

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, December 15, 2014, AT 5:00 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 – December 15, 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. Smith, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Ms. Galvin), to meet in closed session for (1) Discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions and interviews for the City’s Human Rights Commission, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); (2) Consultation with legal counsel regarding the negotiation of the terms and conditions for the acquisition of a public utility easement on McIntire Road, 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) and (7).

On motion by Ms. Galvin, 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 – December 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Galvin announced that Charlottesville won an award to help provide technical assistance for a sustainable land use audit from Smart Growth America. She thanked Mr. Tolbert and the NDS staff for pursuing the grant.

Ms. Szakos announced the Charlottesville Sister Cities grant application period is now open. Applications are due January 15, 2015. More information may be found on the City web.

Ms. Smith announced that the Fry's Spring neighborhood was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the Virginia Landmarks Register. These are honorary listings, but contributing structures located in these districts are eligible for tax credits for rehabilitation and restoration.

Mr. Fenwick announced schedule changes to trash collection, bus routes, and City offices for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Mr. Fenwick congratulated the Charlottesville Wheelchair Cardinals Basketball team for their second place win in a recent tournament at the Herman Key Center.

Mr. Fenwick warned citizens against scams soliciting money over email.

Mr. Huja announced the School Board lunch Friday at CitySpace, a work session on West Main Street Thursday at CitySpace, and a work session on Code Audit on December 30.

Mr. Huja welcomed Mr. Wray to his final Council meeting as a staff member, wished him good luck on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the City.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Wes Bellamy, 1002 Linden Ave., distributed copies of requests from members of the community. He asked supporters for justice to stand. He said we must all work together with the police departments, City Council and Board of Supervisors. He asked to ban racial profiling, utilizing DMC (Disproportionate Minority Contact) data to change disproportionate minority contact, and fund body cameras for all law enforcement officials that record for the duration of their shift with no option to disable it, and is backed up on multiple secure databases.

Ms. Maya Hesselroth, 95 Roslyn Forest Ln., a 12-year old student at Jack Jouett Middle School, said too many police shootings have happened over skin color. She said there is no good reason to shoot people based on looks.

Mr. John Heyden said Chief Longo and the police department keep us safe and solve crimes. He said perceptions should be addressed, but you have to be willing to address all perceptions. He said there have been black on white murders without any marches. He called for crime statistics to be broken down by race so an honest discussion can occur.

Dr. Rick Turner, President of the Albemarle-Charlottesville NAACP, said on the bus trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national march and protest against police violence this past Saturday, he sat next to a group of Black mothers from Charlottesville. These women are part of a growing number of people in Charlottesville who are angry and frustrated because they have seen racism up close and personal throughout this community. Social issues are symptoms of much deeper problems, such as racism and unjust distribution of wealth, power and resources.

These mothers are frustrated with City management and the police. He said the entire community needs to rally around the belief that Black lives matter.

Mr. Melvin Burruss said social justice and economic justice go hand in hand. He asked for Council to encourage developers to have an apprenticeship program to give young people training for jobs. He asked Council to develop an ordinance requiring developers to be registered with the Virginia Department of Labor.

Mr. Page Williams, 530 E. Main St., BAR Association President, said he supports location of the general district courts at the Levy Opera House site. He said Council can help with the parking issue by facilitating both courts being located at the same site. This would also improve efficiency and cooperation for all involved. The BAR Association is unanimous in their support for locating the two general district courts in proximity to one another.

Mr. Jeff Greer, 2708 Jefferson Park Ave., said he supports Mr. Burruss and Mr. Bellamy's comments. He asked Council to give the time, money and funding needed to help staff reach their goals with the Streets That Work proposed improvements. He asked Council to make this project a priority.

Ms. Dorenda Johnson said she was one of the mothers on the bus with Dr. Turner. She said she has seen Black youth receive unnecessary contact by police for too long. She said she opposes the closing of the ABC Store. This store was not a problem when the neighborhood was all Black, and before the boutique shops moved in. She said a security officer could be installed. Do not punish everyone for the behavior of a select few.

