

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, January 4, 2016, 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 4, 2016

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

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None), to meet in closed session for discussion and consideration of appointments to City boards and commissions, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; 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 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - Council Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Mr. Jones opened nominations for Mayor. Ms. Galvin nominated Mr. Signer; Mr. Bellamy seconded the nomination. The motion passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None.)

Nominations for Vice Mayor were opened. Mr. Signer nominated Mr. Bellamy. Mr. Fenwick seconded the nomination. The motion passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None.)

Mr. Signer read a statement outlining his goals for his tenure as Mayor, including a focus on respect and results.

Mr. Bellamy thanked Council and the community for their support. He asked the community to give Council an opportunity to show that this is a new day for Charlottesville.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Szakos announced City offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 18. Full service CAT, trash and recycling will operate. Council will meet Tuesday, January 19. Also, the City-wide Martin Luther King celebration is on January 24 at Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church.

Mr. Bellamy announced the Martin Luther King event on Monday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Carver Recreation Center. This is a free family event. Also "Realizing the Dream" will take place Sunday, January 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Galvin announced Christmas tree curb-side pick-up will take place starting January 11. Free mulch from the collected trees will be available at Darden Towe Park starting February 1.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, the following Council representative appointments were made to Boards and Commissions:

Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority	Bellamy
Citizen's Advisory Panel (CAP)	Bellamy
Cville Development Corp.	Bellamy
Darden Towe Park Board	Bellamy
Retirement Commission	Bellamy
Cable Franchise Committee	Fenwick
Historic Resources Committee	Fenwick
JABA	Fenwick
Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board	Fenwick
LEAP Adv. Board	Fenwick
Rivanna River Basin Commission	Fenwick
School Capital Projects	Fenwick
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC)	Fenwick
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Galvin
Mobilization for Action through Planning & Partnerships (MAPP)	Galvin
Piedmont Housing Alliance - Friendship Court Committee	Galvin
Piedmont Workforce Network (PWN) Council	Galvin
PLACE Design Task Force	Galvin
Planning and Coordinating Council	Galvin
Audit Committee (annually)	Signer

Cable Franchise Committee	Signer
Planning and Coordinating Council	Signer
School Capital Projects	Signer
Social Services Advisory Board	Signer
Albemarle/Charlottesville Regional Jail Authority	Szakos
Audit Committee (annually)	Szakos
Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) Advisory Board	Szakos
Charlottesville Community Scholarship Program	Szakos
Darden Towe Park Board	Szakos
Housing Advisory Committee (HAC)	Szakos
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Szakos
Route 29 Solutions Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP)	Szakos
Virginia First Cities	Szakos

(Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None.)

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Kathy Galvin, Ms. Judy Mueller and Mr. Maurice Jones were appointed for four-year terms to the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority and the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None.)

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Signer read the guidelines for Matters by the Public.

Mr. Jeff Fogel, 215 Spruce St., said he was disappointed the selection process for Mayor and Vice Mayor was not transparent. He asked what the basis was for which Councilors were chosen for boards. He said Charlottesville is divided into two unequal groups.

Ms. Jean Hiatt, 1534 Rugby Ave., welcomed the new City Councilors. She said the present softball field lights at McIntire Park are glaring and requested that the new lighting planned be required to comply with dark sky guidelines. She suggested requiring porous surfaces for the new parking lots that are created to improve run-off. She said the skate park should not be a state-of-the-art structure, because this would bring in a large number of people and vehicles that will put undue pressure on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Mr. Roy Van Doorn, owner of City Select on High Street, distributed a book called Discover Charlottesville, a coffee table book that represents the best of the Charlottesville area. Hotels have sanitized exposure of the community to the guests staying in their rooms. This has been distributed to over 3,800 hotel rooms. He extended his thanks to the CACVB for their help in executing this project.

Ms. Nikuyah Walker, 503 Druid Ave., said Dr. King said, "An edifice that produces beggars needs reconstruction." The policies in Charlottesville do not provide for all types of families.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, Rose Hill neighborhood, said the wind chill is 19 degrees outside tonight. Unsheltered constituents do not have access to the warm room anymore, which was a space that was devoted for evenings when temperatures are critical and was made available when shelters were full, or to those not comfortable accessing them. She said this should not be a hard problem to solve, and she volunteered to help.

