

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, January 5, 2015, 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 – January 5, 2015**

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. Smith, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None), to meet in closed session for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, 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 - January 5, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Smith announced the awards given at the annual statewide Virginia Recreation and Park Society conference. Erica Goode, Brian Daly, Dan Carpenter, and Jeff Dreyfus were present to accept the awards.

Ms. Szakos announced a call for grant applications for 2015 projects from the Sister City Commission. Grant applications are due January 15, 2015. Go to [charlottesville.org/sistercities](http://charlottesville.org/sistercities) for an application.

Ms. Galvin announced that City Hall will be closed Friday, January 16 for Lee Jackson Day and Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day.

Mr. Fenwick announced an Our Town meeting for Thursday, January 8 for the Johnson Village, Fry's Spring and Forest Hills neighborhoods at Buford Middle School. Dinner and childcare will be provided. He also thanked volunteers at the Haven who worked over the holidays.

Ms. Smith announced a series of Martin Luther King, Jr. events on January 17 at Jefferson School. The annual MLK celebration will take place January 18 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 5:00 p.m. The Bridge to Ridge Arts Festival will take place the same day at 1:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a party at the IX Art Park. On Monday, January 19, at the Carver Recreation Center, there will be a program called "Continuing the Dream" at 1:00 p.m.; it is a free family event. Ms. Szakos announced "That World is Gone", an award winning video about Vinegar Hill, will be shown Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church.

Ms. Smith announced that the free trolley will detour due to the construction of the new Violet Crown Cinema at the 2nd Street Mall crossing, starting January 7. The detour is expected to last through early April. For more information, visit the CAT website.

Mr. Huja reminded the public that the comment period is permitted for up to twelve people, for three minutes each speaker. There will be another chance to speak at the end of the meeting. He reminded the audience that they are expected not to interrupt speakers regardless of whether or not you agree with them. Those who interrupt will be asked to leave the meeting.

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Jeff Fogel said we should not stop the discussion about community race relations. He said Black people have been mistreated for decades by the Police Department, and he asked Council why they are afraid to examine disproportionate minority contact (DMC). He said the security cameras are a bad idea because there is scant evidence that surveillance cameras will have any impact on crime. He said the Downtown Mall and West Main are not places where there are significant crime problems; he said a surveillance program is intrusive and will create paranoia.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said he shares Mr. Fogel's points about the DMC task force. The City needs to take immediate action to address racial disparities and institutional racism. He said tonight's camera proposal will increase the level of fear Charlottesville has about crime and their fellow neighbors. It will make visitors afraid and worried if they see signs warning them that they are under surveillance.

Mr. Jim Moore, 1213 Hazel St., asked Council to consider the citizen data bill of rights proposals being introduced in Richmond before considering surveillance cameras. He asked Council to deny the YMCA another lease extension. He said he supports the organization, but losing McIntire Park open space has never received community support. The site is too small to conform to quality site plan design standards, and the proposed facility would be located where it

is forbidden by the lease, destroying two picnic shelters. Also, financial feasibility of the project has not been proven.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, Albemarle County resident, said she agrees with Mr. Fogel and Mr. Collins' comments. She said the community will experience extremely cold temperatures the next few nights, and there are many who will be unsheltered. She suggested offering those individuals a hot beverage or extra layers for warmth.

Mr. Morgan Butler, speaking for the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), said Sycamore Hotel is yet another special use permit (SUP) request to build to the highest allowable limit. The Flats building should not be considered a standard for this area. The SELC supports density along key City corridors, but character is harmed when new buildings overwhelm their surroundings. He asked Council to consider changes to the zoning envelope on West Main, separate from the Code Audit if necessary.

Mr. John Hossack said the Rio junction is a disaster, and the Rio intergrade separation is a waste of taxpayer money.

Mr. Derrick Bond, 501 E. Water St., said many employees have had trouble leaving work safely at his business on the Downtown Mall. Regarding safety and cameras, he asked Council to consider people who are coming to work and guests who are spending money, not just certain sectors of society who are objecting to their privacy being violated.

