

## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, December 19, 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 – December 19, 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. Fenwick, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer, Mr. Fenwick; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Mr. Bellamy), to meet in closed session for 1) Discussion, consideration and interviews of specific individuals for appointment to boards and commissions, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); and, (2) Discussion of the acquisition of real property along Moore's Creek east of Avon Street for public trail purposes; and discussion of the conveyance of City-owned property on Douglas Avenue in exchange for property located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, S.E. to be used for public trail purposes, where discussion in an open meeting of any of these transactions would adversely affect the City's bargaining position, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (3).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, 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 – December 19, 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. Fenwick announced the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) is giving grants to local non-profits through the Dave Matthews Band. Also, he recognized Laura Knott, Beth Meyer, and Scott French for their volunteer work for the City.

Mr. Bellamy thanked the community for donating nearly 250 coats and winter apparel at this weekend's coat drive. Also, on Wednesday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m., the first annual toy drive will take place at 2116 Berkmar Dr. at "His Image Barbershop".

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

Mr. Jones reported on Ms. Melanie Miller's request to consider commissioning a historic landscape report for the Downtown Mall. Staff is looking into this and will report back to Council early next year.

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Dena Imlay, President of Meadowbrook Hills / Rugby Association, 2014 Meadowbrook Rd., congratulated Council for taking up the matter of deer management, which she said has been a long-standing problem in the City.

Mr. David Stackhouse, 1404 Westwood Rd., said the majority of comments favor shared use at Ragged Mountain, including bicycles. The RWSA said shared use will not impact water quality. He suggested Council change the name to Ragged Mountain Reservoir so it will not be confused with the Ivy Natural Area.

Ms. Teresa Kay Lam, 2540 Stonebrook Ln., Elkton, Virginia, said she is a descendant of Gen. Robert E. Lee, and Council does not seem to want to find common ground. She said they stacked the Blue Ribbon Commission with like-minded people to further their agenda. She said the City's money can be better spent elsewhere. She said she was disappointed that her requests for a meeting have gone unanswered.

Mr. Jon Ciambatti, 1852 Edgewood Ln., said he represents the cycling community. He reviewed the activities of the Charlottesville Area Mountain Bike Club (CAMBC).

Ms. Marilyn Philippi, 4721 Helios Path, Barboursville, said Council has a wide variety of topics to make important decisions about. She said she was pleased the proposed resolution includes a commitment to review the shared usage policy after Hedgerow has been opened. She said she was disappointed Council directed staff to adopt the map that was distributed by the biking community for their benefit. She requested that Council remove the map from the resolution and seek additional input before finalizing a map.

Mr. Gene Philippi, 4721 Helios Path, Barboursville, said the Ragged Mountain trails must be designed to satisfy several requirements. Representatives from the two groups should be able to collaborate on a design that is good for both groups instead of relying on the map provided by the biking community. He requested the language pertaining to the trail map be excluded from the resolution.

Ms. Lee Politis, Albemarle County, thanked Councilors for their attention to Ragged Mountain. She said it is important to offer a diversity of experiences throughout the area parks and believes biking should not be allowed at Ragged Mountain. However, if it is permitted, she

asked Council to abandon the map with a trail in the southern portion allowing cycling. She said the City should hire a professional landscape designer.

Mr. Dan Bieker, 4174 Laird Lane, North Garden, thanked Council for their patience with the Ragged Mountain issue. He said it is good to limit hiking to one section of Ragged Mountain.

Mr. Bill Shenkir, 420 Rookwood Dr., said he is a biker but supports maintaining Ragged Mountain for hiking and fishing only. He asked Council to delay a vote on the ordinance as the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors has requested. He said a major decision should be considered at a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. He asked Council to adopt the trail design as suggested by the Parks Advisory Board and not the trail design proposed by the biking community, should they decide to proceed with a vote.

Mr. Roy Van Doorn, City Select at 1140 E High St., gave Council a book that is provided to visitors and guests in hotel rooms in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. He said Charlottesville has enjoyed the largest hotel room demand increase over the past year in the state of Virginia.

Mr. John Heyden, Westwood Rd., said Mr. Bellamy has not shown any change since his apology and has not acknowledged the damage he caused to Mr. Muir's business. He said the statues are not about racism and are an attempt to eliminate White history.

