

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – December 3, 2012

Council met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Mr. Huja, Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Norris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tolbert announced Charlottesville's publication in *Walk Friendly Communities*. Charlottesville was awarded the silver level for walkability and was one of three Virginia communities recognized.

Mr. Huja announced the time capsule burial on Sunday, December 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Lee Park. He also announced Holiday Market hours from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays through December 22.

Ms. Szakos announced the ribbon cutting for the Jefferson School City Center on Tuesday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Norris said there is a young person, Deshad Sage Smith, missing since November 20. He asked for folks with information to call 977-4000, or go to the "Find Deshad "Sage" Smith" page on Facebook.

Mr. Norris announced the Fresh Start Program, a new initiative the JMRL launched. The program runs December 22 through January 6 and offers fine forgiveness for children who have had their account blocked.

On motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Smith, Mr. Gregory Edwards and Mr. William Kehoe were appointed to the Airport Commission, each for a three year term. (Ayes: Mr. Norris, Ms. Smith, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja; Noes: None.)

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Naomi Roberts, 1140 St. Clair Ave., said traffic at Michie Drive has not improved and asked for action. She said she is not against fees for storm runoff, but we build infrastructure and do not properly maintain it.

Mr. Paul Long, 1410 Grady Ave., asked Council to engage in an open discussion about the City's response to the homeless.

Mr. Marco Brown, 112 E. Market St., said he has been homeless for about a year and a half. He spoke against the panhandling ordinance and said the City should treat those less fortunate equally.

Ms. Amy Marshall, 1717 E. Market St., President of Charlottesville Pride, thanked Council for their support at the Pride Festival. A vigil for a missing young

person, Dashad Sage, was held recently. She said the case is not getting enough attention, and it creates a perception of discrimination. She said there should be better communication about what is being done for Sage. She invited Council to attend a rally to end hate crimes tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at UVA. She asked Council to support the Human Rights Commission.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, 727 Denali Way, said people are fighting back on ordinances that go too far. Infringement on rights is a slippery slope. She said she agrees that the Michie Drive intersection is dangerous, and something needs to be done.

Mr. Scott Bandy, 1639 Cherry Ave., said he wanted to thank Judge Hogshire for calling for a special election. He asked for support for a referendum on electing Councilors by wards.

Mr. Jeff Fogel, 215 Spruce St., said he presented a proposal to Council seven months ago to eliminate jail sentences for simple possession of marijuana. He said there has been silence since then, and he asked Council to put the issue on an upcoming agenda and support his proposal.

Mr. Jordan McNeish, 2560 Beasley Ln., asked Council to consider Mr. Fogel's proposal. Jails do not rehabilitate drug users. Mr. Fogel's proposal resolves every issue Council had with the matter of decriminalizing marijuana.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said PHAR is one of the most important organizations in Charlottesville, speaking for low income and public housing residents. The Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) has failed to meet the federal requirement of working with PHAR on public housing issues. He encouraged Councilors to watch video and read minutes from past CRHA meetings and get involved with the issues, especially the lack of staff accountability.

Ms. Lennice Werth, Keswick, said she has had experience with a state-wide drug policy organization. States that have passed marijuana liberalization initiatives have seen reductions in suicides, automobile fatalities, and youth arrests. Jail time for possession is not effective.

Ms. Deirdre Gilmore, 613 Hinton Ave., said CRHA needs new leadership. She said if Council can move as swiftly as they did when they removed benches from Central Place, then they should be able to make changes just as quickly with the CRHA. The city should hire the homeless for the ambassadors program.

Ms. Shymora Cooper, 713 Epstick St., said the CRHA leadership and board membership needs to be revisited. Residents are tired of dealing with the same issues with no resolution.

Mr. Kenneth Jackson, 317 Hotrock Rd., Rice, Virginia, said he does not believe the police department is not doing enough to find his cousin, Dashad Smith.