Ms. Rebecca Weybright, 136 Westwood Cir., who works for SARA, spoke about the counseling, advocacy, and sexual assault survivors resources SARA provides.

Ms. Laurie Jean Seaman, 802 Nalle St., said she spends her days working to change our society so we have less violence, and she applauds Mr. Bellamy's efforts and supports all three of his proposals. She said middle and high schools are where racism, sexism, and violence start. SARA is working with students to bring back a sense of human value and human worth for all people. She said SARA needs more staff, which means more funding. They have applied through the ABRT process and hopes for support in order to reach all students in all City schools. Please visit the SARA website at www.saracville.org for more information.

Ms. Kitter Bishop, 1438 Rugby Ave., said she recently attended the Streets That Work neighborhood meetings, and she is concerned that resident arterial and feeder streets are not being addressed by the Streets That Work process. Consolidation or elimination of on-street parking on major avenues will affect arterial streets. Phase Two eliminates on-street parking from Rose Hill Dr. down to Sherwood Rd., which is about 1,000 feet without on-street parking. She said her neighbors were unaware of the plan and are opposed to it. The neighbors have asked to preserve on-street parking to maintain the residential feel and slow traffic. She supports bike lanes, but they must be implemented reasonably.

Mr. Louis Shultz, 1809 E. Market St., said Council should condemn torture and should be against police killing unarmed victims. He said past discretions by staff have been mishandled. He said this is the 29th time he has come to Council accusing staff of violating civil rights and City and state code.

Ms. Akala Brown, 12 years old, 6th Street resident, said she is here to represent PHAR. She asked the community center to give the youth things to do, help with homework, and provide computers and internet for educational purposes.

Mr. Travis Burnett, 6th Street resident, said we need improvements on our playground and basketball court. The blacktop needs to be redone, new hoops and nets, new swing sets, a stage for performing, and more frequent trash collection are needed. He said they will tell CRHA about their needs too.

Mr. Tayjan Reed said they are worried about raccoons in the neighborhood because they chase kids.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Szakos said she supports the requests Mr. Bellamy brought forward. She said the City has already committed to the body cameras, which need funding, and data tracking. She said she would like to see Council explore an ordinance or resolution regarding racial profiling. She asked for information about the Department of Labor's ordinance about apprenticeships. She said she thought there was a meeting on First Baptist Church on West Main who were also adamant about closing the store, so she does not think it is a race issue, but perhaps it is a newcomers versus long-timers issue, and we should look into this. She said the ABC store may be willing to reexamine installing a security officer with neighborhood support. She thanked SARA. She said the parking issue was new to her too, and there is a meeting with neighbors planned for January. They will pay attention to this and track progress. She said the streets may be wide enough to achieve both goals of parking and bike lanes. She said when White people are murdered by any citizen, there is trial and conviction. However, when Black people are shot by police, the process breaks down. She thanked the youth for attending and participating in the meeting. She agreed that after school programming helps children and local economies, makes housing safer, and improves school performance, college attendance, and future employment. She asked for a report on what we have done at the basketball courts. Mr. Jones said we put \$300,000 towards playground equipment; if Council desires, we can look at the basketball courts as well. She said we will look into the raccoon issue.

Mr. Fenwick said it is great to see young people in the audience. He said we should be a lot further along than we are now with some of these social problems. He thanked Mr. Burruss for supporting an apprenticeship program. He thanked SARA staff for attacking problems at their beginning. He said he is also concerned about the Streets That Work program.

Ms. Galvin thanked Mr. Bellamy for his action plan, and she agreed with Ms. Szakos's analysis. She said much of the social issues we have are rooted in poverty, which can be

addressed by job creation. She said there will be work available and work tied to the trades, and we need to be positioned and ready with apprenticeship programs; the community is ready for it.

