levels after chloramine was added to their water. She said environmental toxins have been linked to autism, and lead is number one on the list. Infants and children will bear the brunt of chemical additions to our water supply.

Ms. Lorrie Delehanty, 645 Evergreen Ave., thanked Ms. Galvin for offering an educational forum on the issue of chloramines. Many negative issues with chloramines have been omitted by Rivanna. She said Rivanna never clearly specified what regulations the EPA changed to spur the addition of chloramines to water, and she cannot find where changes have occurred. We are not in danger of being out of compliance with EPA regulations. She asked those against adding chloramine to the water supply to stand.

Ms. Lena Maria, 808 Altavista Ave., said she knows what addiction is through legal substances. Marijuana is not an addictive drug. Drugs that are addictive or highly concentrated are dangerous, and marijuana should not be lumped with those substances. Deprioritizing marijuana is a step in the right direction, especially for those who need medical access to it.

Mr. Jeff Fogel, 215 Spruce St., said the war on drugs has been a massive failure. Staff has failed to provide Council with information on the racial breakdown of those charged with marijuana related charges. Regulation of this drug belongs in the medical realm, not the public health realm. He distributed a proposed marijuana ordinance prohibiting possession but not imposing a jail sentence by classifying it as a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Mr. Larry Bishop, 2673 Castle Rock Rd., Batesville, said this is not an issue of legalization, but about reprioritizing how we approach this issue.

Mr. Larry Scott, 1232 Holmes Ave., said he is a proud homeowner through Habitat for Humanity. Income should not have a bearing on what neighborhood you live in or how well you do in school. Habitat has helped him break the cycle of poverty his family was in. He asked for supporters of Habitat and homeownership for low income families to stand.

COUNCIL RESPONSES TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Szakos thanked Mr. Scott for coming. She has heard people compare low income housing with crime and other problems, and she was pleased to hear from someone voicing support for low income housing.

Ms. Galvin thanked everyone who came to speak on both sides of the marijuana issue. She thanked Ms. Delehanty for her comments and clarified that the entire Council supports the information session. She also thanked Mr. Scott for his comments. She told Mr. Long that she is eager to discuss transportation, which is an issue very important to Council.

Ms. Smith said speakers on both sides of the marijuana resolution are representative of what Council has heard on the issue. The chloramine public education session is in June. She thanked Mr. Scott for his remarks.

Mr. Huja said he supported Mr. Long and looks forward to discussing transit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Smith requested item i regarding Elliott Ave. and item g regarding the TomTom festival be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

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

- a. Minutes for April 16, May 3
- b. APPROPRIATION: Police Department - Special Events Overtime and Misc. Revenue - \$72,876 (2nd reading)
- c. APPROPRIATION: Albemarle County Reimbursement - CATEC Fire Protection Assessment (P-00554-11) - \$900
- d. RESOLUTION: 2211 Hydraulic Road SUP for laboratory and research testing
- e. RESOLUTION: Fry's Spring Beach Club Sale of Property
- f. RESOLUTION: Reallocation of Funds (Capital) – Market Street Garage Mall-Side Elevator Repair - \$26,000
- g. RESOLUTION: ~~City Contribution for Tom Tom Founders Festival Community Day at IX Event – \$5,000~~
- h. RESOLUTION: Definition of Adult Day Care – Zoning Initiation
- i. ORDINANCE: ~~Sale of Elliott Ave. Property (2nd reading) pulled~~
- j. ORDINANCE: Speed Limit on 250 Bypass (2nd reading)

PUBLIC HEARING / APPROPRIATION / RESOLUTION:

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR HOME FY 2012-2013 - \$95,182 (carried)

APPROVAL OF THE 2012-2013 ACTION PLAN FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE AND THOMAS JEFFERSON HOME CONSORTIUM

Ms. Creasy presented to Council.

Ms. Szakos asked about item 9, the antipoverty strategy, on page 39 of the report. We should flesh this strategy out more by next year, because it gives very little information on what the antipoverty strategy is.