COUNCIL RESPONSE

Ms. Szakos said she has been thinking about Dashad Sage and is concerned about his safety. Her thoughts and prayers are with his family and the community. She said our rights are guaranteed by the Constitution for a reason, and she will continue to defend them as often as she can. She said she was not inclined to decriminalize marijuana locally, because in order to get marijuana, you have to buy it from criminals. She said she believes it must be addressed on the state level in order to ensure it is safe, but she is willing to reconsider jail time for marijuana possession on a future agenda. She said hiring people who really need jobs for the ambassadors program on the Mall is exactly what she envisioned. She said she supports providing child care for City Council meetings.

Mr. Norris said staff has tentatively allocated funding for a stoplight at Michie Drive. He said we should focus on behaviors and work to decrease poverty and refrain from criminalizing a segment of our community. He said he agreed with Mr. Fogel and believes we should support what we can at the local level. He thanked members of PHAR for coming forward and reminding us that everyone in our community should be treated with dignity and respect. We need to change the way things are going with our housing authority. He thanked members of Dashad Smith's family for coming forward tonight.

Ms. Smith said she looks forward to a better solution at Michie Drive. She thanked Mr. Brown for coming forward and said he is always friendly on the Mall. We should try harder to provide easy access to the resources our community has available. She said she agreed with Mr. Bandy that we need better geographic representation amongst our officials. She said she is interested in looking into the marijuana issue again. She thanked PHAR for coming to the meeting.

Ms. Galvin thanked Ms. Roberts for her feedback, and said she is looking forward to a solution for Michie Drive. She said three Councilors were out of town at a conference and did not know about the vigil. She has a lot of faith that our police department is doing all they can to find Dashad. She said she is willing to look at the laws surrounding marijuana again, but she encouraged Council to create a campaign to educate young people about the dangers of smoking marijuana. She appreciated Mr. Fogel's solution. She is going to tour public housing sites with Ms. Dunn to get a sense of what is going on with the system. She said she would like to get together with Ms. Gilmore to discuss the issues as well. Ms. Galvin said just because someone is a professional and sitting on Council does not mean they do not know anything about poverty. She did grow up in poverty, and she is constantly striving to improve the opportunities available in our community. It is a slippery slope to begin to equate the impoverished with negative behaviors.

Mr. Huja said the Council has done a fair amount in the last few years for the homeless, and he is sure more can be done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Smith requested that item m be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Huja clarified that he was not opposed to the Ambassador Program and asked for the minutes to reflect that.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, the following consent agenda items were approved: (Ayes: Mr. Huja, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: None.)

- a. Minutes for November 19
- b. APPROPRIATION: FY2012 Year-End Appropriation (2nd reading)
- c. APPROPRIATION: 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - \$28,386 (2nd reading)
- d. APPROPRIATION: Federal Realty Sponsorship Agreement – Police Patrols at Barracks Road Shopping Center - \$30,000 (2nd reading)
- e. APPROPRIATION: Charlottesville Area Transit Project – Landscape Performance Bond Release - \$13,621.86 (2nd reading)
- f. APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of FY 2013 Transit Grants \$30,153 (CIP), \$219,728 (Operating grants), \$513,713 (JAUNT) (2nd reading)
- g. APPROPRIATION: Runaway Emergency Shelter Program Grant - \$212,444 (2nd reading)
- h. APPROPRIATION: 2013 Department of Motor Vehicles Virginia Highway Safety Grant - \$18,975 (2nd reading)
- i. APPROPRIATION: Reimbursement to City for COMCAST Celebrate 250! Donation - \$5,000 (2nd reading)
- j. APPROPRIATION: Albemarle County Reimbursement for the Gordon Avenue Library Masonry Project - \$3,452.25 (carried)
- k. APPROPRIATION: Albemarle County Reimbursement for the Central Library Elevator Replacement Project \$8,906 (carried)
- l. APPROPRIATION: Aid to Localities Fire Disbursement Fund - \$116,218 (carried)
- m. APPROPRIATION: ~~Appropriation of Funds for the Human Services Planner – \$63,766~~
- RESOLUTION: ~~Resolution to Dissolve the Commission on Children and Families~~
- n. RESOLUTION: Dominion Power Easement Across Darden Towe Park
- o. ORDINANCE: Abandonment of Gas Easement near Dunlora Subdivision (2nd reading)
- p. ORDINANCE: Ivy Creek Natural Area Tenant House Lease Agreement (2nd reading)
- q. ORDINANCE: Zoning Text Amendment – Medical Labs (carried)

