



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM
Council Chamber

The Charlottesville City Council met on Monday, October 21, 2024. Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order, and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting the following councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston and Councilors Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook. Councilor Oschrin arrived at 4:15 p.m. during the Community Interventions presentation.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

REPORTS

1. DISCUSSION: Community Interventions

City Manager Sam Sanders gave a presentation addressing a series of community matters. The purpose of the presentation was to acknowledge the request for action; respond to calls for specific interventions; allocate remaining American Rescue Plan fund balance; highlight additional funding needs; highlight issues and conflicts; resolve longstanding issues; improve outcomes in our community; define and take bold action; set new standards; and manage expectations.

Priority areas identified for interventions were 1) Community Safety, 2) Homeless Intervention, and 3) Quality of Life, and Mr. Sanders outlined a variety of proposals for addressing each component. He emphasized the need for the public to lock their car and home doors to improve city safety. He stated that discussions are being held about closing the Cherry Avenue Thrift Shop and building the Salvation Army Center of Hope as a low barrier shelter. He proposed a grant-funded street outreach team for two years, improved lighting, and the implementation of rapid shelter housing, and creating a Mall Manager position to improve the Downtown Mall experience.

Representatives from The Salvation Army answered questions from Council about their capital needs and plans for a low barrier shelter.

CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to meet in closed session as authorized by as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as follows:

- (1) Under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of performance of a specific named employee of the public body; and
- (2) Under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates to be appointed to a Finance Committee.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council certified by a vote of 5-0 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. (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none)

Mayor Wade announced the appointment of Councilors Oschrin and Payne to serve on the City's Finance Committee. They will serve along with the city manager.

BUSINESS SESSION

City Council began the Business Session by observing a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Wade announced a community program "Telling Our Stories", highlighting African American involvement in the military. The event is scheduled for November 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Carver Recreation Center and sponsored by The Veterans Committee of Central Virginia.

Councilor Oschrin announced the 10th & Page Neighborhood walk November 10 at 2:00 p.m. She reminded the public about early voting hours.

Councilor Snook announced the 10th anniversary of the Network2Work program and the release of the Orange Dot Report 6.0, which is a resource that provides economic data on the income gap between families in the Charlottesville, Virginia region and what they need to be self-sufficient. He attended a ribbon cutting to open a new path in Greenbrier Park. He also announced an Expungement Clinic to be held October 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at CitySpace.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- PROCLAMATION: Camp Holiday Trails Day - November 2, 2024

Councilor Oschrin read the proclamation for the 50th anniversary of Camp Holiday Trails.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public.

1. Maria Rincon, city resident, spoke in opposition to the jail renovation project.
2. Kevin Cox, city resident, spoke about the desire for a marked crosswalk at 2nd Street and Elliot Avenue.
3. Renee Byrd, city resident, spoke about the desire for a marked crosswalk at 2nd Street and Elliot Avenue, and recent communications with the City Engineer. She has started a petition for adding a marked crosswalk.
4. Susan Kruse, Executive Director for the Community Climate Collaborative, spoke in support of the ordinance establishing the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing program.
5. Don Gathers, city resident, invited Council to the 161st year celebration for First Baptist

Church, 632 West Main Street, on November 10 at 11:00 a.m. The church will welcome its new pastor elect.

CONSENT AGENDA*

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

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

- 2. MINUTES: October 7 regular meeting
- 3. RESOLUTION to appropriate Virginia State Police HEAT FY 25 Equipment Reimbursement Funding - \$12,500 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION

Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Equipment Reimbursement Program - \$12,500

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through the Police Department, has received the Virginia Department of State Police, Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT) Program a grant in the amount of \$12,500 to be used to send auto theft investigators and/or officers who investigate auto theft-related crimes to training for the Berla Toolkit and to pay for the Berla Toolkit FY 25 annual fees.

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period of 7/1/2024 through 5/31/2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$12,500, received from the Virginia Department of State Police, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues - \$12,500

Fund: 209 IO: 1900571 CC:3101005000 \$12,500 GL: 430110 State Grant

Expenditures- \$12,500

Fund: 209 IO: 1900571 CC: 3101005000 \$8,000 GL: 530210 Education/Training

Fund: 209 IO: 1900571 CC: 3101005000 \$4,500 GL: 530260 Software Lic./Maint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$12,500 from the Virginia Department of State Police.

