

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, April 20, 2015, AT 5:30 p.m. IN THE Second Floor Conference Room.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

Closed session as provided by Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

BY Paige Rice

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – April 20, 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. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, Council voted, (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None), to meet in closed session for (1) The annual performance evaluation of the Clerk of Council, and discussion and consideration of the performance of a specific City Council appointee, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); (2) Discussion of the terms for the sale of City-owned real property on Water Street, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating strategy of the City, as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3); and, (3) Consultation with legal counsel (a) pertaining to litigation involving the City’s solicitation ordinance where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the City’s litigating posture, and (b) legal advice regarding potential City responsibility for future operations at the Ivy Landfill; and (c) legal advice regarding acquisition of permanent easements for City utilities in Steephill Street, all as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (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 - April 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith read a proclamation in honor of Fair Housing Month 2015. Ms. Karen Reifenberger was present to accept the proclamation on behalf of PHA and invited the community to attend upcoming Fair Housing events.

Mr. Huja recognized the City's Constitutional Officers and thanked them for their service. Ms. Szakos read a proclamation in honor of Constitutional Officers week. The Honorable Warner D. Chapman, the Honorable James E. Brown, III, the Honorable Llezelle Agustin Dugger, the Honorable Jason Vandever, and the Honorable Todd Divers were present to accept their proclamations.

Ms. Smith read a proclamation that the Human Rights Commission issued in honor of Mr. Alex Zan. Mr. Zan thanked Council for the recognition and thanked his mother for her support. Ms. Smith announced Mr. Zan's new essay contest on how it is important to help people for all City school students. Winners will receive a \$300 cash prize; the deadline is May 22.

Ms. Galvin announced the 2015 Charlottesville Community Spring Job Fair on May 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the John Paul Jones Arena. Job seekers may preregister by going to www.charlottesville.org/jobfair. For more information, contact Hollie Lee at 970-3117 or by email at leeh@charlottesville.org.

Ms. Galvin announced a free workshop on how zoning can encourage smart economic development in keeping with community values on April 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the Jefferson School African American City Center. Go to www.smartgrowthamerica.org for more information.

Ms. Szakos read a proclamation honoring the Friends of the Library. Ms. Anne Hemenway was present to accept the proclamation. She thanked Council for the recognition and invited residents to their celebration on May 2 in Lee Park.

Ms. Szakos announced that Parks and Recreation summer registration is open. Go to www.charlottesville.org/parksandrec for more information, or call 970-3260.

Mr. Fenwick announced the Tonsler Park basketball court replacement project began today and is scheduled for completion by July 3.

Mr. Fenwick announced the Charlottesville Cardinals Wheelchair Basketball Team went to the playoffs this past weekend and performed well. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance with the Veterans Memorial. This past week was a busy week in the City, and he thanked the Charlottesville Police Department, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation for making everything run smoothly.

Ms. Szakos announced the Dogwood Parade this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Charlottesville.

Mr. Fenwick announced a Charlottesville Sparkles event this Thursday at 9:30 a.m. on the west end of the Downtown Mall.

Ms. Smith read a proclamation in recognition of Arbor Day. Mr. Doug Ehman from the City's Parks and Recreation department was present to accept the proclamation and invited residents to the Arbor Day event on Friday at 10:00 a.m. on Jefferson Park Avenue in front of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Mr. Huja encouraged citizens to go to www.mywaterpledge.com to participate in the Mayor's Water Conservation competition. Also, April 22 is Earth Day. He encouraged residents to participate in Earth Day. Ms. Smith said an EcoFair will take place this Sunday at the Main Street Arena.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Huja read rules for Matters by the Public.

Mr. John Cruickshank, 324 Parkway St., representative of the Piedmont chapter of the Sierra Club, said he was encouraged by the presentation made to Council in November 2014 by Parks and Recreation staff member John Mann. However, the resolution presented in tonight's materials is missing key elements that were in his presentation. The policy should include a definition of IPM that states chemical pesticides will be used in case of emergency only. Please include a commitment to reduce pesticide use and provide complete transparency. He requested a public hearing on this issue.

