

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, February 18, 2014, AT 5:30 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 Rice

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – February 18, 2014

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

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Ms. Szakos), to meet in closed session for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for (1) Discussion of the annual performance evaluations for the City Manager and the Clerk of City Council, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); and, (2) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual litigation involving the condemnation of property owned by the Monticello Area Community Action Agency, where consultation in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's negotiating posture, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (7); and, (3) Consultation with legal counsel for legal advice regarding the negotiation of the terms and conditions of a cost sharing agreement with the Albemarle County Service Authority for the costs of capital wastewater projects; and consultation with legal counsel for legal advice regarding the negotiation of the terms and conditions for acquiring a utility easement from Albemarle County along McIntire Road, all as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (7); and, (4) Discussion of the acquisition of real property on Baylor Lane and Cedar Hill Road for public park purposes, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City's negotiating strategy, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3).

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; 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 - February 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Szakos announced the next Our Town meeting will take place on February 20 for the Greenbrier, Locust Grove, The Meadows and Barracks/Rugby neighborhoods.

Ms. Szakos read a proclamation in recognition of African American History Month.

Ms. Smith read a proclamation announcing the Big Read. Ms. Carla Mullen was present to accept the proclamation. Go to www.jmrl.org for more information.

Ms. Galvin announced the Oliver Schultz presentation on February 21 and the W. Main St. public meeting on February 22.

Ms. Szakos announced that Charlottesville was named a Top 10 City for Affordable Health Care by Livability.com.

Mr. Fenwick announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on March 14 and 15. He also announced upcoming events for Ghana Independence Day.

Ms. Smith announced Alex Zan's All People Matter event on February 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Rozelle Smith, 133 Michelin Trail, Ruckersville, spoke in support of pay equity for public defenders.

Ms. Susan King, Dominion Virginia Power External Affairs Representative, introduced herself to Council and described her role. Customers can call 866-DOM-HELP to report any outages.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., asked Council to ask Virginia Dominion Power about how many electricity shut-offs there are in the City so that we can work to eliminate them. He announced the PHAR intern program graduated four interns.

Ms. Lena Seville, 808 Altavista Ave., said she has had trouble getting information for the PLACE Task Force's public meetings. Getting information about subcommittee meetings has been difficult, and materials for the meeting are not made public ahead of the meeting. She asked Council to find out how often consultants' recommendations are actually implemented so we can determine whether we are getting what we actually want from consultants.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th Street, said this Council is known for having lots of closed meetings, and there have been many recently about the cost share agreement for the Rivanna Pump Station. She asked when this discussion will be brought to the public. She asked why closed meetings and consultation is necessary when there is a four party agreement in place.

Mr. Luis Shultz, 1809 E. Market St., said this is the tenth time he has come to Council with evidence that staff have violated City code. He said a Google search for Steephill Street will provide background on this issue.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, Albemarle County resident, said there are homeless people who want help, but no referrals to services are being made because there is a barrier. She said there is no inebriate shelter for women.

Mr. Jim Chang, 1612 Ricky Rd., president of the Meadows Neighborhood Association, presented a petition from his neighbors requesting a playground be built in their neighborhood on Cedar Hill Drive across the street from the church. Access to City parks is difficult because of the location of their neighborhood, and the traffic causes safety issues for children who wish to play near or on the street.

Ms. Robbi Savage, Executive Director of the Rivanna Conservation Society, brought her students from the class "Planning for Nonprofits". She said they are planning events for the week of Earth Day. They have done two clean-ups at Quarry Park, and they are planning an invasive plant removal at the creek. They are also working with Chris Gensic on the removal of the cement bridge. There will be a "Primitive and Survival Skills" workshop as part of the Big Read as well. She offered the Councilors fly-overs in order to view the City's watershed from the air.

COUNCIL RESPONSE

Ms. Smith said Council is interested in exploring the equal pay proposal for Public Defenders. She said the "Extreme Rivanna Makeover" earth week event sounds very exciting, and she appreciated their work. She thanked Ms. Seville and Ms. Quinn for bringing up the issue of transparency. We have to be vigilant about what we do and how we treat our citizens. Our wastewater project is a major issue, and we need to discuss the details publically. She said 10% of our households cannot pay their gas, water and sewer bills, and she thanked Mr. Collins for asking Ms. King to examine electricity shut-offs as well. She thanked Dominion for working with the community on energy efficiency, particularly through the LEAP program.

