

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Friday, February 3, 2012, AT 9:00 a.m. AT THE Wintergreen Lodge, Route 664, Wintergreen, Virginia.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

City Council Retreat

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

BY Paige Barfield

WINTERGREEN LODGE – February 3, 2012

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Smith, Mr. Norris, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Huja. City staff members Maurice Jones, Aubrey Watts, Leslie Beauregard, Ric Barrick, and Paige Barfield were also present. The session was facilitated by Becky Clay Christensen.

Ms. Christensen opened the meeting with a review of goals and expectations for the day. Council agreed to review their priorities, work as a team, understand and hear each other, build relationships, and provide direction regarding the budget gap for the City and for schools.

Council reviewed the Vision Statement and provided feedback on wins, challenges, and changes for each vision statement item. Council discussed their priorities and decided to work to narrow the list to four or five items for specific focus over the next two years. Council identified the following priorities as their focus points:

- Reduce poverty by increasing sustainable employment among less skilled and educated residents
- Provide comprehensive support system for children
- Build interconnected network of multi-modal transportation, including bikeways, trails, transit system
- Develop City Market District Downtown
- Redevelop City corridors
- Cultivate healthy streams and rivers through effective stormwater management practices

Lastly, Council discussed how they would prefer to interact and work together going forward and gave staff direction on editing the Council Vision and Council Priorities documents. Staff will report back to Council with a draft of edits for their review.