- 4. RESOLUTION for Golf Maintenance Equipment Replacement - \$350,000 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF
MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MEADOWCREEK GOLF COURSE
\$350,000**

WHEREAS, the Meadowcreek Golf Course is currently in need of new maintenance equipment and proposes to repay the City’s debt service fund for the principal and interest costs related to financing \$350,000 for the purchase; and

WHEREAS, the debt service for the equipment would be paid back over a 5-year period at borrowing rate equivalent to that of the City’s bond financing rate from revenues generated from golf course activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that \$350,000 is hereby appropriated in the City’s Capital Improvements Fund for the purchase of the equipment.

Revenues

\$350,000 Fund: 426 Internal Order: 2600048 GL Code: 499010

Expenditures

\$350,000 Fund: 426 Internal Order: 2600048 GL Code: 541090

- 5. RESOLUTION appropriating funds for Carlton Mobile Home Park - \$379,000 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$379,000 AS LOAN PROCEEDS FOR THE CARLTON MOBILE HOME PARK PROJECT

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville and Piedmont Housing Alliance (PHA) entered into a loan agreement on September 16, 2024, for the Carlton Mobile Home Park Project;

AND WHEREAS for FY 25, PHA has requested loan proceeds in an amount of \$379,000;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$379,000 is hereby appropriated to provide funding to PHA as follows:

Transfer From:

\$135,000 Fund: 426 Funded Program: 1000011 G/L Account: 540100
\$244,000 Fund: 426 Internal Order: CP -080 G/L Account: 540100

Transfer To:

\$379,000 Fund: 426 Funded Program: 1000049 G/L Account: 540100

- 6. ORDINANCE establishing the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing program (2nd reading)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL PROPERTY CLEAN ENERGY (C-PACE) FINANCING PROGRAM

- 7. ORDINANCE for 240 Stribling Avenue Planned Unit Development Proffer Amendment (2nd reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING THE ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, TO AMEND THE PROFFER STATEMENT FOR THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT REFERRED TO AS 240 STRIBLING AVENUE PUD

8. RESOLUTION for acceptance of UVA vehicle donation for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fellowship Program

RESOLUTION

Donation of Car from University of Virginia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fellowship Program - \$50,000

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville and the University of Virginia have partnered to develop the Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) Fellowship Program, beginning in 2018; and such program provides the participant(s) with diverse exposure to EMS activities through the Charlottesville Fire Department (“CFD”); and

WHEREAS, the demands of participating in the EMS Fellowship Program requires participants to respond to medical and traumatic incidents; and

WHEREAS, the CFD has maintained a vehicle from its fleet for use by participants enrolled in the EMS Fellowship program for the past five years; and has reached an agreement with the Director of the EMS Fellowship Program by which the Fellowship Program will donate a new vehicle to be used as part of the program’s mission and working partnership, or will reimburse the City by making a donation to the City of \$50,000, or an amount equal to the purchase cost of the new vehicle, whichever is less; and the parties have signed an MOU to memorialize this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville that the Memorandum of Understanding between CFD and the University of Virginia is approved and the CFD is authorized to either purchase a new vehicle for use by the EMS Fellowship Program and accept reimbursement from the University or to accept the donation of a new vehicle from the University.

Revenues

\$50,000 Fund: 106 Cost Center: 3201001001 GL Code: 432155

Expenditure

\$50,000 Fund: 106 Cost Center: 3201001001 GL Code: 541040

9. RESOLUTION to Appropriate Community Development Block Grant COVID Relief Funds (CDBG-CV) from HUD, in the Amount of \$90,321.98 (Carried)
10. RESOLUTION to appropriate funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development - Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Grant amendment - \$93,564 (Carried)
11. RESOLUTION to appropriate funding from the Supreme Court of Virginia Behavioral

Health Docket Grant - \$115,400.58 (Carried)

12. ORDINANCE to Amend City Code Article XIV. Tax on Probate of Will or Grant of Administration, Sections 30-396 and 30-397 to conform with Va. Code Sec. 58.1-1717.1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY CODE ARTICLE XIV. TAX ON PROBATE OF WILL OR GRANT OF ADMINISTRATION SECTIONS 30-396 and 30-397 TO COMPLY WITH VIRGINIA CODE SEC. 58.1-1718

13. ORDINANCE to Amend City Code Sec. 30-426. "Funding of courthouse security personnel" to Comply with Virginia Code Sec. 53.1-120

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY CODE SECTION 30-426 TO COMPLY WITH VIRGINIA CODE SECS. 53.1-120 and 17.1-275.5

CITY MANAGER REPORT

James Freas, Deputy City Manager for Operations, announced that at the December 2 City Council meeting staff will present a performance update on the Veo e-scooter contract during the City Manager's Report, and that the public may make comments during the Community Matters portion of the meeting. In January there will be a work session to discuss the project schedule for planning and zoning ordinance-related items that arose out of the Cville Plans Together process.