Ms. Jackie Lombardo, 313 Parkway St., thanked Council and the Parks and Recreation Department for the time and effort they put into the pesticides policy. The Sierra Club has 1,000 signatures on a petition to stop the use of unnecessary products that are classified by the EPA as carcinogenic or toxic. A preapproval process should be required for certain pesticides.

Ms. Barbara Cruickshank, 324 Parkway St., thanked Council and the Parks and Recreation Department for all they have done to beautify the City. She requested Council reject the resolution presented in tonight's materials. She asked Council to revisit John Mann's presentation from November and his proposed policy with proposed steps.

Ms. Leigh Trippe, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Charlottesville/Albemarle, thanked Councilor Fenwick for volunteering to pack meals. She gave a history of the Charlottesville/Albemarle chapter of Meals on Wheels.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., said she was frustrated about the City's budget process and the low monetary value of proposed reductions by staff. She asked how staff was asked to make reductions and whether Council challenged how seriously that effort was undertaken. She thanked the City Manager for passing on a request that the events calendar online be updated to show actual events.

Ms. Josephine Morrison, 920 Page St., thanked Council for the temporary permit parking in her area and asked for it to be made permanent.

Mr. John Gaines, 214 9th Street N.W., asked Council to establish permanent permit parking on streets east of 10th Street, from 10th Street over to 7th and Albemarle Streets. The west side of 10th Street over to 14th Street is an area that is in the Venable Neighborhood association. He said it would be a mistake to consider permit parking for only a few streets in his area or to consider only a few blocks on his street.

Mr. Louis Shultz, 1809 E. Market St., said this is the 39th time he has come to Council accusing staff of violating City code and civil rights statutes.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Szakos thanked Ms. Trippe for coming and said her family values Meals on Wheels.

Ms. Galvin said the resolution she proposed regarding efficiencies in government speaks to some of what Ms. Quinn discussed. She asked when Council can vote on the resolution. Ms. Smith said we needed a price on the resolution before Council can consider the study.

Mr. Fenwick thanked Ms. Trippe for coming and said Meals on Wheels is an incredible organization.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Minutes for April 6**
- b. **APPROPRIATION: CDBG & HOME Funds for FY 2015-2016**

Fund Appropriation for 2015-16 CDBG Block Grant - \$884,059.82 (2nd reading)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE'S 2015-2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - \$884,059.82

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been advised of the approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 2015-2016 fiscal year in the total amount of \$884,059.82 that includes new entitlement from HUD amounting to \$376,098.00, previous entitlement made available through program income of \$72,748.32, previous entitlement made available through canceled activities of \$430,851, and reprogramming of \$4,362.50.

WHEREAS, City Council has received recommendations for the expenditure of funds from the CDBG Task Force, the SAT, the 10th and Page Priority Neighborhood Task Force and the City Planning Commission; and has conducted a public hearing thereon as provided by law; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sums hereinafter set forth are hereby appropriated from funds received from the aforesaid grant to the following individual expenditure accounts in the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the respective purposes set forth; provided, however, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer funds between and among such individual accounts as circumstances may require, to the extent permitted by applicable federal grant regulations.

PRIORITY NEIGHBORHOOD

10th and Page – Pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements \$258,879.82

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Investment Collaborative Scholarships \$12,500

Seedplanters Women Entrepreneur Academy \$25,000

Office of Economic Development Small Business Development \$25,200

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

City of Promise – Dual Generation \$ 6,890

Office of Economic Development – GO CNA \$ 6,890

OAR- Reentry Program \$ 6,890

DSS- VIEW Career Training \$ 6,890

United Way – Childcare Subsidies \$28,850

BONUS ENTITLEMENT FROM CANCELED ACTIVITY

MACAA – Hope House \$200,000

On Our Own – Facility Improvements \$ 26,850

ReadyKids – Facility Improvements \$ 72,300

ARC of the Piedmont – Facility Improvements \$ 76,900

TJCLT – Existing Home Land Acquisition \$ 54,801

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Admin and Planning \$75,219

TOTAL \$884,059.82

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$376,098 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The amounts so appropriated as grants to other public agencies and private non-profit, charitable organizations (subrecipients) are for the sole purpose stated. The City Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with those agencies and organizations as he may deem advisable to ensure that the grants are expended for the intended purposes, and in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and

The City Manager, the Directors of Finance or Neighborhood Development Services, and staff are authorized to establish administrative procedures and provide for mutual assistance in the execution of the programs.

