



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Council Chamber

The Charlottesville City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order, and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all councilors present: 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 Natalie Oschrin, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook.

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

REPORTS

1. REPORT: Solid Waste Program Presentation

Steven Hicks, Public Works Director, introduced the item. The City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), relies on revenue from the sale of stickers and decals to fund solid waste collection, disposal, and processing. The revenue generated is not sufficient to cover the direct costs of the City's contracts for collection, disposal, and processing.

Seth Cunningham with NewGen presented a summary analysis of the current cost of service, benchmarking of solid waste rates from other cities in Virginia, criteria for an alternate rate structure, and recommendations for implementing a cart-based pay-as-you-throw ("PAYT") program, with a tiered monthly rate.

NewGen recommended that the City implement an across-the-board sticker and decal price increase of twenty-five percent (25%) (e.g., a large sticker would increase from \$2.10 to \$2.60, a 32-gallon decal would increase from \$94.50 to \$118 per year) for FY 2026 and use FY 2026 to plan the implementation of a PAYT System, with a tiered monthly rate structure no later than FY 2027. The implementation planning would also include procurement of the next refuse collection contract. They also recommended that the City Ordinance be amended so that the City, or its designated contract hauler, is the exclusive provider for residential collection.

Councilors expressed concerns about disproportionately increased costs to households that do not generate enough waste to fill a cart, and they emphasized a desire to incentivize recycling and waste reduction.

2. REPORT: Natural Gas Decarbonization Next Steps

Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities, made the presentation. The City of Charlottesville's natural gas utility is one of three municipally owned gas utilities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City has provided reliable natural gas to the residents and businesses of the City and Albemarle County, including the University of Virginia, for over 150 years. Currently, the City operates and maintains a natural gas distribution system comprised of 340 miles of natural gas main lines and serves over 21,500 customers. The City, Albemarle County, and other local municipalities have made commitments to community-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. The City's Department of Utilities solicited the expertise of a consulting firm to responsibly and accurately determine how the gas utility can be a part of the solution in achieving and aligning itself with the community's greenhouse gas reduction goals ("Study").

Ms. Hildebrand provided an update on the following Study recommendations:

- Establish a new fee structure to disincentivize new gas connections – revenue source will fund the

- expansion of new Utilities' energy efficiency programs (implemented January 2025)
- Develop a new weatherization program (to be launched Spring 2025)
- Evaluate existing rebates (increased value of the Attic Insulation Rebate February 2025)
- Partner with the Office of Sustainability to select annual carbon offset projects (ongoing)
- Increase the frequency of the Energy-Saving Trees Program (Spring and Fall) (launched October 2024)

Consultants recommended monitoring emerging decarbonization technologies and solutions that could potentially be implemented once they develop into a more mature stage and become economically feasible. Some next-step energy efficiency recommendations of the Study were:

- New Outreach Campaigns leveraging the same successful strategies used by gas safety campaigns (TV Commercials and targeted on-demand streaming ads)
- Promote Charlottesville Gas Incentives in the newly launched Energy Resource Hub
- Increase awareness of attic insulation by offering online attic insulation self-assessment tool (in partnership with LEAP)
- Increase the Attic Insulation Rebate to \$500 and in combination with a 30% tax credit to maximize savings
- Explore custom incentives tailored for specific customer segments (Multifamily and Commercial Customers)

Next steps toward 2030 goals:

- Invest in energy-efficiency initiatives
- Maintain 25% Carbon Offsets

Next steps toward 2050 goals:

- Track Renewable Natural Gas availability, including the RWSA sewer treatment plant study
- Monitor the development and deployment of the nation's hydrogen hubs, especially the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2)
- Continue to do research on Carbon Offsets
- Monitor emerging technologies and potentially implement them once they become more mature and economically feasible
- Collaborate with the Office of Sustainability to track other decarbonization strategies that can be considered for Charlottesville Gas

CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Snook, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to meet in closed session as authorized by Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code, specifically Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), for briefing by staff members pertaining to actual litigation, where such briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

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

BUSINESS SESSION

City Council began the business meeting by observing a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Payne announced the annual My Help List Contest sponsored by Mr. Alex-Zan.

