

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, May 19, 2014, 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 Rice

**SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – May 19, 2014**

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

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Absent: Mr. Huja), to meet in closed session for (1) Discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); and, (2) Consideration of the acquisition of real property on Page Street for a public purpose, 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. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Absent: Mr. Huja), 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 19, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Fenwick read a proclamation in honor of National Military Appreciation Month. A member of the VFW was present to accept the proclamation. A Memorial Day celebration will be held on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the County Office Building.

Ms. Galvin read a proclamation in honor of National Public Works Week. Ms. Mueller was present to accept on behalf of the Public Works Department.

Ms. Szakos read a proclamation in honor of Emergency Medical Services Week. Chief Charles Werner and a representative from the volunteers of the Rescue Squad were present to accept the proclamation.

Ms. Galvin announced that Ms. Judy Mueller received the Distinguished Service Award, which will henceforth be called the Judith Mueller Service Award. Ms. Mueller thanked the City Manager for encouraging employees to participate in their professional associations.

Ms. Galvin announced the Street Design Charrette public kick-off event at City Space on Tuesday, May 27 at 5:30 p.m. Additional events will take place at CitySpace on Thursday, May 29 and Friday, May 30. Go to [www.charlottesville.org/completestreets](http://www.charlottesville.org/completestreets) for more information.

Ms. Galvin announced there are several openings on City Boards and Commissions. Go to [www.charlottesville.org/boards](http://www.charlottesville.org/boards) for more information and to apply.

Ms. Szakos recognized the Charlottesville Community Scholarship Program recipients and their families. The scholars introduced themselves and announced their college plans. Ms. Linda Seaman, Chair of the Board, thanked Council and said it has been a joy working with the students and their families.

Ms. Szakos announced that Mr. Lee Richards, former Commissioner of the Revenue for the City, was awarded with the Lifetime Achievement in Public Service from the James Madison University School of Public and International Affairs. Mr. Richards was present to accept the award and thanked Council, the public, and employees for making this possible.

Ms. Szakos said we have had two murders in the past several days, and our Police Department and community are working hard to get to the bottom of this and ensure safety. She invited residents to a Walk for Peace on Friday evening, starting at the Westhaven Community Center at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Fenwick announced the Parade Rest Memorial Day event on Sunday, May 25 at the Paramount Theatre.

Ms. Smith announced the Parks and Recreation Spray Grounds are now open, offering a variety of water features. The park is free and open to the public. Call 970-3260 for more information.

Ms. Smith said we are considering renewing our cable franchise agreement with Comcast. To read a copy of the draft agreement, go to [www.charlottesville.org/cablefranchise](http://www.charlottesville.org/cablefranchise). To leave feedback on the agreement, call 970-3930 or email [cablefranchise@charlottesville.org](mailto:cablefranchise@charlottesville.org).

Ms. Smith announced that the 2014 Real Estate and Personal Property Bills have been mailed. Please call 970-3146 if you have not received your bill. The deadline is June 5.

On motion by Mr. Fenwick, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the following appointments were made to Boards and Commissions: to the CACVB, Jennifer Mayo; to the Charlottesville Transit Advisory Committee, Luke Juday; to the Housing Advisory Committee, Philip d'Oronzio; to JAUNT, Audrey Dannenberg; to the PLACE Design Task Force, Andrea Douglas and Rachel Lloyd; to the Sister City Commission, Leah Barber; to the Tree Commission, Bill Downs and John Schmidt. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Absent: Mr. Huja)

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Jeanne Chase, 223 Old Lynchburg Rd., said neighbors are seeking excellence on behalf of the Old Lynchburg Road project. She said construction on the project has been inferior. She distributed packets with a list of items that need to be corrected.

Mr. John Heyden, Westwood Rd., said he has been coming to Council for two years about the lack of crime statistics and accountability. He said police do not release suspect identifications.

Mr. Bill Emory, 1604 E. Market St., said the Franklin Street gap makes no accommodation for pedestrians, which puts many children in the street especially during the pool season. He asked Council to implement a one-year pilot with a partial directional change.