Ms. Susan Hathaway, 608 Candlewood Ln., Sandston, Virginia, said moving the monuments would be illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. Signer apologized to Ms. Lam for not responding to her and said he would do so.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a. Minutes for December 5**

### **b. APPROPRIATION: FY2016 Year-End Appropriation (2nd reading)**

#### **[FY2016 Year-End Appropriation](#)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the actions hereinafter set forth are herein authorized with respect to the accounts of the City listed herein, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The memo to Council dated December 5, 2016 is hereby made part of this appropriation.

### **I. General Fund (105).**

#### **(a) Departmental Appropriations.**

The following amounts shall be permitted to be carried over and expended in the General Fund's respective cost centers or internal orders in the following fiscal year:

1901001000.	Treasurer.	\$ 18,000.
2041001000.	Finance/Assessor.	\$ 8,316.
2301001000.	Voter Registrar.	\$ 17,127.
3901001000.	Neighborhood Development Services.	\$ 340,000.
3101001000.	Police Department	\$ 240,575.
3691001000.	Parks and Recreation – City Market.	\$ 17,500.
2000135.	Blue Ribbon Commission on Race,. Memorials and Public Spaces.	\$ 500,000.
9753005000.	Art in Place.	\$ 27,500.
1631001000.	Citywide Reserve.	\$ 148,750.
2213001000.	Compensation Study Implementation. and Pay Adjustments	\$ 289,000.
2000122.	Community Outreach and Engagement.	\$ 8,376.
Total Section 1 (a).		<u>\$ 1,615,144.</u>

(b) Additional Transfers and Appropriations.

9803030000.	Transfer to Transit.	\$ 167,632.
9803030000.	Transfer to Information Technology.	\$ 153,000.
9803030000.	Transfer to Equipment Replacement.	\$ 25,766.
9803030000.	Transfer to Golf Fund.	\$ 115,784.
9803030000.	Transfer to Capital Projects Contingency Fund.	\$ 3,918,223.
Total Section 1 (b).		<u>\$ 4,380,405.</u>

**II. Capital Projects Fund (426).**

- The sum of \$100,000 received from the schools as F.Y.16 gainsharing funds be appropriated to the Schools Lump Sum project account (SH-017, P-00923).

**III. Equipment Replacement Fund (106).**

- The sum of \$25,766 received as a transfer from the General Fund shall be appropriated into the equipment replacement reserve account to be used for future equipment replacement purchases.

**IV. Facilities Repair Fund (107).**

- Courthouse Maintenance (P-00099) - \$20,859 - These unspent restricted court fees will be used for future court repair work or records conversion. The amount will be carried over in the Facilities Repair Fund.

- Courthouse Construction (P-00783) - \$25,646 – These unspent restricted court fees will be used for future renovations or construction projects relating to the courts and will be carried over in the Facilities Repair Fund.

## **V. Grants Fund (209).**

These funds were received from outside sources and are being appropriated to be spent by the respective grants:

- \$1,021 – these funds will be used for additional qualifying State Fire Grant expenditures (1900010).
- \$12,500 – these funds will be used for Crisis Intervention Training mentoring grant from the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (1900225).
- \$6,500 – these funds will be used for Crisis Intervention Training mentoring grant from the Department of Criminal Justice System (1900226).
- \$11,000 the funds will be used for the operations of the Crisis Intervention Training Program (3101003000).

## **VI. Utility Funds (631).**

- Utility Billing - \$15,000 these funds will be used to help fund a cost of service study for water and wastewater.
- Gas Fund - \$144,250, these unspent carryover funds will be used to fund the cost of replacing a steel pipe with a factory defect that was discovered during an inspection performed as part of the Route 29N construction project.

## **VII. Transit (245).**

These funds were received as a transfer from the General Fund and will be used in the following manner:

- \$27,032 will be used to help supplement funding for future bus purchases (2804001000).
- \$50,000 will be used to purchase a diesel filter cleaning system (2804001000).
- \$9,600 will be used to purchase a heavy duty wheel balancer (2804001000).
- \$54,000 will be used to purchase two Cummins replacement engines (2804001000).
- \$50,000 will be used to make improvements to the pedestrian crossing on Water Street at the Downtown Station (2804001000).

