

## **COUNCIL CHAMBERS - November 21, 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**

Ms. Szakos announced guests from Tajikistan who are visiting with the Friendship Force with the Open World program.

Ms. Galvin announced visitors with the Young South East Leaders Asian Initiative from Burma and Indonesia.

Mr. Bellamy welcomed Ms. Naia Fairchild and her family to the Council meeting. She is Charlottesville High School's 2016 homecoming queen and is a model of excellence despite facing many challenges over the years related to Down syndrome.

Mr. Fenwick announced Charlottesville High School and Albemarle High School won their football championships; he congratulated the teams on their hard work.

Mr. Fenwick announced the City's budget office is seeking citizen input for the 2017/2017 fiscal year budget. Visit [www.charlottesville.org/budget](http://www.charlottesville.org/budget) and click "Balancing Act" to participate.

Mr. Fenwick announced the next Blue Ribbon Commission this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Walker School.

Mr. Fenwick asked Mr. Jones for an update on paving in neighborhood roads that appear unfinished. Mr. Jones reported on the paving projects at 4th Street near Preston Ave. and Ridge and 5th Streets; staff is running a trial with a different type of pavement, which feels rougher than normal pavement, and is intended to be more durable and less expensive to install. Staff is collecting feedback from citizens. This new pavement will not damage vehicles.

Ms. Szakos announced that she and Mr. Bellamy are attending the National League of Cities annual meeting in Pittsburgh next week and will report back on their experience.

Ms. Galvin announced that the City received an award for the Streets That Work live demonstration hosted at the Tom Tom Festival and recognized NDS staff for their participation in this event.

Ms. Galvin announced that Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) will offer fare-free service tomorrow for Election Day in order to give area residents an opportunity to try transit while offering reliable transportation to and from the polls. For assistance riding CAT or getting to

their polling location, contact Customer Service at the Downtown Transit Station by calling 434-970-3649, or visit [www.CatchTheCat.org](http://www.CatchTheCat.org) for route information.

Mr. Bellamy announced the 100 Black Men will celebrate National Chapter of the Year award next Wednesday at the Paramount Theatre; the event is open to the community.

Mr. Signer announced tomorrow is Election Day and gave details for residents seeking voting information. Absentee ballots must be received by 7:00 PM tomorrow in order to be counted. He encouraged everyone to vote.

### **CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Jones said the City will be able to capture data points for stop-and-frisk figures with their new system in 2017.

### **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Jim Self, 612 Lexington Ave., said as the City representative on the JABA Advisory Council, he has learned much about how JABA serves the City and surrounding counties. The insurance counseling program takes place through December 7, along with an open enrollment period for Medicare clients. He encouraged Medicare recipients to contact JABA, and he encouraged Council to support JABA.

Mr. Paul Long commended Councilors for their work with the Regional Transit Authority. Charlottesville's public transit system is good, but it needs improvement. Thank you for making positive progress on a very impressive problem.

Ms. JoAnn Robertson said there was a loving protest at PVCC. A meeting took place inside about the threat of Islam, and a peaceful protest took place outside. There were many heated debates, but people were allowed to protest. This is what free speech is all about. She invited people to meet her in the hallway for more information.

Mr. Jeff Fogel, Spruce St., said the danger that our society will become two societies, separate and unequal, continues unabated in Charlottesville. He said money is not being devoted to the working poor in our community. The high-tech industry is another area where people are being left behind. Housing needs to be taken more seriously.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th St., presented Council with several photos of trash violations around downtown businesses. She asked Council to take action on enforcement.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said he is perplexed by the Council's refusal to revisit the Matters by the Public rules. No harm will be done by returning to the old system. Combined with the new Council procedure that Councilors do not comment after Matters by the Public, people think they are not being heard.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, Rose Hill neighborhood, said she spent time on the new budget tool, and it was very eye-opening. The social costs of development taking place in the community must be taken into consideration, especially housing. A deep-dive analysis is important.

Mr. Peter Kleeman, 407 Hedge St., said the Sunrise Park Development amendment is on tonight's agenda. General congestion resulting from development throughout the City is an issue. Consider the impact of changes resulting from these decisions on the City as a whole. Consider our actual capacity for further development without major upgrades of streets, and whether this is appropriate for a historical City like Charlottesville.

Mr. Bellamy said we have heard continuous comment from the public about Matters by the Public. He asked Council to bring this up again in the future and consider adjustments. We need to talk about it if it is causing an issue. He supports opening it up for more individuals to come speak. He alerted the public to the Council's retreat on Thursday at Morven Farms.

Mr. Fenwick thanked Mr. Fogel for his comments and said we will be doing much more.

Mr. Signer said there is always room for development, and he is following the lead of his fellow Councilors as well.