CDBG & HOME Funds for FY 2015-2016**Fund Appropriation for 2015-16 HOME Funds - \$59,652 (2nd reading)****A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE'S 2015-2016 HOME FUNDS – \$59,652**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been advised of the approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funding for the 2015-2016 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the region is receiving an award for HOME funds for fiscal year 15-16 of which the City will receive \$59,652 to be expended on affordable housing initiatives such as homeowner rehab and downpayment assistance.

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of this grant that projects funded with HOME initiatives money be matched with local funding in varying degrees;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the local match for the above listed programs will be covered by the Charlottesville Housing Fund (account CP-0084 in SAP system) in the amount of \$14,243; the resolution for this appropriation will come forward after July 1, 2015. Project totals also include previous entitlement made available through program income of \$6,182, previous entitlement made available through canceled activities of \$37,425, and reprogramming of \$8,947.91. The total of the HUD money, program income, reprogramming, and the local match, equals \$126,449.91 and will be distributed as shown below. Administrative funds for the year total \$2,684, which do not require a City match.

PROJECTS	HOME EN	% MATCH	MATCH	OTHER*	TOTAL
AHIP, Small Rehabs	\$28,484	25	\$7,121	\$20,040.91	\$55,645.91
Habitat for Humanity, DP	\$14,242	25	\$3,561	\$16,257	\$34,060.00
PHA, DP	\$14,242	25	\$3,561	\$16,257	\$34,060.00
Admin and Planning	\$2,684	0	\$0	\$0	\$ 2,684.00

* includes Program Income and Reprogramming which does not require local match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$59,652 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The amounts so appropriated as grants to other public agencies and private non-profit, charitable organizations (subrecipients) are for the sole purpose stated. The City Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with those agencies and organizations as he may deem advisable to ensure that the grants are expended for the intended purposes, and in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and The City Manager, the Directors of Finance or Neighborhood Development Services, and staff are authorized to establish administrative procedures and provide for mutual assistance in the execution of the programs.

Amendment to CDBG Account: Reprogramming Funds for FY 15-16 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACCOUNT Reprogramming of Funds for FY 15-16

WHEREAS, Council has previously approved the appropriation of certain sums of federal grant receipts to specific accounts in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that these funds have not been spent and need to be reprogrammed, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that appropriations made to the following expenditure accounts in the CDBG fund are hereby reduced or increased by the respective amounts shown, and the balance accumulated in the Fund as a result of these adjustments is hereby reappropriated to the respective accounts shown as follows:

Program Year	Account Code	Purpose	Proposed Revised Reduction	Proposed Revised Addition	Proposed Revised Appropriation
13-14	P-00001-02-61	CALM IDA Match	\$4,362.50		\$4,362.50
15-16	P-00001-04-01	Applied to new programs		\$4,362.50	\$4,362.50
		TOTALS:	\$4,362.50	\$4,362.50	\$4,362.50

Amendment to HOME Account: Reprogramming Funds for FY 15-16 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION AMENDMENT TO HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNT Reprogramming of Funds for FY 15-16

WHEREAS, Council has previously approved the appropriation of certain sums of federal grant receipts to specific accounts in the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that these funds have not been spent and need to be reprogrammed, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that appropriations made to the following expenditure accounts in the HOME fund are hereby reduced or increased by the respective amounts shown, and the balance accumulated in the Fund as a result of these adjustments is hereby reappropriated to the respective accounts shown as follows:

