CITY COUNCIL AGENDA Monday, May 6, 2019



Closed session as provided by Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code 5:30 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room (Legal advice; Personnel)

Regular Meeting - CALL TO ORDER 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINANCE:

PROCLAMATIONS Bike Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, May 18 Kids to Parks Day, May 19 Queen

Charlotte Day

1. CONSENT AGENDA* PASSED 5-0; Items (Items c & d pulled by Walker for separate vote)

March 18, 2019 regular meeting; April 15, 2019 regular meeting a. MINUTES: b. APPROPRIATION: FM Global Fire Prevention Grant - \$3,268.00 (2nd of 2 readings)

2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant funding - \$395,052.82 (1st of 2 readings) c. APPROPRIATION:

Pulled for separate vote. PASSED 3-2 (Walker, Bellamy – No)

d. APPROPRIATION: 2019-2020 HOME Investment Partnership funding - \$120,382,75 (1st of 2 readings) - Pulled for

separate vote. PASSED 3-2 (Walker, Bellamy - No)

Amendment to Community Development Block Grant Account - Reprogramming of Funds for FY e. APPROPRIATION:

2019-2020 - \$1,900.82 (1st of 2 readings)

f. APPROPRIATION: Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) - \$7,500 (1st of 2 readings) g. APPROPRIATION: Funding Requirements for SAP Integration for the FASTER Fleet Management Software -

\$48,000 (1st of 2 readings)

h. ORDINANCE: Amend Charlottesville City Code Section 15-131(Motor Vehicles and Traffic) (2nd of 2 readings)

i. RESOLUTION: Alleys and Paper Streets Closing Policy (2nd of 2 readings)

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS (FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS) **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Funding—1st Year Action Plan, FY 19-2. PUBLIC HEARING/ **RESOLUTION*:**

20 (1st of 1 reading) PASSED 4-1 (Walker - No)

Priority Neighborhood Funds for Belmont FY 19-20 (1st of 1 reading) RESOLUTION PASSED

3. PUBLIC HEARING/ Amend Conditions for Closing a Portion of the Coleman Street Right of Way (Unaccepted ROW)

(1st of 2 readings)

4. REPORT: Update from City Manager's Advisory on Organizational Equity

5. REPORT: Charlottesville Retirement Fund and Divestment Considerations

6. ORDINANCE*: Homeowner Tax Relief Grant Program – 2019 (1st of 1 reading) PASSED 5-0

7. RESOLUTION*: Support of Federal Legislation for a Carbon Fee & Dividend Policy to Address Climate Change

(1st of 1 reading) PASSED 5-0

Support of Key Focus Areas to Address in the City of Charlottesville Climate Action Plan (1st of 1 8. RESOLUTION*:

reading) PASSED 5-0

9. RESOLUTION*: Request for Approval for the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) to

establish the Charlottesville Community Development Corporation (CCDC) (1st of 1 reading)

PASSED 5-0

10. REPORT: Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP) RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0

11. REPORT: Residents On-the-job-training program (ROJTP) RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0

12. REPORT: West Main Streetscape Project Update RESOLUTION PASSED 4-1 (Walker - No)

OTHER BUSINESS MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC *ACTION NEEDED

APPROPRIATION

FM Global Fire Prevention Grant

\$3,268.00

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Charlottesville Fire Department, has received a grant for \$3,268 from FM Global to offset the cost of Fire Prevention supplies and education materials; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$3,268, received from FM Global is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue - \$ 3,268

Fund: 105 Internal Order: 2000126 G/L Account: 451020

Expenditures - \$3,268

Fund: 105 Internal Order: 2000126 G/L Account: 530210

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$3,268 from FM Global.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 15-131 OF CHAPTER 15 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that:

Section 15-131 of Article V of Chapter 15 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville (1990) is amended and reordained as follows:

Sec. 15-131. Application of parking regulations to volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members.