- r. ORDINANCE: Zoning Text Amendment Request for BAR housekeeping code changes (carried)

PUBLIC HEARING / REPORT: NOISE ORDINANCE UPDATE

Mr. Tolbert presented to Council on the noise ordinance issue. He said there has probably not been enough time to truly gauge what the changes have meant. The total number of calls is down.

Ms. Szakos clarified that this data was from August 15 – November 8.

Mr. Tolbert clarified that the number of verified calls is down, but essentially the same of 2009-2010. “Verified” means the police came and verified that there was noise, but it may not have qualified as a violation. Staff suggested continuing observation throughout the year and then making an evaluation once more data was available.

Chief Longo said there were actually 12 arrests and 33 warnings. This report is a work in progress, and we are putting our best foot forward by examining our practices and procedures and the way we are handling the calls.

Ms. Szakos asked what “no UU” means, an acronym used on the list of violations. Chief Longo said that means there was no action taken. Right now we cannot capture certain information with the way the calls are coded.

Ms. Smith clarified that we are dealing with a little over a month’s worth of data. She also said an arrest could be just a citation; it means they were charged with something.

On motion by Mr. Huja, the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Andrew Johnson, 29 University Circle, said he is the Vice President for the UVA Judiciary Committee, so he deals with any judiciary matters regarding the fraternities. A lot of what the fraternities do is proactive, not reactive. Noise is a tough issue because it cannot be easily handled. The fraternities revamped their trash enforcement policy, and it has been a success. Severity, underlying cause of the problem, and the best way to fix the underlying cause are three things they take into account when addressing an issue. In this case, it is a matter of neighborhood relations, which the fraternities have been working proactively to improve.

Mr. Andrew Kohlberg, 41 West Lawn, Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) President, thanked Council for allowing students to have a voice on this issue. Building community relations is an important piece of this issue. He reviewed changes the IFC has made to their party policies.

Mr. Norris asked Mr. Kohlberg what sort of reassurance the IFC can give the City that the changes put in place will enjoy continuity. Mr. Kohlberg said IFC policies are on the books, and there is continuity in leadership when the fourth years graduate because they have trained the third years to take over.

Mr. Neil Branch, 117 Venable, said the University could not be what it is without the support of the City and the surrounding community. He thanked Council for including students in the conversation, and he said enacting a strict noise ordinance is a step backwards.

Mr. Bo Swindell, 33 University Circle, said he is the president of his fraternity and sits on the IFC Executive Board. They have made a serious effort towards improving neighborhood relations, and he is confident in the transition to the upcoming class.

Mr. Andrew Magee, 130 Madison Ln., president of his fraternity, said the threat of a strict noise ordinance makes potential leaders shy away from taking leadership positions because of the potential for liability. If we lose good leaders, things will get worse.

Ms. Kathleen Lavelle, 123 Chancellor Rd., incoming president of the Inter-Sorority Council (ISC), said they are striving to educate their women and making sure they know how to foster community relations. Continued conversations are key to resolving these problems.

Mr. Miles Kirwin, 600 Preston Pl., president of his fraternity, said he has met with neighborhood groups and developed a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Since implementing the MOU, there have been no warnings or violations. Improved relationships with neighbors have led to many fruitful benefits. He asked Council to reconsider enacting the proposed noise ordinance.