Ms. Smith thanked the youth who attended and spoke at tonight's meeting. She said she likes the idea of an independent board; accountability is everything. She said we have made a good first step in collecting information, but we are far from where we need to be. She said adult data is equally important as juvenile data, both of which were underreported. Body cameras have been budgeted for this year, so they will be coming into use. She said we need to teach our young people and our adults what their rights are. She said she agrees with Ms. Johnson about the issue with the schools, and she hopes the Human Rights Commission will take on this critical subject. She said she appreciated the balanced viewpoints on the ABC Store. She agreed we should not punish everyone for the behavior of a select few. She said we are taking the approach that preparing people for employment is not just about training, but making people competitive so they can get a job in the end. She explained the CAT training program and said Solarize Charlottesville is another possible niche for job training and employment.

Mayor Huja invited a citizen asking to be recognized forward to speak.

Julius, a resident from Charlottesville, said he is an ex-offender. He said this City has been precious to him, but it has challenges. The City needs to work on our youth to make this a better place for ourselves. Racial profiling needs to be stopped. He said he has been unfairly barred from neighborhoods because of racism. He said we need to learn to love our brothers and sisters.

Mr. Huja said he would like Council to work together on Mr. Bellamy's suggestions. We can only succeed if we work together. He also asked staff to look into the parking issues along Rugby Avenue.

Several attendees voiced chants, held up signs and read anecdotes about social issues, disproportionate contact, inequality and racism. Speakers included Nikuyah Walker, Karen Shepard, and Donna Gasapo.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes for December 1**
- b. APPROPRIATION: Year End Adjustments - FY2014 and General Fund Balance Transfer (2nd reading)**

[Year End Adjustments](#)

- c. APPROPRIATION: Reimbursement from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission for Transportation Enhancement Grant Loan - \$300,000 (2nd reading)**

[Reimbursement from the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission for Transportation](#)

- d. APPROPRIATION: Community Development Block Grant Funds for VIEW**

(Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare) Career Training - \$16,500 (2nd reading)

[Community Development Block Grant Funds for VIEW Training](#)

- e. APPROPRIATION: BAMA Works Foundation and LeRoi H. Moore Fund Sponsorship for Parks and Recreation Special Events- \$12,659.04 (2nd reading)**

[BAMA Works Foundation and LeRoi H. Moore Fund Sponsorship for Parks and Recreation](#)

- f. APPROPRIATION: Medicaid/FAMIS Renewal Application Processing Appropriation - \$12,690 (2nd reading)**

[Medicaid/FAMIS Renewal Application Processing Appropriation](#)

- g. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program Child and Adult Care Food Program - \$32,000 (carried)**

[Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program Child and Adult Care Food](#)

- h. ORDINANCE: Procurement Code Amendments (2nd reading)**

[Procurement Code Amendments](#)

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

Ms. Szakos asked to add advice from Council on an upcoming vote at the MPO meeting to Other Business.

Ms. Szakos requested that Council discuss and vote on eliminating Lee-Jackson Day as an official City holiday under Other Business or at the next regular Council meeting. Councilors agreed to discuss this under Other Business at the end of the meeting.

On motion by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the following appointments were made to Boards and Commissions: to the Airport Commission, Addison Barnhardt and Chris Engel; to the Belmont Bridge Steering Committee, Lena Seville (CAT Advisory representative); to the Code Audit / Streets That Work Advisory Committee, Warren Boeschenstein, Tobey Bouch, Hugh Ewing, L.J. Lopez, Dan Rosensweig (Planning Commission representative), Carl Schwartz (BAR representative), Rachel Lloyd (PLACE representative), Bitsy Waters (Tree Commission representative), and Lucas Lyons (CAT representative); to the PLACE Design Task Force, Andrew Mondschein (multi-modal representative) and Jim Self (CAT representative); to the Water Resources Protection Program Advisory Committee, Rebecca Quinn; to the Human Rights Commission, Karen Shepard, Ann Smith, Olivia Boykin, Eze Amos and Melvin Burruss. (Ayes: Ms. Smith, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: none.)