Councilor Oschrin announced the Rose Hill community neighborhood walk on March 9 at noon.

Mayor Wade mentioned an accident involving a Charlottesville Area Transit bus earlier in the day.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- **Proclamation: Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS® (CAAR) 100th Year**
Councilor Snook presented the proclamation to members of CAAR.
- **Proclamation: American Red Cross Month**
Mayor Wade read the proclamation.
- **Proclamation: Social Work Month**
Vice Mayor Pinkston presented the proclamation to new Director of Social Services, Leon Henry.
- **Proclamation: Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month**
Mayor Wade acknowledged the proclamation.
- **Proclamation: Zion Union Baptist Church 130th Anniversary**
Mayor Wade acknowledged the proclamation, which will be presented at an upcoming event.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public.

1. Nicole Hawker, city resident, spoke about addressing health and wellness for marginalized individuals in the community. She encouraged the City to partner with local organization to provide affordable and culturally relevant wellness programs for physical and mental wellness as preventative measures.
2. Jason Halbert, city resident, spoke about presentations from the 4:00 p.m. work session and encouraged incentivizing recycling in the city and partially subsidizing the core city service. Regarding decarbonization, he encouraged reinvesting funds locally instead of seeking carbon offsets. He encouraged city investment in energy efficiency.
3. Grant McClain, Albemarle County resident and Chair of the Community Climate Collaborative (C3), spoke about the decarbonization study in favor of the City's efforts above and beyond the Study to enhance decarbonization, energy efficiency and electrification. He encouraged leveraging local expertise and reinvesting locally instead of seeking carbon offsets.
4. Chris Meyer, city resident, expressed concerns about various aspects of the decarbonization plan provided by city consultants. He spoke about the need for decarbonization of city school buildings.
5. Caroline Pugh, Policy Director at C3, spoke in support of comments and questions from Council during the 4:00 p.m. work session. She spoke about adverse financial and health effects of having natural gas in homes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk Thomas read the following Consent Agenda items into the record, and on motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrin, Council unanimously adopted the Consent Agenda (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

3. MINUTES: February 18 regular meeting

- RESOLUTION to Approve Reimbursement of \$285,861.38 for Buford/Charlottesville Middle School project (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION to APPROPRIATE FUNDS
Appropriation of Funds from Charlottesville City Schools (CCS) to the Buford Middle School Project - \$285,861.38

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Schools has made a supplemental contribution to the Buford Middle School project for vape sensors at 54 student bathrooms and access controls at 14 ADA bathrooms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that \$285,861.38 from CCS is to be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues - \$285,861.38

Fund: 426 Funded Program: P-01012 G/L Account: 432085

Expenditures - \$285,861.38

Fund: 426 Funded Program: P-01012 G/L Account: 599999

- ORDINANCE for Temporary Aerial Easement for the Verve Charlottesville PUD at 409 Stadium Road (2nd reading)

ORDINANCE GRANTING A TEMPORARY AERIAL EASEMENT TO CHARLOTTESVILLE STADIUM ROAD PROPERTIES KP7, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE VERVE CHARLOTTESVILLE PROJECT

- RESOLUTION Supporting Kindlewood/Friendship Court Phase 3 Redevelopment Efforts

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KINDLEWOOD/FRIENDSHIP COURT PHASE 3;
PARCEL NUMBER: 280112000**

WHEREAS, the Piedmont Housing Alliance (“PHA”) is continuing to redevelop the 11.75-acre Friendship Court property in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City”), in four (4) Phases over the next four (4) to five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, this \$100 million+ project (“Project”) includes the creation of approximately 400 affordable units, with multiple tiers of affordability; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment Project will also include commercial and community space, as well as associated infrastructure and parking; and

WHEREAS, to help facilitate Project financing, PHA has again requested that the City consider a Performance Agreement that will share the incremental increase in real estate tax revenue generated by the investment; and

