

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, May 16, 2016, 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 – May 16, 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 Mr. Bellamy, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Signer, Mr. Fenwick; Noes: None), to meet in closed session for (1) The annual performance evaluation of the Clerk of Council, and discussion and consideration of specific candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); and, (2) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual litigation between the City of Charlottesville and Charlottesville Parking Center, and consultation with legal counsel for legal advice regarding the negotiation of the terms and conditions of an agreement providing for the co-location of the City and Albemarle County General District Courts, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (7).

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 – May 16, 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.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Signer introduced Memorandums of Understanding between the City Councilors and the Board of Supervisors. Councilors spoke in support of these memoranda. On motion by Ms.

Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the resolution to support the Memorandums of Understanding passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None.)

Mr. Signer welcomed Board of Supervisors Liz Palmer and Diantha McKeel forward to speak.

Mr. Signer announced the Steephill Street item has been pulled from the agenda.

Ms. Szakos read a proclamation in recognition of Bike to Work week. Jake Fox, Ruth Stornetta, and Scott Paisley from the Bike/Pedestrian Committee accepted the proclamation and presented the City Councilors with a community partner award.

Mr. Bellamy read a proclamation recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month. Ms. Elizabeth Irvin, Co-Chair of Community Health and Awareness Commission, and several representatives from the mental health support community were present to accept the proclamation and thanked Myra Anderson for bringing this forward.

Ms. Galvin announced the next Ragged Mountain meeting on May 24 at 6pm at Trinity Church.

Ms. Szakos announced Our Town meetings will resume Thursday, May 19 from 6-8pm for Fifeville, Starr Hill and 10th and Page neighborhoods at Buford Middle School. She also announced "Your Rights As A Renter" education session at the Carver Recreation Center on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.; call 970-3023 for more information.

Mr. Fenwick announced Eldercare Month. He said JABA Charlottesville has more information. He welcomed student groups from Charlottesville High School and Monticello High School and the two boy scouts in the audience.

Mr. Bellamy announced the spray grounds have opened and will be open until September 18. Call Parks and Recreation at 970-3260 for more information. He also announced Myra Anderson is hosting a Mental Health awareness event this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at the JMRL McIntire Room. He also announced the City's basketball league. On May 30 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a cookout at Tonsler Park, followed by a Black Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Signer announced the Daughters of Zion rededication ceremony on May 29 at 2:00 p.m. at the Daughters of Zion Cemetery.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

On motion by Mr. Fenwick, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the following appointments were made to Boards and Commissions: to CEDA, Paul Beyer; to the Human Rights Commission, Laura Keppley; to the Retirement Commission, Mr. Fenwick. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None.)

CITY MANAGER'S RESPONSE

Mr. Jones said Ms. Naomi Roberts has been given information on the code audit review and rezoning. Staff is looking into bus service along Grady as Ms. Ida Lewis suggested. Staff is obtaining more information on accidents and interchange safety.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Kia Wassenaar, on behalf of her Monticello High School Citizen Action Project (CAP) group, spoke in support of automated speed enforcement cameras and named Locust Avenue as an area that would benefit from this technology.

Ms. Shelly Stern, Florence Rd. near Rives Park, spoke in support of the Rives Park Community Gardens. She distributed a publication about the community gardens.

Mr. John Dove, with his Monticello CAP group, proposed options for the unfinished Landmark Hotel on the downtown mall. He said the students proposed the building be condemned and dismantled.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, Rose Hill neighborhood, said there was a breach of trust during the May 10 Planning Commission meeting. She said the Planning Commissioners decided to defer an item based on a conversation that seemed to have occurred off tape during a recess. Public business needs to be conducted in the public eye, and the process seemed to have been abridged.

Ms. Emma Trimble, on behalf of her Monticello CAP group, said her group has researched the Landmark Hotel and concluded that the structural integrity of the building and safety of the construction area is lacking. They believe the building should be condemned and dismantled.

Mr. Alex Curry, representing his Monticello CAP project, said their group has focused on historical buildings around Main Street, especially near the Blue Moon Diner. He spoke on the importance of preserving history.

Ms. Carrie Schaffer, Fry Springs neighborhood, said it is difficult to conduct a professional business downtown due to the difficulty of finding parking in and around the downtown area. Please provide permit parking for people with offices in order to provide more spots that are not restricted to two hours.