REPORT: STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESSState of the City Address

Mr. Huja gave a presentation on the State of the City for the calendar year 2014. He reviewed progress in the nine Council vision areas, which are economic sustainability, a center for lifelong learning, quality housing opportunities for all, Cville arts and culture, green city, America's healthiest city, a connected community, a community of mutual respect, and smart citizen-focused government.

RESOLUTION: FUNDS TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONTINGENCY FOR DOWNTOWN AND UNIVERSITY AVENUE LIGHTING SURVEY – \$97,366.50Funds Transfer from Capital Improvement Program Contingency for Downtown and

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council. After a series of community meetings about issues related to the downtown area and the mall, staff was asked to investigate improvements to lighting in the area to improve safety and eliminate dark areas. The Safety Committee has asked to add the University to the scope. Discussions are ongoing with UVA to determine if the University will consider funding for this effort.

Mr. Fenwick asked how RK&K became the consultant for this project. Mr. Tolbert said the City has three to four consulting firms engaged on engineering term contracts, and RK&K has lighting specialists on their team. We cannot sign a contract for over \$100,000 on term contracts.

Mr. Fenwick said we should not spend money to get a recommendation for more lights, because we already know we need them. We should instead put the money into more lights. Mr. Tolbert said this study will determine where we need to place the lights by conducting lighting surveys of lighting levels across the City.

Ms. Smith asked where this price came from. Mr. Tolbert said staff developed a scope, and the engineers gave us an estimate of the number of hours that would be needed to complete the work. Ms. Smith said this seems like a lot of money for getting a fairly limited lighting plan. She said she wants assurance that the study will be conducted when skies are the darkest, not during a full moon. She said she would be comfortable allocating money to study the Downtown but not for the UVA portion of the study.

Ms. Galvin said the only thing they will be doing is surveying at night and doing technical reads. She requested that this include more engagement and resident surveying. She requested amending the resolution to say final transfer of funds is conditional upon approval by UVA. Ms. Szakos said she agreed that this language should be included in the resolution.

Ms. Szakos requested a staff survey of previous public comment about lighting at Town Hall meetings and other community meetings. She said if UVA is interested in participating in

the study, they should be willing to partner with us on the cost of needed lighting. Mr. Jones said during discussion at the Security Committee meeting, UVA has demonstrated an interest in helping fund some of these initiatives.

Mr. Huja said he was initially shocked by the price, but he realized that this is a technical study that requires proper management. He supports the resolution with the proposed amendment addressing funding from UVA.

Mr. Fenwick asked how Mr. Tolbert verified that RK&K are experts in lighting. Mr. Tolbert said it is in their proposal. Mr. Fenwick asked for a copy. He said he does not support this, because this study will just delay more lights. He would rather put the money into lights rather than another study. Mr. Huja said he shares some of his concern, but it is important to have a plan of action before spending money on lights.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the resolution passed with the added language, "Be it also resolved that the scope of consultant work shall include a City neighborhood and business engagement component, inclusive of recorded comments from past Town Hall meetings and public events, and an implementation and maintenance plan, and that the final transfer of funds is contingent upon a signed memorandum of understanding or letter of agreement with UVA regarding funding." Ms. Smith requested adding a full moon clause. This was not supported by a majority. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith; Noes: Mr. Fenwick.)

RESOLUTION: FUNDING FOR STREETS THAT WORK – \$100,000

[Funding for Streets That Work](#)

Mr. Tolbert reported to Council. He said neighborhood meetings and this past Saturday's citizen engagement meeting about the Streets That Work initiative have been highly productive.

Mr. Fenwick asked where the \$100,000 figure came from. Mr. Tolbert said this is what staff believes it will cost to complete the project. Mr. Fenwick asked if staff is over-burdened. Mr. Tolbert said they cannot take this on and complete it in a timely matter with all the other projects they are working on. Mr. Fenwick said he will not support this. He said several City streets are not safe, and he would rather see the money go towards fixing those streets.