- (a) Every <u>full</u>, <u>active</u> member in good standing of the volunteer organizations known and designated as the <u>Charlottesville Fire Company and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad</u>, and every member in good standing of an Albemarle County volunteer fire company who resides within the corporate limits of the city shall be eligible for a special license tag or decal issued by the treasurer. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, members of the city volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad who have been issued a special tag or decal by the city treasurer shall be permitted to park their vehicles displaying such special tags or decals in disregard of the provisions of sections 15-140 and 15-174(a), but shall comply with all other provisions of this article in the same manner as any other persons are required to comply therewith.
- (b) In determining whether to issue the license tag or decal referenced in paragraph (a), above, the treasurer shall utilize the membership list provided to the commissioner of revenue pursuant to section 30-39 of the City Code. Upon confirmation of eligibility, the treasurer shall issue to each such member a special license tag or decal which such member shall display on such vehicle as designated by the treasurer. Any person having been issued such special tag or decal who ceases to be a member in good standing of any such organization shall immediately surrender such special tag or decal to the treasurer and shall pay the appropriate license tax on such vehicle for the balance of the license year.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR STREET OR ALLEY CLOSINGS

(Adopted	, 2019)
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Part One: Application

- (1) Application may be made to the Department of Neighborhood Development Services ("NDS"). The application shall be accompanied by the following:
 - (a) Application Fee, in such amount as may be specified within the most recent fee schedule approved by City Council, payable to the City of Charlottesville;
 - (b) Copy of the Subdivision Plat or other recorded instrument by which the street or alley was originally created, including Deed Book/Page Reference and date of recordation, and copies of any related deed(s) and plat(s) referring to the street or alley;
 - (c) A narrative description of why the street or alley closing is being proposed, and of what benefit(s) the Applicant is seeking to obtain as a result of the closure;
 - (d) List of all lots adjoining the street or alley proposed to be closed, and for each lot, the applicant shall provide: street address, City parcel identification number; name and mailing address of current landowner;
 - (e) Endorsements of the landowners of lots abutting the street or alley proposed to be closed. The Applicant must demonstrate that each of the abutting landowners was contacted at least ten (10) days prior to the Application date with a request for endorsement; if the Applicant fails to demonstrate this, the Application will be rejected. (*If some abutting landowners do not endorse the Application, or do not respond to the landowner's contact(s), the Application may move forward for review and consideration so long as the Applicant provides evidence that each of the landowners whose signature does not appear on the endorsement Form was previously contacted by the Applicant regarding the proposed closing).*
- (2) NDS will reject any application that does not contain all of the required information and materials.

Part Two: Staff Review

(1) When the Application is complete, NDS will arrange an appropriate City staff person to have responsibility for guiding the Application through the Staff Review and City Council process. This assigned staff member will be the single point of contact for the Applicant as well as all other City departments regarding the Application.

- (2) NDS will circulate the application to all of the following, each of whom shall provide written comments to be included within the Council Agenda Memo Form, and will provide the calculation required by the Scoring Rubric, for his or her area of expertise:
 - a. City Housing Coordinator
 - b. City Traffic Engineer
 - c. City Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator
 - d. City Planner
 - e. Director of Parks and Recreation
 - f. Director of Utilities
- (3) After staff has completed its review of the Application:
 - a. <u>If the Application receives a score of 1.5 or higher on the Scoring Rubric</u>: then the assigned Staff member will notify the Applicant, on behalf of City Council, that the Application is denied.
 - b. <u>If the Application receives a score of less than 1.5 on the Scoring Rubric</u>: then the completed Council Agenda Form and Scoring Rubric may be referred to the Clerk of Council for scheduling of a public hearing date and to the City Attorney's Office for completion of final Council Agenda packet materials.

Part Three: City Council Consideration of an Ordinance

- (1) Once an Application has been scheduled for a public hearing by the Clerk of Council, the City Attorney's Office will prepare a proposed Ordinance.
 - a. Public notice of the scheduled public hearing shall be given in accordance with Virginia Code §15.2-2204. Staff will provide the Applicant with signs giving notice of the public hearing date for the Application. The Applicant shall post the signs and provide verification to Staff that the posting was done at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing date.
 - b. Any person may appear at the public hearing to speak in support of, or to object to, the proposed Ordinance.
 - c. In its consideration of an Ordinance during its first reading (following the public hearing) City Council will give consideration to the following [in addition to any other matters Council may deem relevant]:
 - i. Will vacating the street or alley impede any person's access to his property, or otherwise cause irreparable damage to the owner of any lot shown on the original subdivision plat?