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, 727 Denali Way, said she noticed a central theme of affordable housing initiatives. She urged Council to promote, adopt and enforce a living wage policy as a critical component to local economic development, as well as access to affordable housing.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Szakos said the City schools do have living wage ordinances.

Ms. Smith said this was a lot of information, and it was great to read about everything. She requested an accountability column, outlining the one-year and five-year goals. Ms. Creasy said Council will receive a document in a few months called the Capers Report that will do just that. Ms. Smith said asked for clarification on the number of

households in public housing per number of citizens living under \$35,000. Ms. Creasy said the numbers are skewed because they are based on census data, which includes University students. The housing report may do a better job of representing the population, but HUD reporting requirements stipulate that staff use census information. Ms. Smith said we need to remember that the majority of children in need are diffused, not concentrated in one place.

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

Ms. Smith said she agreed with Ms. Carpenter that living wage is a big part of the discussion, as is utilities, which is another factor in our monthly bills that make it difficult to live in this community.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Mr. Norris, the resolution passed unanimously. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Norris, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: LEASE OF BASEMENT APT 608 RIDGE ST.

Mr. Jim Tolbert presented to Council.

The public hearing was opened. Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Norris said it is a waste of Council's time to have to deal with these types of matters.

On motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Smith, the resolution passed unanimously. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Norris, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: CLOSING LAUREL STREET (carried)

Mr. Jim Tolbert presented to Council.

Ms. Galvin asked for language addressing bike/pedestrian connectivity to be added.

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Jeanne Chase, 223 Old Lynchburg Rd., thanked Council for closing Laurel Street. She cautioned bike and pedestrian users on safety issues, particularly the bad sight line. She said she hopes this will facilitate the OLR project for moving forward.

Mr. Scott Bandy agreed with Ms. Chase and said if the closed street became gravel, it could be washed out, becoming a concern for stormwater management.

Ms. Galvin said there is a hairpin turn there. She said she wants to be sure this does not preclude the opportunity to look at this area from a design safety perspective. Ms. Szakos asked if there was a sidewalk on that side of the road. Mr. Tolbert said there is.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the ordinance carried for a second reading.

REPORT/RESOLUTION: DEPRIORITIZING MARIJUANA

Mr. Jones presented to Council on a resolution for consideration of whether to deprioritize marijuana. Staff and Council have heard from proponents and opponents of this resolution. The effect enforcement of marijuana laws has on the police department is one reason cited for deprioritization. Mr. Jones invited Chief Longo to speak on the statistics.

Chief Longo spoke to Council and presented statistics. He said the department does not expend a lot of time or resources on enforcement of marijuana possession. Mr. Norris asked how many charges were secondary charges. Chief Longo said he could not tell from their data system, but from experience, most of them are secondary charges. He read from a report citing an increase in usage of marijuana, particularly in adolescents. He asked Council to consider the effects of this resolution before making a decision.

Mr. Tom Von Hemert, Criminal Justice Planner and Crisis and Intervention Team coordinator, spoke to Council. Ms. Galvin asked Mr. Von Hemert to confirm that the National Association of Drug Courts were opposed to decriminalization. He said they were.

Ms. Szakos said based on data from the jail, the people who were in jail for marijuana were four times more likely to be African American than white. Mr. Von Hemert said a lot more research has to be done within the data systems. Chief Longo said we are in the process of an RFP to get a new system.

Mr. Ross Carew, Assistant Director at OAR, said there is the issue of recidivism. With marijuana cases, offenders are often offered deferred judgment with atonement options. When conducting risk assessment analysis, it was determined that convicted or deferred judgment offenders were second only to domestic violence in recidivism.

Ms. Smith asked about the legal classifications of possession. Mr. Carew said there are graduated charges depending on the amount of marijuana found. Ms. Smith asked if there were charges even for a very small amount. Mr. Carew confirmed.

Ms. Smith asked Chief Longo if he sees much street crime associated with marijuana. Chief Longo said distribution of any drugs typically results in criminal behaviors, often violent, but he does not have data specifically on marijuana. Ms. Smith said one of the problems is that there is a big difference between recreational use and distributing. The penalty seems severe for possession of small amounts. Chief Longo said Council should know just how many people are actually going to the jail of the 113 people who are charged. Ms. Szakos said there are about 21 that are simple possession charges.