Mr. John Hassock, Davis Ave., said the shortcut for the Route 29 alternative is only 20% shorter. He said the traffic problem is focused around Route 250, Angus Road and Hydraulic. Spending money on upgrading the junction at Rio is a waste and will increase the turning capacity off Route 29 onto Rio. The proposed junction improvements will not impact businesses, and the same would be true of improvements at Hydraulic.

Mr. Cole Dickerson, representing the Monticello CAP student group in support of the WVS Company's design for the Water Street lot, said the students in his group believe the design is imperfect but comprises many qualities that will benefit the market and its users.

Mr. Brian Wimer, 712 Graves St., said community involvement has been successful for the Art Park initiative due to hard work, good vision, and successful fundraising. He invited Councilors to the grand opening on May 25 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. He said the bridge replacement project represents the opposite, with weak work and community misinformation. The Belmontbridge.com website has no design schematics for an underpass option. He said some of the bridge designs proposed are unsafe.

Mr. Rod Kelley, Redfields resident, said Council must consider the long-term benefits when investing in infrastructure like the Belmont Bridge. He said bridges can provide long-term benefits to a community.

Ms. Mary Gilliam, 218 West South Street, thanked Mr. Fenwick and Mayor Huja for visiting South Street and temporarily removing parking at the top of the street. Visibility out of

her driveway has improved, and she hopes the parking spots will not be reinstated. She said a permanent resolution is needed before City Market is built.

Ms. Mary Carey, 100 Ridge St. at Midway Manor, thanked Council and staff for coming over to see the traffic issues at her residence in person. She said senior citizens of Charlottesville feel they are not being noticed.

Mr. Louis Schultz, 1809 E. Market St., said this is the sixteenth time he has come to Council to say staff has violated City code and civil rights statutes. He asked Ms. Smith to answer as to why she has not launched an investigation.

Mr. Tim Yoder, 516 11th Street NW, said the church he attends rents the Hope Community Center on Sundays, and kids, especially from Hardy Drive, have started attending regularly, which has made an impact on their lives.

Mr. Robert Smith, Midway Manor, seconded Ms. Gilliam and Ms. Carey's remarks about parking in the area. He said pedestrians and cyclists are at risk when they cross Market Street and South Street.

## **COUNCIL RESPONSE**

Ms. Szakos clarified for Mr. Heyden that we are not inferring racism in the Police Department. We are trying to get data so that the Police Department can get to the bottom of issues. Regarding the Belmont Bridge design, she said there were two designs that came from MMM, and the one that was fracture-critical was proposed in response to a request for a more open design.

Mr. Fenwick said eight speakers had concerns about roads, and he is glad to see some forward progress is being made. He thanked Mr. Hassock for his comments and said he was not aware there were two lanes north and two lanes south. He thanked Ms. Chase for being persistent with her work on the Old Lynchburg Road project.

Ms. Galvin thanked speakers for addressing roads. She said we have passed a Complete Streets resolution that prioritizes pedestrians, and we are implementing it now.

Ms. Smith said she was excited to hear from the Monticello High School students. She said the IX project is amazing and asked people to attend the grand opening. She announced that there will be a public hearing on the Belmont Bridge at the June 16 Council meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, the consent agenda passed unanimously, except for item d, which Mr. Fenwick pulled for further discussion. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Absent: Mr. Huja)

### **a. Minutes for May 5**

**b. APPROPRIATION: Insurance Claim Recovery - Human Services Fund - \$8,852  
(2nd reading)**

Insurance Claim Recovery - Human Services Fund - \$8,852

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has received approval for reimbursement up to \$95,000 from the Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program to provide free breakfast and lunch to children attending summer camp programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award covers the period from period June 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$95,000, received from the Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenue – \$95,000**

Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900218 G/L Account: 430120

**Expenditures - \$95,000**

Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900218 G/L Account: 530670

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$95,000 from the Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program.