- ii. Are there any public utilities currently located in the area proposed to be vacated? If so, is the applicant offering to allow the City to reserve a public utility easement?
- iii. Will vacation of the street or alley result in an adverse impact on traffic on nearby public streets, or result in undesirable circulation conditions for vehicular movements in and through the subdivision?
- iv. Is a street proposed to be closed part of an established street that is owned by the City, or is a street depicted within the City's Comprehensive Plan as part of a public street network? If the answer to either question is "yes", then following Council's first reading of the Ordinance, the Application shall be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration at its next regular meeting following the date of Council's public hearing, as to whether the proposed street closing will be substantially in accord with the Comprehensive Plan). The Commission will act on the referral within 60 days of Council's first reading of the ordinance. (The Planning Commission is not required to conduct a public hearing).
- v. If the street or alley is currently owned by the City, and if the purpose of the proposed closing/ vacation is to accommodate expansion or development of an existing or proposed business, does City Council wish to condition the vacation upon commencement of the expansion or development within a specified period of time?
- vi. If the street or alley is currently owned by the City, does City Council desire staff to negotiate a purchase price with the Applicant and other abutting property owners?
- (2) An Ordinance approving the closing of a street or alley will require only one reading by Council, <u>EXCEPT</u>: any Ordinance for either of the following shall require <u>two readings</u>:
 - a. An Ordinance proposing the vacation of a street or alley that is currently owned by the City will require two readings by City Council. The following steps shall be completed following Council's first reading of the Ordinance:
 - i. The Ordinance and accompanying Staff Report will be referred to the Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Plan review in accordance with Virginia Code §15.2-2232. The Commission will act on the referral within 60 days of Council's first reading of the ordinance. (The Planning Commission is not required to conduct a public hearing);
 - ii. If Council has indicated a desire for the area to be purchased by abutting landowner(s), then the City Attorney's office shall contact the Applicant to negotiate a sales price prior to any second reading of the Ordinance;

- iii. If Council has indicated a desire to condition the vacation upon commencement of a development within a specified period of time, then prior to any second reading of the Ordinance Staff shall confer with the Applicant as to what amount of time is anticipated prior to commencement of the development activity;
- iv. Prior to scheduling an Ordinance for a second reading and final action by City Council, the Clerk of Council shall verify with the City Attorney's Office that all matters contemplated to be set forth within a final Ordinance have been incorporated into a final draft Ordinance for Council's consideration.
- b. An ordinance proposing the vacation of a street or alley that is depicted or referred to within the City's Comprehensive Plan as part of the City's public street network shall require two readings by City Council, regardless of whether or not the City currently owns or maintains the street or alley.
 - i. The Ordinance and accompanying Staff Report will be referred to the Planning Commission for a Comprehensive Plan review in accordance with Virginia Code §15.2-2232.
 - ii. The Commission will act on the referral within 60 days of Council's first reading of the ordinance. (The Planning Commission is not required to conduct a public hearing). Council's second reading may be scheduled anytime following the Commission's report of its findings on the Comprehensive Plan review.

Appeals

<u>Va. Code §15.2-2272</u>: when an Application presents matters within the scope of Virginia Code §15.2-2272, then an appeal may be taken to the Charlottesville Circuit Court from a City Council decision to **adopt** an Ordinance vacating a street or alley. Any such appeal must be filed within 30 days after City Council's final decision on the Application.

<u>Va. Code §15.2-2272</u>: when an Application presents matters within the scope of Virginia Code §15.2-2006, then an appeal may be filed within the Charlottesville Circuit Court within 60 days of the adoption of an Ordinance.

Attachments:

Scoring Rubric

Council Agenda Memo Format for Street/ Alley Closings

Adjacent Landower Endorsement Form

City of Ch	arlottesville	
Alley and	Paper Street Scoring	Rubric

Alley:

Criteria	3	2	1	Raw Score	Weight	Weighted Score
Increase rear access for potential ADU	[(Number of ADU* Possible or Existing) / (Number of Parcels) x 100] greater than 66%	[(Number of ADU* Possible or Existing) / (Number of Parcels) x 100] Greater than 33% but less than 66%	[(Number of ADU* Possible or Existing) / (Number of Parcels) x 100] less than 33%		x 0.25 =	
Reduction of driveways from primary street	Parallel street that alley will act as an alternate route to has sidewalks and 30+% of properties have driveways	Has driveways and sidewalks on parallel street that alley will act as an alternative route	No sidewalks or driveways on parallel street that alley will act as an alternative route		x 0.2 =	
Bicycle and Pedestrian Circulation	Provides alternative route to existing route on street with AADT** > 1000	Alley acts as parallel route to existing route on street	Walkable		x 0.15 =	
Vehicular access to rear of lot	Through type alley	Dead end but drivable	Not drivable		x 0.1 =	
Reduction of on-street parking demand	Reduce 2 or more cars per block	Reduce 1 car per block	No reduction		x 0.1 =	
Greenway Connectivity	Alley connects to pedestrian route within 350' of recreation areas, parks, and trails	Alley connects to pedestrian route within 700' of recreation areas, parks, and trails	Alley does not connect with or route is greater than 700' of recreation areas, parks, and trails		x 0.1 =	
Utility route	Existing utilities	Through type alley without existing utilities or has overhead utilities crossing alley	Dead end alley without existing utilities I Score (Sum of all		x 0.1 =	

ADU* Accessory Dwelling Unit
AADT** Average Annual Daily Traffic

RESOLUTION Approval of FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlottesville City Council hereby approves the FY 2019- 2020 Action Plan of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan as presented at the May 6, 2019, City Council meeting. All CDBG and HOME project estimates shall be increased or reduced at the same pro-rated percentage of actual entitlement. No agency's EN amount will increase more than their initial funding request.

A RESOLUTION PRIORITY NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDS FOR BELMONT FY 19-20

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, Planning Commission of the City of Charlottesville recommended Belmont as the priority neighborhood for FY 19-20;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the funds for FY 19-20 shall be allocated as follows:

- The allocation for FY 19-20 shall be allocated to Belmont.
- The allocation for Ridge Street shall be allocated simultaneously for FY 20-21 and FY 2021-2022.
- The allocation will alternate between both Ridge Street and Belmont for FY 2022-2023 (Belmont) and FY 2023-2024 (Ridge Street).

In total Belmont will receive a total of two years of funding, and Ridge Street will receive three years of funding. Belmont was funded in FY18-19 as well so each neighborhood will receive a total of 3 years funding each.

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE HOMEOWNERSHIP BY LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2006, §50.7 of the Charter of the City of Charlottesville authorizes City Council to make grants and loans of funds to low- or moderate-income persons to aid in the purchase of a dwelling within the City; and

WHEREAS, this City Council desires to offer a monetary grant for Fiscal Year 2020, to aid low- and moderate-income citizens with one of the ongoing expenses associated with the purchase of a dwelling, *i.e.* real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, public funding is available for the proposed grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, effective July 1, 2019 and for calendar year 2019, the Charlottesville City Council hereby ordains:

Grant—provided.

- (a) There is hereby provided to any natural person, at such person's election, a grant in aid of payment of the taxes owed for the taxable year on real property in the city which is owned, in whole or in part, and is occupied by such person as his or her sole dwelling. The grant provided within this section shall be subject to the restrictions, limitations and conditions prescribed herein following.
- (b)If, after audit and investigation, the Commissioner of Revenue determines that an applicant is eligible for a grant, the Commissioner of Revenue shall so certify to the City Treasurer, who shall implement the grant as a prepayment on the applicant's real estate tax bill due on December 5, 2019.
- (c) The amount of each grant made pursuant to this ordinance shall be equal to the total 2019 real estate taxes owed by taxpayers with a household income less than or equal to \$25,000; \$1,000 for taxpayers with a household income of \$25,001-\$35,000; \$750 for taxpayers with a household income of \$35,001-\$45,000; and \$500 for taxpayers with a household income from \$45,001-\$55,000, to be applied against the amount of the real estate tax bill due on December 5, 2019. Any remaining grant amount in excess of what is owed on the taxpayer's second half bill, but not to exceed the entire annual tax due, shall be remitted to the taxpayer.

Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall, for the purposes of this division, have the following respective meanings, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1)Applicant means any natural person who applies for a grant authorized by this ordinance.