Mr. Norris said one version of the resolution says it should be a low priority, and the police department believes this as well because that is how they are currently treating the issue now. Chief Longo said the message that is sent, especially to children, is of the most concern to him. Police energies are mostly spent on more serious matters, such as violent crimes.

Ms. Szakos said she is generally supportive of decriminalization, not because she supports marijuana use or does not believe it to be addictive, but because it has more to do with regulation and control of the substance than with saying it is acceptable to use. She had no problem with last paragraph of the resolution, but she was concerned that absent decriminalization, we do not have a way of regulating marijuana. She does not support a local level resolution, absent decriminalization. This also opens possibility for more racial disparity.

Ms. Galvin said she is a mother of two sons, ages 20 and 16, and she is very leery of what children are seeing daily. She finds many claims in the resolution misleading and unsubstantiated by statistics or science. She cited health side effects of smoking marijuana as cited by Dr. Lillian Peake of the Health Department. From a mental public health resource, there are serious concerns with this chemical, which affects the mind and young minds in particular. The National Drug Court is opposed to decriminalization. Chief Longo says we are already doing this in practice. Studies cited by Dr. Peake show that the effect on the adolescent mind cannot be ignored. The purpose of the resolution is only symbolic; this bully pulpit cannot be used to send mixed messages to our children. She cannot support this resolution.

Ms. Smith said for many of the same reasons Ms. Galvin just cited, she does support the resolution. She said marijuana is very prevalent, and if it were legalized, it could be regulated, and many of the problems associated with marijuana would not be issues as a result. She said this resolution would send a message to those who can work to decriminalize marijuana.

Mr. Norris read a quote by a 19 member global commission on drug policy in support of the legalization of marijuana. He said we have been headed in the wrong

direction when it comes to drug policy, and the way we treat it is actually making the problem worse. He said he believes marijuana should be legalized for medicinal purposes. We have to distinguish between dangerous drugs and non-dangerous drugs. Neither resolution makes marijuana legal in the City of Charlottesville. We are making a statement about whether or not arresting and persecuting people for small scale personal use of marijuana should be a priority. It clearly is not now, and he has no problem with Council going on record to acknowledge that. Our primary focus should be on changing the law, but in the meantime, we as an elected body should admit that there are higher priorities.

Mr. Huja said this resolution deals with a priority issue for the police department. He has heard from experts from the police department, the Commonwealth's Attorney, and the health department. He cited figures provided by the Commonwealth's Attorney and the health department about addiction, depression and schizophrenia, and its effect on youth. Negative health effects cannot be ignored. More importantly, the message we are sending to children with this resolution is that it is ok to smoke marijuana, or that it is not harmful. We are also saying you should follow only the laws that you like and disregard the others.

Ms. Szakos said she believes there are at least three Councilors that support the final paragraph. In the absence of decriminalization, she will not vote yes on the rest of it.

Ms. Smith read an excerpt from a citizen's email, a mother who said she supported the resolution. Ms. Smith said this is one of many issues we need to discuss with our children.

Ms. Szakos moved to accept only the final paragraph of the resolution.

Mr. Norris asked if we should make alcohol illegal because making it legal sends a bad message to children. Ms. Szakos said the fact that alcohol was criminalized did not help. Mr. Norris said if nothing else, at least to recognize what we have already heard from our police department, that enforcement is not currently a high priority for our officers. Ms. Szakos said she does not see this to be necessary. We do not do the same for other existing policies we support.

Ms. Galvin asked Mr. Von Hemert about liaison opportunities with the TJPDC. She said she would support a request to have further research done on the legislative level but would not support a resolution that presupposes the conclusion that legalization is the way to go. Mr. Von Hemert complimented the City and the County for their award for having a criminal justice system based on evidence. Mr. Von Hemert recommended that Council do research on this issue. Ms. Szakos said the last paragraph of the resolution is exactly what Mr. Von Hemert is calling for on a state level. Ms. Szakos said we do not have to do all this research first; we should instead direct the state to do it on a state and federal level.