Mr. William Page, 1401 Welford St., said the City has taken the YMCA's word for everything, and there have been no outside studies or public funds solicited. It is fiscally irresponsible to give City property away to a business who has failed many times. The City's exposure to financial risk will be perpetual if the YMCA goes into insolvency. He asked Council not to approve the extension, and to examine the contract thoroughly to ensure tax payers are protected in the event of a failure.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., asked Council not to approve the ground lease extension for the YMCA. After more than 8 years and two new facilities in town, the YMCA may no longer be financially viable. It is reasonable to allow the ground lease to expire. The YMCA should update its financing and market research to determine long term viability and economic sustainability. She asked Council to at least extend the lease for only six months and ask for updated financial statements. She said McIntire Road is McIntire Road, and it should lead to McIntire Park. Please keep the name McIntire Road.

Ms. Asia Carey, 2572 Marseilles Ln., said her Monticello High School CAP group supports better safety in areas around the Downtown Mall. She said Charlottesville's proximity to major highways influence crime rates. People may be worried about privacy issues, but this is about protecting our citizens and caring about our peers. People should feel safe walking along the Downtown Mall. Adding cameras will raise awareness and may not prevent crime but will reduce it. Cameras will help all people behave better, including the police. She said the cameras could act as another set of eyes for the police force.

Mr. Louis Shultz, 1809 E. Market St., said this is the 30th time he has come to Council accusing staff of violating City code and civil rights statutes. He said the mayor did not impose order and decorum at the last Council meeting and allowed the crowd to silence a speaker because they did not agree with him.

## **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Smith thanked Mr. Shultz for commenting on the last Council meeting. She said she supports allowing for extra speakers when needed, but Council needs to remain in control of the meeting. She supported the recommendations of the group, but using offensive language towards the police is not the proper way to make change happen. The tension between free speech and ensuring orderly and productive business meetings have been an issue across localities. She said we may not always agree with each other, but we should be able to voice our opinions in a constructive and productive manner. She thanked the Monticello students for coming and especially for pointing out that cameras can also record police behavior, thus improving police interactions. She thanked those who spoke about the YMCA and for their institutional knowledge.

Mr. Fenwick agreed with Ms. Smith's comments about the previous meeting. He thanked students for speaking about their CAP project. He said citizens can call the non-emergency number for the police if they see someone out in the cold, because we can work to get them to a place where they can survive. He thanked Mr. Hossack and said VDOT seems to have a blank slate.

Ms. Szakos said the Rio intersection is in the County. She does not think it is good practice for the City to tell the County what they should do, and the project has the full support of the County Board. She expressed reservations about the Hydraulic interchange and was not a big advocate for funding, but the funding came from the state level.

Ms. Galvin thanked the mayor for setting the tone for tonight's meeting and thanked meeting participants for abiding by the rules. She said she would appreciate an update on the Small Area Planning prioritization, because the Hillsdale area is part of this. We need to have a serious discussion about land use and transportation at Hydraulic.

Mr. Huja said he appreciated participants following the rules.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Minutes for December 15**
- b. **APPROPRIATION: Virginia Department of Health Special Nutrition Program Child and Adult Care Food Program - \$32,000 (2nd reading)**

### USDA Food Program

- c. **APPROPRIATION: 2015 Department of Motor Vehicles Virginia Highway Safety**

**Grant for Speed Enforcement - \$7,680 (carried)**

DMV Speed Enforcement

- d. APPROPRIATION: VDOT Funds for the Condemnation of CATEC Property Used for the Meadowcreek Parkway - \$144,700 (carried)**

VDOT Funds for CATEC Property

- e. APPROPRIATION: National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant "Play the City" - \$50,000 (carried)**

NEA Our Town Grant

- f. APPROPRIATION: Central Library Restroom Renovation and A.D.A. Improvements Project - Albemarle County Reimbursement - \$10,033.19 (carried)**

Central Library Renovation Reimbursement

- g. APPROPRIATION: Local Contributions for Crisis Intervention Training - \$16,000 (carried)**

CIT Appropriation

- h. APPROPRIATION: 2015 Department of Motor Vehicles Virginia Highway Safety Grant for Alcohol Enforcement - \$24,114 (carried)**

DMV Alcohol Enforcement

- i. APPROPRIATION: Preston Morris Building Envelope Restoration Project - Albemarle County Reimbursement - \$1,200 (carried)**