Mr. Paul Long, 1410 Grady Ave., apologized for cutting his rally short due to the cold. He said he is cynical of the new Council and of the Mayor especially because of how much money he raised during his campaign, particularly from big business donors. Council has done nothing to expand public transportation, even though they were given the authority to form a public transit authority with the County in 2009. All routes should be running on Sundays and legal holidays.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said Council should establish priorities based on transparency and a willingness to confront severe crises in the City, such as affordable housing. There has been very little change for low-income renters in the City of Charlottesville. He said there has not been much headway on racial disparity in the four years we have been talking about it. Public housing is in dire need of redevelopment and should be a priority.

Ms. Lena Seville, 808 Altavista Ave., congratulated the new Councilors. She thanked Mr. Bellamy for stating community engagement as a priority. She said affordable housing for low wage workers is needed to encourage a more diverse and stable community. She announced a rally on January 10 for Bernie Sanders at City Space.

Mr. Rolf Braun, 1120 E. High St., said Councilors have a lot of depth of experience, and it is Council's responsibility to take the issues people bring forth seriously instead of ordering studies.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., said she is not thrilled by statements of anticipated unity by this body. We have a diversity of issues, and discussion and debate is the path to good decisions. She said she is pleased that Rivanna announced they will start accepting compostable kitchen scraps. She encouraged residents to collect their kitchen scraps and use the Rivanna drop-off center so that it will be worth their time and money to keep the program running.

Mr. Louis Shultz, 1809 E. Market St., said development interests paid over \$50,000 in raised money. There is no opposition party on Council. He reviewed several ordinances that he believed Council and staff have violated.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Fenwick said we encourage children to watch Council meetings and encouraged speakers to be mindful of their language. He said we should add "repair" to the "reduce, reuse, recycle" motto. We should address fines about speeding in neighborhoods, and he asked drivers to slow down in the City. He said we should address distracted driving issues in an affordable way.

Mr. Bellamy thanked God, his pastor and his mother for their influences in his life. He said transparency is important, and when decisions are made we have no problem discussing them as long as it is within our legal rights to do so. He stated why he voted for Mr. Signer for Mayor and said he would be happy to speak with Mr. Fogel further. He said we are prepared to deal with the issues Ms. Walker and Ms. Carpenter addressed. These issues have plagued us for decades, and we will have to work together to change them over time.

Ms. Szakos said she has been impressed with those who speak to Councilors about what is important to them. This Council has expressed a strong commitment to move forward on these issues, and over the past six years we have seen some real momentum. The County would have to go in with us on a transit authority, and they have not agreed to do that. Part of our discussions in closed session is so that we do not put personal matters out in the public. We are a City Manager/weak Mayor form of government. This means the role of Mayor is to run the meetings and set the agendas, but he or she does not have special powers. Councilors who have been serving on boards and commissions are generally given first rights, then the remaining go to Councilors who have particular interests.

Ms. Galvin said Chip Boyles, TJPDC Director, has been charged by the PACC to investigate how to better coordinate JAUNT and the City's CAT service. This is the first step towards improved regional service. Both bodies are interested in moving towards a cost-efficient solution. She asked Mr. Jones if we have warm rooms at PACEM and the Moore Center. Mr. Jones said the Salvation Army usually provides warm rooms as well, and staff will look into this. She said the Mayor's role is to capitalize on the skills, talents and expertise of this governing body, and we are our own best resource for each other. We are committed to working together and implementing the many priorities we have; this is going to be a very big year for the City.

Mr. Bellamy asked Mr. Brown to follow up on Mr. Shultz's concerns regarding the Mayor's election and Mr. Jones's contract.

