

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, October 6, 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 – October 6, 2014

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

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Ms. Smith), 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) Discussion with legal counsel regarding the options for acquiring public utility easements in Steephill Street, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the City, as authorized by Va. Code sections 2.2-3711 (A) (3) and (7).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; 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 – October 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith read a proclamation in honor of World Habitat Day.

Ms. Szakos read a proclamation recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mr. Huja announced the Our Town Carlton/Belmont neighborhood meeting on Thursday, October 9 at Clark Elementary School.

Mr. Fenwick announced the Household Hazardous Waste special collection event on Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11 at the Ivy Material Utilization Center.

Mr. Fenwick said the nationally ranked Charlottesville Wheelchair Basketball League will start their season. The opening game is this weekend, and he encouraged citizens to attend.

Mr. Fenwick acknowledged a Parks Department employee, Erin, for cleaning the downtown mall on his time off, and Mr. Ronnie Shifflett for his service to the City.

Ms. Galvin announced Charlottesville has been selected to submit a community energy savings plan for the Georgetown University Energy Prize competition. To share your thoughts on what we achieve locally, go to www.energizecharlottesville.org.

Ms. Galvin announced the City of Charlottesville is participating in the National Citizen's Survey and encouraged residents to return their surveys if they receive one.

Ms. Szakos said the School Board/City Council lunch will take place Friday, October 10 at noon. Also, the City Scholarship Annual Gala is on Saturday, October 11. For more information go to www.cvillesscholarship.com; October 15 is the fall deadline for scholarship applicants.

Ms. Szakos said October 14 is the deadline to register to vote. Register online at www.vote.virginia.gov, or come to the Registrar's Office to register in person.

Ms. Szakos announced City Services Fair from 10am - 2pm on Friday, October 17 on the Downtown Mall.

Ms. Szakos said the Supreme Court elected not to hear state cases about same sex marriage, and as such, marriage licenses can now be issues to same sex couples in the state of Virginia.

Ms. Jane Kudlow, Virginia Festival of the Book Program Director, announced the 21st Annual Festival March 18-22, 2015 and asked residents to stay tuned for event announcements.

On motion by Mr. Fenwick, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the following appointments were made to the Youth Council: Catherine Johnson, Zaynab Maanaki, Ashton Ryan, Wendell James G. Santiago, Avion Saylor-Mills and Ellen Yates. (Ayes: Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, the Planning Commission appointments to other boards and commissions passed unanimously. (Ayes: Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.) For a complete list, please see Attachment 1.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Al Page, 806 Page St., said after the last Council meeting he is still outraged at Ms. Smith's comments regarding permit parking on Page Street. He said there was a plan in place

after meetings with staff, and it was disregarded at the Council meeting. He asked for a meeting with Mr. Jones, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos and Ms. Smith as soon as possible.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams, County resident, spoke about pesticide use in parks, school yards, and other public areas. She said we know pesticides are not safe for children, and most of the testing done on pesticides are conducted by those who distribute them. She said there has been an alarming increase in preterm births and other childhood illnesses.

Mr. John Cruickshank, 324 Parkway St., said over 900 citizens have signed a petition asking Council to end the use of pesticides on City properties. He said he has not seen pollinators amongst plants in City parks.

Ms. Joan Fenton, 3705 Country Lane, property owner and owner of two retail stores on the Downtown Mall, said she believes Chief Longo and the investigators working on the search for Hannah Graham deserve credit for their hard work and dedication. She said no one can deny that the cameras on the mall installed by private businesses were critical in the investigation. We may have had more information if we had publically installed cameras on the Downtown Mall. She asked Council to support Chief Longo's recommendations for improved security on the Downtown Mall.

Mr. John Heyden, Westwood Rd., said anyone involved who was responsible for approving payments of the cell phone bills in the Registrar's Office should be fired and prosecuted. He said taxes have doubled in the past ten years. He asked if Council would favor a public audit of all departments and a budget decrease of 5% across all departments.