WHEREAS, with a commitment from the City to contribute the future revenue stream (as a Grant), PHA will leverage this to create a portion of the funds needed to fund Phase 3 of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Phase 3 will specifically help to subsidize the creation of approximately seventy-nine (79) newly constructed affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, PHA’s request does not ask for additional current revenue, it only requests future revenue that comes with an increased tax base. (As a point of clarification, the City has allocated a contribution to this Project as part of its annual Capital Improvement Plan. The proposed Performance Agreement discussed herein is separate and distinct from that contribution); and

WHEREAS, the City, in conjunction with the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority, has used the Performance Agreement concept in the past to incentivize significant capital investment and the creation and preservation of affordable housing. There is no risk to the City, as the Grant occurs only after the investment has been made, and once the additional tax increment materializes. The City does forego a portion of the real estate tax generated by the Project until the Performance Agreement terminates; and

WHEREAS, similar Performance Agreements are in place for Phases 1 and 2 of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council hereby commits to PHA to pursue a Performance Agreement that shares a portion of the incremental increase in real estate tax created by the improvements contemplated for the Project, in the form of an annual Grant for a specified period of years, all as specified in a Performance Agreement in a form and substance required by the City; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Grant will support the redevelopment of Phase 3 of the Project, and the commitment will specifically help to subsidize the creation of approximately 79 newly constructed affordable housing units in the City, through Phases 3A and 3B.

7. RESOLUTION to appropriate funding from the FY24 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail - \$9,036 (layover)

8. RESOLUTION for a Special Exception Permit at 818-820 E Jefferson Street

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 818-820 E JEFFERSON STREET**

WHEREAS, landowner East Jefferson Assemblage, LLC is the current owner of a lot identified on 2025 City Tax Map 53 as Parcel 180 (City Parcel Identification No. 530180000), having an area of approximately 0.67 acres (29,050 square feet) (the "Subject Property"), and

WHEREAS, the landowner proposes to install fences on the Subject Property in the 9th Street NE front yard and E Jefferson Street side street yard ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is described in more detail within the Applicant's application materials submitted in connection with Application PL-24-0132, as required by City Development Code Section 34-5.2.15.B.2 (collectively, the "Application Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission made a recommendation of approval at their February 25, 2025 public meeting per City Development Code Section 34-5.2.15.C.2; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation and the Staff Reports discussing this application, as well as the factors set forth within City Development Code Section 34-5.2.15.D, this Council finds and determines that granting the proposed Special Exception Permit would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare or good zoning practice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that, pursuant to City Code Development Sections 34-2.5.5.B.6 and 34-5.2.15, a Special Exception Permit is hereby approved and

granted to authorize the Project and permit installation of fences consistent with the Application Materials on the Subject Property within the 9th Street NE front yard and E Jefferson Street side street yard.

9. RESOLUTION for a Special Exception Permit at 400-426 Garrett Street

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400-426 GARRETT STREET**

WHEREAS, landowner NHTE Piedmont Garrett Square Limited Partnership is the current owner of a lot identified on 2025 City Tax Map 28 as Parcel 112 (City Parcel Identification No. 280112000), having an area of approximately 5.3 acres (230,870 square feet) (the "Subject Property"), and

WHEREAS, the landowner proposes to modify the minimum street-facing entry spacing requirements on the Subject Property for Building 12 along 2nd Street SE and Hinton Avenue Extended ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is described in more detail within the Applicant's application materials submitted in connection with Application PL-25-0021, as required by City Development Code Section 34-5.2.15.B.2 (collectively, the "Application Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission made a recommendation of approval at their February 25, 2025 public meeting per City Development Code Section 34-5.2.15.C.2; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation and the Staff Reports discussing this application, as well as the factors set forth within City Development Code Section 34-5.2.15.D, this Council finds and determines that granting the proposed Special Exception Permit would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare or good zoning practice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that, pursuant to City Code Development Sections 34-2.4.4.B.5 and 34-5.2.15, a Special Exception Permit is hereby approved and granted to authorize the Project and require no minimum street-facing entry spacing for Building 12, as identified in the Application Materials, on the 2nd Street SE and Hinton Avenue Extended facades on the Subject Property with the following conditions:

1. At least two (2) street-facing entries with entry features meeting the requirements of Section 34-2.10.13.B are required on the 2nd Street SE building façade of proposed Building 12, as identified in the Application Materials.
2. Features to promote visual interest in the public realm and maintain walkability and public safety, which may include but are not limited to building-mounted decorative screening, hardscape features, and specialized plantings, are required along 2nd Street SE.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Chris Engel, Director, presented highlights from the Office of Economic Development 2024 Annual Report.

