



City Council Meeting Agenda May 18, 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
- II. Agenda Approval **APPROVED 5-0 (Payne/Fleisher)**
- III. Reports
 1. Report: PCOB Proposed Ordinance Revisions
 2. Report: Home Stay/Short-Term Rentals Report

5:30 PM Closed Meeting (Board & Commission Appointments)

Enter closed session **APPROVED 5-0 (Oschrin/Payne)**
Certify closed session **APPROVED 5-0 (Oschrin/Snook)**

6:30 PM Business Session

- IV. Moment of Silence
- V. Announcements
- VI. Recognitions/Proclamations
 - Proclamation: Public Works Week, May 17-23
 - Proclamation: Dementia Awareness Month
- VII. Community Matters
- VIII. Consent Agenda* **APPROVED 5-0 (Payne/Oschrin)**
 3. Minutes: February 17 regular meeting; March 2 regular meeting
 4. Resolution: **#R-26-067** Resolution to appropriate \$389,975 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV grant 26-HOPWA-303 (2nd reading)
 5. Resolution: **#R-26-068** Resolution to appropriate \$98,484 from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Grant 26-VHSP FED RRH- 37 (2nd reading)
 6. Resolution: **#R-26-069** Reallocation of \$200,000 in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funds for the Downtown Mall Crossing Project (2nd reading)
 7. Resolution: Proposed One-Year Annual Action Plan & Associated Funding Recommendations for HUD-funded Activities for Program Year (PY) 2026-2027, a Major Amendment, approximately \$1,205,469.64 (2nd reading)
 - a. Resolution: **#R-26-070** Resolution to Approve the City of Charlottesville-Thomas Jefferson Area HOME Consortium One-Year Annual Action Plan for PY 2026-2027 (2nd reading)

- b. Resolution: Resolution to Appropriate Community Development Block Grant Funds anticipated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for PY 2026-2027, approximately \$464,924.00 (2nd reading)
#R-26-071
- c. Resolution: Resolution to Approve Award(s) of HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds anticipated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for PY 2026-2027, approximately \$92,568.21 (2nd reading)
#R-26-072

- 8. Resolution: Resolution Initiating Amendment to Chapter 9 (Community Facilities & Services) of the City's Comprehensive Plan
#R-26-073
- 9. Resolution: Resolution Considering a Special Exception Permit Request for 408 Harris Road
#R-26-074
- 10. Resolution: Resolution Approving the Public Works 2025-2026 Pollocks Branch Trail Bridge Activity, a Minor Amendment to the City's Annual Action Plan, in the Amount of \$55,527.91 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds (Previously Approved by Council)
#R-26-075
- 11. Ordinance: Repeal of Obsolete Provisions in Chapter 3, Amusements, of the Charlottesville City Code

IX. City Manager Report

- Report: City Manager Report
- Report: Youth Council Annual Presentation
- Report: Quarterly Financial Report

X. Action Items

- 12. Action Item: Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Power Purchase Agreement and Associated Site Access Agreement for Charlottesville Middle School APPROVED 5-0 (Payne/Oschrin)
#R-26-076
- 13. Resolution: Resolution for Approval of Refund of Business Tangible Personal Property Tax and Business License Tax, totaling \$33,863.14 APPROVED 5-0 (Snook/Payne)
#R-26-077
- 14. Resolution: Resolution for Approval of 2026 Homeowner Assistance Grant Program APPROVED 5-0 (Payne/Fleisher)
#R-26-078
- 15. Resolution: Resolution to Endorse the Location for the Swords Into Plowshares Project. APPROVED 5-0 (Payne/Fleisher)
#R-26-079

XI. General Business

XII. Community Matters (2)

XIII. Adjournment



#R-26-067

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) Grant
\$389,975**

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville, through the Office of Budget and Grants Management, has received the H.O.P.W.A. Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$389,975;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$389,312 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$389,975 Fund: 209 IO: 1900668 G/L: 430120 Federal Pass-Thru State

