

**CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 1, 2022 at 4:00 PM**  
**In person: Council Chamber, 605 E. Main Street**  
**Virtual/electronic: Zoom**

The Charlottesville City Council met in an electronic meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022, in accordance with a local ordinance amended and re-enacted on March 7, 2022, to ensure continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus State of Emergency. Mayor Lloyd Snook called the meeting to order and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting the following councilors present: Michael Payne, Brian Pinkston, and Mayor Lloyd Snook. Councilor Sena Magill provided notice earlier in the day that she would arrive late because of a medical procedure that would prevent her from being present. Vice Mayor Juandiego Wade provided advance notice that he may be unable to attend because of international travel that would prevent him from joining in person or electronically.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Pinkston, Council voted unanimously to adopt the meeting agenda (Ayes: Payne, Pinkston, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Magill, Wade).

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Presentation: FY2024 City Budget overview**

Interim City Manager Michael C. Rogers stated the purpose of the agenda item. Krisy Hammill, Director of Budget made the presentation using the following agenda:

- I. Key Dates
- II. FY2024 Budget Process Review
- III. Review of Budget Guidelines and Strategic Goals
- IV. Historical Perspective – General Fund
- V. General Fund Trends
- VI. Key Drivers for Budget Development
- VII. Questions and Discussion

Councilor Pinkston referenced an email from Councilor Magill requesting to change the budget approval deadline, and he asked about restarting the strategic planning process. Mr. Rogers stated that the American Rescue Plan funds proposal on the agenda includes funding for engaging a consultant to help with the strategic planning process.

Councilor Payne asked questions regarding funding to address wage compression in the organization, climate action planning, the Affordable Housing Plan, the Regional Transit Vision and Marcus Alert system.

Mr. Rogers referenced two drivers for addressing employee wages: 1) the Classification and Compensation study and 2) Collective bargaining. He stated that the current salary study is on schedule to be finalized in December. Deputy City Manager Sam Sanders stated that the team anticipates presenting the Climate Action Study document to Council in October.

Mayor Snook asked about the formula for school funding. Mr. Rogers stated that he would tee up a conversation with Schools.

Councilor Magill joined the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Mr. Rogers indicated that he will need input from Council on affordable housing benchmarks and dynamics needed to move regional transit forward.

Discussion ensued about modifying the budget approval deadline; however, no change was made. Mr. Rogers stated that staff will look into options.

The meeting recessed at 5:03 p.m. and resumed at 6:30 p.m.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

City Council began the business meeting with a moment of silence.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Pinkston announced the Commissioners and Cans Food and Fund Drive to benefit area food banks.

Councilor Payne announced the opening of the Charlottesville Homeowners Assistance Program (CHAP) application period.

## **CONSENT AGENDA\***

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

2. MINUTES: June 21 special meeting; July 18 special meeting
3. RESOLUTION: Authorizing a refund of \$8,132.19 to a taxpaying entity or business, for business license tax paid in error for 2022 (2nd reading)

## **RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing a refund of \$8,132.19 to a taxpaying entity or business, for business license taxes paid in error for 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Revenue has determined that a taxpaying entity or business paid 2022 Business License Tax to the City of Charlottesville in error; and

**WHEREAS**, that taxpaying entity or business has requested a refund of the amount paid in error; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Revenue has certified that a refund of taxes paid is due in the amount of \$8,132.19; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 30-6(b) requires City Council approval for any tax refund exceeding \$2,500.00; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Treasurer to issue a refund of \$8,132.19 from GL 410150 (business license tax revenue) or from GL 1631001000 (Citywide reserve) as necessary, payable to that taxpaying entity or business.

4. RESOLUTION: Approving Settlement of Disputed Real Estate Assessment (Omni Hotel) (2nd reading)

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Approving a Settlement Agreement and Release between the Omni Charlottesville Virginia Corporation and the City of Charlottesville, made as of July 1, 2022**

WHEREAS the Omni Charlottesville Virginia Corporation (“Omni”) and the City of Charlottesville (“City”) are parties to an action pending in the Circuit Court of the City of Charlottesville styled Omni Charlottesville Virginia Corporation v. City of Charlottesville, Virginia, Case No. CL21-116 (the “Action”), addressing the real estate tax assessments for the Omni property for tax years 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS Omni currently has an appeal of the City’s assessment of the Omni property for tax year 2022 pending before the City’s Board of Equalization (the “BOE Appeal”); and

WHEREAS Omni and the City wish to settle the disputes between them and dismiss the Action and the BOE Appeal on the terms and conditions stated below; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia THAT a Settlement Agreement and Release made between Omni and the City as of July 1, 2022 is hereby ratified and approved, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Settlement Payment. In consideration of the release set forth in this Agreement, the City shall refund to Omni, and agrees to accept, a payment in the principal amount of \$135,304.57, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$14,794.62 as of June 20, 2022, with interest accruing thereafter at the rate of \$37.07 per diem (collectively the “Settlement Payment”), as a refund of a portion of the real property taxes imposed on real property owned by Omni, known as 212 Ridge McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia, bearing Parcel No. 330155L00 (the “Property”). The Settlement Payment amount includes the refunds of taxes and interest due to Omni based on the revised assessments set forth in Paragraph No. 3 of this Agreement.