ACTION ITEMS

10. RESOLUTION Approving Performance Agreement to Support 501 Cherry Avenue Redevelopment Efforts

Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development, presented the request for approval of a Performance Agreement to support 501 Cherry Avenue Development efforts.

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

**APPROVING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Authority of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (the “Authority”), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “Commonwealth”), was established to promote the safety, health, welfare, convenience or prosperity of the inhabitants of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia a municipal corporation and body politic and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “City”) by improving and rehabilitating a distressed area of the City which will enhance the tax base in the City and create opportunities for commercial and other economic development in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the “City Council”) is empowered pursuant to Section 15.2-953 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended (the “Code”), to make appropriations of public funds to the Authority for the purpose of promoting economic development in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is empowered pursuant to Section 15.2-4901, et seq., of the Code to, among other things, accept contributions, grants and other financial assistance from the City and make grants to any person, partnership, association, corporation, business, or governmental entity for the purposes of promoting economic development in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, pursuant to that certain proposed Performance Agreement (the “Agreement”) by and among the Authority and Piedmont Housing Alliance, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue code of 1986 as amended, including its permitted successors and assigns (the “Developer”), attached hereto as Exhibit I, is proposing to provide a certain financial incentive grant (the “Grant”) to the Developer in order to encourage and induce the Developer to invest a significant amount of money into real estate improvements, described as 501-A Cherry Avenue planned development consisting of 71 units (the “Investment”) located in the City and such 71 units are described and depicted on Exhibit A of the Agreement (the “Property”) along with the other requirements included in such Investment as set forth in Exhibit B to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, while recognizing that the City Council is not empowered under Virginia law to make any binding commitment beyond the current fiscal year of the City, has requested that the City Council annually appropriate monies to the Authority for the purpose of promoting economic development in the City by funding certain financial obligations of the Authority pursuant to and during the term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this meeting a draft of the Agreement which sets forth the understanding and agreement between the Authority and the Developer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA:

1. The City Council finds and determines that the terms and conditions of the Agreement, including the provisions for the Grant, is consistent with the mission, goals and purposes of the Authority.
2. It is the current intention of the City Council to make sufficient annual appropriation of monies to the Authority for the purpose of promoting economic development in the City by funding certain financial obligations of the Authority pursuant to and during the term of the Agreement.

3. The City Manager or any other officer charged with the responsibility of preparing the City budget is hereby authorized and directed to include in the City budget for each fiscal year of the City during the term of the Agreement a request that the City Council appropriate sufficient monies to the Authority for the purpose of promoting economic development in the City and funding certain financial obligations of the Authority pursuant to the terms of the Agreement during such fiscal year.
4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to acknowledge the City's understanding of the Agreement and to execute such documents as he deems appropriate in relation to such Agreement.
5. All other acts of the City Manager, the Director of Economic Development or any other officer of the City relating to the purposes and intent of this resolution are hereby approved and ratified.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

11. RESOLUTION Designating Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc.'s, Site at 10th and Wertland Street, SW Corner, as a Revitalization Area (Parcel Numbers: 100053000; 100039000; 100038000, and 100037000)

Alex Ikefuna, Director of the Office of Community Solutions, presented the request, advising that applications for the Virginia Housing (formerly VHDA) LIHTC Program are due on March 13. City Staff recommended that City Council approve the resolution declaring the Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. (POAH) site as being in a Revitalization Area based on the following:

1. The industrial, commercial, or other economic development of such an area will benefit the City or County, but such an area lacks the housing needed to induce manufacturing, industrial, commercial, governmental, educational, entertainment, community development, healthcare, or nonprofit enterprises or undertakings to locate or remain in such an area; and
2. Private enterprises and investments are not reasonably expected, without assistance, to produce the construction or rehabilitation of decent, safe, and sanitary housing and supporting facilities that will meet the needs of low- and moderate-income persons and families in such an area and will induce other persons and families to live within such an area and thereby create a desirable economic mix of residents in such an area.