## **VIII. Information Technology Fund (705).**

\$153,000 will be used to reimburse the computer replacement account for unanticipated Mobile Data Computer replacements that were required due to

technical requirements of the new Emergency Communications Center computer aided dispatch system (2131001000).

## **IX. Schools Gainsharing.**

In 1998, the School Board and City Council entered into a gainsharing agreement. This agreement mandates that the first \$100,000 to go to facilities for School Capital Improvement Projects, the next \$100,000 is retained by the Schools in the General Fund and then any amount over \$200,000 will be shared equally (50/50) between the School Board and the City. According to the formula \$100,000 will be contributed to the City's School Lump Sum Project Fund.

### **c. APPROPRIATION: \$664,776.63 to the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (2nd reading)**

#### [\\$664,776.63 to the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund](#)

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville has received funding from Campus Investors Charlottesville 1000 West Main, LLC on behalf of 1000 West Main Street (\$664,776.63) as its Affordable Dwelling Unit payment as required by the Zoning Ordinance Section 34-12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Dwelling Unit payment must be paid into the City's Affordable Housing Fund pursuant to Section 34-12(d) (2); and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$664,776.63 be received as payment from Campus Investors Charlottesville 1000 West Main, LLC, to be appropriated as follows:

#### **Revenues**

\$664,776.63	Fund: 426	Project: CP-084	G/L Code: 451020
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#### **Expenditures**

\$664,776.63	Fund: 426	Project: CP-084	G/L Code: 599999
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### **d. RESOLUTION: Meeting Procedures Amendment**

#### [Meeting Procedures Amendment](#)

## **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that Rule (9) (g) of the *Charlottesville City Council Meeting Procedures*, prohibiting "defamatory attacks on individuals or groups" by speakers at City Council meetings, is hereby repealed.

e. **RESOLUTION: Request For Proposal: Form-based Code**

[Request For Proposal: Form-based Code](#)

**RESOLUTION**

**APPROVING THE PROCURMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FORM-BASED ZONING CODE TO IMPLEMENT PHASE I OF THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREA PLAN**

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the City would benefit from having professional planning assistance for the development of a form-based code to implement Phase I of the Strategic Investment Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, City Council is willing to authorize a budget for such services of up to \$228,000; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes staff to take all actions necessary to procure the services of a consultant within the budget authorized by this resolution.

f. **~~RESOLUTION: Ragged Mountain Natural Area Bike Trail Map~~** *pulled for discussion*

g. **ORDINANCE: West Main Street Density Amendment (2nd reading)**

[West Main Street Density Amendment](#)

**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE (1990), AS AMENDED (ZONING), DIVISION 5 (WEST MAIN STREET WEST CORRIDOR), SEC. 34-621 (DENSITY) AND DIVISION 6 (WEST MAIN STREET EAST CORRIDOR), SEC. 34-641 (DENSITY) TO CHANGE THE RESIDENTIAL DENSITY ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITHIN EACH DISTRICT**

h. **ORDINANCE: Water Street Corridor Zoning Ordinance Amendment (2nd reading)**

[Water Street Corridor Zoning Ordinance Amendment](#)

**APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE (1990), AS AMENDED (ZONING), DIVISION 11 REGULATIONS, WATER STREET CORRIDOR DISTRICT), SEC. 34-743 (STREETWALL REGULATIONS) TO ESTABLISH 25-FOOT BUILDING SETBACKS ADJACENT TO RIDGE STREET AND THE SOUTH STREET CORRIDOR DISTRICT**

Ms. Szakos requested removal of item f. regarding the Ragged Mountain Natural Area Bike Trail Map and asked that it be considered along with the Ragged Mountain report. Mr. Fenwick seconded the request.

Mr. Fenwick said it is important to discuss item d. regarding Council's meeting procedures amendment. He gave the time stamps for Mr. Draego's comments at the June 20 meeting and said Council has a duty to ensure we conduct the City's business. Watching those comments would explain why Council made the decision to halt Mr. Draego's remarks.

Ms. Szakos pointed out that the ordinance in item h. has been corrected from what was posted online.

Mr. Fenwick said he opposes item e. because he opposes the cost, as well as the form-based code itself.

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.)