**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: Appropriation of Funds from the Thomas Jefferson Planning  
District Commission for Inspection and Testing Services for the JPA/Emmet  
Improvements – \$15,000 (1st of 2 readings)~~ pulled**

Funds from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

**e. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Produced Planning Grant Support - \$70,000 (carried)**

Virginia Produced Planning Grant Support

**f. RESOLUTION: Endorsing Buckingham Branch Railroad Company Grant  
Application**

Endorsing Buckingham Branch Railroad Company Grant Application

**g. ORDINANCE: Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Amendments Related to Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulations (2nd reading)**

Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance Amendments Related to Virginia Stormwater Management Program Regulations

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 29 (SUBDIVISIONS) AND 34 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE (1990), AS AMENDED, TO REVISE THE SUBMISSION, APPROVAL AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT PLANS (SITE PLANS AND SUBDIVISION PLATS)**

**h. ORDINANCE: Ordinance to Increase Street Cut Permit Fee from \$40 to \$60 (carried)**

Ordinance to Increase Street Cut Permit Fee from \$40 to \$60

**PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: Utility Rates (carried)**

Utility Rates

Ms. Sharon O'Hare presented to Council. She said with conservation efforts, we have seen a dramatic decrease in usage. She explained the rate stabilization fund.

Ms. O'Hare summarized the rates and projected increases.

Mr. Fenwick said residents can save money by tracking their use per day and using a penny and a half per gallon to compute their savings.

Ms. Szakos asked for clarification about the sewage rates. Ms. O'Hare said the difference between what Rivanna is treating and what we can charge customers for is increasing.

Ms. Smith she said the GAC project represents only one-third of our wholesale rates.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Ms. Colette Hall, 101 Robertson Ln., said dredging the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir and fixing the spillway would have been more cost-effective. She asked if the City has been paid for the lumber for the trees cut down. She said the RWSA is not an advantage to City residents, and rates are going up disproportionately because of bad past decisions.

Having no further speakers, the hearing was closed.

Ms. Szakos said a conference she attended recently warned of a perfect storm of infrastructure, EPA regulations, and cost would effect rates. She said utility rates in the United States are unsustainably low and have been subsidized by municipalities.

Ms. Smith said she would like to see the total water use for the last five years, not just by family. We do have a limit for our water use per the cost share agreement. She said it is remarkable we are down 35% in the last five years. She asked if we could use our water conservation staff to target households using a disproportionately large amount of water to help them identify possible leaks and lower their bill.

Ms. Smith asked why the GAC is in the operating budget instead of the capital budget. Ms. Galvin said it is in both. Mr. Jones said we are in an interim stage, and there will be operating costs on a yearly basis.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the ordinance carried.

## **REPORT: Youth Council Update**

### Youth Council Update

Ms. Gretchen Ellis introduced the Youth Council members.

Ms. Elizabeth Stafford introduced herself and gave an overview of the Youth Council's activities over the past year.

Ms. Jemma Fendley and Ms. Sophie Sellars discussed bike and pedestrian safety. They proposed Council purchase the garden at the MACAA building to improve pedestrian safety for students walking to school. They also proposed a bike lane near Melbourne Road.

Ms. Anna Perry said this has helped her experience Charlottesville outside of the high school student bubble. She asked for Council's continued support of the Youth Council.

Mr. Richard Potter spoke on behalf of the group who travelled to Seattle for the NLC Annual Conference, where they were able to discuss issues that affected youth with other youth across the nation.

Mr. Kibriti Majuto said the Youth Council has given him leadership skills and has been a great experience. He has been able to help many of his friends with employment options.

Ms. Megan Bird said the blue emergency phone system at the University should be implemented on the Downtown Mall.

Ms. Anna Perry said she hopes Charlottesville can continue to lead the way in responsible consumption. She overviewed the Youth Council's recommendations for sustainable school funding, which were pulled from the Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations. They support

the increased meal tax, increased lodging tax, and closing a school for significant operational savings.

Ms. Addie Brown and Mr. Zach Greenhoe said they are interested in learning more about Charlottesville's Sister Cities and would like to increase communication with youth in those cities.