Program Year	Account Code	Purpose	Proposed Revised Reduction	Proposed Revised Addition	Proposed Revised Appropriation
09-10	19000139	Abundant Life Planning	\$92.34		\$0
10-11	19000149	CRHA Avon Acquisition	\$75.00		\$0
11-12	19000168	Tenant Based Rental	\$8,780.57		\$0
15-16		Applied to new programs		\$8,947.91	\$8,947.91
		TOTALS:	\$8,947.91	\$8,947.91	\$8,947.91

- c. **APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of Funds - \$7,714.10 (Jenkins Loan Payoff) and \$50,000 (Longwood Drive PUD) to the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CP-084) (carried)**

Jenkins Loan Payoff and Longwood Drive to the CAHF

- d. **APPROPRIATION: DollarWise Summer Youth Campaign Grant - \$4,000 (carried)**

DollarWise Summer Youth Campaign Grant

- e. **RESOLUTION: Chief Local Elected Officials Agreement**

Chief Local Elected Officials Agreement

Ms. Smith asked about the issue of affordable housing and why would we only now be getting the affordable housing proffer that was approved in 2009. She asked that staff provide an answer but said this does not need to delay the vote.

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

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: 10TH / PAGE AND FIFEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PERMIT PARKING ZONE EXPANSION (carried)

10th & Page Permit Parking Zone Expansion

Ms. Christine Fisher presented to Council. She distributed a revised ordinance regarding parking Zone 7, which will be reflected in the May 4 materials for the second reading. She reviewed the trial permit parking program and said tonight's discussion is about whether or not this area should become eligible to be a permanent permit parking zone.

Ms. Smith asked if applicants have to get the permit in person. Mr. Vandever said first time applicants have to come to City Hall to provide documentation, but subsequent permits may be obtained through the mail. There are accommodations available for those who may not be able to come to City Hall.

Ms. Szakos asked if one household can buy several permits. Mr. Vandever said they are allocated by address, and there is a limit per address.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Ms. Brenda Casteneda, 9th St. NW, said she has never had a problem with parking during her time as a resident in the 10th and Page neighborhood. She said the permit trials have not made any difference. She said the real issue is the University is expanding but not providing

sufficient parking to accommodate their growth. Permits may be worth it for Page Street but not the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Tim Nowaczyk, 9th St. NW, said he has been living in the 10th and Page St. area since 2011 and does not believe the neighborhood needs permit parking.

Mr. John Gaines, 214 9th St. NW, said he has lived in his home off and on for 78 years, and parking became a big problem during the time of increased drug trafficking. Parking is a problem on 9th Street, Page Street, and now 8th Street, which was not identified for permit parking. He supports permit parking in his neighborhood.

Ms. Josephine Morrison, 900 block of Page St., said parking is a problem. She has lived in the neighborhood for 60 years, and if she leaves her home in the morning, she does not have a parking place to return to because of the University workers.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Szakos said the majority of the people Council has heard from supports permit parking, and if Council only permits a small section and not 9th street, the problem will just get pushed to adjacent streets.

Ms. Smith said she is concerned. There was no support for 9th Street beyond a certain point. She said we do not have a good sense for the neighborhood's reaction to this. It is difficult for someone to be able to get a permit and should be made easier. Parking tickets are almost inevitable for some people, and that is an added hassle. There has not been enough community engagement on this topic, and it is designed for a different kind of population. She asked if parking permits could be tied to real estate tax so they can be automatically issued. She would be more comfortable supporting this if it were a fair system that automatically gave each household a certain amount of parking by mail. She asked if we can deal with the same daytime problem with a two hour parking limit.

Mr. Fenwick said we are hearing two opposite things. He asked if parking improved when The Flats construction was completed. He was told it did not change one way or the other, because when The Flats were finished, the trial permit started. Mr. Brown clarified that tonight's ordinance only expands the zone and does not implement the permit parking.