Mr. Signer read a statement about Council procedures and rule 9g., which has been removed from the procedures following a court case.

### **PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: CONVEYANCE OF ROUGEMONT (carried)**

#### [Conveyance of Rougemont](#)

Mr. Andrew Gore, Assistant City Attorney, presented to Council.

Mr. Signer opened the public hearing.

Mr. Maynard Sipe, land use attorney in the City of Charlottesville, said the Hoffmans are a young couple who purchased this lot in order to build a small residence. He thanked staff for working with them on a solution to make the lot buildable.

Mr. Bo Dickerson, 405 Lexington Ave., said this is a great example of why there is not affordable housing in Charlottesville.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, the ordinance carried for a second reading. Ms. Galvin said we need to be conscious of zoning and how it affects affordable housing moving forward.

### **RESOLUTION: DEER MANAGEMENT**

#### [Deer Management](#)

Mr. Mike Murphy, Assistant City Manager, presented to Council and gave an overview of the work done on deer management in the past several months. Staff is seeking direction from Council on whether there is an interest in an urban archery ordinance and what makes sense for our community.

Ms. Szakos said the Fairfax program for 2017 focuses on controlled hunts for groups, which she would support exploring further. Ms. Galvin discussed acreage as a limiting factor. Mr. Bellamy asked about time constraints on hunting hours.

Mr. Murphy said combining urban archery with a sharp shooting program has the best results. He also said they have been advised that once a program has started, it cannot be discontinued.

Mr. Fenwick said he does not support sharp shooting. We should add notice to land owners for urban archery, and he does not support involving the police.

Ms. Szakos said she is interested in a managed hunt, supplemented by an employee hunt, and she only supports sworn officers shooting in the City. City and County police officers could volunteer overtime to accomplish this.

Ms. Galvin said she supports controlled culling with sworn officers on designated times and days, starting cautiously with a minimum of three acres allowable for hunting sites.

Ms. Szakos said she supports hunting on public land only.

Mr. Signer asked for Council's consensus about forming agreements with bow hunting associations. Ms. Galvin, Mr. Bellamy and Mr. Fenwick said they are amenable to this. Ms. Szakos said she believes that if you allow urban archery on private land, you cannot control who does it. Mr. Murphy reviewed options for controlling urban archery on private land as well as possible issues with bringing this function into the City Police Department. Ms. Szakos said she is only comfortable with this if we can control hunting by user.

Mr. Signer said he supports one acre. Mr. Fenwick said he agreed with Ms. Galvin on three acres as a trial period. Mr. Bellamy said he supports either one. Ms. Szakos said she is more concerned about controlling permissible users rather than acre size.

Mr. Fenwick does not support police sharp shooting. Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Szakos and Ms. Galvin said they support police sharp shooting. Ms. Galvin said she would also support exploring using contractors. Ms. Szakos said she does not want to change the City's ordinance to allow others besides police to shoot in the City. Mr. Signer said he supports a hybrid approach for bow hunters with insurance and other criteria, as well as sharp shooting. Council also had consensus on managed hunts.

Ms. Galvin said she wants to make sure we establish buffers and permissions or notification from neighboring properties to address tracking wounded animals.

Council thanked staff for their hard work on this issue.

**ORDINANCE: RAGGED MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA RULES OF USE (2nd reading)**

**TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 18-21 THROUGH 18-27, TO CHAPTER 18 (PARKS AND RECREATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, 1990, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED RAGGED MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA RULES OF USE**

[Ragged Mountain Natural Area Rules of Use](#)

Mr. Brian Daly presented to Council.

Mr. Fenwick said he believes Council should respect the County's request to defer a decision on this matter.

Ms. Szakos said the ordinance is about whether or not we would have shared use, whereas the resolution is directing staff to make a plan.

The ordinance passed. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick.)

Ms. Szakos made a motion in accordance with the City Attorney's recommendation to Council:

I move that City Council request the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors to amend Albemarle County Code sec. 11-303 ("Ragged Mountain Reservoir") to delete obsolete references to the upper and lower reservoir; to delete language that purports to give the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority exclusive control over certain activities in the City-owned Ragged Mountain Natural Area and Reservoir, and to prohibit only those activities that are specifically found to pose a threat of pollution to the Ragged Mountain Reservoir that is dangerous to the health or lives of persons residing in the County.

