

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2022 at 4:00 PM

In person: Council Chamber, 605 E. Main Street

Virtual/electronic: Zoom

The Charlottesville City Council met on Monday, November 7, 2022. The meeting was held in hybrid format with Council members and limited public seating in Council Chamber to mitigate health risks related to coronavirus, and electronic participation on the Zoom webinar platform. 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, Mayor Lloyd Snook and Vice Mayor Juandiego Wade. Councilor Sena Magill notified City Council and the Clerk that she would need to participate electronically because of a medical situation that prevented her from attending in person.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Wade, Council voted 4-0 (Ayes: Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to approve electronic participation by Councilor Magill. She participated from her home in Charlottesville.

REPORTS

1. PRESENTATION: Botanical Garden of the Piedmont Annual Report

Jill Trischman-Marks, Executive Director, presented the Annual Report for the Botanical Garden of the Piedmont (BGOP). Council members made comments in support of the work being done by the BGOP and their fundraising efforts.

2. PRESENTATION: City Attorney report on vacating Rights-of-Way

City Attorney Lisa Robertson reported on processes for vacating city-owned rights-of-way as follow-up to previous meetings where some members of City Council expressed a desire to follow a more prescribed process. She referenced policies from 2005 and 2019 and reviewed reasons why it may be difficult to treat equally all requests to vacate real estate holdings. Three main types of real estate holdings presented to the City for acceptance or disposition are: Streets (99% city-owned), Alleys (99% privately owned), and public utility easements (100% city-owned). One factor to consider is what the city's interest might be in the property.

Ms. Robertson stated that the Office of Community Solutions is identifying whether the 2019 policy gives enough information about how applications will be handled, the analysis that will take place before items are presented to City Council for a vote, and what factors Council may consider when making decisions.

Following discussion, Councilor Magill suggested placing clear information on the city website for transparency to residents.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Payne, seconded by Pinkston, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston,

Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to meet in closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(8), for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to various litigation matters currently pending in federal court (Western District of Virginia) and the Charlottesville Circuit Court, where briefing in an open meeting would adversely affect the litigating posture of the City, and for consultation with legal counsel regarding the human rights ordinance, the PCOB operating procedures, a pending special use permit application (113 5th Street SW), and for advice on FOIA compliance regarding joint closed meetings with other public bodies.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Wade, Council certified by the following vote: 4-0-1 (Ayes: Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none; Abstained: Magill), that to the best of each Council member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the Motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session. Councilor Magill abstained, stating that she was unable to join the Closed Session electronically because of technical difficulties.

BUSINESS SESSION

Council began the business meeting with a moment of silence.

CONSENT AGENDA*

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

3. MINUTES: September 19 Council meeting, September 27 joint work session with Planning Commission
4. ORDINANCE: To amend, re-ordain, and re-enact Chapter 30, Article 4 of the City Code (Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Persons) (2nd reading)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND, RE-ORDAIN, AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE (1990), AS AMENDED (REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS) TO MAINTAIN PARITY WITH THE CHAP PROGRAM AND STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM

5. RESOLUTION: Resolution to Appropriate Funds for the Charlottesville/Albemarle Adult Drug Treatment Court Grant Award - \$240,000 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

Appropriating the Sum of \$240,000 to the Charlottesville/Albemarle Adult Drug Treatment Court

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Virginia awarded its Drug Treatment Court Docket a grant in the amount of \$240,000.00, to be allocated to the Charlottesville/Albemarle Drug Treatment Court to fund salaries, benefits, and operating expenses; and

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville serves as the fiscal agent for the Charlottesville/Albemarle Drug Treatment Court; and

WHEREAS for Fiscal Year 2023 the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County each appropriated local funding matches as required by this grant, in a combined total amount of \$131,595.00; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court grant award covers the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that, upon receipt thereof from the Virginia Supreme Court, the sum of \$240,000.00 is hereby appropriated for expenditure by the Charlottesville/ Albemarle Adult Drug Treatment Court, in the following manner:

Revenues

\$240,000 Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900500 G/L Account: 430120

Expenditures

\$240,000 Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900500 G/L Account: 530550

All funds hereby appropriated shall be accounted for and expended only in accordance with requirements of the Virginia Supreme Court Drug Treatment Court Docket grant program.

6. RESOLUTION: Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Grant (V.J.C.C.C.A.)- \$452,704 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

Appropriating the sum of \$452,704 received from the Commonwealth as a Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Grant (V.J.C.C.C.A.)