Ms. Galvin asked if the survey return of 14% was considered a sufficient amount of information. Ms. Fisher said the recommendation is to expand the zone, which does not mean these streets become permit parking, only that they become eligible for permit parking. Ms. Galvin said she is comfortable with expanding the permits area ordinance, and she is inclined to make them permanent, but the sampling seemed small. She said she would like more information from the survey and more public discussion to see how many people are concerned about those streets.

Mr. Huja said he doubts staff will get much more of a response in the next two weeks. He said Council can hold another public hearing at the next meeting to make sure there is ample opportunity for the neighborhood to give feedback.

Ms. Szakos moved to adopt the ordinance to expand the zone. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. The motion carried for a second reading.

Ms. Szakos recommended that letters distributed to residents state very clearly in the first paragraph that we are soliciting feedback about parking permits.

Ms. Smith thanked staff for the color coded list and map.

PUBLIC HEARING /ORDINANCE: GRANT OF EASEMENTS FOR STEAM TUNNEL AND ELECTRIC DUCT BANK UNDER EMMETT STREET TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (carried)

Grant of Easements for Steam Tunnel and Electric Duct Bank under Emmett Street to the University of Virginia

Mr. Brown presented to Council.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Smith asked if undergrounding utilities is part of this project. Mr. Hurt, UVA Real Estate, said there are existing steam tunnels that are not captured in the easement, and the duct bank was part of an upgrade project. Ms. Smith asked if they have considered undergrounding utilities as long as they are digging up the street. Mr. Hurt said they would like for Dominion Power to do that. There has been no budget or planning for undergrounding utilities, so it is a funding issue.

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

Ms. Smith asked if there were any circumstances under which this easement would be deleterious to the City, such as if the City wanted to underground utilities. Mr. Brown said there are provisions that give the City the ability to exercise options.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: GRANT OF EASEMENTS FOR ELECTRIC DUCT BANK UNDER ELEVENTH STREET TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (carried)

Grant of Easements for Electric Duct Bank under Eleventh Street to the University of Virginia

Mr. Brown presented to Council.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Smith confirmed that digging has already begun in this area.

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

For the second reading, Ms. Smith asked for an opinion as to whether this will affect the Sycamore Hotel.

RESOLUTION: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) POLICY

Integrated Pest Management Policy

Mr. Daly presented to Council. This policy represents the codification of existing practices in the Parks and Recreation Department, which have been used for almost a decade.

Ms. Smith confirmed that the county's document was for informational purposes only. She asked if City schools have a policy about chemical use. Mr. Daly said staff takes care of exterior grounds of the schools, but he is not sure about the interior. He has heard they have moved away from synthetic cleaning products. Ms. Smith asked if we have anything in our policy for City buildings. Mr. Jones said no. Ms. Smith said we should consider this.

Ms. Smith suggested incorporating transparency and accountability, and add wording that we are committed to reducing overall pesticide use and eliminating pesticide use on school grounds and parks. She said Council should direct the IPM coordinator to submit an annual pesticide report for review to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in March and shared with Council in April of each year. She said this establishes a goal and provides feedback as to how we are achieving them.

Ms. Szakos suggested adding "where feasible/appropriate" to the resolution. Ms. Galvin suggested using "restricting" instead of "eliminating".

Ms. Szakos asked if online access to information was feasible. Mr. John Mann said updates and professional, research-based information is planned to be posted online this year.

Ms. Smith accepted Ms. Szakos' proposed revision and second to the motion.

Ms. Galvin asked what Council should be looking for with the reporting suggested in the last paragraph. Ms. Smith said the purpose is to be able to compare over time. If we have a goal to reduce usage, we can see whether we are doing it, and if not, assess why. Ms. Szakos said we should say per acre so that there is consistency when parkland is added, for example.

Ms. Smith asked for clarification when one reading is required versus two readings. Mr. Brown said two readings are for ordinances and appropriations. Ms. Smith asked if there could be an option to have two readings. Mr. Brown said Council could defer a decision to the next meeting.

Ms. Szakos said she would like to see this solidified and implemented as soon as possible.

