

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, June 6, 2019, AT 2:00 p.m. AT THE County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road – June 6, 2019

Vice Chair Rick Randolph called the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and requested a moment of silence in recognition of the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Mayor Nikuyah Walker called to order the City Council meeting for the City of Charlottesville at 2:03 p.m., acknowledging that Councilor Signer would be absent and Dr. Bellamy would be joining the meeting later.

Dr. Jeff Richardson, Albemarle County Executive, welcomed attendees and introduced Dr. Tarron Richardson, Charlottesville City Manager, at his first joint meeting.

Mayor Walker recapped outcomes of the January joint meeting.

Meeting participants gave self-introductions:

- City Councilors and staff: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Heather Hill, Councilor Kathy Galvin, City Manager Tarron Richardson, and City Attorney John Blair. Absent: Councilors Wes Bellamy and Mike Signer.
- County Supervisors and staff: Supervisors Ned Gallaway (Chair), Norman Dill, Ann Mallek, Diantha McKeel, Liz Palmer, Rick Randolph, County Executive Jeff Richardson, and County Attorney Greg Kamptner.

Mr. Gallaway highlighted the expected outcomes of the joint meeting.

Facilitators Emily Kilroy, County Director of Communications and Public Engagement, and Matthew Murphy, City Council Outreach Coordinator, gave an overview of the agenda and Mr. Murphy began review of the Memoranda of Understanding.

Dr. Bellamy joined the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Mr. Murphy then reviewed the joint focus areas and related initiatives in the areas of:

- EDUCATION
 - Improvements in areas for early education and career center services
- ENVIRONMENT
 - Climate protection
 - Natural resource protection
 - Solid waste (landfill diversion)

- Parks and greenways
- REDEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
 - Policy development
 - Rehabilitation
- TRANSPORTATION
 - Small area planning
 - Bike-pedestrian planning
 - Transit
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 - Creating sites that are ready to accommodate businesses
 - Sharing business retention and visitation data, when practical
 - Ensuring that both parties are acting in good faith to honor the tenets of the Memorandum of Understanding
 - Joint focus on building upon the strength of shared target industry clusters
 - Partnering with the University of Virginia
 - Concerted efforts to support Region 9's growth and diversification plan

Mr. Chris Engel, Charlottesville Director for Economic Development, answered questions regarding Opportunity Zones

Dr. Bellamy advised that he would like to have City/County discussion around assisting minority businesses with training and resources.

Mr. Roger Johnson, County Economic Development Director, shared information about the County's strategy for helping small businesses. He advised that the Economic Development Office focuses on primary businesses, while providing funding to the Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) for help with small businesses.

Dr. Bellamy reviewed the City's efforts to assist minority businesses, including the Minority Business Equity Fund.

Councilors and Supervisors asked questions to clarify how the City, County and University of Virginia can work together to move items forward in a timely manner.

ACTION ITEMS:

- City and County staff agreed to bring information back in a month regarding collaboration with housing voucher programs.
- The County agreed to consider a Minority Business Task Force. Councilor Bellamy advised that he would send information to the Board of Supervisors about Minority Business Week and City efforts and programs.

Ms. Laurie Allshouse (County) and Mr. Ryan Davidson (City) gave a presentation showing Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) and other connections:

- Completed shared projects
- Shared efforts underway
- FY20-24 CIP City-County shared Capital Projects
- Other projects along the City-County border

The group broke out into small group discussions regarding small area CIP plans in four areas:

1. Hydraulic
2. Rio Road
3. Pantops
4. Avon/5th Street

Groups reported on overarching themes:

- The need for a comprehensive Bike-pedestrian plan sooner than later
- Affordable housing needs
- Access: vehicular, congestion, safety, environmental components, crosswalks
- Economic Development needed to help with funding
- Traffic issues: congestion, Hillsdale traffic calming

During the meeting recap Ms. Kilroy asked the group about their ideas of short-term success.

- Ms. McKeel mentioned boundary areas (points of connectivity) where the County does not have Public Works, that the City could provide services to the County through MOU.
- Ms. Palmer suggested combining funding on certain connectivity projects that benefit both City and County.
- Mr. Dill mentioned the potential for connection across the Rivanna River near Pantops, but mentioned that there is pushback from residents who do not want more bike, pedestrian or car traffic through the area. Ms. Galvin agreed that a connection is needed.
- Ms. Walker mentioned that she wants staff to have conversations about equity during the planning process.

As for long-term successes:

- Ms. Palmer advised that at the Solid Waste Authority meeting, they will get more information about a composting facility that both the City and County could consider.
- Ms. Hill advised that each locality in reviewing their CIPs could look for areas of opportunity for efficiency and collaboration.

- Ms. Walker mentioned potential housing partnerships, with a specified number of units over a period of years.

Ms. Kilroy reviewed the Action List to come back with more information for the two elected bodies:

- Understanding of how the housing voucher program works and what opportunities for collaboration might look like
- An update on the status of the Hydraulic Small Area Plan implementation
- Information on how Sunset Bridge maintenance might work and levels of service that City Public Works may be able to provide
- Understanding of how minority business support works in the City and what collaboration with the County might look like
- Themes across all areas about bike-pedestrian connectivity
- City and County budget staffs to work together to look at what the FY 20-21 budget might look like with areas of collaboration
- What a crossing of the Rivanna River would look like
- Understanding of what equity would look like if done jointly
- Ivy composting report when it becomes available
- Affordable housing across both communities and what collaboration might look like
- Congestion mitigation in areas of connectivity

Mr. Dill asked about legal agreements for affordable housing and the understanding of technical details surrounding affordable housing and vouchers.

Mr. Gallaway advised that the County is interested in moving forward on some transit projects and would like to know whether the City is interested in being involved, in the same way that Ms. Walker asked about affordable housing involvement from the County.

Ms. Mallek advised that the County will need to have its own conversation about the housing approach.

Dr. Tarron Richardson wrapped up the meeting with a summary, committing to work with Dr. Jeff Richardson on the initiatives set forth.

Ms. Mallek added that groups of veterans and descendants have raised funds for correcting the spelling of the name for Frank Peregoy on a historic marker in the City. City Attorney John Blair advised that a resolution would be required.

At the suggestion of Ms. Hill, both bodies agreed to meet in three months.

Both bodies adjourned at 4:06 p.m.