

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met for its Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2024, with all councilors present: Natalie Oschrin, Michael Payne, Brian Pinkston, Lloyd Snook and Juandiego Wade. City Manager Sam Sanders opened the meeting and led the nomination process for selecting the city mayor for the two-year term ending December 31, 2025.

Councilor Pinkston nominated Councilor Wade, seconded by Councilor Snook. Mr. Pinkston made remarks in support of the nomination and Mr. Wade accepted. No other nominations were made. By a vote of 5-0, Council selected Juandiego Wade as mayor (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

Newly elected Mayor Wade nominated Councilor Pinkston for the position of Vice Mayor, seconded by Councilor Snook. Mr. Wade made remarks in support of the nomination and Mr. Pinkston accepted. No other nominations were made. By a vote of 5-0, Council selected Juandiego Wade as mayor (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

Mayor Wade and Vice Mayor Pinkston made remarks thanking Mr. Snook for his service as mayor, recounting successes during their time in office, and looking forward to future decisions as a new city council. Immediate past mayor Lloyd Snook recounted accomplishments from the past two years, as follow-up to his commitments made upon assuming the role of mayor in January 2022.

REPORTS

1. PRESENTATION: Budget Presentations - Constitutional Officers/Offices

City Manager Sam Sanders introduced the presenting departments.

Taylor Yowell, Voter Registrar, provided the update for the Office of Voter Registration and Elections.

The Honorable Llezelle Dugger provided the department update for the Clerk of the Circuit Court Office.

The Honorable Joseph Platania provided an overview of operations for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney.

The Honorable Todd Divers provided the update for the Office of the Commissioner of Revenue.

The Honorable Jason Vandever and Chief Deputy Chad Thorne, provided the update for the Office of the City Treasurer.

On motion by Wade, seconded by Snook, Council voted unanimously to recess the meeting from 5:21 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session began with a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Natalie Oschrin made remarks on the occasion of her first City Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Pinkston announced the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event on January 15, coordinated by Mr. Alex-Zan.

Mayor Wade announced the local Alpha Phi Alpha Chapter's first annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship brunch on January 15.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR CITY COUNCIL

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council by a vote of 5-0 adopted the following slate of councilor appointments to boards and commissions, as discussed during the meeting.

Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority (CRHA):	PAYNE
Historic Resources Committee (ad-hoc as needed by committee):	SNOOK
Housing Advisory Committee (HAC):	PAYNE
Legislative Committee:	SNOOK, OSCHRIN
Minority Business Commission:	WADE
Retirement Commission:	PINKSTON
School Capital Projects Committee:	WADE, PINKSTON
Social Services Advisory Board:	PINKSTON
Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ) Authority Board:	PINKSTON
Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau:	WADE
Charlottesville Community Scholarship Program:	OSCHRIN
Darden Towe Memorial Park Committee:	SNOOK, OSCHRIN
Jefferson Area Board for Aging Board of Directors (JABA):	WADE
Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board:	SNOOK
LEAP Governance Board:	PAYNE
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):	PINKSTON, OSCHRIN alt.
Piedmont Housing Alliance Kindewood Advisory Committee:	PAYNE (by PHA action 2022)
Regional Housing Partnership:	PAYNE, SNOOK alt.
Regional Transit Partnership (RTP):	PINKSTON, OSCHRIN
Rivanna River Basin Commission:	SNOOK, PAYNE
Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA):	PINKSTON
Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA):	PINKSTON

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC):	PAYNE, OSCHRIN
Virginia Career Works-Piedmont:	WADE
Virginia First Cities:	WADE, SNOOK alt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas read the following Consent Agenda items into the record. Mayor Wade opened the floor for public comment and there were no speakers. On motion by Snook, seconded by Payne, Council unanimously adopted the Consent Agenda (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

- 2. MINUTES: November 6 regular meeting
- 3. RESOLUTION: Resolution to allocate additional Funds for the Information Technology Data Center HVAC replacement - \$169,970

RESOLUTION

**Allocation of Additional Funds for the IT Data Center HVAC Replacement
\$169,970**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville FY24 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes \$318,386 in funding for the replacement of the air conditioning units in the Information Technology (IT) Data Center; and

WHEREAS, the cost proposals for the replacement exceeds the available funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the additional funds needed for this project will be transferred from the Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account and from an existing account previously budgeted for energy improvement projects as follows:

Transfer From:

\$ 88,976	Fund: 426	WBS: CP-080	G/L Account: 599999
\$ 80,994	Fund: 426	WBS: P-01013	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To:

\$ 169,970	Fund: 426	Funded Program: 10000023	G/L Account: 599999
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- 4. RESOLUTION: Resolution to appropriate funding from the FY23 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail - \$16,768 (carried)

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Sanders stated that he is paying attention to recent events that have occurred on Charlton Avenue, and the Charlottesville Police Department is engaged to ensure the community stays safe. He reflected on ongoing projects such as employee classification and compensation implementation; collective bargaining; implementing the City's Strategic Plan; and filling key leadership positions. Responding to Councilor Payne, Mr. Sanders stated that the Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT) Alternative Fuels Study will be presented on January 16.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public.