- (2) Dwelling means a residential building, or portion such building, which is owned, at least in part, by an applicant, which is the sole residence of the applicant and which is a part of the real estate for which a grant is sought pursuant to this ordinance.
- (3) Grant means a monetary grant in aid of payment of taxes owed for the taxable year, as provided by this ordinance.
- (4) Spouse means the husband or wife of any applicant who resides in the applicant's dwelling.
- (5) Real estate means a city tax map parcel containing a dwelling that is the subject of a grant application made pursuant to this ordinance.
- (6) Taxes owed for the current tax year refers to the amount of real estate taxes levied on the dwelling for the taxable year.
- (7) Taxable year means the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019.
- (8) Household income means (i) the adjusted gross income, as shown on the federal income tax return as of December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the taxable year, or (ii) for applicants for whom no federal tax return is required to be filed, the income for the calendar year immediately preceding the taxable year: of the applicant, of the applicant's spouse, and of any other person who is an owner of and resides in the applicant's dwelling. The Commissioner of Revenue shall establish the household income of persons for whom no federal tax return is required through documentation satisfactory for audit purposes.

Eligibility and restrictions, generally.

A grant awarded pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to the following restrictions and conditions:

- (1) The household income of the applicant shall not exceed \$55,000.
- (2) The assessed value of the real estate owned by the applicant shall not exceed \$375,000.
- (3)The applicant shall own an interest in the real estate that is the subject of the application (either personally or by virtue of the applicant's status as a beneficiary or trustee of a trust of which the real estate is an asset) and the applicant shall not own an interest in any other real estate (either personally or by virtue of the applicant's status as a beneficiary or trustee of a trust of which the real estate is an asset).
- (4)As of January 1 of the taxable year and on the date a grant application is submitted, the applicant must occupy the real estate for which the grant is sought as his or her sole residence and must intend to occupy the real estate throughout the remainder of the taxable year. An applicant who is residing in a hospital, nursing home, convalescent home or other facility for physical or mental care shall be deemed to meet this condition so long as the real estate is not being used by or leased to another for consideration.
- (5)An applicant for a grant provided under this ordinance shall not participate in the real estate tax exemption or deferral program provided under Chapter 30, Article IV of the City Code (Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Persons) for the taxable year, and no grant shall

be applied to real estate taxes on property subject to such program.

- (6)An applicant for a grant provided under this division who is delinquent on any portion of the real estate taxes due on a property to which the grant is to be applied, must be in good standing on a payment plan with the Treasurer's office with the aim of paying off said delinquency.
- (7)Only one grant shall be made per household.

Procedure for application.

- (a)Between July 1 and September 1 of the taxable year, an applicant for a grant under this ordinance shall file with the Commissioner of Revenue, in such manner as the Commissioner shall prescribe and on forms to be supplied by the city, the following information:
 - (1)the name of the applicant, the name of the applicant's spouse, and the name of any other person who is an owner of and resides in the dwelling.
 - (2)the address of the real estate for which the grant is sought;
 - (3) the household income;
 - (4) such additional information as the Commissioner of Revenue reasonably determines to be necessary to determine eligibility for a grant pursuant to this ordinance.
- (b) Changes in household income, ownership of property or other eligibility factors occurring after September 1, but before the end of the taxable year, shall not affect a grant once certified by the Commissioner of the Revenue, in which case such certified grant shall be applied to the subject real estate.
- (c)Any person who willfully makes any false statement in applying for a grant under this division shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 for each offense.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ADOPT LEGISLATION FOR A CARBON FEE & DIVIDEND POLICY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

