



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM
CitySpace, 100 5th Street NE
Charlottesville, VA 22902

The Charlottesville City Council held a special joint meeting with the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. Mayor Juandiego Wade called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., noting the following councilors present: Mayor Juandiego Wade and Councilors Natalie Oschrein, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook. Vice Mayor Brian Pinkston gave prior notice that he would be absent.

S. Brigid O'Rourke, Vice Chairperson, called the CRHA to order with a quorum.

Mayor Wade turned the meeting over to City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr., who welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to begin identifying strategies to improve communication, coordination and efficiencies and, ultimately, achieve better outcomes for CRHA residents and the greater Charlottesville community.

Deputy City Manager James Freas expressed the importance of having systems in place for effective communication and collaboration between the City and CRHA in order to move projects forward.

CRHA Executive Director John Sales provided an overview of the City of Charlottesville and Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority Partnership Report. The report was broken into three major parts:

1. CRHA Development Projects
2. Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP)
3. General Coordination, Communication, and Administrative Issues

Mr. Sales shared some findings that led to the need to formalize timelines and parameters for programs and projects, and to increase staffing to meet growing needs.

Mayor Wade asked about key findings from the CRHA Strategic Plan. Mr. Sales stated that several areas were related to capacity-building to keep up with growth in the population being served, and to the level of services required to address various barriers such as technology education and language access.

Mr. Sales and Mr. Sanders answered questions about the Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP), previous reserves and a waitlist.

Mr. Sales provided an update on current redevelopment projects and the City Housing Portfolio. The presentation culminated in a request for funding:

- Dedicated Capital Funding in the CIP for Public Housing Modernization, \$1000 per public housing unit per year (hard cost)
- Dedicated funding for CFP Project Manager, \$500 per public housing unit per year
- Dedicated Resident Services Funding, \$500 per public housing unit per year

Council engaged in discussion about future funding models, operationalizing the relationship between the

City and the Housing Authority, addressing housing needs, meeting operational objectives, and identifying Council's vision.

CRHA members reiterated the need for affordable housing and finding predictable ways to fund it.

Commissioner O'Rourke adjourned the CRHA board.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Oschrein, the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council