Mr. Gordon Ray Thatcher, 704 Rockcreek Rd., asked for a moment of silence for the safe return of Hannah Graham. He said we need to improve safety in the City. He said he has gone out every night to locate burnt out street lights throughout the City. He reported 110 broken street lights. He said it is essential to have every street light working. He asked for assistance in reaching out to neighborhood watch groups and local media to let people know how they can locate and report burnt out street lights. The Virginia Dominion Power number is 866-366-4357, Option 1, then Option 2, to report burnt out lights.

Ms. Jeanne Chase, 223 Old Lynchburg Rd., asked Council to withdraw item i from the consent agenda because the proposed money would be taken from the OLR budget. There are still loose ends to be addressed on that job, and quality control is needed. She thanked Council and staff for working with neighbors on this project. She offered a private donation towards funding cameras on the Downtown Mall.

Mr. Louis Shultz, 1809 E. Market St., said this is the 24th time he has come to Council accusing staff of violating City and state code and civil rights statutes regarding property at Steephill Street. He said item j should be pulled from the consent agenda, as Council never authorized the City Attorney to hire outside counsel.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., said she has often noticed people fixing tilted bricks. We used to have beautiful lights in our trees, but over the years they failed. She thanked those

removing the wires from the trees. She said the 2025 vision for a Green City includes the phrase "We have clean air." She said we had news trucks all over the City and the Downtown Mall, and one of them was idling 24 hours a day for several days straight. She said we have a section in our City code regarding idling of a bus. She asked Council to consider expanding anti-idling to cover more than just buses.

Mr. Alex Hancock, 2712 Eaton Rd., said he does not know how someone can go five years without knowing they did not pay a bill. He said he does not understand how we can keep someone who was charged in their duty; we should remove or suspend them until the investigation comes to an end, especially in an authority position such as the registrar, and especially during an election. He said if item j is related to Steephill Street, Council should be worried about collusion. He said he would dedicate his time to helping the community get through an election without the registrar in place.

Mr. Mark Lorenzoni, 2512 Liberty Hall Lane, member of the SHE Board, thanked Council for the proclamation on Domestic Violence Awareness.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Szakos thanked Ms. Fenton for recognizing Chief Longo and the entire police department, and for the thousands of volunteers who have helped with this effort. She also thanked Mr. Thatcher for checking the street lights. She said she understands that Mr. Page is angry, but she is sad he felt the need to use a slur. There are different opinions about different parking. Ms. Szakos said taxes have actually gone down in the past 10 years, contrary to Mr. Heyden's claim. She said she knocked on the door of a press bus who left a large black mark on the pavement in front of City Space. The operators were very cooperative, but it was a pain, and she said she supports having a policy to ensure those trucks are not idling when they do not need to be. She said the Registrar actually works for a board, and the Registrar is hired by the state. This situation is a little more complicated than if this were a City staff member.

Mr. Huja said the City is now conducting research to see what cameras exist on the downtown mall, and we will discuss possibilities in the near future.

Ms. Smith said we have been asking for a long time where the cameras are, and now we have that information. She said cameras are not in and of themselves a safety measure; they are about solving issues that have already taken place, not deterring crime. We need to make sure we are implementing measures that actually address safety. In-depth conversations are happening. Ms. Smith said she is sorry Mr. Page was upset; she was simply reflecting what neighbors of Page Street were saying to Council about permit parking. We are still working towards a resolution to this situation. She thanked Mr. Thatcher for his great idea about getting folks who are out and about to report lights that are out. Councilors are meeting about pesticides to get some good discussion going. Ms. Smith said we will address where funds for the roundabout are coming from.

Mr. Fenwick thanked Mr. Cruickshank and Dr. Williams for their comments about pesticides and for their public outreach. He applauded Mr. Thatcher's efforts and offered to

accompany him around the neighborhoods to get the community involved. He said Ms. Chase is correct that the OLR project is not finished yet. He thanked Ms. Fenton for speaking and seconded her appreciation for everyone working on the Hannah Graham case. He said he wants to figure out a way to mitigate the anguish of Hannah's parents.