- **WHEREAS**, the weight of scientific evidence and scientific consensus indicates that greenhouse gas emissions from human activities is driving climate change, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases; and
- **WHEREAS,** climate change has been widely recognized by government, business, academic, and other community leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville resolved in June 2017 to stand with cities and other public and private sector partners throughout the world to advance action in accordance with the goals outlined in the Paris Climate Agreement, a globally accepted commitment to fight climate change; and
- **WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville has been involved in and continues to explore a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our community; and
- **WHEREAS**, the external environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels; and
- **WHEREAS**, phased carbon fees on greenhouse gas emissions are an efficient, transparent, and enforceable market-based mechanism to incentivize an effective and fair transition to a renewable-energy economy; and
- **WHEREAS**, a carbon fee and dividend policy can stimulate investment in low carbon-energy technologies and give residents and businesses in Charlottesville a powerful incentive to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions; and
- WHEREAS, a steadily increasing revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend would be minimally disruptive to the economy while sending clear and predictable price signals to individuals and business purchasing and using carbon-based energy resources; and
- WHEREAS, a national carbon fee and dividend will make the U.S. a leader in mitigating climate change through a market-based mechanism, spurring innovation; and
- **WHEREAS**, dividends from carbon fees paid to households can ensure that families can continue to afford the energy they need during a transition to a low carbon economy while simultaneously stimulating our local economy and adding jobs; and
- **WHEREAS**, a carbon fee and dividend regime is one of many policies that could effectively reverse the unacceptable risks posed by greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it encourages the U.S. Congress to enact legislation that address the significant risks posed by greenhouse gas emissions and that such legislation potentially include, but not be limited to, the following carbon fee and dividend policy components:

- 1. An annually increasing fee on carbon dioxide (or greenhouse gas equivalents) emissions produced by fossil fuels at the points of production and importation; and
- 2. A dividend that returns all the net revenues generated from the carbon dioxide fee to citizens in a manner that has a progressive incidence; and
- 3. Carbon-based fees and rebates for imports and exports to and from nations that have not implemented a carbon fee and dividend policy, which incentivizes trading partners to adopt similar laws to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

IN SUPPORT OF KEY FOCUS AREAS TO ADDRESS IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the weight of scientific evidence and scientific consensus indicates that greenhouse gas emissions from human activities is driving climate change, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business, academic, and other community leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville resolved in June 2017 to stand with cities and other public and private sector partners throughout the world to advance action in accordance with the with the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement, the first global commitment to fight climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville adopted a Statement of Economic Principles in September 2017 that supports growing a wide array of local industry sectors, the availability of excellent affordable housing, a globally competitive workforce, redevelopment that produces local jobs and affordable housing, builds upon Charlottesville's commitment to sustainability, and promotes active partnerships at the regional level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville is currently in Phase 2 of implementing its Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy commitment, and will develop a Climate Action Plan in Phase 3; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been involved in and continues to explore a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our community; and

WHEREAS, 90% of Charlottesville's carbon emissions profile is attributed to residential, commercial, and transportation sector activities; and

WHEREAS, initial costs for energy efficiency and renewable energy measures can pose a barrier for residential, commercial, and non-profit property owners and slow adoption of low carbon actions despite many such installations resulting in net-cost savings over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the private financial sector has access to resources that local government does not and that can aid in increased investment in energy performance of buildings in Charlottesville; and,

WHEREAS, the affordability of housing is affected by the cost of the housing unit and the cost of powering the home, known as the energy burden; and

WHEREAS, improvements in building energy performance through energy efficiency and renewable energy installations can reduce the energy burden cost for the building occupants and, in many cases, improve the comfort and quality of life of the building occupants; and

WHEREAS, local investment in energy improvements for buildings and low carbon strategies requires a skilled local workforce and supports local businesses and industries that are seeing national and global growth, and enables partnerships such as those seen in the GO Solar program; and

WHEREAS, strategies to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector can include mode shift, fuel switching, fuel economy, reduced travel distance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville municipal fleet – including transit, school buses, service and maintenance trucks, and passenger vehicles – contributes to community-wide transportation carbon emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the City of Charlottesville Climate Action Plan, to be developed under Phase 3 of its Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy commitment, will include, but not be limited to, strategies that address the following:

- 1. Further enabling private financial sector investment in energy performance upgrades for commercial properties in the City of Charlottesville through adoption of a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) financing program; and
- 2. Effective funding programs and models for increased residential energy performance, including programs that are compatible with affordable housing and owner or renter-occupied housing; and
- 3. The feasibility of integrating zero emission vehicles into the municipal fleet and supporting increased community adoption of zero emission vehicles; and
- 4. Working in conjunction with regional partners to implement seamless programs and services to increase ease of participation for Charlottesville organizations and residents.