John Settles, representing POAH, provided clarification of the areas to be impacted.

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

RESOLUTION
Revitalization Area Certification for Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc.'s, ("POAH")
Site at 10th and Wertland, SW Corner
Parcel Number:
1105 W. MAIN STREET: 100053000
129 10th STREET, NW: 100039000
1000 WERTLAND STREET: 100038000
1010 WERTLAND STREET: 100037000

WHEREAS, the site is within Census Tract 2.02, and 60.7% of the population are below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the (2023 five (5)-year) American Community Survey indicates that sixty percent (60%) or more residents of the Census Tract meet the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development income-eligibility requirements.

WHEREAS, an area may be designated a Revitalization Area by Resolution of a governing body, when such Resolution makes certain determinations as set out in Virginia Code §36-55.30:2(A)(i)(b):

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Charlottesville makes the following determinations related to the POAH site at 10th and Wertland, SW Corner and more specifically described as Parcel Numbers 100053000, 100039000, 100038000, and 100037000:

(1) the industrial, commercial, or other economic development of such area will benefit the City or County, but such area lacks the housing needed to induce manufacturing, industrial, commercial, governmental, educational, entertainment, community development, healthcare, or nonprofit enterprises or undertakings to locate or remain in such area; and,

(2) private enterprise and investments are not reasonably expected, without assistance, to produce the construction or rehabilitation of decent, safe, and sanitary housing and supporting facilities that will meet the needs of low- and moderate-income persons and families in such area and will induce other persons and families to live within such area and thereby create a desirable economic mix of residents in such area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, that based on the above determinations made that the POAH development site at 10th and Wertland, SW Corner and more specifically described in the Parcel Numbers 100053000, 100039000, 100038000, and 100037000, is designated a Revitalization Area.

12. ORDINANCE Amending Memorandum of Agreement and its corresponding Ordinance (#O-24-089) authorizing a grant of public funding to subsidize the South First Street Phase Two Redevelopment Project of Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Antoine Williams, Housing Program Manager, explained the reason for amending the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). On July 15, 2024, Charlottesville City Council approved an Ordinance (#O-24-089), authorizing a \$6 million grant to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) for the South First Street Phase Two Redevelopment Project. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) executed alongside the ordinance outlined the terms and conditions of funding, including pre-disbursement conditions, compliance reporting, and project milestones. Under the terms of the agreement, construction was originally scheduled to commence by September 30, 2024, with an option for CRHA to request a one-time extension if delays were anticipated. However, construction did not commence by the deadline, and no formal extension request was submitted within the required timeframe. By the terms of the agreement, the agreement became void at the point when CRHA missed this deadline.

John Sales, Executive Director of the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, explained the reasons for construction delay.

The proposed amendments were designed to support project accountability while ensuring continued progress toward the City's affordable housing goals. These updates reflect a collaborative effort between City staff and CRHA, following a series of discussions aimed at identifying key challenges and solutions. The amendments focus on clarifying expectations, enhancing oversight, and ensuring transparency in

project execution.

On motion by Oschrin, seconded by Snook, Council adopted the following ordinance by a vote of 5-0, waiving a second reading (Ayes: Oschrin, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none):

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REAUTHORIZING ORDINANCE (#O-24-089) AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF PUBLIC FUNDING TO SUBSIDIZE THE SOUTH FIRST STREET PHASE TWO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF CHARLOTTESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

GENERAL BUSINESS

13. Presentation: School Board Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Emily Dooley, Chair of the Charlottesville City School Board and School Superintendent Dr. Royal Gurley presented the School Board Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

14. Presentation: Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr. presented the Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, with revenues and expenditures totaling \$264,474,183, revenue growth of \$12,550,000, and budget growth of 4.97% to address needs and opportunities. He acknowledged that City Council budget work sessions and public hearings will inform the final budget, scheduled for adoption by mid-April.

City Council asked clarifying questions.

COMMUNITY MATTERS (2)

Mayor Wade opened the floor for comments from the public. No speakers came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Snook, seconded by Pinkston, Council voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council