Ms. Smith said legalization would be incredibly helpful in terms of regulating THC in marijuana.

Ms. Galvin said she would like to modify the resolution to make sure we are making it clear that we are not condoning or sanctioning marijuana use. We are spending a lot of time talking about state and federal law; it is not something we should be spending local time on. Ms. Gavin said we need to look at sentencing guidelines. Ms. Szakos said this is basically adding the issue to to our legislative agenda.

On motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Smith, only the final paragraph of the resolution was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Norris, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja.)

RESOLUTION: CITY CONTRIBUTION FOR TOM TOM FOUNDERS FESTIVAL COMMUNITY DAY AT IX EVENT - \$5,000 (pulled from consent)

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Brown to explain why this is back before Council. Mr. Brown said the proposed recipient is an LLC, but the crucial distinction is between for profit and non-profit uses.

Ms. Smith asked what the relationship is with Dreamfield Foundation that allows us to pass funds through them. She said it seems underhanded to her, that Council gives money to a for-profit organization through a 501 (c)(3). Mr. Huja said this is a legal mechanism. Mr. Brown said the focus needs to be on who is providing this type of service to the community. Ms. Smith said she is uncomfortable with the fact that TomTom gave money to Dreamfield, and now Dreamfield is giving money to TomTom.

Mr. Norris said the City will often market City programs and services by paying money to advertise. He suggested viewing this matter as the City paying money to sponsor an event.

Ms. Galvin confirmed that we are making a simple clarification from the previous resolution. She said she is not against giving money to TomTom, but she believes there should be a mechanism.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Norris, the resolution passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris, Mr. Huja; Noes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith.)

ORDINANCE: SALE OF ELLIOTT AVE. PROPERTY (2ND READING) (pulled from consent)

Ms. Smith said she wanted to discuss whether or not this land is part of Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Tolbert presented to Council. He clarified that neither the 1944 deed nor the 1957 deed was ever used for the cemetery. Ms. Smith asked if we sold to Burnett

Commons for development. Mr. Tolbert said we did not. Mr. Tolbert reviewed maps of the area over the years. Mr. Tolbert said he does not dispute that Council may have intended the land for the cemetery in 1944, but there was a change in thought since then. This issue was also brought before Council in 2009, and the decision was to move forward with development instead of a cemetery or soccer fields, which were the options discussed at that time. Use of this land for the cemetery would still require the same work to prepare the land for use. Ms. Szakos asked how many acres were involved. Mr. Tolbert said north of Elliott, there is just over 3 acres.

Mr. Norris asked if there were ever plans to expand the cemetery. Mr. Tolbert reported that Mr. Daly said he was not aware of any. Ms. Szakos said we would be paying a minimum of \$150,000 per acre to use the land for a cemetery.

Ms. Smith said she agreed with the conclusion of Mr. Huja that it was bought with the intention to expand. Ms. Galvin asked if all lots had been purchased for Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Tolbert said yes. Ms. Galvin said hopefully things like these will be fleshed out during the strategic area planning process.

Ms. Smith said she was not pleased that the language guaranteeing affordable units to City residents was not more definitive. Mr. Tolbert said the language provides that it units would be prioritized and targeted for City residents. Mr. Brown confirmed that it is not a guarantee.

Ms. Smith asked if there was any commitment to addressing intent for Clark Elementary School, which is currently the only school in our system that cannot pass the standards. Mr. Tolbert said less than a third of the total housing would be classified as affordable, which reflects current ratios.

Mr. Dan Rosensweig, Executive Director of Habitat, spoke on the typical Habitat family, including that they are on average two working parents.

Mr. Norris said some of the rhetoric Council has heard about how this housing project will bring down the neighborhood is appalling. Ms. Galvin said this is not a pocket of entrenched poverty. Mr. Norris said every possible effort should be made for these units to be for City residents. Ms. Smith said she is going to vote against it, and she apologized because she does support Habitat's mission.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Norris, Council passed the ordinance as amended at the April 16 meeting with added language regarding priority for City residents. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja; Noes: Ms. Smith.)