Preston Morris Building Project

- j. APPROPRIATION: Outside Area Contributions for Crisis Intervention Training - \$3,500 (carried)**

Outside Contributions for CIT

- k. APPROPRIATION: Environmental Protection Agency Solid Waste Management Assistance Grant for Composting at the Charlottesville City Market - \$9,000 (carried)**

EPA Grant

**l. APPROPRIATION: Adoption Incentive Funds - \$2,977.92 (carried)**

Adoption Incentive Funds

**m. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW)  
Purchase of Services - \$12,675 (carried)**

VIEW Appropriation

**n. RESOLUTION: Tax Payment Refund to Jefferson Properties, Inc.**

Tax Payment Refund to Jefferson Properties

**o. RESOLUTION: Special Use Permit for 722 Preston Ave.**

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**p. RESOLUTION: City Council Regular Meeting Schedule for 2015**

City Council Regular Meeting Schedule

Ms. Szakos said there are two DMV grants for speed enforcement and alcohol enforcement and asked for clarification on how the grant money will be spent. Chief Longo said the money will be spent for traffic enforcement generally.

Mr. Huja said he is supportive of item k regarding composting and is pleased to see it on the agenda.

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

**REPORT: Public Safety Camera Proposal**

Public Safety Camera Proposal

Chief Tim Longo and Mr. Dave Chapman, Commonwealth Attorney, presented to Council. Chief Longo said Council needs to answer the question of how a camera system would be used and what will be done with the information. Images will be retained for no longer than 14 days and would only be used to aid in criminal investigation. Cameras will not be monitored unless there is a public safety reason for so doing. There are many examples of how cameras can assist in retrospective crime solving. He invited Mr. Chapman to give examples of when he felt cameras were successful in assisting in solving cases.

Mr. Chapman said the issues are not that different from when this came up seven years ago. Reviewing tape has been helpful in not only identifying suspects, but also witnesses. Cameras are not a panacea when it comes to reducing crime. There have been many studies for and

against the case of cameras. He recalled recent criminal events that took place on the Downtown Mall that would have been more easily prosecuted with the assistance of surveillance cameras. Finding perpetrators of small or big crimes does prevent future crimes and protects public safety.

Chief Longo asked Det. Cosgrove to approach the dais to answer any technical questions Council may have. He also thanked the community for their outpouring of much-needed support in recent weeks.

Ms. Szakos thanked Mr. Chapman for his presentation. She said she appreciates the value of cameras for prosecution. She is hesitant about this project, but her primary concerns are that because the Downtown Mall is not the highest crime area, we would have to have cameras everywhere to truly prevent or reduce crimes. She said her main concern is financial, because this initiative would use money that would otherwise be used elsewhere. We can get more for our dollar with other effective programs. She supported a Downtown BID to fund cameras for the Downtown Mall neighborhood. She said she would rather spend the money on relational policing.

Ms. Galvin asked if public/private partnerships would be an alternative approach, including coordinating existing private cameras with a public camera program to provide supplemental coverage where needed. Chief Long said this would be the plan, and it would also help provide continuity with equipment and pay for a potentially expensive program. Ms. Galvin asked if we could assume that a hybrid option would be less expensive. Chief Longo said it would be from the City's perspective.

Ms. Galvin asked about fiber optic accessibility. Det. Cosgrove said currently wireless transmission would be required along the Downtown Mall because fiber optic installation was determined to be cost-prohibitive.

Ms. Galvin asked if there is any understanding of all the studies the City is conducting and who is coordinating them. Mr. Jones said the City Manager's office will be the central point of coordination for the various studies.

Ms. Smith thanked Chief Longo for the report. She said we need to make it very clear when the video surveillance would actually be used. We need to also be cognizant of the time it takes to use video to solve crime, and we should be selective in the types of crime where video would be used. Chief Longo said he has not given this extensive thought, not yet having a directive from Council. However, his reaction is that violent crimes and serious offenses would most likely be the instances in which the cameras would be reviewed. Ms. Smith said we need to be clear on the expectations for the public; this is not for crime prevention but rather for solving crimes.

Ms. Smith asked Mr. Chapman for an estimate of how many times this year video has benefitted an investigation. He said his office does not keep data according to camera use, but in terms of significant cases in court, it has helped a minimum of several dozen cases per year.

