



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
April 21, 2025
City Hall Council Chamber
CERTIFICATIONS

Juandiego R. Wade, Mayor
Brian R. Pinkston, Vice Mayor
Natalie Oschrin
Michael K. Payne
J. Lloyd Snook, III
Kyna Thomas, Clerk

4:00 PM OPENING SESSION

Call to Order/Roll Call

Agenda Approval **APPROVED 5-0 (PINKSTON/SNOOK)**

Reports

1. Report: 2025 Affordable Housing Report
2. Report: Housing Ecosystem Anti-Displacement Toolkit (HEAT) Update: Expanding Affordable Options and Stability
 - a. Report: Establishing the Land Bank Authority: Progress and Next Steps
 - b. Report: Introducing CAHTAP: A New Tax Abatement Strategy for Housing Affordability

5:30 PM CLOSED MEETING (if called)

6:30 PM BUSINESS SESSION

Moment of Silence

Announcements

Recognitions/Proclamations

- Proclamation: Dark Sky Week: April 21-28, 2025

Community Matters

Consent Agenda* **APPROVED 5-0 (PINKSTON/SNOOK)**

3. Minutes: April 7 regular meeting; April 14 special meeting
4. Resolution: Resolution to Appropriate \$1,304,308 from the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") for the Monticello 2nd Project (2nd reading)
#R-25-034

City Manager Report

- Report: City Manager Report
 - a. Report: Presentation of Charlottesville Police Department Annual Report
 - b. Report: Presentation of Charlottesville Fire Department Annual Report
 - c. Report: City Manager's 3rd Quarter Work Plan Update

Action Items

5. Public Hearing: Public hearing on the City of Charlottesville's Proposed Real Property Tax Rate
6. Ordinance: Ordinance Establishing the Annual Tax Levy for Tax Year 2025 (1 of 2 readings)
7. Resolution: Resolution Establishing 2025 Tax Year Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage (1 Reading)
#R-25-035
APPROVED 5-0 (SNOOK/OSCHRIN)

8. Public Hearing: Public Hearing for the Program Year 2025-26 One (1) -Year Annual Action Plan ("AAP") for the City's Community Development Block Grants ("CDBG") and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs, and corresponding funding recommendations (1 of 2 readings).
- a. Resolution: Resolution approving the City of Charlottesville Program Year 2025-2026 One-year Annual Action Plan for the city's CDBG and HOME programs
- b. Resolution: Resolution appropriating CDBG funds anticipated to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as outlined in the Program Year 2025-2026 One-year Annual Action Plan, in the approximate amount of \$438,617 (1 of 2 readings)
- c. Resolution: Resolution awarding HOME Investment Partnership Program funds anticipated to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as outlined in the Program Year 2025-2026 One-year Annual Action Plan, in the approximate amount of \$83,016 (1 of 2 readings)
9. Resolution: Resolution allocating \$35,000 of FY25 Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund as an Emergency Grant to the Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless ("BRACH") for Supportive Housing Program
#R-25-036 APPROVED 5-0 (OSCHRIN/PINKSTON)
10. Resolution: Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Biophilic Cities Program
#R-25-037 APPROVED 5-0 (PINKSTON/SNOOK)

General Business

11. Written Report: 2024 Integrated Pest Management Report
12. Written Report: Rivanna Authorities Quarterly Report

Community Matters (2)

Adjournment

APPROVED 5-0 (SNOOK/OSCHRIN)

#R-25-034

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) funds for Monticello 2nd Project

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has awarded funds to the City of Charlottesville for the Monticello 2nd project (UPC # U000-104-343);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that a total of \$1,304,308 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

1,304,308	Fund: 426	WBS Element: P-01122	G/L Account: 430120
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Expenses

\$1,304,308	Fund: 426	WBS Element: P-01122	G/L Account: 599999
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#R-25-035

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
PERCENTAGE FOR TAX YEAR 2025**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City Council”), that, pursuant to the requirements of Virginia Code § 58.1-3524, that personal property tax relief at the rate of thirty-one percent (31%) shall be applied to the first \$20,000 of value of each qualifying vehicle having a value of more than \$1,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by City Council that personal property tax relief at the rate of one hundred percent (100%) shall be applied to each qualifying vehicle having a value of \$1,500 or less.

#R-25-036

RESOLUTION ALLOCATION OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (CAHF) FY25 AS EMERGENCY GRANT TO THE BLUE RIDGE AREA COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS (BRACH) FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, having established the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) Grant Program to provide financial support for community agency programs aiding in affordable housing and homelessness relief, hereby allocates \$35,000 from the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) Grant Program under Fund 426 Project: CP-084, as per the Capital Improvement Program budget for FY2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The City Council, having received and reviewed recommendations from the CAHF Committee on the expenditure of CAHF funds for the CAHF Grant Program, resolves to allocate the amount to the Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless (BRACH) for Supportive Housing Program.

Fund	Project	GL Account	Applicant	Funded Project/Initiative	CAHF Award
426	CP-084	530670	Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless (BRACH)	Supportive Housing Emergency Grant	\$35,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all funding awards within this resolution shall be provided as grants to the entity listed under the “Applicant” column above to be used solely for the purposes of the program listed in this resolution and any subsequent grant agreement. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute funding grant agreements with each recipient to ensure proper utilization of funds.

#R-25-037

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT FOR THE CITY OF
CHARLOTTEVILLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIOPHILIC
CITIES NETWORK**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has long-standing commitments to environmental sustainability and community health and wellness, and City Council's Strategic Plan Vision is "To be a place where everyone thrives," including Strategic Outcome Areas focused on Climate Action, Recreation, Arts, and Culture, and Partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City has already incorporated biophilic principles in a number of major policy documents and programs including the Comprehensive Plan, the Rivanna River Corridor Plan, the Climate Action Plan, the Development Code, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Urban Forest Management Plan, and the Water Resources Protection Program; and

WHEREAS, Charlottesville has a rich and varied diversity of ecosystems that provide benefits to residents, workers, businesses, visitors and the diverse species we share our city and our region with; and

WHEREAS, evidence demonstrates that people are happiest, emotionally and physically healthiest, and most productive when working and living in close proximity to nature; and

WHEREAS, research suggests that exposure to nature can reduce stress, aid recovery from illness, enhance cognitive skills, improve academic performance, and aid in combatting childhood and adult illnesses; and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly urbanized world, it is incumbent upon cities to provide vital natural habitat to plant and animal species that may otherwise perish; and

WHEREAS, the concept of "biophilia" refers to the innate connection of humans to the natural world, and therefore "biophilic cities" are those that purposefully design, build, and manage their communities with abundant nature ensuring its residents have opportunities for deep, meaningful connection and engagement with the natural world as part of their daily life; and

WHEREAS, the Biophilic Cities Network is a community of biophilic cities from around the world whose leaders recognize the important connection between humans and the natural world and strive to place nature at the core of design and planning and work to create abundant opportunities to learn about and connect with nature; and

WHEREAS, a commitment to becoming a Biophilic City will support Charlottesville's environmental sustainability and community health and wellness goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that we support the principles of the Biophilic Cities Network and commit to collaborating with other participating municipalities, institutions, and organizations to support urban biodiversity and create opportunities for all Charlottesville residents to connect with nature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff are hereby authorized to submit an application for Charlottesville to join the Biophilic Cities Network.