

COUNCIL CHAMBER - December 16, 2019

ROLL CALL

The Charlottesville City Council met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Heather Hill, Dr. Wes Bellamy, Ms. Kathy Galvin and Mr. Mike Signer.

Ms. Walker called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m., advising that the meeting was delayed because of an extended closed meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS

Ms. Hill read an announcement about DMV Connect results from November 25th. She announced the extended deadline for the following Council-appointed boards: Police Civilian Review Board applications; Measurements and Solutions Group; Ridge Street Task Force, and Community Development Block Grant-Ridge Street representative.

Dr. Bellamy announced the second annual calendar of Harambee family events; the Kwanzaa celebration on December 26th; and the Annual Sneaker Ball being held on Saturday, December 21st, with proceeds going toward a toy drive. He provided an update from the recent Housing and Redevelopment Authority meeting and announced the December 21st renaming ceremony for Preston Avenue.

Ms. Hill shared service highlights and accomplishments for out-going Councilors Bellamy, Galvin and Signer. The Councilors shared remarks and Mayor Walker and City Manager Richardson presented plaques of appreciation.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas read the Consent Agenda items into the record.

- a. MINUTES: October 21, 2019 Regular meeting; October 26 Special meeting; November 4 Special meeting**

Minutes - October 21, 2019 regular meeting

Minutes - October 26, 2019 special meeting

Minutes - November 4, 2019 special meeting

- b. APPROPRIATION: Re-appropriation of funds from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Economic Development for the Home to Hope Program - \$321,103.35 (2nd reading)**

Agenda summary; appropriation

REAPPROPRIATION
Home to Hope Funds from the Department of Human Services to the Office of Economic Development - \$321,103.35**

WHEREAS, the City Council previously appropriated funds for the Home to Hope program that were transferred from the Equity Fund to the Human Services Fund in the amount of \$405,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of **\$321,103.35**** will hereby be transferred back from the Human Services Fund (213-3413016000-561105) to a project code in the City's General Fund to be managed by the Office of Economic Development in the following manner:

Revenue – \$321,103.35**

\$321,103.35** Fund: 105 Cost Center: 1621004000 G/L: 498010

Expenditures - \$321,103.35**

\$321,103.35** Fund: 105 Cost Center: 1621004000 G/L: 599999

** Note: Given that the program is still in operation and expenses will continue to be incurred until this appropriation is approved, the amount actually moved to the new project code in the General Fund (105-1621004000) will reflect the actual balance of available funds at the time the appropriation is approved.

- c. **APPROPRIATION: Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant - \$265,024 (2nd reading)**

Agenda summary; appropriation

APPROPRIATION
Charlottesville Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant - \$265,024

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville, through the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, has received an increase in the Victim Witness Program Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$224,024; and

WHEREAS, the City is providing a supplement in the amount of \$41,000, the source of which is the Commonwealth's Attorney's operating budget;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$224,024 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$ 56,006	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414001000	G/L Account: 430110
\$168,018	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414001000	G/L Account: 430120
\$ 41,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414001000	G/L Account: 498010

Expenditures

\$251,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414001000	G/L Account: 519999
\$ 14,024	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414001000	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer from:

\$ 41,000	Fund: 105	Cost Center: 1401001000	G/L Account: 561209
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

d. RESOLUTION: Capital Funding Transfer for the Rugby Avenue Trail project - \$19,501.90

Agenda summary; resolution

RESOLUTION**Capital Funding Transfer for the Rugby Avenue Trail project - \$19,501.90**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has been awarded \$317,160 from the Virginia Department of Transportation to construct the Rugby Avenue Trail; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$19,501.90 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Expenditures**Transfer From:**

\$717	Fund: 425	WBS: P-00148	G/L Account: 599999
\$6,975	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00599	G/L Account: 599999
\$9,838.90	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00673	G/L Account: 599999
\$180	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00717	G/L Account: 599999
\$1,800	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00892	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer to:

\$19,501.90 Fund: 426 WBS: P-00977 G/L Account: 599999

e. RESOLUTION: Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

Agenda summary; resolution; MOU

RESOLUTION

To approve an amended Memorandum of Understanding on the Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby approves the revised Memorandum of Understanding on the Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership, and authorizes the City Manager to execute the revised Memorandum of Understanding after it is approved as to form and substance by the City Attorney.