Ms. Galvin said she would like to attend a meeting with Mr. Page if it is arranged. She thanked Dr. Williams and Mr. Cruickshank for sharing information on pesticides. She thanked the Police Department for their efforts. She said she looks forward to serious conversations about safety on the Downtown Mall and Main Street. She asked Mr. Jones to speak with Virginia Dominion Power about why it takes three weeks to change the lights. Mr. Jones said he will reach out to Susan King and start that conversation to see if they can decrease the reaction time. She asked if we can build on our policy regarding idling. Mr. Brown said the enabling legislation was limited to buses. Ms. Szakos said we should add this to our legislative agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Minutes for September 15**
- b. **APPROPRIATION: Greenstone on 5th Sponsorship Agreement for Enhanced Police Coverage - \$84,194 (2nd reading)**

Greenstone on 5th Sponsorship Agreement for Enhanced Police Coverage

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has entered into an agreement with Greenstone on 5th Corporation to fund enhanced police coverage for the area of Greenstone on 5th Apartments, including salary, equipment, technology and related administrative expenses associated with provisions of such enhanced coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$84,194, to be received as a donation from Greenstone on 5th Corporation.

Revenues

\$84,194 Fund: 105 Internal Order: 2000113 G/L Account: 451999

Expenditures - \$84,194

\$75,775 Fund: 105 Internal Order: 2000113 G/L Account: 510060

\$8,419 Fund: 105 Internal Order: 2000113 G/L Account: 599999

- c. **APPROPRIATION: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for \$6,629 (2nd reading)**

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant

WHEREAS, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (S.C.A.A.P.) grant, providing federal payments for correctional officer salary costs incurred for incarcerating certain undocumented criminals has been awarded the City of Charlottesville, on behalf of the Albemarle-Charlottesville-Nelson Regional Jail, in the amount of \$6,629.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that a total of \$5,171 be appropriated and passed through to the Albemarle-Charlottesville-Nelson Regional Jail and \$1,458 be appropriated and passed through to Justice Benefits, Inc.

Revenues

\$6,629 Fund: 211 Internal Order: 1900215 G/L Account: 431110

Expenses

\$5,171 Fund: 211 Internal Order: 1900215 G/L Account: 530550

\$1,458 Fund: 211 Internal Order: 1900215 G/L Account: 530670

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$6,629 from the U. S. Bureau of Justice Assistance.

- d. APPROPRIATION: Reprogramming of \$104,469.45, Appropriation and Allocation of \$750.00 & Future Allocations - Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (carried)**

[Reprogramming of \\$104,469.45, Appropriation and Allocation of \\$750.00 & Future Allocations - Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund](#)

- e. APPROPRIATION: 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - \$27,050 (carried)**

[2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant](#)

- f. RESOLUTION: Loan Extension Request for Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center - \$130,000**

[Loan Extension Request for Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville that the due date for funds previously transferred from the City's Strategic Investment Fund to the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority (CEDA) for the purpose of a loan to The Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center of Virginia, Inc.; be extended to April 30, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville that once the funds have been repaid to CEDA, \$130,000 will be returned to the City's Strategic Investment Fund.

- g. RESOLUTION: Surplus Equipment Trailer Donation to the Charlottesville Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS)**

[Surplus Equipment Trailer Donation to CARS](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville that a surplus 16' storage trailer operated by the Fire Department will be donated to the Charlottesville Albemarle Rescue Squad.