Mr. Rick Jones, 102 S. First St., member of the Fraternity Alumni Council and an alumni advisor, said he is pleased staff is not recommending changing the ordinance right now. Increasing the severity of the noise ordinance is a step in the wrong direction. He asked if there is a way to tell how many of the calls for service are from unique callers.

Ms. Bailey Hampton, 505 Elliot Ave., said if Council changes the rules without discussion, they will stifle the creativity our City is known for.

Mr. Sean Carr, 29 University Cir., said he is a UVA alumnus and is a member of a fraternity. He works now at the University. He said everyone Council has heard from today is doing excellent work. This is not a fraternity problem. Other homes along University Circle are at the core of the problem. This is a larger set of quality of life issues. Students are not entitled to bad behavior.

A citizen who refused to give his name said students need to keep real issues in perspective.

Ms. Ladi Carr, 39 University Cir., said what happened in August started a conversation, which has been a great side effect. She said not enough time has been allowed to decide if the new procedures have been working. She asked Council what the acceptable number of calls for her neighborhood would be.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Huja clarified that no action will be taken tonight.

Ms. Smith asked the police department for a profile of these calls. She asked if this is an isolated problem unique to the University, or if it is a problem in other parts of the City as well. She said if this is a bigger issue, it raises broader concerns. We should not tailor an ordinance to one segment of our community. Chief Longo said the procedure is being implemented City-wide.

Ms. Szakos said these discussions between fraternities and neighbors should have started two years ago. There does not seem to be action unless there is a threat. A citation after one warning may take care of that, but we should keep a close eye on this issue. Chief Longo said the police also stepped up their game, and there has been a good response.

Ms. Smith asked who gets cited when you get called to a residence. Chief Longo said they cite whoever has control of the house, be it the lease holder, the president, or another person.

Ms. Galvin said the mapping is great. Seeing the before and after was helpful and impressive, and being able to see where the incidences of arrests were taking place was important. We should focus on everyone, not just fraternities and sororities. We need some sort of a performance indicator to gauge whether things are going well. She asked if we could survey the residents. Mr. Jones said we are working to see that we reach the neighbors beyond the associations.

Mr. Norris commended the IFC and the ISC for their actions and said they have risen to the challenge. Students can model behaviors, and those who are not members of a fraternity can learn from those who exhibit good behavior.

Ms. Smith asked if officers can intervene when there is underage drinking. Chief Longo said the police cannot violate the constitution regarding entering private homes.

PUBLIC HEARING / RESOLUTION: THE PLAZA ON MAIN STREET SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR INCREASED DENSITY & HEIGHT

Ms. Ebony Walden presented to Council.

Mr. Norris asked the applicant to address the issue regarding activity on the street. By having a significant portion of the street front facility be for use of the club effect the way the building relates to the street.

Ms. Valerie Long, 321 E. Main St., said 15,000 square feet will be dedicated to public space, retail or commercial space. The goal is to have the ground floor space be as lively and vibrant as possible.

Ms. Smith said it is misleading to say there are 98 dwelling units when there may be up to four adults living in a unit. Ms. Long said the anticipated total number of residents is 495. Mr. Tolbert said the applicant has voluntarily agreed to have one and two bedroom units as well. Mr. Brown said the project has 98 units per acre, for a total of 219 units.

Ms. Smith asked if there is there a definition of mixed use development in our zoning ordinance in terms of proportions. Mr. Tolbert said staff tried to indicate there would be a certain percent in some zoning districts but realized the market would primarily dictate the proportions.

Ms. Szakos asked who the project managers envisioned living here as residents. Ms. Long said students, both graduate and undergraduate, medical students and residents, faculty and staff from the hospital, and young professionals. Ms. Szakos asked what the rent level is. Ms. Long said it will range from \$700-\$1200 per bedroom.

On motion by Mr. Huja, the public hearing was opened.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, 727 Denali Way, said she lives in Eagle's Landing. According to the Virginia Housing website, rents have increased state-wide over the past three years. The building should have spaces more accessible to the public.