Mr. Signer said there were a number of specific policy issues that came up during public comment. Council plans to discuss their rules and procedures.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes for December 21**
- b. APPROPRIATION: Additional Funding for Benefits Programs - \$89,548 (carried)**

Additional Funding for Benefits Programs

- c. RESOLUTION: 2016 Council Meeting Schedule**

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- d. RESOLUTION: Refund of Tax Payment to Natvarlal Patel 140 Emmet St (Excel Inn) - \$3,769**

Refund of Tax Payment to Natvarlal Patel 140 Emmet St

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

APPROPRIATION: FUNDING FOR SNAP E&T PILOT PROGRAM - \$37,581
(carried)

Funding for SNAP E&T Pilot Program

Ms. Kuknyo presented to Council and explained the program and the funding. She answered clarifying questions for Councilors.

Mr. Signer asked Ms. Kuknyo to speak to how this aligns with the City's Strategic Plan for the public's edification.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, the motion carried.

APPROPRIATION: NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (N.E.A.) OUR TOWN GRANT - "PLAY THE CITY" \$30,000 MATCH (carried)

National Endowment for the Arts (N.E.A.) Our Town Grant - "Play the City" \$30,000

Ms. Tierra Howard, Grants Coordinator, and Mr. Matthew Slaats with Bridge P.A.I. presented to Council.

Ms. Galvin said Council needs a better understanding of the outcomes for this project.

Ms. Howard clarified that when Council approved the grant in January 2015, they also approved the matching grant money.

Ms. Szakos said we have already given the City's word, and this is the allocation of that. However, when we spend this kind of money, we should really know what we are getting, preapproved or not.

Mr. Signer said we should have a clear budget and explanation with an explicit statement of what the funds are being used for in order to vote at the next reading.

On motion by Mr. Bellamy, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the motion carried.

REPORT: PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. Daly presented to Council, highlighting a few programs and presenting the results of the City's investment in the community over the past few years.

Mr. Doug Ehman, Parks Division Manager, presented to Council, reviewing the Parks Division primary core functions, expenditures and revenue.

Mr. Vic Garber, Recreation Division Manager, presented to Council, reporting on the primary functions of the recreation division, expenditures and revenues.

Mr. Daly reviewed recent improvements in the City's park system, including the recent opening of the disk golf course, new garden plots at Rives Park, Azalea Park master plan implementation, Tonsler Park master plan implementation, and work on implementation of the master plan for the east side of McIntire Park. The department also has plans to update the existing needs assessment, which is now ten years old.

Council took a brief recess at 9:02 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:15 p.m.

Ms. Galvin recommended a cost/acre metric for new parks, taking acquisition cost into account. Ms. Galvin asked how often the difference in fees between City and County residents is reviewed; Mr. Daly said staff conducts an annual fee review. Mr. Daly confirmed that the parking issue during swim meets has been resolved.

Ms. Galvin asked for an update on the status of the Ragged Mountain Trails and the bio-blight. Mr. Ehman said this will likely be ready for Council's review in the summer.

Mr. Fenwick asked about replacement costs for the picnic shelters at McIntire Park. Mr. Ehman said staff is estimating \$75,000 each.

Mr. Fenwick requested that the budgetary impact in Council's materials reflect the cost of everything reviewed in the reports.

Ms. Szakos said the Parks and Recreation programs in the City have touched her life in many ways over the years she has lived here. At Ms. Szakos' request, Mr. Daly reviewed the current tree canopy goals and actuals. He confirmed that trees have been planted strategically in low tree canopy areas throughout the City in the past six years.

Ms. Szakos requested that staff look into providing a women-only swim time at Smith Pool to accommodate religious and traditional needs of community members. Councilors voiced their support for such a solution.

At Mr. Signer's request, Mr. Daly explained how much the City spends per capita, particularly compared to peer cities. Mr. Daly said the City is in the highest 25% among communities with a high population density. Charlottesville has a significant amount of parkland for the size of the City it is. This is an ethic that the community has chosen over the years.

OTHER BUSINESS – Belmont Bridge

Mr. Fenwick asked to discuss the Belmont Bridge RFP (requests for proposal). He said the bridge should be two lanes in, two lanes out, and the RFP should reflect that. He does not support one lane in, one lane out. He said he understands from Council that he does not have support to pull the RFP back.