Ms. Brianna Wilson and Ms. Letia Wilson said having more interaction with City Council would be beneficial. They requested a work session with Council next fall.

Ms. Ayana Bryant told Council what she is looking forward to as a member of the Youth Council.

Ms. Galvin suggested the Youth Council get in touch with Mr. Brian Wimer about the IX project and get involved with the public arts projects he is working on.

Mr. Fenwick thanked the Youth Council for their ideas and said they are a super group.

Ms. Szakos said she brought the idea of the Youth Council back from an NLC meeting a few years ago, and she was very proud to see them this evening. She said Mr. Kibriti took leadership to try to help his friends find jobs, and she admired that additional function of the Youth Council.

Ms. Smith said she was impressed with their public speaking skills. She said she would love to see Charlottesville High School establish an exchange program with our Sister Cities.

### **RESOLUTION: Peer Networks Update and Allocation of \$35,000**

#### **Peer Networks Update and Allocation of \$35,000**

Ms. Ellis presented to Council on the Peer Networks. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Rydell Payne were also present. She gave a brief overview as the work that was done and outlined next steps.

Mr. Fenwick asked who gets the funding. Ms. Ellis said the partnership would have to determine this based on where the funded programs are housed. It would be a combination of City departments, nonprofits, and community partners.

Ms. Galvin asked how this will keep from becoming a consortium of nonprofits. Ms. Ellis said it will become a consortium of nonprofits and other community-related organizations. She gave an example of some of the projects that are taking place. Ms. Galvin said the network does not seem to be client-centric, rather more focused on service providers. Ms. Ellis said this is definitely person-centered and focuses on a pathway to self-sufficiency.

Ms. Szakos said she likes that this model does not reinvent the wheel. She said motivational interviewer training is strength-based and is a good thing to build the program around.



Ms. Smith asked why this would not be housed in the Workforce Satellite Office. Mr. Murphy said they have met with Economic Development staff to discuss co-location, and there is a limited space available. There are plans to collaborate closely between the two initiatives.

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of up to \$35,000 is hereby paid from currently appropriated funds in the FY 2014 Council Adopted Budget set aside for the peer network implementation:

\$5,000 to support the host organization for the Partnership of Peer Networks (i.e., phone line, materials, transportation)

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 10110010000

\$17,000 to support a part-time AmeriCorps State volunteer and/or an intern to provide staff support to facilitate the Partnership of Peer Networks

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 10110010000

\$2,000 to support networking opportunities that are convenient and accessible for peer supporters and connectors.

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 10110010000

\$5,000 to support training for those in the Community of Peer Networks.

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 10110010000

\$4,000 for consultation to develop an easy-to-use, strengths-based assessment protocol and/or purchase of a proprietary tool, if necessary.

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 10110010000

\$2,000 to establish a fund to allow peer connectors and supporters to provide modest material support to residents on the pathway to self-sufficiency.

**RESOLUTION: Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS) MOU**

Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS) MOU

Chief Werner and Mr. Dayton Hall, Chief of the CARS, presented to Council. This is a collaborative document between CARS and the Fire Department and will make joint programming easier going forward.

Ms. Szakos said the compassion billing issue was important to her, and this is a great way to handle it. She asked Mr. Jones when this will be in place. Mr. Jones said it can be in place as soon as the MOU takes effect, which is July 1.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the following document, in form approved by the City Attorney or his designee.

Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Charlottesville and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (C-ARS) outlining the respective roles and responsibilities of each organization for the provision of emergency medical transport services.

**ORDINANCE: Emergency Medical Services Billing Ordinance (carried)**

Emergency Medical Services Billing Ordinance

Chief Werner briefly reviewed the ordinance for Council. He said this has been a helpful funding mechanism for other localities and clarified that no one will be denied service for inability to pay. A workable, compassionate billing policy is central to this ordinance. This is only for the transport function of the service. Mr. Fenwick confirmed that the medical aid being given during transport is being billed as well.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, the ordinance carried.