Mr. Huja called for the vote. The revised policy passed. (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

RESOLUTION: HOMEOWNER TAX RELIEF GRANT - 2015

Homeowner Tax Relief Grant - 2015

Mr. Todd Divers presented to Council. He requested reauthorization for the Charlottesville Housing Affordability Program. He reviewed activities over the past year and said it is a very popular program that helps many residents. Funds have already been appropriated with the new budget. He gave an overview of the grant. He reported that 832 residents took advantage of this program this past year.

Ms. Szakos asked how often the amount of the grant changes. Mr. Divers said he is not sure, but it remains the same this year from last. Ms. Szakos said as property values go up we should keep our eye on this.

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

REPORT: TJACH PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS

TJACH Plan to End Homelessness

Mr. Mike Murphy presented to Council.

Ms. Kaki Dimock, Executive Director of the Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless (TJACH), presented to Council and reviewed strategies to end homelessness. She reviewed the seven guiding primary principles of the plan. She said the goals were aggressive, but not impossible.

Mr. Huja said Council has been very supportive of these initiatives and continues to be so.

Ms. Szakos asked how Ms. Dimock responds to the concerns that if services are available, more homeless will come to this area. Ms. Dimock said between 75-85% of those seeking services have long-standing ties to the community. The data demonstrates that the majority of those seeking services are originally from this area.

Ms. Galvin said she recently learned about Gov. McAuliffe's push to end homelessness for veterans. She asked if there has been engagement about veteran's affairs. Ms. Dimock said HUD has sent veterans representatives to The Haven, and there has been an increase in veteran services. Veterans are receiving better services than they ever have in the past.

Ms. Smith asked how many TJACH serves are from the City; Ms. Dimock said the number is close to 80%. Ms. Smith asked if the "robust supply of housing" is concentrated somewhere. Ms. Dimock said they have found many flexible landlords throughout the City, with many units concentrated in the downtown area.

Ms. Szakos thanked Ms. Dimock for her leadership in this area. Ms. Galvin said this demonstrates the importance of collaboration. Council voted to accept the report and release funds. (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Szakos, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

REPORT: STATE OF THE FOREST

State of the Forest

Mr. Maynard Sipe, Chairman of the Tree Commission, presented to Council. He gave background on the activities of the Tree Commission over the past year.

Ms. Smith asked if they work on policies for undergrounding utilities. Mr. Sipe said they have worked with the Public Works department, but more needs to be incorporated up front.

Ms. Szakos said she is interested in facilitating trees in neighborhoods where there are not many trees. She asked if there are trees the Commission recommends to people that will not take up a lot of space and can survive in limited light. This would make our neighborhoods more livable. Mr. Sipe said this is part of what the Commission would like to tackle this coming year.

Mr. Huja said there is a program in Portland that provides free trees. Mr. Sipe said they are looking into such a program and are working with the Tree Stewards to put together the resources to do something like this.

Council thanked the Commission for their work.

OTHER BUSINESS - RESOLUTION: Obtain Outside Counsel for Steephill Street

Ms. Szakos introduced a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to obtain outside counsel regarding Steep Hill Street.

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

OTHER BUSINESS - Request to Add Resolution Regarding West Main

Ms. Galvin requested adding a resolution concerning the initiation of a public process to consider zoning for the West Main Street corridor to the May 18 agenda. The ordinance passed in 2003 is creating a structure that is not in keeping with the existing urban context of the City, and this is a serious problem facing West Main Street at this time.

Mr. Huja said he has spoken with staff, and this will be scheduled for a discussion on the May 18 Council agenda. Ms. Smith said she wants to be sure the West Main Steering Committee and the Streets That Work and Form-Based Code Steering Committees will be included in the discussion, because she does not want to usurp the work of the community groups Council has convened.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Louis Schultz, 1809 E. Market St., said passing the resolution on Steephill Street when it was not published on the agenda was cowardly.

Mr. Scott Bandy, 1639 Cherry Ave., said there is a list of nightmarish things Charlottesville has endured, and he asked where the discussion about public surveillance cameras has gone.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Huja said security cameras will be on the agenda for the first Council meeting in May.

Adjourned.