



**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**August 19, 2024**  
**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**

*Councilor Oschrin arrived during Agenda Approval*

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

**Reports**

1. Report: Food Equity Initiative FY 24 Report
2. Report: Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

**5:30 PM CLOSED MEETING**

*Vote to meet in closed meeting APPROVED 5-0 (PINKSTON/OSCHRIN)*

*Vote to certify closed meeting APPROVED 5-0 (PINKSTON/SNOOK)*

*Boards and Commission Appointments APPROVED 5-0 (SNOOK/PAYNE)*

**6:30 PM BUSINESS SESSION**

**Moment of Silence**

**Announcements**

**Recognitions/Proclamations**

**Community Matters**

**Consent Agenda\* APPROVED 5-0 (PINKSTON/PAYNE)**

3. Minutes: June 3 regular meeting, June 17 regular meeting, July 1 regular meeting
4. **Resolution:** Resolution to appropriate EPA Clean School Bus Program rebates - \$420,000 (2nd reading)  
#R-24-108
5. **Resolution:** Appropriate \$7,120,650.00 from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure & Safety Modernization (NGDISM) grant program (2nd reading)  
#R-24-109
6. **Resolution:** Resolution to Appropriate funding to the Parking Fund - \$1,400,000 (2nd reading)  
#R-24-110
7. **Resolution:** Resolution for approval of easement additions for the Bypass Fire Station  
#R-24-111
8. Resolution: Resolution to Appropriate Virginia Juvenile Community Crime Control Act Grant (VJCCCA) - \$452,704 (1 of 2 readings)

**City Manager Report**

- Report: City Manager Report

**Action Items**

9. Public Hearing/Res.: Public Hearing on the Program Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs and to Establish Council Priorities for Program Year 2025-2026 (1 of 2 readings)

- a. Resolution: Program Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs
- b. Resolution: Establish Council Priorities for Program Year 2025-2026

10. Ordinance: Ordinance to increase the salaries of City Council Members pursuant to #O-24-112 15.2-1414.6 of the Virginia Code (2nd reading)

APPROVED 4-1 (PINKSTON/OSCHRIN, Snook opposed)

11. Ordinance/Resolution: Ranked Choice Voting

- a. Ordinance: Ordinance to Adopt Ranked Choice Voting ("RCV") as the Voting Method for the June 2025 City Council Primary election (1 of 2 readings)
- b. Resolution: Resolution to appropriate \$26,460 for Ranked Choice Voting (1 of 2 readings)

11. Public Hearing/ Ordinance to repeal City Code Sec. 18-24(b) and 18-25(f) pursuant to the Ord.: Ragged Mountain Reservoir Settlement Agreement

### General Business

13. Written Report: Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee Semi-Annual Report

### Community Matters (2)

### Adjournment

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Charlottesville, through the Office of Sustainability, has been notified that it will be awarded rebates from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean School Bus Program to support the purchase of two electric school buses;

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that upon receipt of the awarded EPA rebates, said funding, anticipated in the sum of \$420,000 is hereby appropriated, in the following manner:

Revenues

\$420,000    Fund: 106            Funded Program: 2200076            G/L Account: 431010

Expenditures

\$420,000    Fund: 106            Funded Program: 2200076            G/L Account: 541040

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$420,000 from the EPA Clean School Bus Program.

**RESOLUTION**  
**Appropriating Funding in the Amount of \$7,120,650 To Be Received from United States Department of Transportation**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Charlottesville, through the Utilities Department, has been notified that it will be awarded a grant from United States Department of Transportation (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure & Safety Modernization (NGDISM) grant, in the amount of \$7,120,650.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that, upon receipt of the PHMSA NGDISM funding from the Department of Transportation, said funding, anticipated in the sum of \$7,120,650, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$7,120,650	Fund 631	Order 1900563	GL 431110 Federal grants
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Expenditures

\$7,120,650	Fund 631	Order 1900563	GL 530300 Construction Contracts
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$7,120,650 in funds from the Department of Transportation.

**RESOLUTION**

**To appropriate funding from the Capital Improvement Plan Contingency Account to the Parking Fund - \$1,400,000**

**WHEREAS**, the City, by virtue of its membership in the Water Street Parking Garage Condominium Association (“WSPGCA”), entered into a 99-year ground lease for the land under the Water Street Parking Garage in 1994, which enabled the construction of a parking facility to support the growing Downtown Mall area; and

**WHEREAS**, the WSPGCA’s governing documents provide that the base rent for the land underneath the Water Street Parking Garage (the “Garage”) must be renegotiated every ten years, based on the appraised value of the land as if the land was unimproved; and

**WHEREAS**, the ground lease, pursuant to a negotiated settlement agreement includes an increase in the rent amount to be paid by the City for FY25;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that \$1,400,000 shall be transferred from the Capital Improvement Program Contingency Account to the City’s Parking Fund to fund the increase in the annual lease payment:

**Transfer from:**

\$ 1,400,000            Fund: 426                    WBS: CP-080                    G/L Account: 540100

**Transfer to:**

\$ 1,400,000            Fund: 650                    Cost Center: 6511003000            G/L Account: 560160

**A RESOLUTION  
EXPANDING AN EASEMENT GRANTED TO  
DOMINION POWER TO ENABLE  
ELECTRICAL POWER SERVICE TO THE  
NEW FIRE STATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the City of Charlottesville (“City”) granted a utility easement to Dominion Power for the purpose of providing underground electrical service to the Charlottesville Fire Department (“CFD”) Fire Station located on the 250 Bypass; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is currently constructing a new fire station on the 250 Bypass, which necessitates the expansion of the existing easement to enable the provision of electrical service to the new fire station; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff has worked with Dominion Power to verify the location, effectiveness, and practicality of the additions being proposed and has concluded that these modifications are legitimate and necessary additions to the easement to enable Dominion to provide electrical service to the new fire station; and

**WHEREAS**, the the proposed expanded easement is depicted on Plat 81-24-0033, respectively, which has been enclosed for reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the new fire station will comport with City Council’s vision of a “Green City,” as the new facility will be LEED certified and will include on-site solar generation, among other featured;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Charlottesville approves expansion of the existing easement provided to Dominion Power for the provision of electrical power service to the new fire station, located on the 250 Bypass, as depicted in Plat 81-24-0033.

**AN ORDINANCE  
INCREASING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15.2-1414.6 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA**

**WHEREAS**, in July 2024, the Virginia General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia § 15.2-1414.6 to authorize localities to increase the salaries of members of City Council, with the City of Charlottesville receiving authorization to increase the salaries of City Councilors from \$18,000 to \$34,000, and to increase the Mayor's salary from \$20,000 to \$37,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutory limits placed on City Councilor salaries by the General Assembly have not been adjusted for inflation since 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the new maximum salaries reflect the impact of inflation between the years 1997 and 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the current low salaries for City Council may prevent citizens of middle or lower levels of income from participating in local government, as these citizens may not be able to offset lost income from time spent away from work; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Code of Virginia the salary increases contemplated herein cannot come into effect until the July 1 following the next general election for members of City Council, which would be July 1, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the City of Charlottesville, Virginia pursuant to Va Code § 15.2-1414.6, hereby increases the salaries of City Councilors to \$34,000, and the salary of the Mayor to \$37,000. This salary increase will take effect on July 1, 2026.