**RESOLUTION: Fire Services Agreement**

Fire Services Agreement

Chief Werner presented to Council. Ms. Szakos confirmed that this would be retroactive to last July.

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

**RESOLUTION: 17 Elliewood Ave. BAR Appeal**

17 Elliewood Ave. BAR Appeal

Ms. Scala overviewed the application request and denial for Council. She reviewed the history of the building at 17 Elliewood Avenue. Applicants came to the BAR on February 18, and the BAR denied a request for two large display structure windows. They returned on March 18 with a modified application and were again denied for their request to change the window openings. Ms. Scala requested that Council send this back to the BAR with specific direction on enlarging the window openings if they agree with the applicant. The applicant can appeal to Circuit Court if Council denies their appeal.

Mr. Matt Watson and Mr. Steve Glassgoe, owners and founders of Country Club Prep, addressed Council. They reviewed the history of their business and why they chose Charlottesville to headquarter their store. The applicant said the BAR feared that if windows were made interior, they would no longer have jurisdiction over them.

Ms. Szakos asked City Attorney Craig Brown if Council could add a provision regarding the interior window. Mr. Brown said he does not concede that the proposed design changes would in fact make the windows interior. However, from a practical perspective it would be difficult to enforce such a provision.

Mr. Fenwick asked for clarification on the window. The applicant said they will not change the size of the window cutting, but the proposed bump-out is of concern to the BAR. The applicant's architect, Mr. Matt McClellan, said the proposed bump-out is only enough room to place a display piece of clothing, perhaps one foot.

Ms. Melanie Miller, BAR Chair, presented to Council on the BAR's appeal to deny the applicant's request.

Ms. Galvin said she appreciated staff's original recommendation to encourage the applicant to design an appropriate storefront. She said the scale of the proposed design is out of context with the scale of the building and not in keeping with the pedestrian cues of the street. She requested Council send this back to the BAR with new design guidelines that the storefront be in keeping with the scale and massing of the existing building, within context, that precludes the second floor windows. The applicant showed Council their original plans, and Ms. Galvin said this was more in keeping with an appropriate design.

Mr. Fenwick said heritage is the charm of Charlottesville, and he thinks the BAR has acted appropriately in how they have reached their decision.

Ms. Szakos said she is generally supportive of our board's decisions, especially when they are unanimous. However, this neighborhood has become mostly rented spaces, and she thinks it is important for this business to be able to display what they are selling. She supported sending this back to the BAR, but she said that does not mean she does not think they acted appropriately.

Ms. Smith said this is a jewel on Elliewood Ave., and it has a powerful history. She said she respects the BAR's decision and their attention to detail.

Ms. Galvin said we need to find a way to allow an enlarged window opening to avoid a deteriorating streetscape.

Council did not support rejecting the BAR decision. However, Ms. Galvin and Ms. Szakos were open to enlarging the windows. Ms. Scala said she feels confident the BAR would not overturn their decision not to allow enlarged windows.

Mr. Fenwick moved to uphold the BAR's decision because the value of the older houses adds to the charm, and he does not believe a retail store would suffer from keeping the structure as it is now. Ms. Smith said this does not preclude the applicants from going back to the BAR with a different proposal. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion failed. (Ayes: Ms. Smith, Mr. Fenwick; Noes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin; Absent: Mr. Huja.)

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the resolution was tabled until the full Council is present to vote. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Absent: Mr. Huja.)

### **RESOLUTION: Hope Community Center Purchase of Property**

#### Hope Community Center Purchase of Property

Mr. Jones presented to Council on the current use of the Henry Avenue Learning Center and the property at the Hope Community Center.

Ms. Szakos said she hopes this can be a community center available to groups for use without charge. Mr. Jones said staff will determine the cost to do so and will bring it back to Council. There is currently an arrangement with several schools for church services.

Ms. Galvin said this is a great opportunity to improve facilities for education in Charlottesville. Ms. Szakos said general community sentiment about this use is positive.

Mr. Jones said the basic up-fit costs will be brought back to Council for their consideration at a later date.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the following document, in form approved by the City Attorney or his designee.