Ms. Donna DeLoria, with Payne and Hodous, 414 E. Jefferson St., said the City should support this project if they want to support mixed use buildings.

Mr. Brandon Collins, 418 Fairway Ave., said no one in the surrounding neighborhoods was consulted about this. Talk to the community before you increase density, and you should do what you can to make sure there is a true mix of people living here. He asked for an affordable housing component to be added to this plan.

Mr. Ivan Romanesco, 117 Bolling Rd., said he supports this project because it is a new urbanism project. This is also an economic development project. The applicant has met the guidelines set forth in the plans. This is an area lacking in development. This

project is not big enough to sustain 15,000 square feet of retail space. This project should cross-pollinate with other projects and work to get people on the sidewalks.

Ms. Joy Johnson, 823 B Hardy Dr., said the neighborhoods connected with West Main Street should have been made aware of the design and the plan for this project. The City needs to take into account how this project will affect people from the surrounding areas and find a way to better communicate with those neighborhoods that are affected.

Mr. Luis Oyola, 10th and Page neighborhood, said he agreed with Ms. Johnson, especially concerning Westhaven residents.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Szakos said she hopes a small market would be a part of the plan for this area. She also said under our current ordinance, you can offer to pay money into the affordable housing fund, which is also good, but the project seems like a perfect place for affordable housing. Explore how we can have some of these units set aside for affordable housing.

Mr. Norris said the reality is that in order to stop suburban sprawl, we need to create urban density. However, it has to be situated correctly. This is a part of the City that can accommodate urban density. What happens in this stretch of West Main is going to help reintegrate Westhaven into the West Main corridor. It will infuse the affordable housing fund, and he said he supports the project.

Ms. Galvin said this project has done everything right. This will increase the City's tax base, contribute to the housing fund, engage the Westhaven community, promote the multimodal corridor, and is in keeping with several aspects of our comprehensive plan. She has faith in the applicant to do the right kind of design, and she supports the project.

Ms. Smith said she disagreed with her fellow Councilors, and she finds it hard to believe that the planning that was done four or five years ago envisioned student housing on Main Street. This backs up to several important neighborhood areas, and she is concerned that there has been a lot of attention to the design of the front of the building, which faces West Main Street, and very little attention to the side facing Fifeville.

Mr. Huja said this is the right project in the right location. It provides density in an appropriate place, provides mixed use, and will help the affordable housing fund. It also provides a public space and a public plaza. All four sides should be designed, including the back, with landscaping.

Ms. Szakos said we already have students in that neighborhood, especially graduate students. Students have brought rent increases and noise to the neighborhoods, but to have a huge influx of apartments available in that location will relieve some of the pressure in the neighborhoods.

Mr. Norris said he is concerned that there was a breakdown in communication from the 10th and Page neighborhood association to the residents of Westhaven. In the future, we should be sure Westhaven residents are included in those communications.

Ms. Smith asked for assurance that fair housing laws would be in effect. Ms. Long said that would absolutely be the case.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Norris, the resolution passed. (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Mr. Norris, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Huja; Noes: Ms. Smith.)

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: ABANDON GAS EASEMENT ON WHITEWOOD ROAD (carried)

Mr. Craig Brown presented to Council. A gas line is being relocated to the rear of the property in a new easement due to development of the parcel. Public Utilities have no objection to the abandonment of the easement.

On motion by Mr. Huja, the public hearing was opened.

Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Smith, the ordinance carried.

REPORT: FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET GUIDELINES AND LONG TERM (FY 2014-2018) FINANCIAL FORECAST

Ms. Beauregard presented to Council. She asked them to provide discussion, feedback and approval of FY 2014 Budget Guidelines and to begin finalizing Budget Worksession and Community Budget Forum dates.

She reviewed major FY 2014 budget drivers, long-term forecasts, tax revenues, major revenue sources, and the financial forecast for FY 2014 – FY 2018.