Ms. Szakos asked where you draw the line for surveillance. Mr. Chapman said his recommendation would be to install a camera system that is deployable remotely to areas currently experiencing problems. He said places like Page St., Hardy Dr., and Run St. are critical areas for high crime. If you do not provide surveillance to a place like the Downtown Mall, which is a high traffic area, this significantly affects public safety.

Ms. Smith asked if Mr. Chapman believes it would be effective to place a deployable system on areas of Rugby Road. Mr. Chapman said this may be a good use of a deployable camera system on certain days of the week and at certain times.

Ms. Szakos said the data that shows cameras are effective at fighting crime is not there.

Mr. Fenwick said he supports moving forward with Chief Longo's recommendation for the development of a rough order of magnitude as to both the scope of the project and its estimated cost of implementation. He said he believes it is important to also have officers on the mall. People appreciated it when police officers walked clerks and wait staff to their cars at night. He said he values the mobility of the cameras, because crime will move.

Mr. Huja said he supports experimenting with 15 to 50 cameras, both fixed and mobile, to be implemented with a phased approach. He supports cameras in the University area, including Wertland, Rugby and Hardy Roads. This can be a good tool that would help with public safety in the community. He would like a complete proposal from staff.

Ms. Galvin said she supports investigating a small deployment. This will allow the Police Department to put more of a high-touch presence where they are needed in communities. She said this needs to be coordinated with our lighting study, which is critical in preventing crime. She said she appreciates police working with the community to ensure civil liberties are not being hampered. She said she does not see this as different from body cameras.

Mr. Huja confirmed that the majority of Council supports moving forward with developing a rough order of magnitude for the project scope and cost.

Ms. Smith said she remains concerned that we are honest with the public about the effects of human biases and video surveillance. She does not think we have seen merit to warrant camera use.

Council took a brief recess.

## **REPORT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Human Rights Commission Annual Report**

Ms. Zan Tewksbury, Manager of the Office of Human Rights, presented to Council. She introduced Ms. Aidyn Mills, Chair of the Human Rights Commission. She recognized staff and members of the Commission who were present in the audience.



Ms. Mills presented highlights from the report to Council and reviewed the Commission's activities since its inception, which were detailed in the written report. Next year, the Commission plans to remain involved in the DMC task force, address gender-based violence, and explore how to participate in community education.

Ms. Tewksbury reviewed complaints that have come into the Office of Human Rights (OHR) over the past year. Ms. Smith asked what equity and resource allocation refers to. Ms. Tewksbury said the people who voiced these concerns asked if resources are being fairly allocated across communities. Mr. Huja asked if these allegations were based on facts or feelings. Ms. Tewksbury said this is the question for the Commission, but they have not yet gotten to that point yet. Ms. Galvin asked for clarification on what sorts of discrepancies lower income neighbors were reporting. Ms. Tewksbury said there were not specific complaints, and the Commission will work to understand what the natures of the complaints are.

Ms. Szakos said she would like to know how the number of total complaints to the EEOC plus the number of resolutions compares to previous years.

Mr. Huja asked what micro-aggressions are. Ms. Szakos gave an example. Ms. Tewksbury said her office has come to understand that mutual understanding is a precursor to mutual respect.

Mr. Huja said he would like to see more “Dialogue on Race” discussions happening in the community.

Ms. Galvin asked if Ms. Tewksbury can imagine an initiative that would be the next step towards a solution, such as the Chamber Minority Business Conference and the Community Investment Collaborative initiatives that came from the Dialogue on Race. Ms. Galvin said none of the complaints go to the Human Rights Commission, so there should be an emphasis on other components of the Commission's charge other than filing and prosecuting complaints. Ms. Tewksbury said it has become clear that over 70% of the office's charge is outreach and community partnering. Ms. Galvin said for example, a school board member sent an article on youth employment and asked if Council can share these sorts of things with the OHR. Ms. Tewksbury said yes, and she said she is also collecting ideas as well. She said the office is positioned for concrete initiatives in the next year.