OTHER BUSINESS: COUNCILOR BENEFITS

Mr. Norris said Albemarle County allows its supervisors to buy into the health plan that is made available to regular employees. It is difficult to work on Council and hold down a full time job at the same time.

Ms. Szakos said this is a way to equalize access to serving on Council. Ms. Smith said it would be nice to hear from staff. Mr. Huja asked staff to research this option. Ms. Galvin asked if there would there be an in-kind fringe benefit for Councilors who do not need healthcare. Mr. Jones said staff will look into this and report back to Council.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Paul Long, 1410 Grady Ave., said this should not be a bully pulpit for how we deal with people with drug addiction problems. This should cover all drugs, not just marijuana. Society needs to tell people suffering from drug addiction that they should not be ashamed. Incarceration does not keep people from using drugs. It is a public health issue.

Mr. Matthew Fogg, retired chief deputy US Marshall, said he served on a drug enforcement task force for several years. The war on drugs has not had any impact on drug use. He said the racial component came out because enforcement officers were targeting inner city urban youth. Drug users are also prevalent in more affluent areas, but enforcers do not lock them up because affluent families have pull with judges and law enforcement. These disparities exist because of the culture that is in place.

Ms. Antoinette Rodes, 406 Oak Street, said you have closed down the community's entire public cemetery system without ever directly addressing it. She said the cemetery was not programmed for use in the 1970s and 1980s because there was not a need, but now there is. She said this need will fall on the shoulders of the poor.

Ms. Lenis Worth, Director of Virginians Against Drug Violence, thanked Council for their vote in favor of the resolution. She said the more you say no to children, the more teenagers will want to experiment with it. Giving honest and accurate information is the way to prepare children.

Mr. Scott Bandy thanked Council for their difficult vote on decriminalization. He thanked Ms. Smith for addressing chloramines.

Mr. Ed McCann, Director of Virginia Normal, thanked Council for supporting the most important part of the resolution. Marijuana reformers do not want children to use marijuana. He gave figures for local marijuana use.

Mr. Dan Purdy, 776 Prospect Ave., said he was disappointed in the way this meeting was conducted. Citizens who were here to speak about marijuana were not heard, and Council made their decision before citizens had a chance to speak. It is not

hard to agree with the government's position; it is more difficult to turn existing opinions. Please do not forget the industrial aspect of marijuana with hemp.

Mr. Peter Kleeman, 407 Hedge St., said he would like to see scientific underpinning about issues, especially chloramines.

Ms. Jeanne Chase, 223 Old Lynchburg Rd., said they are still awaiting sidewalks to be put down and drainage system to be put in. She shared stories about pedestrians along OLR who have had problems navigating the road with no sidewalks. Please move the OLR project forward in a timely fashion.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, 727 Denali Way, said she has not seen as much passion and conversation since Occupy Charlottesville. She has been participating in the Neighborhood Leadership Institute, and she has learned a lot.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 536 Meade Ave., said there is another public perception with the marijuana issue, which is that we do not care about the racial disparity. He said HOME funds and CDBG funds could be improved if we had money from federal programs, but we do not because of military spending.

Ms. Joy Johnson commended Council for their discussion of marijuana. Sometimes you have to be bold to make a change. The message starts locally. Please have a discussion about rehabilitation as an alternative to jail.

COUNCIL RESPONSE

Ms. Szakos said if there was a Council decision to stop the growth of the cemetery, it was not this Council's decision. It is now 20 feet under waste that would make it cost over \$150,000 per acre to use, which does not make this a possibility.

Ms. Galvin asked if it was possible for the City to buy additional cemetery land. Mr. Jones said it is a possibility, but zoning must be taken into consideration.

Mr. Norris said he wanted to make sure there was support for Mr. Brown to prepare a response to Mr. Fogel's proposal. Mr. Brown said he would do so.

The meeting was adjourned.



Clerk