Expenditures

\$389,975 Fund: 209 IO: 1900668 G/L: 530550 Contracted Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$389,975 in funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development



#R-26-068

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS

**Virginia Homeless Solutions Program Federal Rapid Re-housing (VHSP Fed RRH)
Grant \$98,484**

WHEREAS, The City of Charlottesville, through the Office of Budget and Grants Management, has received the VHSP Fed RRH Grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$98,484;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$98,484 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$98,484 Fund: 209 IO: 1900669 G/L: 430120 Federal Pass-Thru State

Expenditures

\$98,484 Fund: 209 IO: 1900669 G/L: 530550 Contracted Services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$98,484 in funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development



#R-26-069

RESOLUTION to Authorize Reallocation of \$200,000 Previously Appropriated CIP Funding to Downtown Mall Crossing Project

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has previously allocated CIP funding for Flood Damage Repairs and for the renovation of the City Hall Lobby and both projects have been completed with remaining unspent project balances; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Mall Crossing project budget may have a budget gap due to various circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that previously appropriated CIP funding is hereby reallocated in the following manner:

Transfer From:

\$100,000	Fund: 426	Internal Order: 1000025	G/L Account: 599999
\$100,000	Fund: 426	Internal Order: 1000036	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To:

\$200,000	Fund: 426	Funded Program: P-01138	G/L Account: 599999
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that any unspent funds remaining at the conclusion of the Downtown Mall Crossing project will be returned to the CIP Contingency account.



#R-26-070

RESOLUTION

**To Approve the City of Charlottesville-Thomas Jefferson Area HOME Consortium
One-Year Annual Action Plan for the 2026-2027 Program Year**

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville engages as a ‘participating jurisdiction’ (“PJ”) in the CDBG & HOME programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (“HUD”) and in that role is the periodic recipient of federal funds to support eligible community development, affordable housing and planning activities as identified by HUD’s Office of Community Planning & Development (“CPD”); and

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville is a contributing member of the Thomas Jefferson HOME Consortium (“TJHC”) in partnership with the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (“TJPDC”) and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson, and through the Consortium shares in the benefits of participation in HUD’s HOME program; and

WHEREAS as such, the city is required by HUD to develop on an annual basis a One -Year Annual Action Plan (“AAP”) to inform the work of the city’s CDBG and HOME programs, a plan which is required to be presented to the public with opportunities for public comment, of which consideration by City Council is an important element.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, hereby approves the Charlottesville-Thomas Jefferson HOME Consortium One-Year Annual Action Plan and its submittal to HUD for final review, as presented at a public hearing before the Charlottesville Planning Commission on April 14, 2026, and at two public hearings before Charlottesville City Council on May 4 and May 18, 2026.



#R-26-071

RESOLUTION

Appropriation of Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Funds Anticipated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2026-2027 Program Year, in the Approximate Amount of \$464,924.00

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville (“City”) has been advised by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) that it is eligible to receive an anticipated CDBG allocation for the 2026-27 program year in the approximate amount of \$464,924.00; and

WHEREAS City Council has received recommendations for the expenditure of funds from the city’s CDBG/HOME Taskforce, as reviewed and approved by the City’s Planning Commission at a public hearing on April 14, 2026, in accordance with the City’s established Citizen Participation Plan; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia, that upon receipt of CDBG funds anticipated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, said funds are hereby appropriated to the following individual expenditure accounts in the Community Development Block Grant Fund in accordance with the respective purposes set forth; provided, however, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer funds between and among such individual accounts as circumstances may require, to the extent permitted by applicable federal grant regulations, as set forth below:

Economic Development Activities

<i>Fund</i>	<i>SAP Order #</i>	<i>Funding Recommendation</i>	<i>Award</i>
218	1900659	CIC Entrepreneur Programs & Supports	\$23,994.75
218	1900660	BGF Cville Builds: Construction & Renovation for Nonprofits & Small Businesses	\$35,486.24
<i>Subtotal:</i>			<i>\$59,480.99</i>