2. Dismissal. Upon receipt of the Settlement Payment, counsel for Omni shall endorse and deliver to counsel for the City an Agreed Order dismissing the Actions, with prejudice.

3. Compromise Assessments for Tax Years 2020, 2021, and 2022. For purposes of this settlement, the City shall set the assessment of the Property for tax years 2020-2022 as follows: \$40.0 million for tax year 2020, \$30.0 million for tax year 2021, and \$30.6 million for tax year 2022. Due to the compromise assessment for tax year 2022, the real estate tax installment due on the Property to the City no later than December 5, 2022, shall be \$146,880.00.

4. No Admissions. The parties acknowledge that the City's assessments of the Property for tax years 2020-2022 remain in dispute. Omni maintains that the City's assessments are erroneous and significantly exceed the fair market value of the Property. The City maintains that its assessments are not erroneous and are at the fair market value of the Property. Accordingly, the parties agree that nothing in this Agreement or the performance hereof shall be taken as an admission or concession of any type or kind regarding or relating to the Property's actual fair market value for tax years 2020-2022.

5. Mutual Releases. In consideration of the promises and rights granted in this Agreement, the sufficiency of which is expressly acknowledged, Omni discharges and releases the City and its officers, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives, from all claims, debts, suits, actions, charges, demands, judgments, costs, executions, liabilities and all other obligations, whether in contract, tort, or other, known and unknown, both legal and equitable, which have been brought or could have been brought, relating to the subject matter of the Actions or related in any way to the City's real property tax assessments of the Property for the tax years 2020, 2021, and/or 2022.

In consideration of the promises and rights granted in this Agreement, the sufficiency of which is expressly acknowledged, the City discharges and releases Omni and its shareholders, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, and representatives, from all claims, debts, suits, actions, charges, demands, judgments, costs, executions, liabilities and all other obligations, whether in contract, tort, or other, known and unknown, both legal and equitable, which have been brought or could have been brought, relating to the subject matter of the Actions or related in any way to the City's real property tax assessments for the Property for the tax years 2020, 2021, and/or 2022.

6. Fees and Costs. Each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

7. Merger. No promise or agreement not herein expressed has been made by, between or among the parties, and in executing this Agreement, the parties are not relying upon any statement or oral representations made to them by each other or by anyone else who has not acted for them or on their own behalf but are each relying solely upon their own judgment. No consideration has been given, or is or has been offered, promised, expected, or held out other than as provided herein, and no conditions precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement exist other than as expressly provided herein. This Agreement creates no new rights other than as expressly provided herein.

8. Full and Final Settlement. The parties understand that this is a full and final disposition of the claims and disputes between them, both as to the existence, and the nature and extent of, liability by any party except as specified herein. The parties understand and

agree fully that this Agreement constitutes a compromise settlement and is mutual, final, and binding upon the parties.

9. Compromised Claims. The parties understand and agree that this Agreement constitutes the settlement of disputed claims, that liability has been denied by all parties, and that this Agreement, the consideration therefor, and all negotiations relating thereto, are for settlement purposes only and shall not be construed as an admission of liability or responsibility for any wrongful act or omission at any time on the part of any party. Accordingly, the parties agree to this compromise in lieu of litigation and in consideration of the avoidance of litigation, its expenses, and the potential risk of loss, and for no other reason. The parties further agree that this Agreement shall not be admissible or usable in any future lawsuit or tax controversies between the parties relating to the City's assessments of the Property for ad valorem tax purposes for tax year 2023 and/or any subsequent tax years.

10. Modifications. No modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by all parties, with the approval of the Charlottesville City Council as may be required by Virginia law.

11. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of all parties, their successors, and permitted assigns, and each of them.

12. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

13. Authority. Each signor warrants that he/she has full legal authority to execute this Settlement Agreement on behalf of the parties.

14. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with Virginia law. In the event any litigation arises concerning enforcement of this Agreement, venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia. This Agreement has been read by the parties hereto, and where appropriate, by the attorneys for all of the parties hereto, and the parties understand its content and are satisfied with its terms.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a written Settlement Agreement and Release, upon the terms stated above within this Resolution, upon the approval of the City Attorney as to the form of such written Settlement Agreement and Release.

5. RESOLUTION: COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program-Community Development Block Grant Amendment - \$250,816 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION**

**Appropriating Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$250,816 to be received from Community Development Block Grant for the COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program (C.H.E.R.P.)**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Charlottesville, through the Department of Human Services, has received the C.H.E.R.P. Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of **\$250,816**.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of **\$250,816** is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues			
<b>\$250,816</b>	Fund: 209	IO: 1900448	G/L: 430120 Federal Pass Thru
Expenditures			
<b>\$250,816</b>	Fund: 209	IO: 1900448	G/L: 530550 Contracted Services

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of **\$250,816** in funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

- 6. RESOLUTION: Appropriating Funds for the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program Summer Food Service Program - \$250,000 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program Summer Food Service Program - \$250,000**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, has received approval for reimbursement up to \$250,000 from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program to provide free breakfast and lunch to children attending summer camp programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award covers the period from period June 22, 2022 through October 31, 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, which the sum of \$250,000, received from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenue – \$250,000**

Fund: 209                      Internal Order: 1900473                      G/L Account: 430120

**Expenditures - \$250,000**

Fund: 209                      Internal Order: 1900473                      G/L Account: 530670

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$250,000 from the Virginia Department of Education Special Nutrition Program.

7. RESOLUTION: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for \$4,748 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION**

**Appropriating funds for State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for 2020 reimbursement - \$4,748**

**WHEREAS**, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant, providing federal payments for correctional officer salary costs incurred for incarcerating certain undocumented criminals has been awarded the City of Charlottesville, on behalf of the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail, in the amount of \$4,748.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that a total of \$3,703.44 be appropriated and passed through to the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail and \$1,044.56 be appropriated and passed through to Justice Benefits, Inc.

**Revenues**

\$4,748.00      Fund: 211      Internal Order: 1900474      G/L Account: 431110

**Expenses**

\$3,703.44      Fund: 211      Internal Order: 1900474      G/L Account: 530550  
\$1,044.56      Fund: 211      Internal Order: 1900474      G/L Account: 530670

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$4,748 from the U. S. Bureau of Justice Assistance.

8. RESOLUTION: Comprehensive Signage Plan for 920 E. High Street

**RESOLUTION**

**Approving a Comprehensive Signage Plan for 920 East High Street**

**WHEREAS** the owner of a development located at 920 East High Street (“Landowner”) submitted an application seeking approval of a comprehensive signage plan for the medical office building located on this site as presented, referenced, and incorporated into the City staff report dated July 12, 2022 in this matter (“Proposed Comprehensive Signage Plan”); and

**WHEREAS** on July 12, 2022, the City’s Entrance Corridor Review Board and the City’s Planning Commission reviewed the Landowner’s Proposed Comprehensive Signage Plan and recommended approval of the plan with conditions; and

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 34-1045(c) of the Charlottesville City Code, City Council has determined that:

- (1) There is good cause for deviating from a strict application of the requirements of Section 34-1020, et seq. (City Code Chapter 34, Article IX, Division 4 – Signs), and
- (2) The Proposed Comprehensive Signage Plan, with the modifications recommended by the Planning Commission/Entrance Corridor Review Board, will serve the public purposes and objectives set forth within City Code Section 34-1021 at least as well, or better, than the signage that would otherwise be permitted for this development; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the Proposed Comprehensive Signage Plan for 920 East High Street is approved subject to the following conditions:

- a. Signs N01, N05, and N06: (Monuments) Externally lit. Lamping will be dimmable, have a Color Temperature (CT) not exceeding 3,000K, and have a Color Rendering Index (CRI) not less than 80, preferably not less than 90, and
- b. Signs N02, N03 and N04: (Building address numbers) Not illuminated. Holes for anchors will be within the mortar joints. No holes will be made into the brick and/or stone.

Mayor Snook invited comments on the Consent Agenda. No speakers came forward.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council by the following vote ADOPTED the Consent Agenda: 4-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade).