- h. RESOLUTION: Permeable Asphalt Stormwater Management at Human Services Building (909 East Market Street) Transfer of Funds - \$21,970**

[Permeable Asphalt Stormwater Management at Human Services Building \(909 East Market Street\) Transfer of Funds](#)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the following is hereby transferred in the following manner:

Transfer From

\$21,970 Fund: 641 Cost Center: 6411001000 G/L Account: 561213

Transfer To

\$21,970 Fund: 213 WBS: P-00805 G/L Account: 498010

\$21,970 Fund: 213 WBS: P-00805 G/L Account: 599999

- i. ~~RESOLUTION: Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account Funds Transfer for Roundabout at McIntire/Harris Intersection Feasibility Study - \$44,836~~ pulled for discussion**

[Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account Funds Transfer for Roundabout at McIntire/Harris Intersection Feasibility Study](#)

- j. RESOLUTION: Approval of Employment of Outside Counsel**

[Approval of Employment of Outside Counsel](#)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the retention of the law firm of Boyd and Sipe for the purpose of researching issues related to Steephill Street is hereby ratified and approved.

- k. ORDINANCE: Abandon Gas Line Easement - Lochlyn Hills (2nd reading)**

[Abandon Gas Line Easement - Lochlyn Hills](#)

Ms. Galvin requested item i be pulled for discussion.

Ms. Smith asked if the Lewis and Clark Center has their Certificate of Occupancy yet. She said more information would be helpful to let Council know if they have gotten any further in the process. Regarding item h, she said she sensed that there is disconnect between Parks and Recreation and Public Works regarding implementation of permeable asphalt. She asked if there is there any conversation about our stormwater fees being used to maintain these permeable surfaces and whether or not they can it be used to address the reluctance of Parks and Recreation to use permeable surfaces. She said she spoke with folks at the Virginia Municipal League who are doing the McIntire Park East parking lot, and it is not going to be permeable. She asked staff to look into this.

Ms. Szakos moved to approve the consent agenda, excepting letter i. Ms. Galvin seconded. (Ayes: Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

Ms. Szakos asked to add design of sound walls on the Best Buy Ramp to Other Business.

WHEREAS, Bramante Homes, Inc. is the owner of property located in the Lochlyn Hills subdivision in Albemarle County, designated as County Tax Map Parcel 061A0-06-1A-02100; and

WHEREAS, Bramante Homes, Inc. has requested the release of the northern one foot (1') of the fifteen foot (15') easement acquired by the City by deed of easement dated May 8, 2014, of record in the Albemarle County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 4491, Pages 230-236, in order to resolve an encroachment issue related to the house and garage being constructed on the above described parcel; and

WHEREAS, the City's Director of Public Utilities and Chief Gas Engineer have reviewed the request and determined that the release of the above-described portion of the natural gas easement will not affect the City's ability to maintain and repair the existing gas line, and they have no objection to said release; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-1800(B), a public hearing was held to give the public an opportunity to comment on the release of one foot (1') of the existing gas line easement; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Quitclaim Deed, in form approved by the City Attorney, to release a portion of the City's natural gas easement across Albemarle County Tax Map Parcel 061A0-06-1A-02100 in the Lochlyn Hills subdivision.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: Abandonment of Sanitary Sewer Easements - Rock Creek Road Neighborhood (carried)

[Abandonment of Sanitary Sewer Easements - Rock Creek Road Neighborhood](#)

Ms. Hildebrand presented to Council. Staff recommends the easements be abandoned.

On motion, the public hearing was opened; having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Smith asked if the pipe here has actually been removed. Ms. Hildebrand said typically the pipe is crushed in place because it is terra cotta.

Ms. Szakos asked if there were any responses by residents. Ms. Hildebrand said a discussion was had with property owners, and there is no doubt this is the way to go.

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

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: Changes to Neighborhood Development Services Fee Schedule (carried)

Changes to NDS Fee Schedule

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council. He said the memo was probably more complicated than it needed to be, as changes to state code effective July 2014 were included. He reviewed the code changes and explained the positive effects of the fee schedule changes.

Ms. Szakos asked if these are temporary. Mr. Tolbert said the fees are intended to make us whole; we will also address this with the code section later, and that would be a permanent measure.

Ms. Smith asked if there is a time limit for the whole project. Mr. Tolbert said there is not. Currently, as long as projects are making steady progress, staff has no way to force contractors' hands.