Ms. Szakos said she agreed with Mr. Huja that the “Dialogue on Race” piece needs to be added back in. She said there is an empathy gap, and we need to meet as people eye to eye. The Dialogue produced ideas because people discussed possibilities, and we will not get this from simply holding Commission meetings. She asked the OHR to put energy towards this. She said the DMC group is doing good work and asked the Commission to get involved.

Mr. Fenwick asked if Ms. Tewksbury believes the Commission is waiting for direction for someone to start something. He encouraged Ms. Tewksbury to develop a robust Human Rights Commission that the community thinks of first when there is a problem and not to spend so much time discussing legalities and process. Dialogue is needed before mutual respect can happen.

Ms. Smith said she would like the Human Rights Commission to be the conscience of the community. They should have reacted to the Police Department's Stop and Frisk report, for example. She directed the OHR to pay attention to what happens on City Council as well as the School Board. She asked the Commission to share their collective position on issues and communicate with Council; we should not be two separate bodies. Ms. Smith said we should have a place on the City's home page on how to get in touch with the Human Rights Commission. She said the Council needs to know if and when public accommodation is an issue so we can be sure we are addressing it appropriately with policy.

Ms. Galvin said the OHR needs to take advantage of other task forces as a resource. PLACE for example is crying out for more diverse input, including how to conduct a diverse public process.

Ms. Mills said the Commission is planning to send liaisons to boards and commissions meetings to keep a pulse on the community.

### **RESOLUTION: SPECIAL USE PERMIT - SYCAMORE HOTEL**

#### **Special Use Permit - Sycamore Hotel**

Mr. Haluska presented to Council. The applicant requested modifications to height, set-backs, and step-back requirements.

Ms. Smith asked what the height of the building with the appurtenance was. Mr. Haluska said it is 117 feet to the highest point. Mr. Fenwick asked what is located in the appurtenance. Mr. Haluska said it can be mechanical or other usable space, such as guest rooms. Ms. Szakos asked why it is even being called an appurtenance if it can be used for guest rooms. Ms. Galvin said this is one of the issues being examined by the code audit.

The developer and applicant, Mr. Austin Flajser of Carr City Centers, was invited forward to speak. He reviewed the project's history, context, community benefits, and economic benefits. He said the vehicle pick-up and drop-off was moved off West Main Street to 11th Street to address the Planning Commission's concern.

Mr. Fenwick asked what is planned for the appurtenance. The applicant said it is strictly a mechanical appurtenance. Mr. Fenwick asked if we will lose a lane for drop-off. The applicant said the drop-off will be located under the hotel. Mr. Fenwick asked if the job would progress without the SUP. The applicant said it would not.

Ms. Smith asked about parking; there are only half as many parking spaces as rooms. The applicant said they are in the process of working with other locally operating garages in the area for overflow parking. Ms. Smith asked how the height compares to the parking garage and the Battle Building. The applicant said the garage and Battle Building are the same height; the hospital is taller.

Ms. Szakos asked about how many people the restaurant is expected to serve. The applicant said it should serve 80-100 people. Ms. Szakos asked about parking for the restaurant. The applicant said much of the restaurant traffic is expected to be pedestrian, but they do expect to be able to accommodate parking for the restaurant as well.

Mr. Fenwick asked about construction materials. The applicant said they do not do anything in stick. He confirmed that both his projects in northern Virginia used SUPs.

Mr. Huja invited Mr. Charlie Hurt, Director of Real Estate Leasing Services for the University, forward to speak.

Ms. Smith asked where the major concern is. Mr. Hurt said access to the 11th Street parking garage is a concern for the University. He said they would like to condition the approval to provide assurance that access to the hospital will remain consistent into the future.

Mr. Fenwick asked what the concern is from the hospital about density, traffic, and being able to get people into the hospital as quickly as possible. Mr. Hurt said their main concern is access. Mr. Hurt said his issue is with the two foot right-of-way on 11th Street because it impedes possible future access for a third lane.

Mr. Fenwick said if we want to maintain the character of our City, we have to be careful about using special use permits (SUPs) for projects that are not special. He said projects have claimed they would be dead in the water if an SUP is not granted, but then they have continued with an amended construction plan anyway.

Ms. Smith said she will support this SUP because she believes this is an appropriate use of the site. She said she does not have concerns about access to the hospital for this site. It is important for pedestrian access to have the two extra feet for an eight foot sidewalk. Although she has reservations about the height of all buildings on West Main, she moved the resolution as printed. Ms. Szakos seconded the motion.