Ms. Galvin seconded the motion.

Mr. Brown explained how this recommendation is made in the spirit of providing consistent ordinances for Ragged Mountain.

Mr. Fenwick said he is uncomfortable with providing this kind of direction to the County.

The motion passed. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick.)

## **RESOLUTION: RAGGED MOUNTAIN NATURAL AREA BIKE TRAIL MAP**

### **Ragged Mountain Natural Area Bike Trail Map**

Ms. Szakos said a primary concern for users is that they be able to safely use the park on trails without bikes. She introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a majority of Council indicated their support for shared use of the Ragged Mountain Natural Area that would permit bicycling as well as walking and jogging, and

WHEREAS, Council heard clearly the importance to the public of having some pedestrian-only trails where users do not have to share right-of-way with bicycles or runners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville City Council hereby directs staff to amend the Ragged Mountain Draft Trail Use Plan (dated 12/6/16), to be in keeping with good trail planning practice that disperses faster moving visitors away from the trailhead as quickly as possible, according to the following principles:

- 1) Separate trails shall be designated and constructed where needed to ensure that both pedestrian-only (walking) and multi-use (bicycling, jogging and walking) trails may circumnavigate the reservoir separately, except in rare circumstances (such as on the floating bridge and dam, and where challenging topography or sensitive environmental areas require co-location).
- 2) Multi-use trails will become available as they are constructed where they do not already exist. Existing trails marked as "pedestrian only" on the map dated 11/1/16 shall continue to be so until separate trails for the separate uses can be constructed. Construction of these trails shall be conducted using best practices to ensure environmental protection and safety.
- 3) A new planning map of use shall be developed within six months of this Resolution and presented to Council, along with timeframes and benchmarks for implementation.

Staff shall determine which type of trail is most appropriate for jogging, and shall institute appropriate signage and direction as to whether runners may use pedestrian only trails.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that user satisfaction and trail quality will be measured yearly through on-site user surveys and inspections, and that upon the opening of the county park currently known as the Hedgerow Property, which will include mixed-use trails, the City will re-evaluate the distribution ratio of shared uses in the Ragged Mountain Natural Area to determine if they are still appropriate.

Staff would be directed to come up with a trail plan in accordance with this resolution.

Ms. Galvin offered an amendment to item 1 under "therefore be it resolved" that the word "(walking)" be deleted, and in the second WHEREAS, the phrase "or runners" should also be

deleted. At Ms. Szakos' recommendation, Ms. Galvin withdrew her second suggestion. Ms. Szakos accepted the first amendment.

Mr. Signer said we are no longer looking to pass a specific map with the resolution but are instead providing principle-based direction to staff. He made a statement in support of moving forward with a decision, emphasizing respect for Council's colleagues in the County.

Ms. Szakos said Rivanna has weighed in on this matter and has said water quality would not be compromised by mixed use at Ragged Mountain.

Ms. Szakos moved to adopt the proposed resolution as amended; Ms. Galvin seconded.

Mr. Signer said this was done with the utmost respect for our colleagues in the County, and we have communicated amply on this matter with the Board of Supervisors. However, there is simply disagreement on this matter.

The vote passed. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick.)

Council took a break at 9:06 p.m. and resumed at 9:22 p.m.

## **REPORT: BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FINAL REPORT**

### **[Blue Ribbon Commission Final Report](#)**

Mr. Don Gathers, Blue Ribbon Commission Chair, and Mr. John Mason, Blue Ribbon Commission Vice Chair, presented to Council and reviewed the Blue Ribbon Commission's recommendations. Mr. Mason highlighted the Commission's recommendation to establish a "Liberation Day" holiday.

Ms. Szakos said the National League of Cities (NLC) drafted their legislative agenda and called on Congress to declare the first Monday in December "Liberation Day" as a national holiday.

Ms. Galvin moved that we accept the report and use it to inform deeper deliberation at a work session in January. Ms. Szakos seconded the motion.

Mr. Fenwick said unless these items find their way into the City's budget, they are mere words. He thanked the Commission for their report.

Mr. Signer said this process has been part of the contribution the Commission has made. Council has flagged \$500,000 from the capital budget towards this initiative.