1. Gudrun Campbell, city resident, spoke about sustainable, reliable transit and sustainable affordable housing, requesting investment in a land bank and land trust model.
2. Anne Bryan Hemenway, city resident, requested inclusion of the Central Library in the five-year Capital Improvement Plan for renovations.
3. Dave Graf, lead transit mechanic for Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT), spoke about employment concerns.
4. John Ertl, city resident and representative for the ATU (Amalgamated Transit Unit), spoke about challenges with the City's outside counsel during the negotiation process.
5. Matthew Ray, CAT employee, spoke about contention with ongoing collective bargaining negotiations.
6. Gregory Weaver, city resident, spoke in support of increasing pay for CAT drivers, in support of the new zoning ordinance and suggested investing in land banks and utilizing community land trusts.
7. Peter Gates, city resident and officer of the Cville 100 Climate Alliance, spoke in opposition to the compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel option for CAT fleet.
8. Elizabeth Stark, city resident, spoke about solutions for creating and preserving affordable housing, investing in land banks and the community land trust model.
9. Joe Oschrin spoke in support of his sister, new Council Member Natalie Oschrin.
10. Matthew Gillikin, city resident, spoke in support of CAT and shared personal experience with the public transit system. He spoke about the need for good faith negotiations with collective bargaining. He spoke about inclusionary zoning and the need to study the financial feasibility.

ACTION ITEMS

5. RESOLUTION: Resolution to establish days, times and places of Regular Meetings of the Charlottesville City Council during Calendar Year 2024

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrin, Council by a 5-0 vote adopted the resolution establishing days, times and places for Regular Meetings of the Charlottesville City Council during Calendar Year 2024.

RESOLUTION

Establishing Days, Times and Places of Regular Meetings of the Charlottesville City Council During Calendar Year 2024

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, THAT pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-1416, the regular meetings of the Charlottesville City Council shall be conducted on the following days, times, and places during calendar year 2024:

DATES		
January 2, 2024 (<i>Tuesday</i>)	May 6, 2024	September 3, 2024 (<i>Tuesday</i>)
January 16, 2024 (<i>Tuesday</i>)	May 20, 2024	September 16, 2024
February 5, 2024	June 3, 2024	October 7, 2024
February 20, 2024 (<i>Tuesday</i>)	June 17, 2024	October 21, 2024
March 5, 2024 (<i>Tuesday</i>)	July 1, 2024	November 4, 2024
March 18, 2024	July 15, 2024	November 18, 2024
April 1, 2024	August 5, 2024	December 2, 2024
April 15, 2024	August 19, 2024	December 16, 2024

TIME: 4:00 p.m. work session;
5:30 p.m. closed meeting (if called);
6:30 p.m. business meeting upon conclusion of the closed meeting agenda

LOCATION: City Hall Council Chamber
605 E. Main Street, 2nd
Floor Charlottesville, VA
Electronic participation via Zoom, with registration available
at: www.charlottesville.gov/zoom

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any regular meeting may be adjourned from day to day, or from time to time, or from place to place, not beyond the day and time fixed by this resolution for the next regular meeting, until the business before this City Council is completed. Notice of any regular meeting continued in this manner shall be reasonable under the circumstances and shall be given as provided in subsection D of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3707.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in the event that the Mayor, or the Vice Mayor if the Mayor is unavailable or otherwise unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend a regular meeting, that regular meeting shall be continued to the next business day on which the said hazardous conditions no longer exist. Such finding and declaration shall be communicated to all city councilors and to the press as promptly as possible, along with the date and time on which the

continued meeting will commence. All public hearings and other agenda matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting with no further advertisement.

6. RESOLUTION: Resolution to appropriate funding from the Capital Improvement Plan Contingency Account to Virginia Supportive Housing for Premier Circle PSH - \$750,000 (carried)

City Manager Sanders summarized the request and emphasized the priority that he has placed on homelessness intervention. Realizing a local funding gap of \$1.5 Million, the City and Albemarle County have proposed to each fund half. After discussion, Council agreed to move the item forward to the January 16 meeting for a second reading and vote on the Consent Agenda.

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public and there were no speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council