Ms. Szakos asked if the applicant will also operate the hotel once it is opened. The applicant said they will use a third party management operation. Ms. Szakos encouraged them to pay closer to a living wage so the City will have more quality jobs. She said we need to pay attention for the need for access for bus riders when we are discussing pull-offs.

Ms. Galvin asked if they hire locally when doing construction. The applicant said they have priced four different firms, all of which hire locally. The projects are competitively bid, but they are all Virginia-based.

Ms. Galvin said she has worked with Ms. Ashley Cooper in the past, but no conflict of interest is present with this project. She said it is beneficial that this building conceals the parking garage, and the building's detailing is very rich. This will also contribute to the local economy, and she supports it.

Mr. Huja said he supports the project as well. He objects that it is red, because he does not think it is contextual. The applicant said they have taken out the color red and will use a more muted color.

A vote was called; the resolution passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: Mr. Fenwick.)

## **RESOLUTION: MCINTIRE ROAD EXTENDED NAMING**

### McIntire Road Extended Naming

Mr. Jones presented to Council. He reviewed the history and naming of the McIntire Parkway construction project.

Ms. Szakos said she is conflicted about this because of the history of Mr. McIntire and believes it should be called the Meadowcreek Parkway, which is what it has been called from the beginning. Calling it the Warner Parkway is rubbing salt in a wound.

Ms. Galvin said Sen. Warner provided the funding to complete the road, which is justification for naming a street after someone. It also simplifies the geography of the area.

Ms. Smith said we should call it the Charlottesville 12 Parkway, because of the link it provides between Lane High School and Charlottesville High School. She said she agrees with Ms. Szakos and Ms. Galvin's assessments, but she believes it should be called McIntire Road because it provides continuity and naturally stops at the County line.

Mr. Fenwick said Sen. Warner is a respectable statesman, but he already has several things named after him. Mr. McIntire donated the land for Washington Park, he is buried here locally, and he has done a lot for the community. For simplicity purposes, he supports naming it McIntire Road or McIntire Parkway.

Mr. Huja said he agrees with Ms. Galvin because we already have two-thirds of the parkway named after Sen. Warner, and he is the reason we have this parkway.

Ms. Smith moved to name the road McIntire Road in order to create consistency and provide a link to the City. Mr. Fenwick seconded the motion. Ms. Galvin said to name this road differently just for the sake of being different is not moving forward with City/County relations. The motion failed. (Ayes: Ms. Smith, Mr. Fenwick; Noes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin; Abstain: Mr. Huja.)

Ms. Galvin moved to name the road John Warner Parkway. Mr. Huja seconded the motion. Ms. Szakos said she will vote for this so that it does not hold up the decision. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith.)

## **REPORT: PARKING MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

### Parking Management Strategy

Mr. Engel presented to Council about a parking management strategy. He reviewed the history of a parking management study recommendations from 2008, some of which were implemented and some of which were not. Mr. Engel said he wanted to be clear that a parking management strategy addresses paying to park with metered spaces on the streets in and around the Downtown Mall. In response to a question from Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Engel confirmed that the original parking meters were removed from the Downtown Mall area about 20 years ago during the revitalization process.

Mr. Huja said we should hear from citizens on this. Mr. Fenwick said he is anxious to hear from citizens as well and supports a public hearing. Mr. Fenwick asked if this would be a no-bid contract if it goes to a consultant. Mr. Engel said we have an on-call consultant contracted for an hourly rate, and we would use this consultant. Mr. Fenwick asked Mr. Engel to confirm that this was a non-competitive bid. Ms. Galvin said this was not a non-competitive bid; the consultant completed a competitive process and is now on call for work such as this.

Ms. Szakos said she supports exploring a "first hour free" parking policy to accommodate those trying to run quick errands. She said we need to be sure we are paying attention to employee parking, especially those who are low wage, and ensure they have affordable parking within walking distance from their employer.

Ms. Smith asked how this interfaces with what the new owners of the Charlottesville Parking Center (CPC) are currently doing. Mr. Engel said there are many questions that need to be answered in respect to what the City wants to do. There is a possibility that we could cooperate with CPC, but it depends on a lot of factors that are currently up in the air. Ms. Smith said it will be important to educate the community on this very progressive way of thinking about parking.