Public Facilities & Infrastructure Enhancements Activities

<i>Fund</i>	<i>SAP Order #</i>	<i>Funding Recommendation</i>	<i>Award</i>
218	1900661	Arc of the Piedmont Shamrock Group Home	\$20,408.76
218	1900662	The Haven Day Shelter Infrastructure	\$34,442.53
<i>Subtotal:</i>			<i>\$54,851.29</i>

Affordable Housing Activities

<i>Fund</i>	<i>SAP Order #</i>	<i>Funding Recommendation</i>	<i>Award</i>
218	1900663	AHIP Charlottesville Critical Home Rehabs	\$93,934.16
218	1900664	LEAP Healthy, Safe & Energy Efficient	\$93,934.16
<i>Subtotal:</i>			<i>\$187,868.32</i>

Public Services Activities

<i>Fund</i>	<i>SAP Order #</i>	<i>Funding Recommendation</i>	<i>Revised Award</i>
218	1900665	The Haven Coordinated Entry	\$26,092.82
218	1900666	LVCA Beg. Workforce Literacy	\$14,421.82

218	1900667	PHA Eviction Diversion & Housing Stabilization	\$29,223.96
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Subtotal: \$69,738.60

Programmatic Funds

<i>Fund</i>	<i>SAP Cost Center</i>	<i>Funding Recommendation</i>	<i>Revised Appropriation</i>
218	3914001000	CDBG Planning & Admin	\$92,984.80

Subtotal: \$92,984.80

Total 2026-27 Funding Recommendations: \$464,924.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt by the City from HUD of not less than the full amount of anticipated CDBG funds detailed above for the 2026-27 program year, and all subrecipient awards are also conditioned upon receipt of these funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that funds received from HUD differ from the amounts referenced above, all appropriated amounts may be administratively increased/reduced at the same prorated percentage of change to actual funding received. No subrecipient’s grant may subsequently be increased above the amount(s) listed above without further consideration by Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any unspent funds available after the approved activity is completed and closed out with HUD will hereby be returned to the unallocated lump sum account within Fund 218, to be reallocated to suitable new activities by Council at a later date.

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding awards appropriated within this resolution will be provided as grants to private non-profit, charitable organizations (“subrecipients”) and shall be utilized by said subrecipients solely for the purpose(s) stated within their approved Scope of Work agreements. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into funding agreements with the subrecipients named herein as deemed advisable to ensure that all grant funds are expended for their intended purposes and in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. To this end, the City Manager, the Director of Finance, and public officers to whom any responsibility is delegated by the City Manager pursuant to City Code Section 2-147, are authorized to establish administrative procedures and to provide guidance and assistance in the subrecipients’ execution of these approved activities.



**#R-26-072
RESOLUTION**

To Approve Award(s) of HOME Investment Partnership Program (“HOME”) Funds Anticipated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2026-2027 Program Year, in the Approximate Amount of \$92,568.21

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville ("City") has been advised by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) that the region served by the Thomas Jefferson HOME Consortium (“TJHC”) is eligible to receive an anticipated HOME allocation for the 2026-27 program year, in the approximate amount of \$740,545.64, of which the City anticipates receipt of approximately \$92,568.21 to support local affordable housing initiatives; and

WHEREAS City Council has received recommendations for the expenditure of funds from the city’s CDBG/HOME Taskforce, as reviewed and approved by the City’s Planning Commission at a public hearing on April 14, 2026, in accordance with the City’s established Citizen Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville will continue certify with HUD certain local affordable housing activities funded through the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (“CAHF”) to meet HUD’s 25% local match requirement for the use of HOME funds, as detailed in the Cooperation Agreement established between the City & the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (“TJPDC”); now

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that upon receipt of HOME funds anticipated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, that the following HOME-funded affordable housing activities are approved:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Subrecipient</i>	<i>Funded Activity</i>	<i>Revised Award</i>
210	Building Goodness Foundation	BGF C'ville Builds: Local Repair & Renovation for Homeowners	\$37,727.45
210	Pending	Unallocated	\$54,840.76

Total Recommended HOME Recommendations: \$92,568.21

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt by the City from HUD of not less than the full amount of anticipated HOME funds detailed above for the 2026-27 program year, and all subrecipient awards are also conditioned upon receipt of these funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that funds received from HUD differ from the amounts referenced above, all awarded amounts may be administratively increased/reduced at the same prorated percentage of change to actual funding received. No subrecipient’s grant may subsequently be increased above the amount(s) listed above without further consideration by Council.

