



CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Council Chamber: 605 E. Main St., Charlottesville, VA 22902

The Charlottesville City Council held a special meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026. 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 Natalie Oschrein, and Councilors Jen Fleisher, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook.

On motion by Snook, seconded by Oschrein, Council unanimously adopted the meeting agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. RESOLUTION Establishing the Personal Property Tax Relief Percentage for Tax Year 2026

Commissioner of the Revenue Todd Divers introduced the item. The City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), receives a fixed annual grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia ("Commonwealth") to be used to apply Personal Property Tax Relief ("PPTR"). The PPTR Program is governed by the Code of Virginia (58.1 Chapter 35.1), and gives the locality a pool of funds, the proceeds of which must be used to provide relief to the owners of qualifying vehicles.

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

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PERCENTAGE FOR TAX YEAR 2026

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 ("PPTR") 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 PPTR at the rate of 100% shall be applied to each qualifying vehicle having a value of \$1,500 or less.

2. Adoption of FY2027 City Budget Ordinance, Annual Appropriation, and Tax Levy

City Manager Samuel Sanders, Jr., and Director of Budget and Grants Management Kristina Hammill summarized the Fiscal Year 2027 budget cycle. Pursuant to Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), and Virginia Code Title 15.2, Chapter 25, a Proposed Budget was prepared by the City Manager and presented to City Council for consideration. Among a series of budget development meetings, a Public Hearing was conducted by City Council on the City Manager's Proposed Budget on March 19, 2026, and a Public Hearing on the proposed tax rates to be adopted in support of the Adopted Budget was properly advertised and conducted on April 6, 2026.

a. ORDINANCE establishing the Annual Tax Levy for Tax Year 2026 (2nd reading)

On motion by Snook, seconded by Payne, Council voted 5-0 to adopt the **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2026**.

ORDINANCE
To Establish the Annual Tax Levy for Tax Year 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville **THAT** in order to pay the general operating expenses of the City, including local support for the City's schools; to provide funding for other public purposes; and to pay interest on and to provide funding for retirement of City debt, taxes are hereby levied at the rates set forth within this Ordinance, for the current Tax Year (beginning at midnight on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026), and for each succeeding Tax Year during which this Ordinance continues in effect:

1. Section 1—Real Property and Mobile Homes

On real estate, including land and improvements thereon and mobile homes, the tax rate shall be \$0.99 on every \$100 of the assessed value thereof.

2. Section 2—Personal Property

On all automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other motor vehicles; boats and aircraft; and on all tangible personal property used or held in connection with a business, trade, occupation or profession (excluding furnishings, furniture and appliances in rental units of 30 days or longer) the tax rate shall be \$4.40 on every \$100 of the assessed value thereof.

3. Section 3—Public Service Corporation Property

(a) On that portion of the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations which has been equalized as provided in Sec. 58.1-2604 of the Virginia Code, the tax rate shall be \$0.99 on every \$100 of the assessed value thereof determined by the Virginia State Corporation Commission or Virginia Department of Taxation (for railroads and interstate pipeline transmission companies), and

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, on automobiles and trucks belonging to public service corporations, the tax rate shall be \$4.40 on every \$100 of the assessed value thereof.

4. Section 4—Machinery and Tools

On machinery and tools used in a manufacturing or mining business (excluding intangible personal property), the tax rate shall be \$4.40 on every \$100 of the assessed value thereof.

5. Section 5—Energy Efficient Buildings

On energy efficient buildings the tax rate shall be \$0.50 on every \$100 of the assessed value thereof, subject to the limitations set forth within Chapter 30, Article V, Division 4 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville (1990), as amended, and applies only to buildings and not to the land on which such buildings are located.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT the Ordinance adopted April 24, 2025, establishing local tax rates for the Tax Year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending on December 31, 2025 is hereby repealed, effective at midnight on January 1, 2026.

b. ORDINANCE Adopting a Budget and Annual Appropriation of Funding for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 (2nd reading)

Councilor Snook disclosed his wife’s former employment with the City of Charlottesville, qualifying her for a pension, and stated that this does not disqualify him from participating in the vote.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Snook, 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, 2027** (Ayes: Fleisher, Oschrin, Payne, 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