Ms. Szakos said she is glad staff has moved forward with flex posts, paint, and other temporary fixes because if we wait until we have a full plan, people will get frustrated. She said this is a good way to get a comprehensive implementation plan. She proposed approving the amount less 5% in recognition of recent requests that departments reduce their budgets by as much.

Ms. Galvin said this is an action plan. The "squeaky wheel" process we have now is not safe and does not make for a good street. The public wants to be kept apprised of how we will establish priorities, and they were strong on pedestrian-oriented street lighting. She said it is

important to balance the needs of cars and pedestrians. We need to bring in expertise because we cannot afford to have work done in-house all of the time.

Ms. Smith asked for assurance that parking is not scheduled to be removed from Rugby Avenue; Mr. Tolbert said it is not planned at this point without a lot more conversation with the community.

Mr. Fenwick confirmed that staff went to neighbors on Rose Hill Drive before doing the striping work. Mr. Tolbert said there was a lot of conversation with the neighborhood about the project.

Ms. Smith said there are conflicting ideas, and she is concerned that recreational bikers are not being considered. We should think about the more casual, timid biker and use this to address how we approach bike trails. Ms. Szakos said the consultants we are looking to talk to about the complete streets concept know about good standards for this.

Mr. Huja said study and planning is required to create a good network of streets. He suggested starting at \$75,000 to see where we can get. Ms. Galvin said arbitrarily cutting funding by a quarter is going to strip this important project of the needed resources to make it successful. Ms. Szakos said we have been pushing our NDS staff hard, and this seems like an insult to the expertise of our staff, who has told us this is what they need.

Ms. Szakos moved to allocated \$95,000 for the project.

Mr. Fenwick asked if staff members could do this project. Mr. Tolbert said all his staff is working overtime, and they cannot do this in a timely manner.

Ms. Smith said she would support anything from full funding down.

Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. The resolution for funding at \$95,000 passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith; Noes: Mr. Fenwick.)

Ms. Smith asked if Council could be kept better apprised of the process.

REPORT: GENERAL DISTRICT COURTS UPDATE

[General District Courts Update](#)

Mr. Jones reported to Council about the pending courts project with Albemarle County. Two issues the committee has been examining for the last several months is parking downtown and co-locating General District Court operations in one building in the Court Square area, the Levy Building. There is a cost of a little over \$14,000 to fund the study. The proposal is to split the cost with the county so we can move forward with this process.

Mr. Huja said he supports this, as it will move us towards an agreement. Mr. Fenwick said he agreed. Ms. Szakos said she supports this because the County has already done much of the preliminary work.

On motion by Mr. Fenwick, seconded by Ms. Smith, Council voted to go forward with the study. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja, Ms. Smith; Noes: none.)

Ms. Smith said parking is not just about management, but how we use shared facilities.

RESOLUTION: ESTABLISHING A SHARED LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITY (CITY, UVA, ALBEMARLE CO.)

[Establishing a Shared Law Enforcement Training Facility](#)

Capt. Pleasants of the Charlottesville Police Department presented to Council. The county has already agreed to move forward with building the firing range. The police department has been training at a private range for the past several years, and due to increased membership training hours have been steadily reduced. This agreement provides for a training facility and firing range to help ensure local law enforcement officers are certified, and that they are well and properly trained. The total amount requested from the City is \$351,225.

Ms. Smith asked about how much the University is paying, because it sounds like they are going to make money and get a firing range. Ms. Lisa Robertson said UVA gets credit for the value of the lease, so instead of contributing cash, they forgo the lease payment for the year. They are not putting up as much cash, but their contribution relative to the formula is adjusted according to the value of the lease. The University's total upfront contribution is \$225,000. The state money has already been appropriated by all parties. UVA's share of the total cost inclusive of that is 18%.