Ms. Galvin said most of the parcels in the City are small at this point; we do not see any projects that are more than 50 units. Mr. Tolbert said there may be some along the way that are more significant; it is difficult to tell. Ms. Galvin said because there is only one submittal with this process, they must be more detailed and complete. She asked the Planning Commission to examine this and be sure there is no room for mystery.

Mr. Tolbert clarified for Mr. Fenwick that staff has to site the code sections applicants are not in compliance with if they fail to pass.

On motion, the public hearing was opened. Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the ordinance carried. Mr. Huja encouraged staff to make people are aware of these changes so they are not surprised.

RESOLUTION: Allocation of Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) Assistance for Low Income Housing Tax Credit Support of Carlton Views - \$950,000

[Allocation of Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund \(CAHF\) Assistance for Low Income](#)

Ms. McHugh reported to Council. Mr. Rick Gregory, applicant, and Mr. Kevin Wood the consultant/lawyer, were also present to answer questions.

Mr. Rick Gregory, applicant, said 50% of the 54 units will be set aside for persons with a disability. Also, all 54 units will have universal design so that they can be occupied with persons with a disability. Ms. Szakos asked if the disability is defined as strictly physical. Mr. Gregory said they go by the HUD definition, which defines a disabled person as someone who has experienced a loss in one or more of their senses or has a mental disability.

Ms. Szakos asked if anything guarantees the second phase will ever happen. Ms. McHugh said the SUP actually provides the 102 units. There is no time limit, and there is no penalty for failure to complete the project. Ms. Szakos said Council should stipulate that market rate units have to be completed within a certain amount of time, if allowable.

Mr. Fenwick asked how this would affect the Affordable Housing fund. Ms. McHugh said this would come out of the next fiscal year's allocation, which is estimated to be \$1.6 million.

Ms. Smith confirmed that they can legally restrict certain units to people with disabilities. Mr. Wood said this will be marketed to Region 10 clients and the Housing Authority. Ms. Smith said that is an important point.

Ms. Galvin said putting the market units in phase two is a major concern. Mr. Gregory said he is motivated to complete phase two because he would not sit on nearly a million dollars of unproductive assets. He said the market will drive this situation, and he will do everything he can to get them built; he just cannot say when.

Ms. Smith said we do not know who the partner is yet, and that is where our money will be going. She asked Mr. Gregory if they have a relationship with Habitat. He said they are building on the revitalization success they started.

Ms. Szakos said it is important to this Council to build affordable housing in Charlottesville. This fund was created to reach this goal, and we would not be on track to reach it without doing this project, which provides 54 units of affordable housing. She said the phasing of this project might help mitigate the impact of increased traffic, which is a concern for potential neighbors.

Ms. Galvin said there have been many good improvements to the site plan design over the past two years. She is concerned about income mixing and the existing percentage of poverty in that area. She would like to see it on record that it will be built within ten years in order for her to accept this project.

Ms. Smith said the analysis they saw seemed to be absolutely contingent on market rate units, and this will raise the poverty in this area until market rate units go in. Other unknown factors are a problem; we do not know who the nonprofit partner is, we do not know whether those market rate units will ever be built because of competing sites elsewhere in the City that

are a lot more attractive, and there are potential traffic issues. She said she would support this if it could be partnered with the Housing Authority, but this is also an unknown.

Mr. Fenwick said he shared Ms. Smith's concerns. There are too many unknowns as it stands now, and it is incomplete.

Mr. Huja said he agrees with his colleagues over market rate housing, but he believes they will be able to address this within the next 10 years. He said the site plan is much improved, and believes there will be minimal effects on traffic and schools. He said he would like to see something in a legal document directing them to work with the Housing Authority and committing to build within the next ten years. He requested a letter of commitment.

Mr. Gregory said they reached out to the Housing Authority to try to coordinate, and they were not met with any real enthusiasm or the ability to meet. Mr. Huja assured him he will have the opportunity to meet with them.

