

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
November 5, 2021
Virtual/electronic meeting via ZOOM**

3:00 PM SPECIAL MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met electronically on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in accordance with a local ordinance amended and re-enacted on October 4, 2021 to ensure continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus State of Emergency. The purpose of the special meeting was to announce and ratify the appointment of Marc Woolley as Interim City Manager, and to announce the proposed process for the City Manager search to begin in April 2022.

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Sena Magill, and Councilors Heather Hill, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook.

Welcome and Introduction of the Interim City Manager

Mayor Walker welcomed Marc Woolley, members of the media and other meeting attendees. She thanked the public for their patience throughout the process of filling the City Manager position and expressed that she is hopeful that the next process will be more in line with the vision that members of the public have expressed that they desire.

Statement from the Interim City Manager

Mayor Walker turned the meeting over to Mr. Woolley, who made remarks thanking City Council for the opportunity and about the work that he will take on regarding the City Budget and the Comprehensive Plan.

Q&A Session

Mayor Walker introduced the Question and Answer section of the meeting, with opportunities for questions and remarks in the following order: Councilors, Media, Citizens/public. Names of those who spoke are listed below, and Mr. Woolley provided responses.

Councilors

- Lloyd Snook
- Heather Hill
- Michael Payne

Media (Members of the media were allowed the opportunity to ask two questions.)

- Jessie Higgins, Charlottesville Tomorrow

- Sean Tubbs, Cville Community Engagement
- Ginny Bixby, The Daily Progress
- Isabel Cleary, NBC29
- Sarah Robinson, CBS19
- Ben Hitchcock, Cville Weekly
- Rahul Sharma, The Cav Daily

Citizens

- Tanesha Hudson
- Joy Johnson
- Dr. Hezedeane Smith, Charlottesville Fire Chief
- Lyndele von Schill
- Myra Anderson

Councilors made closing remarks.

Mayor Walker made remarks about the City Manager hiring process and creating a culture that encourages open communication and fosters success, while protecting citizens from being displaced.

Action Item

- 1. Approving the appointment of Interim City Manager and Ratifying/Approving the employment contract (1 reading)**

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Councilor Payne, Council by the following vote APPROVED the resolution appointing Interim City Manager Marc Woolley with a start date of December 1, 2021: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Charlottesville City Council desires to elect and appoint Marc Woolley to serve as Interim Charlottesville City Manager, pursuant to the Charlottesville City Charter (1946) as amended; and

WHEREAS Mr. Woolley has agreed to accept election and appointment as City Manager, upon certain terms and conditions set forth in writing and accepted by Mr. Woolley on October 30, 2021 ("Offer");

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Offer of employment given by City Council and

accepted by Marc Woolley is hereby ratified and approved, and City Council hereby appoints, elects and employs Mr. Woolley as Interim City Manager upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer. Mr. Woolley will take steps necessary to qualify for office in accordance with the City Charter.

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council