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$292,058 from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires local maintenance of effort funds in the amount of \$52,231 from Albemarle County and \$108,415 from the City; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that upon receipt of the sum of \$452,704 from the Commonwealth of Virginia, that sum is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$452,704

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| \$292,058 | Fund: 220 | Cost Center: | 3523001000 | G/L Account: 430080 |
| \$52,231 | Fund: 220 | Cost Center: | 3523001000 | G/L Account: 432030 |
| \$108,415 | Fund: 220 | Cost Center: | 3523001000 | G/L Account: 498010 |

Expenditures - \$452,704

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| \$ 53,075 | Fund: 220 | Cost Center: 3523001000 | G/L Account: 519999 |
| \$399,629 | Fund: 220 | Cost Center: 3523001000 | G/L Account: 530010 |

All funds hereby appropriated shall be accounted for and expended only in accordance with requirements of the VJCCA grant program.

7. RESOLUTION: Appropriating \$700,000 from the CIP Contingency to Avon Fuel Station Replacement Project (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

Appropriating the Amount of \$700,000 from the CIP Contingency funds to the Avon Fuel Station Replacement Project

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville designed and bid a project to improve the Avon Fuel Station (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS a funding deficit exists, because the costs of the Project, and of insurance required for the Project are greater than the funding amount previously allocated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$700,000.00 is hereby transferred from CIP Contingency funds, for expenditure on the Avon Fuel Station Project, in the following manner:

Transfer From

\$700,000 Fund: 426 WBS: CP-080 G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To

\$700,000 Fund: 426 WBS: P-00980 G/L Account: 599999

8. RESOLUTION: Appropriating \$107,203.32 for Jefferson School African American Heritage Center Rent Agreement (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

Approving a gift or donation in the amount of \$107,203.32 to the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a gift or donation is hereby approved in the amount of **\$107,203.32** to the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, to be used for payment of rent for the Center’s lease of premises located at 223 4th Street NW, Suite A, in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This gift or donation shall be paid from the Strategic Initiatives account within the FY2023 Budget for City Council expenditures.

9. RESOLUTION: Appropriating American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds \$565,000 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION
Appropriating the Amount of \$565,000 of American Rescue Plan Funds
for Eligible Local Activities

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$565,000 from American Rescue Plan funding is hereby designated to be available for expenditure for costs associated with following eligible purposes and amounts:

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| City Hall Ambassadors | \$50,000. |
| AED Program for City Facilities. | \$300,000. |
| City Access Control Badges. | \$15,000. |
| Emergency Shelter Operations at Premier Circle. | \$200,000. |
| TOTAL. | \$565,000. |

Note: account codes will be established following the first reading on this appropriation for inclusion in the second reading and adoption.

10. RESOLUTION: Appropriating Funds for Bag Distribution in Connection with Plastic Bag Tax - \$20,000 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION
Approving an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purchase and
distribution of bags to SNAP and WIC eligible households impacted by the plastic bag
tax beginning January 1, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville adopted a plastic bag tax on July 18, 2022, that goes into effect on January 1, 2023;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that an appropriation is hereto approved in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purchase of bags to be distributed to eligible households:

Revenues

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 1601001000 GL Code:410145

Expenditures

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 3301001000 GL Code: 599999

11. RESOLUTION: Appropriating Insurance Reimbursement in the amount of \$4,650.55 - Fire Department Truck Company 9 (carried)

12. RESOLUTION: Appropriating Funds for 2022 Bureau of Justice Assistance FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant Program - Local Solicitation - \$23,459 (carried)

13. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds from the Victim Witness Assistance Program Grant - \$257,024 (carried)
14. RESOLUTION: Extending the Contract for city management services with The Robert Bobb Group (1 reading)

RESOLUTION

To extend the Contract for City Manager Services with The Robert Bobb Group

WHEREAS by resolution (#R-21-184) dated December 20, 2021, City Council awarded a contract to The Robert Bobb Group, for the provision of city manager services (“Contract”) through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS pursuant to a consensus to give priority to recruitment of a chief of police, City Council voted on June 6, 2022 to adopt a resolution (#R-22-071) extending the time for performance of the Contract through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS the police chief recruitment process is underway, but will not be completed in time to allow Council a reasonable time to conduct a thorough executive recruitment process for a permanent city manager; and