City Manager Sam Sanders announced the November 22 deadline for Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund grant program applications. He also announced the availability of tickets for a Halloween masquerade party at Carver Recreation Center on Saturday, October 26. He mentioned two events that he attended – a Safe Halloween event on the Downtown Mall and an event at the Fry's Spring Beach Club.

ACTION ITEMS

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING and RESOLUTION for the 2024 ReadyKids Youth Services Proposal, a Major Amendment to the Program Year 2024-25 Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$50,000 (CDBG-CV) (Carried)**

Anthony Warn, Grants Analyst, introduced the resolution request. Amy Troyer, Grants and Relationships Manager at ReadyKids, introduced herself and shared information about services provided by the ReadyKids organization.

Mayor Wade opened the public hearing. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Council unanimously agreed to carry the item to the November 4 meeting for second reading and vote.

- 15. PUBLIC HEARING and RESOLUTION to authorize a lease at 1520 E. High Street**

Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development, introduced and summarized the request. Mr. Engel and Gabe Silver, Rivanna River Company, answered clarifying questions from Council.

Mayor Wade opened the public hearing. With no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Payne, Council approved the resolution authorizing a lease at 1520 E. High Street by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE OF PROPERTY AT
1520 EAST HIGH STREET TO THE RIVANNA RIVER COMPANY, LLC**

WHEREAS, in 2023 the City acquired 23.8 acres of land near and along the Rivanna River commonly referred to as 0 East High Street; and that these properties have remained largely vacant and undeveloped, with the exception of a single-family residence on Caroline Avenue and a business operating as the Rivanna River Company, LLC, located at 1520 East High Street; and

WHEREAS, the leases on both properties remain in effect and were transferred with the purchase of the property by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Rivanna River Company, LLC desires to lease certain City-owned property for a term of five (5) years, and City Council has considered the terms of the proposed lease, and has conducted a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-1800(B);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the lease of City-owned property located at 1520 E. High Street, Charlottesville, Virginia, to the Rivanna River Company, LLC, presented to Council this same date for consideration, is hereby approved and the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the approved lease on behalf of City Council.

16. ORDINANCE amending City Code Section 2-453(b.3-4) for Police Civilian Oversight Board composition (2nd reading)

This item was introduced at the October 7, 2024, City Council meeting, where Council expressed a desire to hear feedback and recommendations from the Police Civilian Oversight Board (PCOB). Eden Ratliff, Deputy City Manager for Administration summarized discussion from the October 10 meeting of the PCOB. He stated that the board was not ready to make recommendations and needed more time to discuss and come to agreement. Councilor Payne who attended the October 10 PCOB meeting suggested giving the PCOB time to develop a recommendation to City Council regarding a tiered approach to appointing members.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Payne, Council deferred action on the ordinance until the November 18 meeting by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

17. ORDINANCE for Mas Canopy Footer Encroachment Agreement (Carried)

Benjamin Koby, a City Planner, introduced a request for the Mas Canopy Footer Encroachment

Agreement. TRIMONT, LLC, owner of a property identified as 904-906 Monticello Road and Tax Map Parcel 570022000, requested a right-of-way encroachment to allow for a proposed canopy project that would have the footers of their canopy legs extend into the public right-of-way along with eaves protruding from the roof line. The legs of the canopy would be fully within their property lines; however, their below ground footers would extend into the public right-of-way. Staff recommended denial of the ordinance.

The applicant answered questions for Council. City Engineer Brennen Duncan added context for the staff recommendation, stating that there are alternative designs that do not require an encroachment.

After discussion Council unanimously agreed to carry the item to the November 4 meeting for second reading and vote on the Action Agenda.

GENERAL BUSINESS

18. BY MOTION: Youth Council appointment

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council appointed Olivia Zumbrunn to the Youth Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

19. WRITTEN REPORT: Rivanna Authorities Quarterly Update

Council acknowledged receipt of the written report from the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority and the Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority.

20. DISCUSSION: City of Charlottesville Legislative Priorities for 2025

Councilor Snook explained the draft priorities document included in the packet and elicited feedback and additional priority ideas from other Council members.

Councilors will consider requests received and various issues previously discussed by Council and prepare to vote on the City's priorities at the November 4 meeting.

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council