Mr. Fenwick said he supported researching power shut-offs. He said there is a telephone poll in the middle of Old Lynchburg Road sidewalk that requires attention. He said he supports the equal pay proposal for public defenders. He announced the PHAR graduates: Sabrina Allen, Mary Faulkner, Christine Hester, and Jamika Moore. He told Ms. Seville to keep him informed of communications from PLACE. He agreed with Ms. Quinn that the public should know what is going on with the cost share agreements. He thanked Mr. Chang for his playground idea and for the citizen participation from his neighborhood. He said he hopes to be working with Ms. Savage soon. He agreed with Ms. Carpenter that the Moore Center is a dead end, and there is no coordination beyond it.

Ms. Szakos said she also supports pay equity for public defenders. She congratulated the PHAR interns on their graduation. She asked the City Attorney to look into how often Mr. Shultz can come forward and accuse employees of breaking laws until it rises to the level of slander. The playground in the Meadows neighborhood is a wonderful idea, especially since it is

landlocked. She said the flyover would be very helpful, because it helps put things together that can only be seen in little bits from the ground.

Ms. Galvin invited Ms. King to the West Main Street event on Saturday to hear the conversation about high tension power lines. She said she is willing and able to attend a PHAR meeting and hopes to do so in April. She met today with the PHA and had a very good exchange about the SIA. They are firmly committed to replace their 150 units one-for-one, and she welcomed the opportunity to discuss this plan with PHAR. She said the PLACE Task Force has engaged with the public fully in their two years of existence and is functioning the way Council intended.

Mr. Huja recognized the Adult Learning Center group in attendance. Many of these members will also be participating in the Festival of Cultures. He said a proposal regarding the Cost Share Agreement will come forward in the middle of March.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. **Minutes for February 3**
- b. **APPROPRIATION: HVAC Replacement at Gordon Avenue Library and Health Department - \$90,000 (2nd reading)**

HVAC Replacement at Gordon Avenue Library and Health Department

WHEREAS, Albemarle County share of expenditures will be submitted to them for reimbursement as work progresses; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that \$90,000 from Albemarle County is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues - \$90,000

Fund: 426 Funded Program: CP-070 G/L Account: 432030

Expenditures - \$90,000

Fund: 426 Funded Program: CP-070 G/L Account: 599999

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of \$90,000 from Albemarle County.

- c. **APPROPRIATION: City of Promise Reimbursement from Children, Youth & Family Services, Inc. - \$10,000 (2nd reading)**

City of Promise Reimbursement from Children, Youth & Family Services

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville has been offered reimbursement of \$10,000 for the salary of the City of Promise Director, by partner organization Children, Youth & Family Services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$10,000 Fund: 209 CC: 3413005000 G/L: 451020 Contributions

Expenditures

\$10,000 Fund: 209 CC: 3413005000 G/L: 519999 Sal/Benefit Lump Sum

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$10,000 from Children, Youth & Family Services, Inc.

d. APPROPRIATION: Asset Forfeiture Funds for Regional Firearms Range - \$971,167 (2nd reading)

Asset Forfeiture Funds for Regional Firearms Range

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$971,167 from the Attorney's Office of Virginia for a one time award of asset forfeiture money;

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to help to fund the City's share of construction costs of a regional firearms range to be shared by the City of Charlottesville, County of Albemarle and the University of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$971,167 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$971,167

\$971,167 Fund: 426 WBS Element: P-00715 G/L Account: 430110

Expenditures - \$971,167

\$971,167 Fund: 426 WBS Element: P-00715 G/L Account: 599999

e. ORDINANCE: Water Street Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning (2nd reading)

Water Street PUD Rezoning

APPROVING A REZONING OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED ON CITY TAX MAP 57 AS PARCEL 157A, FROM THE DOWNTOWN EXTENDED MIXED USE DISTRICT (“DE”) WITH PARTIAL HISTORIC OVERLAY, TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (“PUD”) DISTRICT, WITH PARTIAL HISTORIC OVERLAY SUBJECT TO PROFFERED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS (“WATER STREET PROMENADE PUD”)