APPROVING THE FORMATION BY THE CHARLOTTESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY (CRHA) OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CCDC), A NON-PROFIT ENTITY

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority was created pursuant to the Virginia Housing Authorities Law (the "Act"), found in Chapter 1, Title 36, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Virginia Code"), and is now existing and operating as a public body corporate and politic, and the Act empowers the CRHA to form corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, trusts, or any other legal entity or combination thereof, on its own behalf or with any person or public or private entity; and

WHEREAS, the CRHA, through various entities, has applied to the Virginia Housing and Development Authority ("VHDA") program for Low Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC's"), in part to provide financing for the rehabilitation and equipping of an existing affordable multi-family residential rental project comprised of an eight story building including 105 units known as Crescent Halls, the funding of debt service and other reserve funds and the payment of other transaction costs related to the award of LHTC's to the project (collectively, the "Crescent Halls Reno Project"); and

WHEREAS, the CRHA, through various entities, has applied to the VHDA program for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, in part to provide financing for the construction and equipping of a new affordable multi-family residential rental project comprised of three buildings located at 900-1000 South First Street, including up to 63 units and a common resource space, the funding of debt service and other reserve funds and the payment of other transaction costs related to the award of LHTC's to the project (collectively, the "South First Project"); and

WHEREAS, to secure VHDA funding for its affordable housing redevelopment projects, certain entities need to be created by the Authority to undertake the development of such projects; and

WHEREAS, Section 36-19(12) of the Virginia Code, requires, among other things, the approval by the local governing body of the formation by the CRHA of corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, trusts, or any other legal entity; and

WHEREAS, the CRHA further has requested and needs the City Council to approve the formation of the Charlottesville Community Development Corporation (CCDC), a Virginia stock corporation, to be the developer of the Crescent Halls Reno Project, the South First Project and future affordable housing development projects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia

that the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority is authorized to create the Charlottesville Community Development Corporation, a Virginia stock corporation, to enable the CRHA to secure VHDA funding for affordable housing redevelopment projects.

Approved by Council

Lyna Thomas

May 6, 2019

Kyna Thomas, CMC Clerk of Council

Allocation of Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) for the Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP) -- \$945,000

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2017, the City of Charlottesville approved the Housing Advisory Committee's recommendation to create a City-funded Supplemental Rental Assistance program;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, CRHA presented an update on the status of the program and a request for release of funding allocated in FY18/19, to continue the program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$945,000 be allocated from previously appropriated funds in the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund to the Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program, which will be administered by the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA).

Fund: 426

Project: CP-084

G/L Account: 530670

Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP)

\$945,000

Approved by Council May 6, 2019

Kyna Thomas, CMC Clerk of Council

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2018 the City of Charlottesville approved \$106,400 in funding for a Residents on the Job Program pursuant to terms and conditions outlined in the FY2019 Funding Agreement;

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2019 CRHA submitted a ROTJ Close-out Report and Drawdown Funding Request for \$74,748;

WHEREAS, following staff review of that report and request, it was determined that there were significant deficiencies in the reporting requirements and that staff could not administratively approve release of funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$74,748 is hereby approved to be allocated from previously appropriated funds.

Approved by Council May 6, 2019

Kyna Thomas, CMC Clerk of Council

WHEREAS, by vote taken on March 21, 2016, City Council adopted the West Main Streetscape Improvement Plan (Option 1) (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, as part of its adoption of the Plan, directed the City Manager, his staff, and consultants to proceed with construction documents, and Council retained the right and authority to review the construction plans as they are developed; and

WHEREAS, Design Development and Construction Drawings for Phase 1 has been advanced, reviewed by staff and direction is being sought from City Council; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL the following direction is provided:

- 1) <u>Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea Memorial</u> shall be slightly shifted as approved in the Schematic Design Plan;
- 2) <u>Historic Interpretation</u> shall include:
 - a) Bridge and Bridge Builders recognition
 - b) Wayfinding Signage (including ways to direct people to the Jefferson School and the Heritage Center)
 - c) Gateway Elements
 - d) Etched Pavers only to indicate historic sites and locations which have been carefully considered and vetted circumstances.
 - e) Replace Interpretive Signage and the concept of sidewalk signs with other, less intrusive elements that identify and invite people to learn about the neighborhoods. Possible examples could include: etched curb stones, elements within the landscaping, or brick variations.
- 3) <u>Raised Crosswalks</u> shall be removed due to site limitations which would minimize their effect and other concerns raised by various city departments