



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Council Chamber

The Charlottesville City Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 14, 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, Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston, and Councilors Natalie Oschrein, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance Adopting a Budget and Appropriating Funds for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026 (Second Reading)

City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr., summarized the budget reconciliation process since the initial proposal presented on March 6, and he reiterated specific budget facts. Revenues and corresponding expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) City Budget totaled \$265,248,446, representing revenue growth of \$13,299,816. Growth in the Budget showed a 5.28% increase over the prior year. Tax rates remained the same in FY26:

- Lodging Tax Rate: 9.0%
- Meals Tax Rate: 7.0%
- Personal Property Tax Rate: \$4.40/\$100
- Real Estate Tax Rate: \$0.98/\$100

Major budget drivers were: 1) Charlottesville City Schools, 2) affordable housing, 3) transportation, and 4) the City of Charlottesville strategic priority area of Organizational Excellence.

Councilors asked clarifying questions about intended uses and timing for the use of surplus funds, proper usage of surplus for one-time expenses, and transportation budgeting priorities. Mr. Sanders stated that he plans to bring a proposal regarding the use of surplus funds to City Council within the next couple of regular City Council meetings. He emphasized discussion points made by Vice Mayor Pinkston regarding transit as a city priority.

Khristina Hammill, Director of Budget, reviewed a list of budget amendments that were finalized during the April 10, 2025, City Council budget work session.

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Oschrein, Council voted 5-0 to adopt the **ORDINANCE APPROVING A BUDGET AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026** (Ayes: Oschrein, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

On motion by Snook, seconded by Pinkston, Council by unanimous consent adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council