WHEREAS, Riverbend Development, Inc. (“Applicant”) has made application for a zoning map amendment, with respect to certain property consisting of approximately 2.1 acres of land, identified as City Tax Map 57 Parcel 157A, currently located within the Downtown Extended (DE) mixed use zoning district, including an area of approximately 4,900 square feet (approximately 0.1 acre) containing an historic coal tower, which was previously designated by city council as an individually protected historic property by ordinance approved September 15, 2008 and as a result is subject to historic overlay (the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has submitted an application seeking a rezoning of the Subject Property to the PUD zoning district (continuing the historic overlay for the coal tower site) subject to the contents of a proposed PUD Development Plan and two proffered development conditions described within a final proffer statement submitted by the Applicant, all part of written application number ZM-13-07-11 (“Water Street Promenade PUD”); and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that, the open space proposed for the Water Street Promenade PUD consists of approximately 16% of the gross area of the development site, inclusive of the coal tower site, and approximately 10.7% of the development site, excluding the coal tower site; it is the determination of Council that the proposed PUD Development Plan, through creative design, and in light of the nature and extent of active recreational facilities provided, will best serve the overall objectives of Chapter 34, Article V (PUD Districts) of the City Code, with the open space provided as shown, whether or not the area of the coal tower site is included in the calculation; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines that in its other aspects, the proposed PUD Development conforms to the criteria and requirements set forth within Chapter 34, Article V of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, following a joint public hearing before this Council and the Planning Commission, duly advertised and held on January 14, 2014, the Planning Commission transmitted its recommendation for approval of this application, and this Council finds and determines that approval of the proposed rezoning, and acceptance of the proffered development conditions, would serve the interests of the public necessity, convenience, general welfare or good zoning practice; and

WHEREAS, Council further finds and determines that the proposed rezoning, and acceptance of the proffered development conditions, is consistent with the City’s adopted Comprehensive Plan; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Zoning District Map Incorporated in Section 34-1 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, be and hereby is amended and reenacted as follows:

Section 34-1. Zoning District Map. Rezoning from DE(H) to PUD(H) subject to the PUD Development Plan and to the final proffered development conditions included as part of ZM-13-07-11, all of the property identified on City Tax Map

57 as Parcel 157A, consisting of approximately 2.1 acres (inclusive of the 4,900 square foot area comprising the historic coal tower site).

PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: Blight Determination/Correction for 201 East Water Street (vote deferred)

Blight Determination/Correction for 201 East Water Street

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council and provided an update on the status of the blight determination discussions between the City and Mr. Dewberry's representative. Those discussions have resulted in a tentative agreement; Mr. Tolbert distributed the draft agreement to Council and reviewed the contents. Staff will request that Mr. Dewberry add language to address securing the upper floors.

Mr. Tolbert requested that Council delay action in anticipation of a favorable resolution on this agreement.

Mr. Huja recommended delaying action.

Ms. Szakos asked about security cameras. Mr. Tolbert said staff does not feel they need to push the issue on the matter. Ms. Smith asked about protecting the historic wall. Mr. Tolbert said the first item was geared towards addressing protection. Ms. Smith asked that a specific reference to the wall be added to the agreement. Ms. Smith confirmed that this will come back to Council if the resolution is not satisfactory.

Mr. Fenwick said he supports removing "sole and absolute discretion". He asked if Mr. Dewberry has insurance on the building. Staff said they believe he does. Mr. Fenwick asked if we can request a copy of it; Mr. Brown said we can always ask.

Ms. Galvin said she suggested we add "and seal" to section 1.1 to ensure it is approved by a licensed engineer. She thanked The Bridge's efforts and said she supports any negotiations they can manage with Mr. Dewberry and the BAR.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th Street, said she sees this building from her terrace, and even without the graffiti it is not a pleasing visual. She said the public has not seen the agreement that was just handed to Council. She asked what Mr. Dewberry is asking the City to commit to. She asked if there are any timelines for this project. She said she is concerned if we cannot see into the windows that more unfavorable activity may occur.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Tolbert said anything in this agreement has to be related to curing the blight, which does not deal with anything aside from making it safe and ridding it of the graffiti. Staff cannot compel the owners to complete construction, although that is the hope.

Ms. Szakos said she wants to hold the owners to the proposed timeframe, or come back at the next meeting with a blight determination. Mr. Fenwick said he agreed with Ms. Szakos and asked for a guarantee of a penalty if the timeline is not met. If this goes to litigation, Mr. Dewberry should have to pay for it, not the citizens of Charlottesville.