Two revised guidelines for FY 2014 are to budget a reserve for Council Priority Initiatives and Council Discretionary Funds, and to examine an increase in the Meals Tax, or other revenue sources, and their potential impact on the FY 2014 budget. She outlined the FY 2014 budget process and timeline.

Mr. Huja asked about the commitment of \$1.8 million for the schools. Mr. Jones said this was a compromise position agreed upon at a recent joint work session. Ms. Galvin asked what the current school deficit is. Mr. Jones said it is \$3 – 4 million, but that includes a pay raise that may not be proposed if they have to put cuts on the table.

Mr. Norris said the proposal is for the City to come up with \$1.8 million from either additional revenue or some other source, such as the economic downturn reserve fund. Ms. Galvin said the changes that have happened to the City schools are structural. We need to find a permanent solution, looking at all possible sources of revenue.

Ms. Szakos said social impact bonds, where companies make investments because they know after five years of investment, that will save the school district money in special education and social work, may be a creative way to reduce costs without cutting services. She said we should leave everything on the table for now.

Mr. Huja said he does not see increasing meals tax as a way to solve our problems. Mr. Norris agreed. He said we need to examine per people spending and determine whether we are running the system as efficiently as possible. Ms. Szakos said we also have to remember that we also have a lower income on average compared to other districts. We have a good school system. It would be a mistake to cut off conversations about a possible meals tax increase.

Ms. Galvin said we may examine meals tax in addition to another source of broader revenue. A place without children is a dying place, and we need to support and maintain our schools.

Ms. Smith said this is an opportunity to improve efficiency and make our schools better for all children. There are many options. She said she is concerned that we are not hearing details from the schools about their deficit.

Mr. Huja said there is also a deficit on our side. Staff said the numbers will move a lot. Mr. Huja said we could use the proffer money we are receiving for affordable housing and reduce our contribution accordingly. Ms. Szakos and Mr. Norris said that defeats the purpose of a proffer. Ms. Galvin said we should examine proffers that include schools.

Mr. Jones asked Council for clarification on their instruction for staff regarding a potential meals tax adjustment. Ms. Galvin said she is willing to look at it, but it must be done comprehensively along with our other needs, such as stormwater utility. Ms. Smith said she would like to see more effort from the schools to economize, and the meals tax is a last ditch effort. Ms. Galvin said Council should read the management efficiency study that was done on the schools four years ago. The schools lost state funding; they do not have a bloated budget.

Mr. Norris asked staff for a proposal that does not include revenue increases, and if Council says the cuts are too draconian, Council can reevaluate the need to examine a revenue increase. Ms. Galvin said she agreed. Ms. Szakos said she would like to see ongoing conversations with the restaurants, because they need to be on board with an increase in the event it becomes necessary. Mr. Jones said it may be difficult to implement a meals tax too late in the budget season.

Ms. Beauregard said staff will report back to Council the second meeting in January.

REPORT: THOMAS JEFFERSON PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (TJPED) UPDATE

Ms. Helen Cauthen, President of the TJPED, presented to Council.

Ms. Smith asked if she works with any of the professors at the University. Ms. Cauthen said she would be interested in learning more about fostering such a relationship.

Ms. Galvin said economic development and workforce readiness need to collaborate, and that does not always happen.

Mr. Norris said he appreciated TJPED's work but is disappointed in the outcomes of the target market study. The focus on how to create a job base that will help low income residents in our region has gotten lost.

REPORT: STRATEGIC ACTION TEAM INTERIM UPDATE

Mr. Chris Engel presented to Council. The City Council held a work session on job creation and job opportunities in July 2012. A primary action item resulting from the work session was to establish a multidisciplinary team of city staff to further explore workforce development opportunities as a means to help people move out of poverty. This is a complex and difficult issue. Their mission statement is to "foster employment opportunities and move City residents towards self-sufficiency".

Mr. Engel identified three objectives: identify existing workforce development agencies in the community and understand the work they are currently doing; identify issues or barriers to employment; and examine best practices locally and across the nation in order to create innovative solutions to employment barriers.