Ms. Smith said she will not vote for this because she does not believe it is monetarily responsible to do it in pieces.

Ms. Szakos moved to accept the resolution, require a letter of commitment to complete the market rate housing on the site within ten years, and give legal preference to Housing Authority placement in the apartments. Mr. Gregory said he will submit a letter with a five year time frame and will come speak to Council at that time if for some reason the units have not transpired. They agreed to select the Housing Authority as the preferred group to work with. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. The resolution passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin; Noes: Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith.)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the Locality CEO letter and Revitalization Area Certification required by Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) in connection with its Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of \$950,000 be paid by the City to the non-profit partner, Riverside Health Systems, to be used in conjunction with Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("CAHF Contribution"). Payment of the CAHF Contribution shall be made from funds available within the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, to be paid after July 1, 2015.

Council took a brief recess.

REPORT: Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Update

HEAL Update

Mr. Ellis presented to Council and updated them on the steps the City has taken towards achieving the goals of HEAL.

Mr. Huja asked if the outcome measures are part of the P3 process. Mr. Ellis said they are.

Ms. Szakos said she would love for staff and Council to have opportunities to present at national meetings of cities about what we are doing.

Ms. Galvin asked to add the number of street trees planted per year as a metric; it is important to tie this to health. She would also like to add number of work force units built on an annual basis and how much of our staff are able to live within walking distance from work as a result.

Ms. Smith said she would like to include policy about what is served at City meetings, particularly those that include children. She said she especially does not want to see soda available at City meetings. She said access to food trucks, and an RFP for vending machines would be possibilities, as well as doing what we can to ensure vending machines do not offer unhealthy options to children. She said she would like to ensure equitable access to walkable and bikeable routes for populations statistically at risk for obesity and other health issues.

Mr. Fenwick said this brings together a lot of things the City has wanted to do for over a decade. However, the better the food, the more expensive it is, so if there is any way we can start to address that issue, we should. Ms. Szakos said SNAP cards offer double dollars to buy fresh produce at the City Market and said we should continue to see how we can continue implementing these sorts of policies.

Ms. Szakos suggested amending the City's building code to require that stairways are visible before elevators and are attractive. She said we should tie in the *Let's Move* initiatives and be sure to track them together.

Ms. Galvin said we should look at some of the SIA initiatives as important pieces as well, such as the daylighting at Pollack's branch. She suggested staff add West Main St. sidewalks and bike trails whenever we complete that project. She asked Ms. Szakos to keep her eye out for Promise initiatives that would qualify as well.

Mr. Huja said his goal of getting the City Market built furthers community health.

Ms. Smith said she wants to see the word "connectivity" added.

OTHER BUSINESS – RESOLUTION: Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account Funds Transfer for Roundabout at McIntire/Harris Intersection Feasibility Study - \$44,836

[Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account Funds Transfer for Roundabout at McIntire/Harris Intersection Feasibility Study](#)

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council. Funding is proposed to be taken out of the Capital Contingency fund. Ms. Szakos said we need to be sure to pay attention to pedestrian safety. Ms. Smith said she seconded that concern.

Ms. Galvin said she wants to be clear that Old Lynchburg Road funds will not be affected. Mr. Tolbert confirmed this.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the following is hereby transferred in the following manner:

Transfer From - \$44,836

Fund: 426 Cost Center 1601001000 WBS: CP-080 G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To - \$44,836

Fund: 426 Cost Center 3901221000 WBS: SS-010 G/L Account: 599999

OTHER BUSINESS: Sound Wall Design for Best Buy Ramp

Ms. Szakos said the neighborhood here has voted overwhelmingly to have sound walls. The Board of Supervisors and several people from the City have met with the project leads for the Best Buy ramp. The PLACE Design Task Force has been involved, and a design has been proposed by the Virginia Department of Transportation. The Board of Supervisors voted to approve the design, and Ms. Szakos asked Council to do the same. The wall is concrete but is drawn and textured to look like a stone wall. Ms. Galvin said a textured surface would deter graffiti. On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council endorsed the design for the Best Buy Ramp. Ms. Galvin seconded. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith; Noes: None.)

