



## City Council Meeting Agenda

March 16, 2026

City Hall Council Chamber  
605 E. Main St.  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

### CERTIFICATIONS

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

#### 4:00 PM Opening Session

##### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Electronic participation by Councilor Snook **APPROVED (Fleisher/Oschrin 4-0)**

##### II. Agenda Approval **APPROVED (Payne/Fleisher 5-0)**

##### III. Reports

1. Report: VDOT STARS Study Update (Ridge Street at West Main Street Intersection)
2. Report: Collecting Bargaining Impacts

#### 5:30 PM Recess

#### 6:30 PM Business Session

##### IV. Moment of Silence

ADDED: By Motion Appointment to the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) **APPROVED (Payne/Oschrin 5-0)**

##### V. Announcements

##### VI. Recognitions/Proclamations

- Proclamation: Social Work Month

##### VII. Community Matters

##### VIII. Consent Agenda\* **APPROVED (Payne/Oschrin 5-0)**

3. Minutes: January 20 regular meeting; March 5 & March 12 budget work sessions
4. Resolution: Resolution to Grant \$125,000 for a Small Business Energy Efficiency Incentive Program (2nd reading)  
**#R-26-033**

##### IX. City Manager Report

- Report: City Manager Report
  - a. Report: CACVB Report on VA250 Activities

##### X. Action Items

5. Public Hearing: Public hearing on the Charlottesville real property tax rate
6. Ordinance: City Code Changes
  - a. Ordinance: Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code by Repealing Sections 2-47 and 2-48 Relating to the City Council Finance Committee  
**#O-26-034**  
**APPROVED 5-0 (Oschrin/Fleisher)**

b. Ordinance: Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article X of the City Code to repeal outdated provisions pertaining to School Board appointments (1 of 2 readings) **#O-26-035** APPROVED 5-0 (Oschrin/Fleisher)

c. Ordinance: Ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 19, Article III, Section 19-57 to update city manager representation on the Retirement Plan Commission **#O-26-036** APPROVED 5-0 (Oschrin/Snook)

7. Ordinance: Public Art Program Proposal

a. Ordinance: Ordinance to establish the Charlottesville Public Art Program

b. Resolution: Resolution to fund the Charlottesville Public Art Program - \$100,000 (1 of 2 readings)

8. Resolution: Resolution in support of Charlottesville High Performance Building Standards

9. Resolution: Resolution to authorize a refund of \$159,947.55 to a taxpaying entity or business **#R-26-037** APPROVED 5-0 (Payne/Oschrin)

#### **XI. General Business**

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

#### **XII. Community Matters (2)**

#### **XIII. Adjournment**



**#R-26-033**

**RESOLUTION**

**ALLOCATION OF CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE FUNDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF  
A SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE PROGRAM IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$125,000**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville, having established the Climate Action Initiative Fund for projects and programs in support of the City's Climate Action goals; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 95% of Charlottesville's greenhouse gas emissions are attributable to non-municipal, community-based activities, of which approximately 30% derive from the non-residential sector, including small businesses and non-profits; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses and non-profit organizations often operate on very thin financial margins and often lack the technical expertise needed to make energy improvements, even if it could lower their utility bills and positively impact their operating costs;

**WHEREAS**, the City's Climate Program recognizes that this sector can benefit from targeted support in reducing emissions from their buildings through energy saving strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Climate Program issued a notice of funding opportunity seeking a non-profit partner to develop and deliver a pilot Small Business Energy Efficiency Incentive Program, which aims to support businesses and non-profit organizations located in the City of Charlottesville in reducing their energy use through energy audits, technical assistance, and financial subsidies for energy efficiency improvements, thereby lowering utility costs and contributing to the City's community climate goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Grant Committee received and reviewed responses to the notice of funding opportunity, and voted unanimously to recommend award of the grant to the Community Climate Collaborative;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, having received and considered the recommendation of the Climate Action Grant Committee regarding award of the grant, that \$125,000 is hereby allocated from the Climate Action Initiative Fund (Fund 426, IO 100028), previously appropriated as part of the FY2026 Capital Improvement Program, as a grant award to the Community Climate Collaborative for the establishment and administration of the Small Business Energy Efficiency Incentive Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement consistent with this resolution.