Ms. Szakos said she would support a one year check-in for Council rules.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Minutes for October 17**

### **b. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Grant - \$452,704 (2nd reading)**

Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Grant

### **c. APPROPRIATION: Runaway Emergency Shelter Program Grant - \$212,000 (2nd reading)**

Runaway Emergency Shelter Program Grant

### **d. APPROPRIATION: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant - \$27,198 (2nd reading)**

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

### **e. APPROPRIATION: Grant for Construction of Water Street Trail -\$318,730 (carried)**

Grant for Construction of Water Street Trail

- f. APPROPRIATION: Funding for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education & Training Pilot Program - \$34,584 (carried)**

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- g. APPROPRIATION: Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) - \$7,500 (carried)**

Local Emergency Management Performance Grant

- h. APPROPRIATION: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant for 2016 - \$10,375 (carried)**

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Grant for 2016

- i. APPROPRIATION: Charlottesville City High School's Check and Connect Student Engagement Grant - \$50,000 (carried)**

Charlottesville City High School's Check and Connect Student Engagement Grant

- j. APPROPRIATION: Disproportionate Minority Contact in the Charlottesville/Albemarle Criminal Justice System Research Project - \$100,000 (carried)**

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

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- l. ORDINANCE: Quitclaim Gas Easement to VDOT in 5th Street Station Parkway (2nd reading)**

Quitclaim Gas Easement to VDOT in 5th Street Station Parkway

- m. ORDINANCE: Release Sewer Easement at 324 Oak Street (2nd reading)**

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- n. ORDINANCE: Agreement to Allow Installation of Fiberoptic Cable Over Ivy Road (carried)**

Agreement to Allow Installation of Fiberoptic Cable Over Ivy Road

Ms. Szakos said the consent agenda usually contains routine items, but sometimes the consent agenda contains items worth mentioning to the public without removing them for discussion. She said she is impressed with the non-local funding projects have brought in, and she offered a note of appreciation to staff who have gone above and beyond in researching and securing grant funding in recent years.

Mr. Bellamy recognized Mr. Murphy and Mr. Jones for their work on item j. regarding the Disproportionate Minority Contact research project. This will do a great deal of good work to continue the great work that has already taken place. Mr. Jones thanked Gretchen Ellis, Rory Carpenter and Kaki Dimock for their work on this issue.

Mr. Signer said he was struck by how much work has gone into the items on the consent agenda. There is a lot going on in the way of helping people in our City. The values of our community are reflected here. He asked about the Water Street Trail and asked for more specifics. Mr. Chris Gensic, Parks Department, said there is a gap between the new trail by the coal tower and the Belmont Bridge, and the trail will be continued from 10th Street to the Pavilion tunnel, and perhaps even to the transit Center.

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

### **ORDINANCE: REAUTHORIZING THE TECHNOLOGY ZONE (carried)**

#### **Reauthorizing the Technology Zone**

Mr. Chris Engel presented to Council and reviewed the options before Council and answered clarifying questions for Council.

Mr. Signer gave his reasoning for supporting options 1B and 2C. He said a compromise might be staggering the gift so they may be received later on in the life of the business.

Ms. Szakos suggested teeing this up again in less than five years so that we are starting sooner; she favored options 1A and 2A. She said we pride ourselves in creating a community that is supportive of an innovative economy.

Ms. Galvin said she wants this created as a Council policy. This could apply to the redevelopment of Friendship Court and a lot of different avenues Council is considering for every neighborhood in our community.

Mr. Fenwick said public money needs to be spent where it is needed the most.

Ms. Galvin moved to adopted option 1b and 2c as part of the reauthorization of the technology zone. Mr. Signer seconded the motion.

Mr. Fenwick said he will not support it without recognition that Council would have a similar program for the other groups, such as restaurants, retail, etc.

Ms. Galvin withdrew her motion.

Ms. Szakos said she would consider making a motion for either extending the credit to seven years or adding BPOL, and not both.

Mr. Signer and Mr. Bellamy supported extending the credit to seven years.

Ms. Szakos moved to extend the credit to seven years; Mr. Bellamy seconded the motion. Ms. Galvin said she supports this as well. The motion carried for a second reading.

**ORDINANCE: SUNRISE PARK DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT (carried)**

**Sunrise Park Development Amendment**

Ms. Rainey presented to Council.

Ms. Szakos said the Planning Commission is unanimous, and this serves the low-income needs of our community. On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the motion carried for a second reading.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Galvin put forth a request that Council consider a resolution at a future Council meeting to expand career pipelines and paid apprenticeships in the technology sector for local residents. Mr. Bellamy said he supports adding this to an upcoming agenda, but he does not support imposing a timeline. Council recommended that staff develop a proposal for Council's consideration.

Meeting adjourned.