WHEREAS attempting to change the designated city manager, either by direct appointment or by competitive recruitment of a contract with a firm, would be detrimental to the City organization and those selection processes, in and of themselves, might not be able to be completed by City Council within the next few months; therefore, The Robert Bobb Group is the only source practicably available for these services; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the public, the City Council, and the City government that the contract with The Robert Bobb Group be extended for an additional period of time, as permitted by Virginia Code §2.2-4309, to allow the Robert Bobb Group to complete its work for stabilization of the City government and creating an environment that will enhance the City’s ability to recruit a new permanent city manager; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the January 6, 2022 contract for City Manager Services entered into between the City Council for the City of Charlottesville and The Robert Bobb Group (“Contract”), is hereby amended and re-enacted with the following amendment:

Section 2 (Time for Performance)

(A) RBG shall commence performance of Services effective as of the date this Contract is executed by City Council, and shall continue its performance through December 31, 2023, or the date as of which a permanent city manager appointed by City Council commences employment, whichever first occurs (“Term”).

All terms and conditions of said Contract shall be and remain in effect throughout the extended term of the Contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, on behalf of City Council, the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign an instrument reflecting this contract amendment, and the City Attorney shall prepare said instrument for signature of the Mayor and The Robert Bobb Group.

Mayor Snook opened the floor for public comment on the Consent Agenda. There were no speakers.

On motion by Wade, seconded by Pinkston, Council by the following vote **ADOPTED** the Consent Agenda: 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Rogers referenced the written report in the meeting packet. He made a statement regarding gun violence in the city and reported on his meeting with Friends of the Downtown Mall. He asked Interim Police Chief Durette to report on shots fired calls for service.

Chief Durette reported on shots fired incidents in the city since 2017, noting increases in 2020 and 2021, and a reduction in 2022. He reported additional crime statistics. Mr. Durette stated that he increased the presence of officers on the Downtown Mall.

Mr. Pinkston noted that the recent incidents of gun violence were unrelated to issues regarding the unhoused population.

Mr. Wade summarized topics that were raised at the community meeting on recent gun violence, including support services needed.

Mr. Rogers expressed the need to work with regional partners such as UVA and Albemarle County to address crime.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Emily Morrison, Founder and Executive Director of The Front Porch downtown, spoke about ongoing and increasing security issues at the Downtown Mall - security breaches in buildings, loitering, and defecating on the property, as well as security issues indicative of addiction and mental health issues. She suggested the use of a moderator at public meetings regarding big issues and expressed a need for an emergency alert system for communication in the Downtown district, de-escalation trainings for staff, and creative solutions using the arts community.
2. Kevin Cox, city resident, provided an update on issues involving East High Street. He encouraged looking at the prioritization list for Streets that Work. He recommended curbs along East High Street to divert rainwater and deter drivers from driving through parking lots. He thanked the police department for following up and arresting the motorist who hit a bicyclist during a recent incident.
3. Frank Schmid, city resident, spoke about the proposed Carlton development and Critical Slope Waiver for Belmont, #18 on the Council agenda.
4. John Semmelhack, city resident, spoke about West Main Street protected bike lanes. He stated that a petition started last week has collected over 400 signatures.

5. James Groves, city resident, made suggestions for addressing climate change - specifically a change to City Code ceasing the installation of new gas lines for free.
6. Kat Maier, city resident, asked Council to take a deep look at the engineering information for the Critical Slope Waiver request in Item #18 on the Council agenda. She mentioned flaws and errors in the design.
7. Elizabeth "Alex" Marshall, city resident, spoke about the need for UVA to work with the City to address growth issues that are affecting Charlottesville. Regarding Preston Place, she expressed concerns about fraternity parties, and she thanked Mayor Snook for visiting the site. She asked to make Preston Place permit parking 24/7 because of fraternities and their guests taking over parking.
8. Deborah Jackson, city resident, spoke in opposition to Item #18 on the agenda. Regarding the stormwater management system in the report, she read from the staff report that staff could not recommend approval. She stated that the engineer, with one exception, did not reach out to adjacent neighbors. She stated that it is impossible to review the waiver request without a site plan and made additional comments about groundwater.
9. Katrina Turner, city resident, spoke about a police officer in Missouri who was removed from his job for attending the Unite the Right rally in 2017. She made comments regarding a Charlottesville city employee who attended the January 6, 2021 insurrection on the US Capitol working in a sensitive position, whom she believes should be fired.
10. Eugenio Schettini, city resident, spoke in opposition to the Critical Slope Waiver request in Item #18 of the agenda, stating lack of communication from the engineer to adjacent property owners, quality of life concerns, lack of maintenance of the related culvert, and the size of the proposed retaining wall.
11. Jean Umiker-Sebeok, city resident, urged the city to stop subsidies for natural gas to address climate change.
12. Kirk Bowers, Albemarle County resident, spoke about the need to phase out natural gas in Charlottesville.
13. Christine Palozzolo, city resident, spoke in opposition to Item #18 as presented. She requested that Council pay attention to the reporting from city experts regarding the Critical Slope Waiver request and ask the developers to take another look at the plan.