f. RESOLUTION: Letter of support for 4H Education Center to receive State funding for essential capital safety improvement projects

Agenda summary; resolution

RESOLUTION

In support of a request by Holiday Lake: 4-H Educational Center (HL4HEC) to the Commonwealth of Virginia for Essential Capital Safety Improvement Projects

WHEREAS, the Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center's (HL4HEC) mission is to improve the quality of life by education of youth and adults in a natural setting and it has served the youth and adults of Central Virginia since 1941; and

WHEREAS, HL4HEC hosted thirty-two (32) City of Charlottesville youth at its 2019 summer overnight camp; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, HL4HEC was registered as a Virginia Historic Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, HL4HEC requires funding for capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving capital improvement funds and completing the necessary capital improvements, the HL4HEC can increase the Center's useful life and continue to serve the youth and adults of Charlottesville and Central Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby supports HL4HEC's request for the General Assembly to appropriate \$332,000 in the 2020-22 biennial budget for essential capital improvements.

g. RESOLUTION: Home Energy Conservation Grant - Scope of Work Modifications

1. Approving the Housing Voucher an Energy Efficiency Pilot

2. Approving the Home Energy Conservation Grant Program Funding Agreement

Agenda summary; grant agreements; resolutions

RESOLUTION

Approving the Housing Voucher and Energy Efficiency Pilot (VEEP)

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009 the Council of the City of Charlottesville approved the adoption of the Home Energy Conservation Grant Program pursuant to Charlottesville City Charter section 50.7, Virginia Code section 15.2-956(A), and 24 C.F.R. 570.202 (2008);

WHEREAS, City Council approved \$125,000 in funding from the Other Governmental Commitments in the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Fund to promote energy conservation and assist very low-, low- and moderate-income households with implementing home energy conservation measures to be administered by the Local Energy Alliance Program (“LEAP”);

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions under which the LEAP will administer the Home Energy Conservation Grant are set forth within a written grant effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, which has been reviewed by City Council on this same date;

WHEREAS, LEAP shall coordinate the Housing Voucher and Energy Efficiency Pilot (VEEP) under the Home Energy Conservation Grant endorsed by the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC);

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

1. Funding for the VEEP, a sum of \$50,000 of the Home Energy Conservation Grant funding, will be approved in the adopted budget FY19-20;
2. The funds expended in VEEP are only to assist very low-, low-, and moderate-income households, as defined in CDBG criteria;
3. Loans from VEEP will be in average amounts of \$5,000 and in no event exceed \$7,500;
4. VEEP shall undergo a review six (6) months after the completion of improvement projects and produce an evaluation for the Grants Coordinator;
5. The pilot program will include a minimum 5-year commitment to accepting Rental Vouchers.

RESOLUTION

Approving the Home Energy Conservation Grant Program Funding Agreement for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019

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WHEREAS, City Council approved \$125,000 in funding from the Other Governmental Commitments in the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) Fund to promote energy conservation and assist very low-, low- and moderate-income households with implementing home energy conservation measures to be administered by the Local Energy Alliance Program (“LEAP”);

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions under which the LEAP will administer the Home Energy Conservation Grant are set forth within a written grant effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 which has been reviewed by City Council on this same date;

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

1. The Home Energy Conservation Grant Program shall be administered by LEAP in accordance with the revised terms and conditions set forth within the grant agreement effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, which is hereby approved by this City Council; and
2. The Housing Voucher and Energy Efficiency Pilot program (“VEEP”) will be included in the Home Energy Conservation Grant Program Scope of Work;
3. That grant amounts may be up to \$5,000 per household, except that grants may be made up to \$10,000 per household for costs if approved by the Director of NDS;
4. The number of Assisted Home Performance projects able to be approved to exceed the target \$5,000 per project limit will be increased to ten (10) from three (3).

h. RESOLUTION: Alternate Appointment for Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail Authority and Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Commission

Agenda summary; resolution

RESOLUTION

Appointing Letitia Shelton as an alternate on the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail Authority Board and the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Commission

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that Letitia Shelton is appointed as the City's alternate on the Albemarle- Charlottesville Regional Jail Authority Board and the Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Commission.

i. RESOLUTION: Honorary Street Naming - Winneba Way

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion following Community Matters. Ms. Galvin expressed the desire to table the item pending discussion by the Sister Cities Commission per an email received from the Commission chairperson. Ms. Walker shared that based on her understanding of the information provided, Council could move forward with a vote at this meeting. Ms. Hill agreed with Ms. Galvin and discussion ensued.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Hill, Council by the following vote TABLED this item until January, providing direction to the Sister Cities Commission to expand the geography for consideration of honorary street namings:

3-2 (Ayes: Hill, Galvin, Signer; Noes: Walker, Bellamy).