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

REPORT: RSWA ANNUAL REPORT

[RSWA Annual Report](#)

Mr. Frederick presented to Council. He reviewed the Schenks Branch Interceptor Replacement negotiations. He updated Council on the water treatment plant Granular Activated Carbon improvements, with construction slated to begin in May 2015. The new Rivanna Pump Station project is under construction. Also, a re-evaluation of odor control at the Moore's Creek treatment plant is now being completed and will be presented to the Rivanna Board tomorrow. Lastly, RSWA is continuing to assist the County in planning how to use the Ivy Materials Utilization Center following the expiration of the current contract between RSWA and the County on June 30, 2015. If there is interest in regional cooperation, now is the time to put thoughts forward.

Ms. Galvin said she would support regional cooperation. Ms. Szakos said she is open to working with the County on recycling if they begin a viable program. She is also interested in area cooperation with composting. There is a lot of work to be done before we can have those conversations, but she is eager to see what will come of that. Ms. Smith said it would be good to know where we are with solid waste, including economics and where it is going.

Mr. Fenwick asked how the reservoir is doing. Mr. Frederick said the dam is filling along the lines of what we have estimated. The most likely scenario is that it will fill in the early fall of 2015.

Ms. Smith asked about Sugar Hollow. Mr. Frederick said it is full. Ms. Smith asked if the damage analysis for the houses in Woolen Mills has been completed due to the tunneling at the Pump Station. Mr. Frederick said he will check with the project manager.

Ms. Galvin asked if the Council would like to be more aggressive about the odor control issue. Mr. Huja said he supports that. Ms. Szakos said she is reassured by seeing the numbers. Mr. Frederick encouraged Council to look at the pictures on their website.

Ms. Smith said she is interested in 10-year data for the City, UVA and the County for water usage. Mr. Frederick said there was a decline in water use between 2001 and 2009 due to conservation measures. Trends are affected by other variables, principally weather. Ms. Smith said it is actually going down per capita. Mr. Frederick said they do not look at population, just consumption. He has seen a fairly slow but steady rise since 2009. Mr. Frederick said City data can be obtained from the City's Finance Department.

Ms. Szakos said our clean water will put us on the map, and this is something that we really care about. She also requested documented pre-blasting surveys for the tunneling at the pump station.

OTHER BUSINESS: Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Tolbert said the MPO has discovered \$93 million in unallocated long-range transportation funding. The MPO is looking for direction on how to use the money. Possible expenditures include the Fontaine Avenue project, which has a context-sensitive street plan. The West Main Street project is another possible use.

Ms. Smith asked why we are discussing widening Fontaine when we are discussing how to calm streets by narrowing them. Ms. Galvin asked if this money was available for other improvements such as pedestrian infrastructure.

Ms. Szakos read the visioning list in its entirety. Ms. Galvin said the Ridge/Monticello intersection has come up frequently at recent community meetings. Ms. Szakos said Fontaine includes bike and pedestrian work as well. Ms. Szakos confirmed that Fontaine and the McIntire intersections, including Ridge St./Monticello, will be brought forward as Council's priorities.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lee Jackson Day

Ms. Szakos said Lee Jackson Day is an inappropriate day for the City to celebrate. She proposed we replace the holiday with another holiday.

Mr. Huja said he understands why she wants to do this, but this is part of our heritage that some people still value.

Mr. Fenwick said he agrees with the mayor that it is part of our heritage. He does not think of racism or rebellion when he thinks about Lee-Jackson. This is part of our history, and he will not support this unless the citizens of the City give him direction to do so.

Mr. Huja and Ms. Smith said it would be helpful to hear from the citizens.

Ms. Galvin asked how we would solicit information from the citizens and said we should use a survey to get a true perspective. She said there may be other issues that we should be working on. Staff members have made plans for the holiday this year, so we should make this for future years if we do decide to act.

Mr. Jones said it may be helpful to understand some of the history behind this holiday. The state decided to separate it from the Martin Luther King holiday.

Ms. Szakos said she would like to discuss this on an upcoming Council agenda.

Mr. Huja invited members of the public to speak. Having no speakers, he closed Matters by the Public.

Mr. Huja wished everyone happy holidays and a wonderful new year.

Meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gaige Rice". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Clerk of Council