ACTION ITEMS

15. ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 12 of the City Code to Require Fire Inspection Reports (carried)

Michael Thomas, Interim Fire Chief, presented the ordinance amendment request, which would establish a local requirement for copies of inspection, testing and maintenance records to be submitted to the City Fire Official, and also to require that the means of sharing those records will be through a web-based application designated by the Fire Official. These requirements are within City Council's authority conferred by Virginia Code Sections 27-97 and 27-98.

Council agreed to carry the item forward to the November 21 Consent agenda for second

reading and vote.

16. ORDINANCE: Amending the Charlottesville Human Rights Ordinance, Code of the City of Charlottesville, Chapter 2, Article XV (1 reading; tabled to November 21)

Todd Niemeier, Director of the Human Rights Commission, shared general information about the Human Rights Ordinance, the Office of Human Rights, and the Human Rights Commission. He gave an overview of proposed ordinance changes.

Mr. Niemeier shared information about the proposal to enter into a workshare agreement with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Housing Assistance Program, comparing the current process for investigating housing discrimination to the FHAP process. He stated that two staff positions would be needed to support the additional workload - an investigator and intake position.

After discussion on the FHAP, Mayor Snook listed reasons for delaying action on the ordinance changes. Council discussed opinions on the number of commissioners. Several councilors mentioned that nine members seems reasonable. Mr. Wade recommended a strong onboarding process to set expectations for involvement and attendance.

Council agreed to Table the item to the November 21 Consent Agenda in order to have more time for review.

17. RESOLUTION: Amending Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2022-2023 Substantial Action Plan - \$178,394.34 (carried)

Alex Ikefuna, Director of Community Solutions, presented the request.

Councilor Payne asked about timeliness of the project. Mr. Ikefuna stated that he hopes timeliness will not be an issue. Mr. Payne also stated that he does not see alignment with the project and priorities for CDBG funds.

Mr. Pinkston asked for clarification on why the Task Force chose the pedestrian bridge project. Mr. Ikefuna stated that after the advertisement period for shovel-ready proposals, two proposals were received and the CDBG Task Force chose the pedestrian bridge.

Council agreed to carry the item forward to the November 21 meeting on the Consent Agenda for second reading and vote.

18. RESOLUTION: Considering a Critical Slope Waiver request at 1003 - 1005 Carlton Avenue, 0 Walnut Street, 730 - 732 Walnut Street, 735 Walnut Street, and 0 Cherry Street (1 reading)

Matt Alfele, City Planner, presented the Critical Slope Waiver request from Belmont & Carlton Holdings, LLC (owner).

Responding to Councilor Payne, City Engineer Jack Dawson stated that he could not recommend approval of the waiver based on City Code regulations and conditions in the

application. He expressed concerns with environmental issues and groundwater recharge, advising that he has no way to weigh density against environmental impact and that being unable to recommend approval does not equate a recommendation of denial.

Mr. Payne expressed concerns about the affordable housing component of the project and adoption of the inclusionary zoning ordinance, specifically whether the public benefit outweighs the real cost.

Ashley Davies, with Riverbend Development answered questions for Council. She referenced State stormwater requirements and stated that the applicant is following processes set by the city. She stated that during the approximately fifteen years of ownership the owner has considered numerous options for development before presenting the current request.

Scott Collins, Riverbend engineer, explained the water flow direction from the property.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Wade, Council by the following vote APPROVED the resolution granting the critical slope waiver: 4-1 (Ayes: Magill, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: Payne).