Mr. Tolbert said successfully engaging the owner is positive, and we should work with them. We can still do a blight declaration if we need to.

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

Ms. Smith requested that the draft agreement be added to the online agenda materials for this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: Conveyance of Land - Lochlyn Hills Subdivision (passed; 2nd reading waived)

Conveyance of Land - Lochlyn Hills Subdivision

Mr. Brown presented to Council. This land is located in Albemarle County and is a portion of Pen Park Lane. The normal procedure for the City is to require fair market payment when conveying land; however because of the circumstances in this instance, this may not be appropriate.

Council has been asked to waive the second reading of the ordinance, as time is of the essence in getting County approval of the subdivision plat and road dedication; this requires a 4/5th's vote of Council.

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

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Smith, the ordinance was carried.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the motion to waive the second reading passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

Having been moved and seconded, and the second reading having been waived, Council passed the ordinance. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED LAND ON PEN PARK LANE IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY TO MEADOWCREEK DEVELOPMENT, LLC

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville is the owner of land currently known as Pen Park

Lane in the County of Albemarle, shown and labeled “7,187 S.F.” on the attached plat dated February 10, 2014 (hereinafter the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, Meadowcreek Development, LLC (“Meadowcreek”) wishes to acquire the Property in order to relocate and re-configure a portion of Pen Park Lane to serve as an entrance to the new Lochlyn Hills Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B), a public hearing was held on February 18, 2014 to give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed conveyance of City land as requested by Meadowcreek;

WHEREAS, natural gas lines may need to be installed by the City within a portion of the Property to serve the new subdivision, and Public Utilities has approved the proposed conveyance subject to reservation of a utility easement for such natural gas facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Quitclaim Deed, in form approved by the City Attorney, to convey said Property to Meadowcreek Development, LLC, shown on the attached plat dated February 10, 2014 made by Kirk Hughes and Associates, being a total of approximately 7,187 square feet in area. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to effect the closing of said property conveyance.

RESOLUTION: Repair Downtown Mall Crossings - \$120,000 (vote deferred)

Repair Downtown Mall Crossings

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council. Mr. Daly and Mr. Edwards were also present. The City undertook a major renovation of the Downtown Mall in 2007 from 6th Street East to Old Preston, which had been developed over 25 years earlier. A guiding principle was to honor the original design inasmuch as was possible. The original design did not include vehicular crossings. Heavy delivery vehicles at the crossings have been a primary issue.

Staff recommends approval of the allocation of \$120,000 from the Capital Contingency Fund to repair the 2nd Street and 4th Street crossings. Staff also recommends that trucks over two axels be restricted from the crossings at any time. The only exception would be the CAT trolley. Construction would last two weeks on each road, and the crossings would be closed to vehicles during that time. If Council wishes to proceed with this prohibition, staff will consult with downtown business owners before bringing this back to Council for a vote. Another option would be to pave the crossings.

Mr. Huja said he is opposed to changing the crossings to any other material besides brick. Mr. Tolbert confirmed that there is concrete underneath the brick at the crossings.

Ms. Szakos said she is not comfortable allocating funds before we know whether or not heavy vehicles will be prohibited.

Mr. Huja asked if mortar joints would work better with the bricks at the crossings. Mr. Edwards said you need a flexible bed. Ms. Galvin asked if the problem was the length of brick. Mr. Edwards said that is an issue; a shorter brick would have more longevity. Ms. Galvin agreed that we should wait for community feedback before allocating funds.

Mr. Fenwick said this will clearly not be done by April, and he wants to be sure this is done in an off-season for the students particularly because of the free trolley. Mr. Tolbert said staff has been able to arrange for minimal impacts in the past and will be able to do so in the future. He confirmed that staff will avoid construction on graduation weekend. He said an ongoing repair fund should be established with a replacement schedule. Council agreed.

Mr. Huja directed staff to discuss prohibiting delivery trucks with the downtown business owners and come back to Council with their feedback.

RESOLUTION: Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Regulations

Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Regulations

Ms. McHugh presented to Council on Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance regulations. Regulations are needed to deal with the fact that to date, developers have opted to utilize the cash contribution option; however, should they elect to provide actual units, the City currently has no regulations in place to dictate how this should happen and what the City expects.

Mr. Huja confirmed that the Housing Advisory Committee has reviewed the recommended regulations.