Agenda summary; application; resolution

j. ORDINANCE: Amend Section 2-6 of the Charlottesville City Code to add Christmas Eve holiday (carried)

Agenda summary; Ordinance

k. ORDINANCE: Recreation Center precinct name change to the Key Recreation Center precinct (carried)

Agenda summary; Ordinance

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Dr. Bellamy, Council by the following vote APPROVED the Consent Agenda, pulling Item "i" at the request of Ms. Galvin:

5-0 (Ayes: Walker, Hill, Bellamy, Galvin, Signer; Noes: none).

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2019 MEETING

1. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss concerns expressed by Ms. Tanesha Hudson regarding the Parks and Recreation Department capacity to support more than one event per day.
2. Dr. Richardson advised that he has responded to Mr. Rhodes regarding concerns of statue vandalism.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mr. William Atwood, City resident, spoke about 209 Maury Avenue.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, City resident, spoke about the audit report being presented, and the use of surplus funds for the housing fund. She also spoke about the transportation plan and asked Council to look into the Eviction Crisis Act.

Ms. Tanesha Hudson spoke about bus shelters, funding the Civilian Review Board, and about expansion of bus routes in the County.

Mr. Tony Wasch, City resident, acknowledged out-going Councilors for their service.

Ms. Katrina Turner, City resident, spoke about her complaint previously filed about two police officers, and asked Council to follow through on a response claiming a “mistake”.

Mr. Don Gathers, City resident, acknowledged out-going councilors for their service. He asked that the new Council consider earmarking surplus funds to affordable housing, transit and a fully funded Civilian Review Board.

Mr. Harold Folley, representing The People’s Coalition, asked about funding for the Civilian Review Board positions. Ms. Walker advised that the Executive Director position was funded. He asked about the Adult Disproportionate Minority Contact report and acknowledged out-going Councilors for their service.

Mr. Bill Mendez requested fully funding the Executive Director pay for the Civilian Review Board.

Mr. Chris Meyer, Executive Director for Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), spoke about the Home Energy Conservation Grant, and shared information about the expansion of services. As an individual, he spoke about “Golden Parachutes” for executive leadership.

Ms. Gloria Beard, resident, thanked Council for extending the application deadline for Civilian Review Board applications. She also spoke about the lack of seating at bus stops.

Mr. Dave Norris expressed words of appreciation to out-going Councilors. He shared background information about the honorary street naming item on the agenda.

RESOLUTION*: Adoption of Transit Development Plan

Agenda summary; resolution; proposed Transit Development Plan

Mr. Garland Williams, Director of Charlottesville Area Transit, presented background information for the proposed Transit Development Plan, which was developed in 2018, but not presented to Council. He advised of procedures going forward.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council by the following vote APPROVED the resolution to accept the Transit Development Plan:

5-0 (Ayes: Walker, Hill, Bellamy, Galvin, Signer; Noes: none).

REPORT: McGuffey Art Center annual report

annual report

Ms. Giselle Gautraux, local artist and representative of the McGuffey Arts Center Executive Council, presented the annual report.

REPORT: Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019 by City's Auditor, Brown Edwards and Company

audit report

Mr. Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance, introduced Megan Argenbright, CPA, Director, Brown Edwards and Company, who presented the audit report.

The City received an unmodified report. Ms. Argenbright advised that the City of Charlottesville is one of few localities that produces its own Comprehensive Audit Finance Report (CAFR). The audit process was conducted in parallel for the City and City Schools.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Snook thanked out-going Councilors for their service. He acknowledged each of their apparent desire to work for what they have felt was in the best interest of the city.

Ms. Tanesha Hudson spoke about the lack of children of color in the McGuffey annual report photos. She spoke of disappointment for Council not passing the honorary street naming resolution.

Ms. Gloria Beard asked why no one accepted her invitation to celebrate her church's 156th anniversary.

Mr. Scott Bandy of Cherry Avenue asked about the decisions regarding statue removal and the possibility of considering them a public nuisance.

With no further matters by the public, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.