**#O-26-034**

**ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE BY REPEALING SECTIONS 2-47  
AND 2-48 RELATING TO THE CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Code currently contains provisions establishing a standing finance committee of the City Council and assigning that committee certain responsibilities relating to the City's finances; and

WHEREAS, these provisions reflect an earlier governance structure in which standing committees of City Council were assigned responsibility for reviewing and reporting on municipal financial matters; and

WHEREAS, under the City's current council-manager form of government, the administration of the City's financial operations is carried out by the City Manager and the Finance Department, with oversight provided by the City Council through the annual budget process, financial reporting, and independent auditing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the finance committee described in Sections 2-47 and 2-48 is not currently utilized and the duties described in those provisions are performed through other established administrative and governance processes; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that repealing these outdated provisions will improve the clarity and accuracy of the City Code and better reflect the City's current governance practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that the Charlottesville City Code is hereby amended as follows:

1. Repeal of Sections 2-47 and 2-48.

Sections 2-47 and 2-48 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville are hereby repealed.



**#O-26-035**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE X OF THE CITY CODE BY  
REPEALING SECTIONS 2-341 AND 2-342 AND RECODIFYING SECTION 2-343  
AS SECTION 2-341**

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Code currently contains provisions concerning the composition and appointment of the City School Board; and

WHEREAS, the City School Board has been elected by the voters of the City since the mid 2000s; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Charlottesville was amended in 2020 to reflect the election of School Board members rather than appointment by City Council; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2-341 and 2-342 of the City Code reflect an earlier system under which members of the School Board were appointed by City Council and therefore no longer accurately reflect the City's governing structure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that repealing those outdated provisions and retaining the remaining reporting provision will improve the clarity and accuracy of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville that the Code of the City of Charlottesville is hereby amended as follows:

1. Repeal of Sections 2-341 and 2-342.

Sections 2-341 and 2-342 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville are hereby repealed.

2. Recodification of Section 2-343.

Section 2-343 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville is hereby recodified as Section 2-341, and shall read as follows:

**Sec. 2-341. Report of expenditures and estimate of needed funds.**

It shall be the duty of the school board annually, on or before March thirty-first of each year, and oftener if deemed necessary by the city council, to submit to the city council, in writing, a classified report, as prescribed by the city council, of all expenditures and a classified estimate of what funds will be needed for the proper maintenance and growth of the public schools of the city and to request the city council to make provisions by appropriation or levy for the same.



**#O-26-036**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19-57 OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY  
CODE RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE RETIREMENT PLAN  
COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Section 19-57 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville establishes the Retirement Plan Commission and sets forth its membership; and

WHEREAS, the current ordinance designates the City Manager as a member of the Retirement Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Commission frequently involves administrative, financial, and personnel matters that are often handled by senior staff within the City Manager's Office; and

WHEREAS, allowing the City Manager to appoint a Deputy City Manager or other designee to serve on the Commission will provide flexibility while maintaining representation from the City Manager's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that Section 19-57 of the Code of the City of Charlottesville is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

**Sec. 19-57. Created; purpose; composition.**

(a) There is hereby created a commission, to be known as the retirement plan commission, whose duty it shall be to administer all city-sponsored retirement plans, including the supplemental retirement or pension plan, the defined contribution plan, and the deferred compensation plan, in accordance with the provisions of this article and of article IV of this chapter.

(b) The commission shall be comprised of a member of city council, a deputy city manager or other designee appointed by the City Manager, the director of finance, the director of human resources, the city treasurer, three (3) employees of the city, including employees of any city agency participating in a city-sponsored retirement plan, one (1) retiree participating in a city-sponsored plan, and two (2) members of the community.



**#R-26-037**

**RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing a Refund of \$159,947.55 to a Taxpaying Entity or Business, for Business License Tax Paid in Error for 2023, 2024, and 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Revenue for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“COR”), has determined that a taxpaying entity or business paid 2023, 2024, and 2025 Business License Tax to the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City”), in error; and

**WHEREAS**, that taxpaying entity or business has requested a refund of the amount paid in error; and

**WHEREAS**, the COR has certified that a refund of taxes paid is due in the amount of \$159,947.55; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code Section 30-6(b) requires City Council approval for any tax refund exceeding \$10,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that it hereby approves and adopts this Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to issue a refund of \$159,947.55 payable to that taxpaying entity or business.