## **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Interim City Manager Michael Rogers reported on the following items:

- The Government Finance Officers Association awarded a Certificate for Achievement in Excellence for financial reporting to the City for the 42nd year for the FY21 City Budget.
- Charlottesville ranked 22 out of 2300 cities as best places to live by Livability Magazine.
- The Economic Development Department is offering a fourth round of the BRACE Grant for city businesses through September 2.
- On July 19 the City closed on 921 E. Jefferson Street, adding parking spaces to the city's parking program that will become available for monthly leases.
- The Office of Economic Development has issued a Request for Proposal for a qualified consulting team to develop a comprehensive Economic Development strategy plan for the next five years.
- Mr. Rogers attended the Rivanna Authorities board meetings.
- The Committee for the Preservation Maintenance and Security of the Downtown Mall convened last week and will begin evaluating some of the long-standing issues on the Mall as shared by many business owners and residents. The committee will assess some



immediate changes and hold discussions with business owners in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the Mall. Updates will be provided over the upcoming months.

- He read a safety and emergency preparedness statement in response to questions regarding the fifth anniversary of the August 11 and 12, 2017 incidents in the city. He announced the street closure for Heather Heyer Way and shared phone numbers for the Behavioral Regional Wellness Line (434-230-9704) and the Help Happens Here referral line (434-227-0641).
- The search for a police chief is underway and Polihire, recruitment consultant, will establish a confidential line for feedback. He provided additional information about the selection process.
- He provided information regarding increases to police department salaries and proposed increases for other public safety salaries and Charlottesville Area Transit employees to address numerous vacancies. He stated that the current compensation study will address other employee salaries and he expects the process of Collective Bargaining to begin in late Fall.
- Regarding an issue raised about employees in the police department who were not working on January 6, 2021, Mr. Rogers stated that he looked into the matter and discovered that on January 5, 2021 there were 37 people absent; January 6, 2021 there were 31 officers absent; and on January 7, 2021 there were 25 officers absent but they were mostly on regularly scheduled days off. He did not find anything that raised an alarm. Regarding concerns expressed on social media about a specific employee, it was found that the person was employed in the Information Technology Department. He summarized investigative measures addressing the employee's actions including referral to the FBI and interviews resulting in no criminal charges, a personal conversation with the employee, and the employee having provided a letter of apology to the City Manager. He concluded that no further action or review is warranted in this case.

## **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

1. QuarFarrah Humes, city resident, spoke about engagement of the Comprehensive Plan to create more housing and opportunities for lower income residents. She requested holding the developers accountable.
2. Rosia Parker, city resident, spoke about dangerous two-way streets. She referenced a 2017 resolution from the People's Coalition specifying membership positions on the Police Civilian Review Board. She mentioned that she has not been appointed to the Police Civilian Review Board after applying multiple times.
3. Tanesha Hudson spoke about Charlottesville livability and housing affordability. She spoke in support of increasing salaries for employees other than the police department. Regarding the safety plan for August 12, she stated that people of color do not feel safe.
4. Joanie Freeman, city resident, and the Green Grannies performed a song about the effects of plastic waste and spoke in support of a plastic bag tax.
5. Robin Hoffman, city resident, spoke about public access television programming, about telemedicine, and about post office updates. She expressed concerns about a city employee in Information Technology attending the January 6, 2021 US Capitol insurrection.

6. Katrina Turner, city resident, spoke about what she wants to see in a new police chief. She shared information about a personal situation involving the Charlottesville Police Department.
7. Nancy Carpenter spoke about the Downtown Mall and the increased criminalization of unsheltered people. She expressed concern about the Information Technology employee at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **9. PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE: Plastic Bag Tax (2nd reading and Public Hearing)**

Deputy City Manager Sam Sanders reviewed the plastic bag tax ordinance, proposing an effective date of January 1, 2023.

Mayor Snook opened the public hearing and the following people spoke:

- Michael Pillow, Piedmont Group of the Sierra Club, spoke in support of the tax.
- Kirk Bowers, Piedmont Group of the Sierra Club, spoke in support of the tax.
- Nancy Carpenter, city resident, spoke in support of the tax and she stated parameters that may prevent some low-income individuals from qualifying for free reusable bags. She shared a resource for Mr. Sanders to follow up.
- Robin Hoffman, city resident, spoke in support of the tax.
- Rosia Parker, city resident, spoke about hardships faced by individuals who may not receive SNAP benefits and may not be able to afford reusable bags.

Mayor Snook closed the public hearing. Councilors discussed comments from the public hearing as well as emails received from various individuals and companies like Food Lion, who opposed the tax.

Councilor Payne shared statistics to support the effectiveness of the plastic bag tax in other localities.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Magill, Council by the following vote APPROVED the Ordinance: 4-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade)

### **ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 30 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, TO ESTABLISH A NEW ARTICLE XIX (DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BAG TAX)**

### **10. PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION: American Rescue Plan Fund Allocations (carried)**

Mr. Rogers introduced the item and Mayor Snook opened the public hearing.