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funding awards appropriated within this resolution will be provided as grants to private non-profit, charitable organizations (“subrecipients”) and shall be utilized by the subrecipient solely for the purpose(s) stated within their approved Scope of Work agreement, as approved by TJPDC staff in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a funding agreement with subrecipients named herein as deemed advisable to ensure that all grant funds are expended for their intended purposes and in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

To this end, the City Manager, the Director of Finance, and public officers to whom any responsibility is delegated by the City Manager pursuant to City Code Section 2-147, are authorized to establish administrative procedures and to provide guidance and assistance in the subrecipients’ execution of these approved activities.



#R-26-073

**RESOLUTION INITIATING AMENDMENT TO CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO
UPDATE CHAPTER 9 (COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES)**

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2223 requires that each locality have a Comprehensive Plan ("CP") that includes, *inter alia*, the general or approximate location, character, and extent of public facilities, and the designation of a system of community service facilities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia's ("City"), CP, and associated Appendix documents, are intended to guide City decisions concerning planning and investment in public infrastructure, public utilities, community facilities, and public services, and were last adopted in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 9 of the City's CP needs to be amended to reflect changes within the City from 2021 to the present; and **WHEREAS**, Chapter 9 of the City's CP should also be amended to reflect new and updated City and partner agency public utility and facility planning, maps, and projects; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2229 authorizes City Council to initiate CP amendments by majority vote and to refer the same to the Planning Commission ("PC") for review/recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City Council"), as authorized by Virginia Code § 15.2-2229, that City Council hereby initiates an amendment to Chapter 9 (Community Facilities & Services) of the City's CP, and refers the same to the City's PC for review/recommendation.



#R-26-074

RESOLUTION

**APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT (“SEP”) FOR
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 408 HARRIS ROAD**

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Investments LLC (“Landowner”) is the current owner of a lot identified on 2025 City Tax Map 21A as Parcel 104 (City Parcel Identification No. 21A104000), having an area of approximately 0.203 acres (8,857 square feet); (“Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, Landowner wishes to develop residential units with reduced amenity space areas on the Subject Property (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is described in more detail within Landowner’s application materials submitted in connection with Application PL-26-0030 (“Application”), as required by City Development Code § 34-5.2.15.B.2 (collectively, "Application Materials"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville Planning Commission (“PC”) made a recommendation of approval at its April 14, 2026, Public Meeting, per City Development Code § 34-5.2.15.C.2.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City Council”), upon consideration of the PC's recommendation and the City Staff Report discussing the Application, as well as the factors set forth within City Development Code § 34-5.2.15.D, that it finds and determines that granting the proposed SEP would serve the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by City Council, pursuant to City Development Code Section § 34-5.2.15, a SEP is hereby approved and granted to authorize the Project and permit reduced amenity space areas consistent with the Application Materials for the Subject Property.