Ms. Galvin said the design criteria were approved unanimously by Council in September 2014. It allows for the process to explore other conclusions as needed and requires three different scenarios to develop before a decision is made. Ample opportunities remain for Council, the community, and the steering committee to weigh in and explore other conclusions.

Mr. Signer said it is important to hear valid concerns, but in terms of moving forward, Council should have a bias towards execution and honor precedent.

OTHER BUSINESS – Police Requests

Mr. Bellamy asked for information on the cost of providing a police sub-station at South 1st Street. He also requested an update on the status of body cameras for police officers.

Mr. Jones said Chief Longo is looking into the cost of the sub-station. Council will receive an update on body cameras and cameras on the downtown mall in February.

OTHER BUSINESS – Public Safety

Ms. Galvin asked for City-wide data on shots fired. She said she is concerned about gun use in the City.

OTHER BUSINESS – Notes for Council Work Sessions

Ms. Galvin said Council should have written minutes of work sessions, especially budget work sessions, even though there are no formal votes taken. Councilor support for particular positions should be clearly documented. Mr. Bellamy agreed.

Mr. Jones said it would be helpful for the Mayor to ensure intentions are audible during work sessions. Mr. Signer said we are moving towards better parliamentary procedures, and minutes should be recorded for public meetings.

Ms. Szakos said she supports this, but we should have a plan for how it happens, as this is time-consuming. She suggested starting with the budget work sessions and going from there rather than ordering minutes be produced for all work sessions.

Mr. Fenwick said Council's positions should be verbalized so the Clerk does not have to rely on interpreting head nods. Mr. Signer said we will create a plan for going forward, and it is important to be conscious of our staff's bandwidth.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Fogel, 215 Spruce St., said he took offense to Mr. Bellamy's comments. He said people with passion are dismissed, and just because they have anger does not mean they do not want to make the City better. We should get respect, even if you do not like the way we express ourselves. He said he has suspicions about why Council is asking for verbal agreement instead of head nods.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th Street, said staff should clearly identify themselves, state their position, and speak clearly into the microphone so television viewers know who is speaking during Council meetings. This is an issue at other City meetings as well.

Ms. Toni Eubanks, resident of Charlottesville, said Mr. Bellamy is the only Councilor showing passion. She does not have a reason to trust Councilors, and she does not feel compelled to offer her resources to the City. She said the bridge is fine the way it is, and health issues for runners and pedestrians would be worse with more lanes.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said PHAR wants to see an inclusive process, including resident decision-making, when it comes to redevelopment. PHAR has the bare bones of a plan and is holding workshops with residents. PHAR came to the City with recommendations about safety on South First Street, and they will continue to meet about these issues.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter said she has heard a lot of good things about wanting to move the City forward, but it all goes back to having affordable housing for those who need it. We are way behind on having affordable housing units because we have moved to accepting cash in lieu of units. She relayed a story about a pastor in Nashville who decided to use the church's land to build portable living units.

Ms. Nikuyah Walker, 503 Druid Ave., said she submitted a FOIA request to the City for any documents containing her name. Her primary goals were to alert people that they should be careful about what they email and text, and her secondary goal was to allow people to know that they can do this. She said staff did not comply with the request. She passed a copy of an email to Councilors and said it reflects staff members discussing a child in an uncaring manner.

Mr. Rolf Braun, 1120 E. High St., said a study can say whatever people want it to say, and Council should not hide behind them, especially in regard to affordable housing. Study the actual

effects of the total mix of housing you are proposing and what effects they have on one another, including the effects of having built too much of one type of housing in the wrong place.

Ms. Lena Seville, 808 Altavista Ave., said it can be difficult to make a public comment, especially when it is your first time. It is more difficult when people are interrupted during their remarks, and the rules are not applied equally to all speakers.

In response to Ms. Eubanks seeking a second turn to speak, Mr. Brown explained that individuals may only speak once during each session.

Mr. Paul Long, 1410 Grady Ave., said Council should allow for more than 12 people to speak and expand the time limit to five or six minutes.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Signer said he will seek to move away from caricatures and statements about lack of passion on Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.