Mr. Bellamy thanked the Commission for their hard work.

Council thanked the Commission and staff, particularly Mr. Jones, for their hard work on this topic. They agreed to discuss further at an upcoming regular meeting.

## **REPORT: REGION 10 / MOHR CENTER PROPOSED CHANGES**

### [Region 10 / Mohr Center Proposed Changes](#)

Mr. Robert Johnson, Region Ten Executive Director, presented to Council on the request to use funding to pay for a supportive housing plan. Mr. Mike Murphy, Assistant City Manager, presented to Council on staff's recommendations.

Ms. Szakos said she is comfortable with the recommendation in light of changing policies amongst other organizations in the City.

Mr. Signer asked if PACEM needs further assistance from the City to meet the need within their existing capacity.

Ms. Galvin made a motion to accept staff's recommendation that Region Ten be permitted to use its 3rd and 4th quarter funds (\$43,330) to pilot permanent supportive housing services to the frequent users of the public inebriate shelter. Furthermore, Council should entertain staff's recommendation that Region Ten be permitted to amend its FY18 contractual budget submission to include \$83,227 to provide permanent supportive housing services to 7 frequent users of the public inebriate shelter as per the 12/19/16 staff memo; and due to concerns about relying solely on our low-barrier shelter, PACEM, to accommodate individuals impaired by alcohol (as long as they are able to maintain control of their body) between late October and April, staff shall monitor the impact of closing the Mohr Center inebriate shelter on PACEM, the jail and our community at large.

Ms. Szakos seconded the motion.

Ms. Galvin said it is important to acknowledge that we will not have a public inebriate center for the first time in years as of next month. She gave an overview of the history of the Mohr Center and the hundreds of thousands of people who have been helped.

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

## **OTHER BUSINESS: Consideration of Funding for a City Arts Director**

Mr. Signer presented to Council for their consideration a suggestion to use the \$57,000 Council allocated for arts funding to fund a City Arts Director position. He asked staff to return to Council with options for making arts a City function.

Ms. Galvin said she is interested in this, but within the broader context of art and design, possibly including an architect. She said the PLACE Design Task Force made a similar recommendation in 2013.

Ms. Szakos said she is not enthusiastic about this approach, but she does not object to asking staff to research this if there is Council support.

Mr. Fenwick said the idea of government art scares him, and he agrees with Ms. Szakos, but he would not oppose a preliminary investigation.

Mr. Signer asked Mr. Jones if staff can do some preliminary work, including a part-time option. Mr. Jones said staff can look into this, although he voiced concern about whether a part-time option would address the issues. Ms. Galvin said this can be looked at within the context of the efficiency study, where other staffing needs have been identified.

Mr. Signer said he is interested in how other Virginia cities have an architect position involved with their City. Ms. Szakos said she would not support a staff architect, but she is interested in looking into having an on-call architect for the City. Ms. Galvin said she would also like to have the Planning Commission weigh in.

Mr. Jones said staff will come back to Council on these items before the budget is presented.

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Brian Uzinski, 1505 Greenleaf Ln., said the deer management solution seems to be a band-aid, and that is a mistake. The deer are not the problem; it is the automobile. There is no way for deer or people to cross the road because of the way our highways are designed. He said the City should be designed around public transportation.

Mr. Mason Pickett, Albemarle County, said the Lee Statue only states his name, date of birth, and date of death, and this is simply history.

Mr. Jock Yellott, 311 E. Market St., wished staff and Council a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Mike Johnston, Northwood Ave., thanked Council for their work. He said he has attended many of the Blue Ribbon Commission meetings, and it has been transformative for him. He recommended funding for a new slave block memorial.

Mr. Colt Perrier, Madison, Virginia, said no one who knows the character of Gen. Lee would even contemplate moving the statues.

Mr. Dale MacDonald, 107 Suntops Ct., said he supports the removal of statues of Confederate leaders from our community as soon as possible. They serve as anchors that tie us to a dark and destructive period in our past and make it difficult to move forward as a united community. Our history should be commemorated, but not with the statues.

Mr. Dave Hirschman, 1107 Calhoun St., thanked Council for the dignity they have demonstrated at recent Council meetings. He said it is genuinely appreciated. He wished Council a wonderful holiday season.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m.