The team examined transportation immediately. They surveyed employers to see how many are within a quarter mile walking distance to existing transportation, and 97% of all jobs within the City are within this range. Ms. Szakos asked if they are actually walkable. Mr. Engel said they have not gotten to that layer yet; this is the initial cut. There are 38% of jobs in the County that are also near an existing line, which averages to roughly 67% of jobs overall. The next step is to identify what types of jobs these are. The same survey will be conducted with existing childcare centers and various costs. The team will put together a plan document in June.

Mr. Huja asked if it is possible to follow the Orange Dot Program. Ms. Galvin said she has access to studies that she will pass along to staff. There are many resources.

Mr. Norris said he wants to hear more about the supply side and what more we can do to create and attract career ladder jobs in our community.

Ms. Smith asked if the team plans to talk to residents within the strategic initiative area, because it may be surprising what they view some of the barriers to be. She asked Mr. Engel to be sure there is a way to give the public access to this information once it has been refined.

REPORT/RESOLUTION/APPROPRIATION: 909 EAST MARKET STREET
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT / APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR
PURCHASE (carried)

Mr. Mike Murphy presented to Council.

Mr. Huja asked him to clarify what the building would be used for. Mr. Murphy said it will be for the community attention program, which is the family group homes and tri-area foster families that merged together in 2009. Currently 84 children are in their care, and we recruit, maintain, and conduct studies to provide services. Ms. Szakos asked if they pay per child. Mr. Murphy said they do, but there is no straight local appropriation. It goes through the Comprehensive Services Act.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, the resolution was approved unanimously. (Ayes: Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: None.)

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Smith, the appropriation carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPROPRIATION: FUNDS FOR THE HUMAN SERVICES PLANNER - \$63,766 (carried) and **RESOLUTION:** DISSOLVE THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (CCF)

Mr. Murphy presented to Council. Ms. Smith said she asked for this to be pulled for discussion because the public should hear about it. She asked what dissolving the CCF will mean for this year compared to what we have done in the past.

Mr. Murphy said the County decided not to support CCF as of July 1, 2013. Council indicated they would like to continue to support some of the important work of CCF and retain staff member Gretchen Ellis. If the County decides to hear this through the ABRT process, we will present them with the total staff time and resources required. We will save for half of a year by bringing Ms. Ellis on with the City. A fund balance will also transfer over. The change in duties will be effective January 1.

Ms. Smith asked if we should examine the position to make sure it does not need to be advertised for, and to be sure that we are shaping it to be what we need it to be.

Ms. Szakos asked for the resolution to reflect the City's appreciation and gratitude for the members of the CCF for their support and dedication.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the resolution was approved unanimously, with the added language as suggested by Ms. Szakos. (Ayes: Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith; Noes: None.)

Mr. Norris asked what the value is in bringing these agencies together. Perhaps the City should have their own Charlottesville Commission on Children and Families. Mr. Jones said staff is looking into that possibility.

On motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the appropriation carried.

Ms. Smith asked to be kept abreast of the planning process and the changes that will be taking place.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Donna Carty, 802 6th St. SE, said it is difficult to criminalize behavior, especially when people's perceptions are objective based on physical appearances. Agencies have approached the Occupy New York group because of the good job they have been doing. She asked the City to task Occupy Charlottesville with a way to deal with the homeless. They did a good job of it when we they were at Lee Park. Also, if people are to climb a career ladder, they have to be interested enough in the job. Mr. Engel should ask the people what kind of jobs they want. The Downtown Mall is meant to be a place for all people.

Mr. Scott Bandy, 1639 Cherry Ave., said he has seen a fox and two deer outside his front door. He attributes the activity at Ragged Mountain for wildlife in the City. He thanked the City for the deer crossing signs at the JPA Bridge and in front of Chipotle at Barracks Road.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, 727 Denali Way, said some behavioral issues have significantly decreased.

The meeting was adjourned.



Clerk of Council