Sale/Purchase Contract between **CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE**  
and **COVENANT CHURCH OF GOD OF ALBEMARLE**  
**COUNTY, VIRGINIA**, for the purchase of property at 341 11<sup>th</sup>  
Street, NW (City Tax Map 4-152) by the City.

### **REPORT: City Road Projects Update**

#### City Road Projects Update

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council on the Belmont Bridge, 250 Interchange, Old Lynchburg Road, and Route 29 solutions. Ms. Szakos presented on the 29 solutions.

Mr. Fenwick asked who inspects the bridges in town and asked if the current bridge is repairable. Mr. Tolbert said staff, MMM, and VDOT concur that they do not believe it is. Ms. Szakos asked if the bridge is safe. Mr. Tolbert said it is.

Ms. Galvin said we should understand the opportunity cost of losing the \$14 million in grant money, what other projects would suffer as a result, and how this would impact our bond rating. Mr. Tolbert said Mr. Wray will address the issue of our bond rating before the June 16 meeting. Mr. Jones said there is no doubt paying for the bridge project in full would push us past our debt service capacity.

Mr. Tony Edwards provided clarification in response to Mr. Fenwick's inquiries about the Old Lynchburg Road project.

Ms. Galvin said we need to develop methods to avoid the high number of change orders on Old Lynchburg Road from happening on future projects. Ms. Szakos asked what percentage of change orders were in response to neighbor requests rather than in response to the project. Mr. Tolbert said about \$7,600 worth of change orders were in response to neighbor requests.

Mr. Fenwick asked why neighbors were not happy with staff's response on this project. Mr. Edwards said there were daily responses to this project, and there was a high amount of neighborhood feedback.

Ms. Galvin said she would like to hear reflection on how staff would do this project differently and what lessons were learned. Mr. Tolbert said staff does not believe they had an inferior design. They believe they had adequate neighborhood input, and there has been communication throughout the project including monthly reports to the neighborhood associations. He said he is not sure that we got the contractor's A-team because of the nature and scope of the project. There were also multiple one-off incidental projects that came up during the course of the project. He said the process has been painful, but he believes we will have a good project when it is completed.

Ms. Szakos asked if there was support on Council for the temporary pilot project on Franklin Street. Ms. Galvin said she would support putting this on an upcoming agenda for discussion.

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Tolbert to comment on parking at Midway Manor. Mr. Tolbert said the residents wanted a cross as a shortcut to the bus stop on Water Street. Staff does not want to formalize the crosswalk because of safety issues. No parking signs were posted as a temporary experiment.

Ms. Smith asked for an update on Water Street construction. Mr. Tolbert said the target completion date is November.

Ms. Galvin said quarterly reports on the status of projects being built would be helpful as part of the regular reporting on our infrastructure projects. Mr. Jones said we are also working to make our construction report more accessible to the public.

**APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of Funds from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission for Inspection and Testing Services for the JPA/Emmet Improvements - \$15,000 (carried)**

Funds from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Mr. Fenwick asked why the City cannot do testing and engineer work in-house. Mr. Tolbert said we do not have the necessary equipment to do this type of work.

Ms. Szakos said in the future, if there are simply clarifying questions for an item from the consent agenda, they should be asked at the time of the consent agenda vote instead of pulling it for discussion.

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

**MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Jeff Greer, 2708 JPA, Fry Springs neighborhood association President, thanked Council for their discussion on OLR. He said people are disappointed that after dealing with a project for so long, they have to deal with potholes a few months later.

Mr. Scott Bandy, Cherry Ave., said any time our community can be proactive in welcoming business in the City, that is a good thing. He was heartened by the approach concerning the potential business at Elliewood. He said he is unsettled by the Flats at West Village being advertised as student housing. He said putting *World of Beer* in a student complex is not a good idea.

**COUNCIL RESPONSE**

Ms. Szakos said Council received a letter from a resident in Star Hill who is also concerned about *World of Beer* and the impact of the outdoor venue on neighbors.

Meeting adjourned.