- Nancy Carpenter suggested that funds be used to increase the number of sidewalks in school walking zones.

- Kate Fraleigh, city resident, stated that it is not clear which departments manage the funds once allocated, and asked how citizens can influence the spending of funds.

Mayor Snook closed the public hearing.

Councilor Pinkston requested that Finance Director Chris Cullinan provide input for the public. Mr. Cullinan stated that he reports to the US Treasury on a quarterly basis how the city's funds are used. Councilor Pinkston requested a quarterly draw-down report. Councilor Payne suggested different priorities for spending. Council asked further clarifying questions and agreed to carry the item to the August 15 Council meeting Action Items.

### **11. ORDINANCE: 415 10th Street NW, Rezoning from R-1S to B-2 (carried)**

Brian Haluska, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the request.

The applicant Joe Wrege made a brief presentation. He was joined by Zachary Zingsheim.

Councilor Magill asked about affordability for community members. The applicant assured that they would work with community members in an effort to make the facility accessible for a variety of uses.

Council agreed to carry the item to the August 15 Consent Agenda for vote.

### **12. ORDINANCE: 415 and 415-B 10th Street NW - Designation of Property as an Individually Protected Property (carried)**

Brian Haluska, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the request, which is a companion ordinance to the rezoning request for the same property.

Council agreed to carry to the August 15 Consent Agenda for vote.

### **13. RESOLUTION: Resolution of Support for four (4) TJPDC / MPO Grant Applications**

Ryan Mickles, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, provided an overview of the applications and answered clarifying questions for Council.

Michael Barnes, Virginia Department of Transportation, addressed a concern about hotel entrances along the corridor and provided an update regarding an existing project.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council by the following vote APPROVED the resolution: 4-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook; Noes: none; Absent: Wade)

### **RESOLUTION**

**Endorsing the Submission of Smart Scale (HB2) Applications Requesting Transportation Funding by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) completed a comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (“2045 LRTP”) in May 2019; and

**WHEREAS** the 2045 LRTP includes certain transportation improvements described within this resolution; and

**WHEREAS** the Hydraulic Small Area Plan was adopted as an amendment to the Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan on May 7, 2018; and

**WHEREAS** the MPO Policy Board has identified transportation projects which are critical to improve safe and efficient movement of people and goods along public roadways in the Charlottesville- Albemarle Metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS** during its 2014 session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation in the form of House Bill 2 (“HB2”) which established new criteria for the allocation of transportation funding for projects within the state (“Smart Scale”); and

**WHEREAS** the Commonwealth Transportation Board, during its board meeting on June 17, 2015, approved the Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of a Project Prioritization Process in accordance with Smart Scale; and

**WHEREAS** many of the transportation projects identified by the MPO meet the eligibility criteria for Smart Scale funding; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interests of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area that the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and the MPO should submit Smart Scale applications requesting state funding for eligible transportation projects; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that the Council fully endorses the submission of a Smart Scale application by the MPO to the Commonwealth to seek funding for the following transportation projects:

**Projects within the City of Charlottesville:**

1. Avon Street Multimodal Improvements
2. District Avenue (at Hydraulic Road) Roundabout
3. Fifth Street Multimodal Improvements
4. Rivanna River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossing

ADOPTED the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2022 by the Charlottesville City Council.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**14. REPORT: Sister Cities Commission Annual Report (written report only)**

Mayor Snook asked about the status of Huehuetenango as a Friendship City. Clerk Thomas stated that Huehuetenango, Guatemala should be in Friendship City status for three years and the Sister Cities Commission should provide a report to City Council to recommend whether to move Huehuetenango into full Sister City status.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councilor Pinkston requested follow up on a wreck that happened at the intersection of Trailridge and Shamrock Rd and asked the public to slow down in neighborhoods.

## **COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)**

- Tanesha Hudson expressed concern about the city employee who was found to be in the US Capitol on January 6, 2021 and is still employed with the City of Charlottesville Department of Information Technology.
- Robin Hoffman supported Ms. Hudson's comments and spoke in support of telemedicine in schools.
- Ang Conn spoke about the increased number of tenants facing eviction and the use of eviction prevention funds. She expressed concern about the city employee who was found to be in the US Capitol on January 6, 2021 and is still employed with the City of Charlottesville Department of Information Technology.
- Nancy Carpenter shared data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition and requested that city staff take this information into account when determining where to allocate American Rescue Plan funds.
- Katrina Turner referenced mistakes in a police report regarding her son.
- Rosia Parker spoke about guidelines or requirements for the Police Civilian Review Board membership.
- Joy Johnson, city resident, spoke about developers not keeping their promises to neighborhood residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council