#R-26-075

RESOLUTION

Approving the Public Works 2025-2026 Pollocks Branch Trail Bridge Project, a Minor Amendment to the City's Annual Action Plan, in the Amount of \$55,527.91 in Community Development Block Grant Funds (Previously Approved by Council)

WHEREAS the City of Charlottesville engages as a 'participating jurisdiction' ("PJ") in the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and in that role is the periodic recipient of federal funds to support eligible community development, affordable housing and planning activities as identified by HUD's Office of Community Planning & Development ("CPD"); and

WHEREAS City Council previously approved at a public hearing on February 3, 2025, an award of \$55,527.91 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds to support the development and construction of a pedestrian trail bridge over the Pollocks Branch of the Rivanna River as a way of enhancing the connectivity of the South First Street residential community to adjacent neighborhoods and the beauty of the Rivanna watershed (#R-25-010); and

WHEREAS the pre-design and Requests for Proposals stages of this project have taken longer than anticipated but are now on track and under the management of the city's Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS City staff have determined that approval of additional time for this project is reasonable and that granting such additional time is likely to bring important benefits to income-qualified City residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, hereby approves the proposed intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") as presented here today with a new period of performance from July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, with all other provisions and requirements of the original MOU to remain in effect as written.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, the Director of Finance, and public officers to whom any responsibility is delegated by the City Manager pursuant to City Code Section 2-147, are authorized to establish administrative procedures and provide for guidance and assistance in the subrecipients' execution of the funded activity.



#R-26-076

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Charlottesville is committed to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, whose mission is to support and mobilize local governments in taking ambitious, measurable climate and energy action; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the City Council adopted community-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals of 45% by 2030 from 2011 levels and carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City Council adopted a community Climate Action Plan to guide actions toward reaching the adopted emissions reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan identifies the installation of solar energy production systems on suitable municipal properties as a key implementation strategy to generate clean energy, reduce electricity bills, and reduce greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan also specifically identifies Power Purchase Agreements as a mechanism to expedite this strategy at scale; and

WHEREAS, a Solar Power Purchase Agreement has been developed, defining the terms and conditions by which the Seller shall (a) design, install, own, and finance the System, (b) manage, operate, maintain, decommission, and remove the System, (c) provide, deliver, and sell output produced by the System to Purchaser, and (d) provide the other services, as more particularly described therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a Solar Power Purchase Agreement and the associated Site Access Agreement for Charlottesville Middle School are approved and that the City Manager is authorized to execute both documents, including all incorporated exhibits and subsidiary agreements.



#R-26-077

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF \$33,863.14 TO A TAXPAYING ENTITY OR BUSINESS, FOR BUSINESS LICENSE TAX AND BUSINESS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY 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 and Business Tangible Personal Property 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 \$33,863.14; and

WHEREAS, City Code Sec. 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 \$33,863.14, plus a yet-to-be-determined amount of interest, payable to that taxpaying entity or business.



#R-26-078

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING A GRANT OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO LOW-AND MODERATE-INCOME HOMEOWNERS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code § 63.2-314, the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia (“City Council”), may offer public grants to its local Director of Social Services (“Director”), serving in their capacity as the “Local Board” under the provisions of Virginia Code § 63.2-304; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to offer a grant of public funds during Fiscal Year 2027, to aid low- and moderate-income homeowners within the City who are affected by the rising costs of homeownership (which include mortgage payments, fees and taxes, insurance, utilities, maintenance, and repairs); and

WHEREAS, the average assessment of a single-family residential property within the City has risen by approximately 4.10% over the past year, and with rising inflation, transportation costs, and utility costs, many individuals, who have income significantly lower than the Charlottesville area median income, will experience significant financial stress and may need financial assistance to remain in their homes; and

WHEREAS, City Council hereby finds and determines that it is both necessary and desirable, to promote the general welfare of the City, and to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of City inhabitants, to support the affordability of continuing homeownership by low- and moderate-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, public funding is available and has been appropriated within the City Budget for the proposed public grant, in the amounts set forth within this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by City Council that, effective July 1, 2026, and for calendar year 2026, a grant of public funds is hereby made to the Director, in their capacity as the “Local Board” of social services pursuant to Virginia Code § 63.2-304, to be used to provide housing assistance to City homeowners in need of such, as follows:

Expenditure

\$630,000 Fund: 105 Cost Center: 3343019000 G/L Account: 540065; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is solely responsible for administration of this assistance fund, pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code §§ 63.2-304 and 63.2-314, provided that the Director may enter into written agreements with the City Commissioner of Revenue, City Treasurer, and City Manager, as may be necessary to administer the fund; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that it is the desire of City Council that this grant of public funds, hereafter to be referred to as the “Charlottesville Homeownership Assistance Program” (“CHAP”), shall be provided to City homeowners in need of assistance due to rising costs of homeownership, in accordance with the following parameters:

2025 CHAP (Public Grant for Homeownership Assistance)				
Household		\$52,000	\$58,500	\$65,000

(1) Grantee must be a human being, own a home within the City, and must reside within the home. As of January 1, 2026, and as of the date an application is submitted, the Applicant must occupy that real estate as his/her sole residence and must intend to occupy that real estate throughout the remainder of calendar year 2026. An Applicant who is residing in a hospital, nursing home, convalescent home, or other facility for physical or mental care, shall be deemed to meet this condition, so long as the real estate is not being used by or leased to another for consideration. “Ownership” may be any of the following: (i) individually, or in conjunction with a spouse holding life rights; (ii) individually, or in conjunction with a spouse holding the power of revocation in a revocable *inter vivos* trust of which the home is an asset; or (iii) alone or in conjunction with a spouse who possesses a life estate, or an estate for joint lives, or a continuing right of use or support under the terms of an irrevocable trust of which the property is an asset.

(2) Most recent assessed value of the Grantee’s home cannot exceed \$550,000 (this is the average assessed value in 2026 of taxable residential parcels, rounded to the nearest \$5,000).

(3) Grantee, Grantee’s spouse, or any other owner residing in the home, cannot own any other interest in real estate, either within the City, or at any other location. This includes any real estate interest owned: (i) as an individual; (ii) as the beneficiary of a trust; (iii) as a member of an LLC; or (iv) by virtue of any other interest in a legal entity.

(4) Grantee must demonstrate evidence of Household Income within the limits established for calendar year 2026, as set forth above within this Resolution. “Household Income” means: (i) the adjusted gross income, as shown on the federal income tax return as of December 31 of the calendar year immediately preceding the taxable year; or (ii) for Applicants for whom no federal tax return is required to be filed, the income for the calendar year immediately preceding the taxable year of the Applicant and of any other relatives who reside in the Applicant’s home, and any other person(s) who: (i) owns any interest in the home; and (ii) resides in the Applicant’s home. The Director shall establish the Household Income of Applicants for whom no federal tax return is required through documentation satisfactory for audit purposes.

(5) This public grant shall be used only to assist individuals who are not receiving the real estate tax exemption or deferral provided under Chapter 30, Article IV, of the Charlottesville City Code (Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Persons) during 2026.

(6) Not more than one (1) grant shall be provided to any one (1) address.



#R-26-079

RESOLUTION

**To Endorse Locating the Swords Into Plowshares project in
City of Charlottesville Parkspace**

WHEREAS in December, 2021 the Charlottesville City Council conveyed the Robert E. Lee statue to the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center in support of their Swords Into Plowshares proposal; and

WHEREAS the Swords into Plowshares proposal called for the statue to be melted down and then recast into a new memorial that would be shaped into a new memorial; and

WHEREAS the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center is considering three different artist/designer teams, which have presented three different visions of what a new memorial could be, and those proposals involve the potential for the use of multiple parks; and

WHEREAS the Charlottesville City Council will make a decision to accept or not the final art piece at the end of the Swords Into Plowshares community engagement and design process into the City's public art collection and any decision or guidance offered now is non-binding on that future decision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, to tentatively endorse the use of the following listed parks for the purposes of locating aspects of the Swords Into Plowshares memorial:

1. Market Street Park
2. Court Square Park
3. Booker T. Washington Park
4. Tonsler Park
5. Forest Hills Park
6. Belmont Park

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not bind the City to accept any piece of art into the City's collection or to permit the use of City property for the purposes of displaying art submitted for consideration by Swords Into Plowshares, the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, or any other organization or individual.