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Jeanne Chase, 223 Old Lynchburg Rd., said she appreciated Council and Mr. Jones' insightful use of the remaining monies for the Old Lynchburg Road project to ensure quality work for the project. She said she requested two street lights that were burnt out be replaced.

Meeting adjourned.

2014-15 PLANNING COMMISSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committees	Current Member
<p><u>Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission</u> Encourage planning for the physical, social and economic Development of the region and provides local governments with planning and coordination assistance as requested. Provides professional assistance in areas of land use, housing, economic development, human resources, resource conservation, and transportation. Meets on the 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.</p>	Genevieve Keller
<p><u>Board of Architectural Review</u> The Board of Architectural Review considers proposed construction in the Historic Preservation and Architectural Design Control District (ADC) to preserve and protect the old, historic or architecturally worthy structures, spaces and neighborhoods and their environs and settings which serve as visible reminders of the history and the cultural and architectural heritage of the City, state and nation. The Board establishes requirements to ensure that any new development or alteration of existing structures and spaces is in harmony with the historic or architectural character of the area. Meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.</p>	Kurt Keesecker
<p><u>School Board CIP Committee</u> This is a School Capital Improvement Program Committee appointed by the School Board. One Planning Commission member serves on this Committee. Meets 2-3 times during the fall/winter</p>	Taneia Dowell
<p><u>Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee</u> Consult with Department of Parks and Recreation and advise on allocation of funds to the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for neighborhood and regional parks, including use of school recreational facilities as neighborhood recreational facilities; discuss and formulate a planning process for parks; review the summer recreation programs and special events from a citizen's prospective and recommend locations of programs and program priorities fore the next year; and review data on summer youth transportation program. Meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.</p>	Jody Lahendro
<p><u>Board of Zoning Appeals</u> Semi-judicial body appointed by the Circuit Court Judge. This body is responsible for reviewing any variance or hardship cases as they violate the zoning ordinance. Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 4:00 p.m.</p>	Genevieve Keller
<p><u>PACC Technical Committee</u> This committee advises the PACC Policy Committee on coordination of planning between the City/County/University. Includes representation from the City/County/University, staff as well as the Planning Commission. Meets Quarterly (January, April, July, October) on the 3rd Thursday at 3:00 p.m.</p>	Jody Lahendro

<p><u>CDBG Task Force</u> The CDBG Task Force advises City Council on the City's physical community development needs, proposed projects to meet such needs, suggested allocation of CDBG funds for such projects and to conduct periodic evaluations of the physical aspects of the CDBG program. The CDBG Task Force also review and comments on recommendations for human service programs. Meets at least monthly Aug – March – Heaviest in Dec/Jan</p>	Taneia Dowell
<p><u>MPO Technical Committee</u> This is a City/County transportation planning body mandated by Federal Law, which does transportation planning for the City and Urban areas of the County. Meetings are held monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.</p>	John Santoski
<p><u>Federation of Neighborhoods</u> Meets Quarterly</p>	John Santoski
<p><u>Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee (CHART)</u> Meets first Wed every other month</p>	Lisa Green
<p><u>Tree Commission</u> – This is a group created to outline initiatives to support the City's goal of increasing tree canopy. 4th Wednesday of the month at 5pm.</p>	Jody Lahendro
<p><u>PLACE Design Task Force</u> Meets on the 2nd Thursday at noon</p>	Genevieve Keller
<p><u>Ad Hoc Committees</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UVA Master Planning Council 	Kurt Keesecker
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Advisory Committee 	Dan Rosensweig
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Development Committee 	Lisa Green
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Area Plans Subcommittee 	Kurt Keesecker Dan Rosensweig
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rivanna River Planning Effort 	Dan Rosensweig
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmont Bridge Committee 	John Santoski
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Bridge Area Congestion Relief Project 	John Santoski