Ms. McHugh said staff wants to encourage innovation, as was shown with the Lochlyn Hills project.

Ms. Galvin confirmed that the Housing Advisory Committee is revising approaches for use of the Housing Fund and will come to Council with their ideas.

Ms. Szakos asked NDS staff to devise differentiating acronyms, because currently “ADU” means two different things in City code and staff reports.

Mr. Fenwick thanked the HAC for tackling affordable housing. He asked when payment would be made. Ms. McHugh said it would occur at the time the building permit is issued.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that this Council hereby approves the attached Affordable Dwelling Unit Regulations, and the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the following document, in form approved by the City Attorney or his designee:

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) providing regulations governing the affordable dwelling unit requirements of City Code Sec. 34-12 on residential housing projects that are approved by rezoning or special use permit.

Council took a brief recess.

REPORT: Park Land Acquisition & Forest Management Update

Park Land Acquisition & Forest Management Update

Mr. Daly presented to Council on parkland, trails and green infrastructure.

Mr. Daly and Mr. Gensic presented on the Rivanna Trails Foundation progress from 2003 to present, Charlottesville waterways, parkland acquisitions and their costs, maintenance expenses, trail easements, and multi-use trail network expansion plans. They also reviewed green infrastructure, including stormwater management, the UVA tree canopy study, the urban forest assessment, strategic tree planting efforts, and invasive plant management.

Ms. Galvin asked if staff has looked at Pollack's Branch Greenway near the Strategic Investment Area. Mr. Daly said they have, and the SIA report has informed some decisions staff has made.

Ms. Szakos asked if the goats are coming back. Mr. Daly said we hope to bring them back in the next fiscal year. She asked if staff has considered doing a trail near the rail line that goes from the City yard, across the street and behind Bodos. Mr. Gensic said it would have to be a rail with trail, as there are a few deliveries a year on that track.

Ms. Smith said our parks, especially as cultural resources, are phenomenal. She asked if staff is using controlled herbicide with some of the vines in particular. Mr. Daly said it depends on the type of invasive plant, size of the vine, and location.

Ms. Galvin asked how the department is handling the staff reduction from 40 to 37. Mr. Daly said he has strategically reclassified positions to meet the department's needs, and this has not affected their ability to perform well.

Mr. Huja said he was impressed by their systematic and strategic approach and asked staff to keep up their good work.

RESOLUTION: Festival of Cultures Funding Request - \$2,000

Festival of Cultures Funding Request

Ms. Zakira Beasley, ESL instructor at the Adult Learning Center and a coordinator for the Charlottesville Festival of Cultures, presented to Council. She said the Festival of Cultures is about community and welcoming people into a safe environment. Their primary funding came

from Bamaworks; however, due to recent changes in their funding requirements, the Festival of Cultures was not able to secure funding.

Mr. Fenwick said the Festival of Cultures is one of the most fun and energetic festivals the City hosts. It is a remarkable way for the community to introduce themselves to different areas, and he encouraged citizens to attend. The Festival is on May 10 at Lee Park from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Beasley asked for full funding at \$4,000; City staff recommended funding at \$2,000.

Ms. Szakos said she supports upholding the Council's policy to remain under \$2,000 for off-budget requests. She asked Ms. Beasley to let people know how they can donate. Checks may be sent to the Adult Learning Center, payable to Charlottesville City Schools, 935 A Second St. SE, 22902. Please indicate "for Festival of Cultures" in the check memo.

Ms. Smith said Council did not see the full proposal and asked for more information. Ms. Beasley said the money they are requesting is for the infrastructure of the festival itself. Ms. Szakos asked if we can do an in-kind donation for electricity. Council supported this suggestion. Mr. Huja said he would not be opposed to waiving the fee for permits. Council did not support the suggestion.

Ms. Galvin said she supports the \$2,000 request and said she believes Council must adhere to their policy limit. On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Smith, the resolution passed with Ms. Szakos' amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$2,000 is hereby paid from currently appropriated funds in the Community Arts and Festivals account in the General Fund to the Charlottesville City Schools in support of the Festival of Cultures:

\$2,000

Fund: 105

Cost Center: 9753005000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that the cost of electricity for the festival will be paid by the City.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fenwick asked for a discussion on the Old Lynchburg Road project. Staff will provide an update to Council in writing.

Meeting adjourned.