Ms. Galvin said we should add parking demand and travel management to the scope of the conversation about West Main. She recommended adding an additional item to the scope to should build on and coordinate with the working recommendations of the 2008 Renaissance Planning Group study and the Nelson Nygaard study so they are not left behind. We should develop implementation strategies with a timeline, so we know what would be needed to make this happen. Ms. Smith said the community needs to know the benefits. Ms. Szakos said she agreed with Ms. Galvin's added recommendation.

Ms. Smith requested that the City work closely with CPC.

Ms. Szakos said we will have a public hearing in the future after we get some study data.

Mr. Huja reiterated that Council has consensus to move forward with a study.

Council took a brief recess.

## **RESOLUTION: YMCA GROUND LEASE**

Mr. Kruger presented to Council. He introduced Ms. Jessica Maslaney, the new interim director of the YMCA. He said one of the guarantors balked at a new loan structure imposed by the bank, which requires a direct obligation. He reviewed the financial background of the YMCA project and the intentions going forward.

Mr. Fenwick asked how much they are short. Mr. Kruger said they have the money, but they need a guarantor for \$3 million. They are short a little more than \$2 million, assuming construction prices stay the same. Mr. Fenwick confirmed that nothing has changed since their financial plan was submitted in August. Mr. Kruger said other than losing the one guarantor, nothing has changed.

Ms. Smith confirmed that the only circumstance in which the City would have to pay for the building would be if the lease expires in 40 years and we do not elect to renew. Mr. Kruger said if the City removes the YMCA before 40 years is up, they would seek to be compensated by the City. Ms. Smith asked if he would be willing to put that the City would not be held liable in case of default or termination in writing. Mr. Kruger said it is included in the current contract. Ms. Szakos said it would be beneficial to have it written more succinctly. Mr. Kruger agreed to put this in writing.

Ms. Szakos moved to extend the lease. She said this project was moving along fine, and the recent lawsuit held it back. The community wants this and has for a long time. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked if the Crozet YMCA is profitable. Mr. Kruger said the Crozet location is viable, but they do not operate at a profit because they are non-profit.

Mr. Fenwick moved to extend the lease by six month. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was defeated. (Ayes: Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith; Noes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja.)

The vote was called on Ms. Szakos' original motion to extend the lease. The motion passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Smith.)

## **REPORT: NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

Due to the late hour, this report was deferred to the next meeting.

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Peter Kleeman, 407 Hedge St., said he thought the Council made a point to include the public in naming roads, and he is greatly disappointed that the public was not included in the discussion about the parkway.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., said she is disgusted that the Council gave in to what the County named their road, which does not feel like a partnership. She said this is a very poor decision on behalf of the citizens.

Mr. Raymond Mason, 717 6 1/2 Ave., said it is time for the City to stop celebrating Lee Jackson Day. We cannot move forward if we are holding onto dark times in our history.

Ms. Nikuyah Walker, 503 Druid Ave., said the image you want for Main Street is at issue regarding the ABC Store. She said Council should consider the World of Beer and the Beer Hall installed across from a treatment center. She said the reason the protestors from New Year's Eve decided to interrupt a family show at the Paramount was because the woman organizing it has not had her children for three holidays in a row. She said results are not being gained by appropriateness and order, so her group is trying other things to get what they need. She asked if we can require builders to hire people who are not usually hired in the City.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, Albemarle County resident, said she was ashamed at the responses to the "awareness program" demonstration at the Paramount on New Year's Eve. We need to have conversations about differences so we can move past the baggage we have in this country.

Mr. Scott Bandy, 1639 Cherry Ave., said he hopes we can find common ground and move beyond conflict in the interests of taxpayers for both the County and the City.

Mr. Raymond Mason said the petition to keep the ABC store will be ready soon.

### **COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Szakos said there was a chance for the public to speak about the parkway. There was public comment at the beginning of the meeting, and it was posted on the Council agenda for a week.

Ms. Galvin said a meeting was convened last week to begin the conversation about how to use the wave of smart growth and make it equitable, bringing in more people from the working class.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Clerk of Council