RESOLUTION

Granting a critical slope waiver for a residential development referred to as “Belmont Condominiums”

WHEREAS Belmont & Carlton Holdings, LLC (“Landowner”) is the owner of certain land identified within the City of Charlottesville Real Estate Assessor’s records as Real Estate Parcel Identification Nos. 570020000, 570002100, 570004000, 570006000, 570007100, 570007300, 570007500, 570007700, 570007900, 570002000, 570003000, 57005000, 570007000, 570007200, 570007400, 570007600, 570007800, 570010000, said parcels having current street addresses of 1003-1005 Carlton Avenue, 0 Walnut Street, 730 – 732 Walnut Street, 735 Walnut Street, and 0 Cherry Street (collectively, the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS the Subject Property contains critical slopes, over and within an area of approximately 0.988 acre, which is approximately 16% of the combined area of the various parcels that constitute the Subject Property, and Landowner is requesting a waiver of the critical slopes requirements of City Code Sec. 34-1120(b)(6)(b), in connection with the Owner’s plan to construct a mixed use development on the Subject Property (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS the Project is described in more specific detail within the application materials submitted in connection with waiver application no. P22-0039, as required by City Code §34-1120(b)(6) (collectively, the “Application Materials”); and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission considered and recommended approval of this application at their October 11, 2022 meeting, subject to conditions proposed within the Staff Report and modified as discussed in the meeting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a waiver is hereby granted of the critical slopes requirements for the Project, to allow for the development of the Project as described within the Application Materials, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Erosion and sediment control (ESC) plans for the Project shall include, at a minimum, four (4) stages/phases of ESC controls. The first phase shall include “Initial/Preliminary Controls”. Outfalls from any proposed sediment traps shall be established with rigorous independent ESC controls, early in the sequence, prior to the establishment of a sediment trap and associated conveyances.

(2) Any channels/diversions that convey ‘clear’ water shall be stabilized with sod on the ‘clear water’ side immediately after installation.

(3) A “Super Silt Fence” (chain linked backing) shall be installed where perimeter silt fence is specified.

(4) Any disturbance occurring outside of conveyances to a sediment trap, in either sequence or space, planned or unforeseen, shall be immediately stabilized with sod (for pervious areas, utilities should have other “same day stabilization”).

(5) At no time shall concentrated water be directed toward the areas of critical slopes, without adequate conveyance down and beyond the slopes to an acceptable outfall.

(6) To document the landowner's representations within the Application Materials regarding intended onsite water quality measures, the Stormwater Management Plan for the Project shall include either (a) a design for onsite water quality provided by a facility, or (b) facilities that are either i) designed in accordance with the BMP Clearinghouse “2013 Draft Design Specifications for Practices 1-15”, or ii) proprietary Manufactured Treatment Device(s) approved by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) as of the date the stormwater management plan for the Project is submitted for the City’s review. The facility or facilities should provide 125 percent of the onsite Phosphorus removal required by the Virginia Water Quality requirements for the development Project. Compliance with the 125 percent will be demonstrated by accurate project data set forth within a completed Virginia Runoff Reduction Method (“VRRM”) spreadsheet for the project.

19. RESOLUTION: Considering a Special Use Permit request at 1113 5th Street SW (1 reading)

Matt Alfele, City Planner, presented the Special Use Permit request.

Valerie Long of Williams Mullen Law Firm, representing the applicant Green Clean Albemarle, LLC, made a presentation and addressed concerns about noise reduction, lighting and walkability.

Mayor Snook mentioned that the entrance corridor should be held to a higher standard, although the standard is not written into the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilor Payne suggested aligning projects for this area with the zoning best practices and less auto-centric uses.

Councilor Pinkston stated that this project would not be the best use of the property.

On motion by Payne to Deny, seconded by Pinkston, Council by the following vote DENIED to Special Use Permit request: (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston; Noes: Snook, Wade).

Ms. Long requested re-evaluation of the vote based on legal criteria for a Special Use Permit. Neither of the councilors who voted in favor of the motion agreed to reconsider.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Wade requested follow-up on the request regarding permit parking on Preston Place. Mr. Rogers stated that he met with University staff and police to address fraternity issues.

Mayor Snook requested follow-up on subsidizing natural gas hookups. Mr. Rogers stated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for a consultant. Mr. Sanders stated that negotiations are underway for the consultant to begin work in January, with results expected in June.

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

- Craig Key, city resident and applicant for the Special Use Permit in Item #19, expressed disappointment with the process and Council's denial of the Special Use Permit in Item #19, stating that car wash operations provide local jobs and growth opportunities for individuals to become future business owners.
- Tanesha Hudson spoke about the denial of the car wash Special Use Permit in Item #19. She spoke about the Human Rights Commission handling of internal job discrimination. She asked about Zoom registration requirements for City Council meetings and asked when City Council meetings will go back to pre-pandemic operations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.