Mr. Nathan Weathers and Mr. Sam Crew, speaking on their Monticello CAP project, said they researched security cameras on the downtown mall and have concluded current measures are adequate.

Mr. Randy Salzman, 320 NW 11th Street, said the new change in the Matters by the Public policy prevents the voice of the people from getting to the Councilors. He said when elected officials ignore their constituents, they are not reelected.

Mr. Signer thanked everyone for participating and encouraged them to check for openings on the City's boards and commissions. Ms. Szakos thanked the Monticello High students for their performance in *Memphis*.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Minutes for May 2

b. APPROPRIATION: 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant - \$407,585.44 (2nd reading)

[2016-17 Community Development Block Grant & HOME Funds](#)

c. APPROPRIATION: 2016-17 HOME Funds - \$69,849 (2nd reading)

d. APPROPRIATION: Housing Funds for Free Paint Program -- \$15,000 (2nd reading)

[Housing Funds for Free Paint Program](#)

e. APPROPRIATION: Loan Repayment Proceeds from Brown - \$43,481 and Brown - \$879 (2nd reading)

[Loan Repayment Proceeds from Brown and Brown](#)

f. APPROPRIATION: Out-of-School Time Programs grant from the National Recreation and Park Association in Partnership with the Wal-Mart Foundation \$15,000 (2nd reading)

[Out-of-School Time Programs grant from the National Recreation and Park Association](#)

g. APPROPRIATION: Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant - \$47,481 (2nd reading)

[Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant](#)

h. APPROPRIATION: CATEC to the CATEC - IT Network Academy Project - \$47,194 (2nd reading)

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i. APPROPRIATION: Charlottesville City Schools (C.C.S.) to the C.C.S. Enhanced Entrance Security Project - \$50,000 (2nd reading)

[Charlottesville City Schools \(C.C.S.\) to the C.C.S. Enhanced Entrance Security Project](#)

j. APPROPRIATION: Albemarle County Reimbursement for the Gordon Avenue Library Main Level Restroom Renovation (Design Only) Project - \$2,487.50 (2nd reading)

[Albemarle County Reimbursement for the Gordon Avenue Library Main Level Restroom Renovation \(Design Only\) Project](#)

k. RESOLUTION: V.D.O.T. Transfer of Grant funds for Construction of McIntire Park trail bridge over railroad - \$145,599

[V.D.O.T. Transfer of Grant funds for Construction of McIntire Park trail bridge](#)

l. RESOLUTION: City/County MOUs

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m. RESOLUTION: Pavilion Naming Rights

[Pavilion Naming Rights](#)

n. RESOLUTION: Acquisition of Greenbelt Trail off Meridian St.

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o. RESOLUTION: Transfer of Funds from Stormwater Utility to C.H.S. Green Stormwater Infrastructure Retrofit Project - \$70,000

[Transfer of Funds from Stormwater Utility to C.H.S.](#)

p. RESOLUTION: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus System - \$463,035

[Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus System](#)

q. ORDINANCE: Sanitary Sewer and Slope Easements Abandonment - William Taylor Plaza Project (2nd reading)

[Sanitary Sewer and Slope Easements Abandonment - William Taylor Plaza Project](#)

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: UTILITY RATES (carried)

[Utility Rates](#)

Ms. Sharon O'Hare presented to Council. Ms. O'Hare answered clarifying questions for Council. Ms. Szakos clarified the PILOT payment.

Mr. Cullinan, Director of Finance, explained how to read the line items for Utilities for Ms. Galvin. Mr. Signer asked if it would be possible to increase transparency and public education around the PILOT. Ms. O'Hare said we can put this on the website and include an article in the bills or in the City's quarterly newsletter. We could also post an explanation on the back of the utility bills. Mr. Fenwick asked how many cut-offs we had last year. Ms. O'Hare said we had 1,219 in 2015, out of 285,000 invoices. Mr. Fenwick asked how many are repeat cut-offs. Ms. O'Hare said staff can get that information for 2014. At Mr. Fenwick's request, Ms. O'Hare gave an overview of how cut-offs are conducted and what options are for customers who have been cut off. Ms. O'Hare said citizens may call the Utility Billing Department at 970-3211 for assistance with cut-offs. Mr. Cullinan said the City also has funds to help residents who qualify for assistance.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., said she was dismayed to read the newspaper article about the PILOT. She said it is for-profit, despite what staff claims. It places a disproportionate burden for general expenses in the City on our low income residents.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Galvin presented a resolution concerning the transparency issue for consideration on the next Council agenda:

Resolution on PILOT Fees for the Gas Utility

Whereas, raising revenue to pay for maintenance and repairs to infrastructure through the utility prevents the utility from incurring debt; and

Whereas, it is common practice for many communities to receive some payment in lieu of taxes to represent the corporate tax liability of a utility: and

Whereas, the City Council of Charlottesville is committed to keeping all rate payers informed of how the public utility operates;

Be It Resolved, that the PILOT fee (as cents/dollar) and its uses (inclusive of any surpluses) will henceforth be identified on customers' bills;

Be It Further Resolved, that this information will also be posted in a prominent location on the City's public utilities website.

Mr. Signer said we can add this resolution to the agenda for a vote at the next meeting.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the utility ordinance carried.

REPORT: TREE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

[Tree Commission Annual Report](#)

Mr. Paul Josey presented to Council on the Tree Commission annual report. He answered questions for Council. He said the Tree Commission holds public meetings the first Tuesday of every month from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation conference room. Mr. Doug Ehman, Parks Division Manager, was also present and answered questions for Council. In response to an inquiry from Ms. Galvin, Mr. Josey explained the considerations for planting new trees in the City.

REPORT: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

[Integrated Pest Management Annual Report](#)

Mr. Brian Daly, Parks and Recreation director, presented to City Council. Mr. John Mann, Landscape Manager, presented the findings of the integrated pest management annual report.

Ms. Szakos asked about less planting of annual plants per the budget this year, and more perennials, and whether this has an impact on what staff does with pesticides. Mr. Mann said it is a different method and requires less pesticide input ultimately.

Mr. Fenwick asked if there are any signs when targeted herbicides are applied. Mr. Mann said staff does post signs at pedestrian entrances or mark them with flags.

Ms. Galvin asked for a cost estimate on using only organics on school grounds. Mr. Mann said it is a sizeable investment, about five-fold over synthetic. Council supported finding out what the cost of doing this would be.

OTHER BUSINESS – CRHA / Council Joint Session

Mr. Bellamy asked for the record to show that there has been a request for a joint session between Council and the CRHA; Mr. Jones confirmed that staff is working to schedule a joint meeting for some time in late June/early July. Ms. Galvin said the maintenance issues and management concerns have become critical issues. Mr. Jones said the City has been working closely with CRHA on some of these issues.

Ms. Galvin asked for a copy of the Alexandria Housing Authority redevelopment plan. Mr. Bellamy said he will reach out to Ms. Julie Jones for a copy tomorrow morning.

Mr. Signer suggested Councilors tour some of the properties, as it was helpful for him.

OTHER BUSINESS – Traffic Enforcement

Ms. Galvin said she met with Mr. Paul Reynolds, Mr. Ikefuna, and the City's new traffic engineer. They had an interesting discussion about how to control speeds on City streets. She asked staff to move forward with research on the likelihood and feasibility of getting speed control cameras and understanding their effectiveness. She said reported enforcement issues with VDOT and court judges are concerning.

Ms. Szakos said she worries about focusing more on enforcement rather than prevention, but she does support more enforcement in selected areas.

Mr. Signer said he has misgivings about implementing automated ticketing delivery systems. He would be more interested in seeking ways to influence behavior.

Ms. Szakos recommended asking staff to identify current policies and get recommendations for possible areas of increasing enforcement. Mr. Signer said we should give

the new police chief the opportunity to weigh in on this as well. Ms. Galvin asked for specific information on current enforcement policies.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Joy Johnson, 823 Hardy Dr., asked Council to put flowers for the community back in the budget. She said she grew up in the Rose Hill Drive community, and preservation of the neighborhood is important to her and to the families who founded the neighborhood. We need to keep the integrity of the neighborhood intact.

Ms. Edith Goode, 2nd St., asked Mr. Bellamy for clarification on the date of the Black Town Hall.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., said we are not trying to foster development; we are trying to keep what we have. There are options for parking, and she is disappointed to hear professionals are playing the two hour shuffle.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, Rose Hill neighborhood, said the Preston Ave. section near Kardinal Hall is not safe for pedestrians, and she asked Council to look at this area and evaluate it for safety.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gaige Rice", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk of Council