

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, March 20, 2017, AT 6:30 p.m. IN THE Second Floor Conference Room.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

Closed session as provided by Section 2.2-3712 of the Virginia Code

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR

BY Sarah Brazelton

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – March 20, 2017

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Szakos, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Bellamy; Noes: None;) 1. Discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1); and, 2. Consultation with legal counsel regarding a motion filed in Commonwealth v. Bellamy seeking an order requiring the payment of costs and fees by the City, as authorized by Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (7).

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Signer, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Signer; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Mr. Bellamy), that to the best of each Council Member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - March 20, 2017

ROLL CALL

Council met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fenwick announced the 5th Annual Fix a Leak Family 5K at 10am this Sunday, March 26th at Pen Park.

Mr. Bellamy read the WVPT Clifford the Big Red Dog proclamation. He invited Ms. Anne Jolly to the front to accept the proclamation and she said a few words.

Ms. Szakos said that the City is obligated to provide assistance to the community members who are hearing impaired so that anyone can participate in the Council meetings.

Ms. Szakos read the Poison Prevention week proclamation. She invited Ms. Kristin Wenger to the front. Ms. Wenger said a few words.

Ms. Szakos announced that there are two Festival of the Books events that the City is sponsoring.

Ms. Galvin announced the upcoming Council meetings. She said that a Council work session will be held on Thursday, March 30 at 5:00 pm at City Space. She also said that the next City Council meeting will be on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Ms. Galvin also announced the 3rd annual "My Help List" contest for home schooled or public school children in the area. She said that the contest started on March 13th and ends on April 21st.

Mr. Signer invited Ms. Ashley Hill from C-Span Cities Tour to the front. Ms. Hill said a few words about the tour. Ms. Hill stated that the footage from Charlottesville will be aired the third weekend in April.

Mr. Bellamy said that this Friday is the last day for the young man's tie drive. The goal is to collect 1000 ties so that every young man in the area, regardless of color or creed has a tie.

Ms. Szakos announced that a group of young leaders from Middle Eastern countries are at UVA this month working on civic action projects, learning about the US, and sharing their knowledge with us.

Ms. Szakos invited two participants of the program to the front and they said a few words.

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Maurice Jones, City Manager, said that at the last meeting Ms. Karen Stevens came to City Council with a concern about a car accident at the intersection of Ridge/McIntire/West Main St. Mr. Jones reported that Ms. Stevens was hit by a vehicle at a red light as she crossed the street. The Sergeant in the Police Department re-reviewed the case file concerning Ms. Steven's incident. He said that the department went to the site and after viewing the information confirmed that the officer involved made the correct decision not to cite anyone in the accident. Mr. Jones said that he has asked the city's traffic engineer to take a look at the intersection to determine what might be done about the right hand turn from West Main St. onto Ridge. He said that this particular intersection could see many changes as part of the West Main Street Streetscape project. Mr. Jones said that he hopes to get a response relatively soon.

Mr. Jones said that Dr. Aliah Henry came to the last meeting and discussed her concerns associated with the Strategic Investment Area (SIA) and the form based code. He said that the

Redevelopment Manager, Ms. Brenda Kelly, had a meeting last week with stakeholders about the SIA in advance of the SIA meeting tomorrow. Mr. Jones listed several upcoming public meetings for the SIA. He said the request for proposal (RFP) for the form based code consulting services and the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) grant, addressing public housing and redevelopment, both RFP's are out right now. Mr. Jones said that they hope to close both of the RFP's in the next couple of weeks and begin the selection process.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Signer reviewed the new rules.

Mr. Richard Lord, PO Box 173, said that he is presenting a petition that is endorsed by several groups. He read the last paragraph of the resolution. Mr. Lord urged Council to send a message to Congress asking them to not endorse President Trump's budget.

Mr. Paul Nelson, Salvation Army, said that he does not think that it is a good idea to close PACEM's doors on April 19th. Mr. Nelson presented his evidence to Council and distributed his full presentation. He encouraged Council to find a way to keep the doors open. Mr. Nelson asked Council to work it out and end homelessness.

Mr. Ian McNett, 100 Ridge Street, said that he walks everywhere and so pedestrian safety is important. Mr. McNett said that it only takes one slip when someone is driving where they can hurt someone else. He suggested several recommendations to improve pedestrian safety.

Mr. John Heyden, Westwood Road, spoke about the proclamation against President Trump's budget. He said that Council is using public funds to pursue each Councilor's own personal agenda. Mr. Heyden asked Mr. Jones to look into several questions.

Mr. Dan Saint, 1585 Saw Grass Court, Former Army Captain and a member of the Veterans for Peace said he supports the resolution against President Trump's budget. He listed the ways that the money could be used around the world instead of on the military budget.

Mr. Benjamin Randolph, 423 Meade Avenue, said that he wants to speak in opposition to special permit to East Jefferson. He brought up the City's comprehensive plan and quoted from it. Mr. Randolph said he does not understand how this new development of higher density is harmonious with the neighborhood. He reported that the developers are not flexible on the four times the density.

Mr. George Worthington, 674 Hillsdale Drive, said that he is the Aging Disability Resource Connector Development Supervisor (ADRC) at JABA. Mr. Worthington said that there are two programs that JABA is collaborating with UVA's Memory and Aging Care clinic. He described the programs and their goals.

Mr. David Swanson, 707 Gillespie Avenue, said that President Trump's budget does not reduce the size of the government in his proposed budget. Mr. Swanson said that he does not support moving an additional \$54 million dollars into military spending.

Ms. Susan Elliot, 4th St, said that she sent an email to Council and the Planning Commission. Ms. Elliot gave an update on the SolSmart program. She described the project and how it could reduce the soft costs for consumers. Ms. Elliot said that they will be requesting an amendment to zoning in regards to solar.

Ms. Virginia Roughneck, Albemarle County, said that she supports the resolution that is against President Trump's budget. Ms. Roughneck commented on the past usage of nuclear weapons and the devastating consequences of nuclear war.

Ms. Diane Susan Castro, 100 Midway Manor, said that she supports moving the Senior Center to the Belvidere location. She said she uses the senior center to attend classes and listed other reason why it is a valuable resource.

Ms. Adele Roof, Albemarle County, said that she supports the resolution to oppose President Trump's budget. Ms. Roof listed the reasons why she supports the resolution. She said that the resolution would be posted to Facebook, her friends and her congressman and that it would inspire others.

Mr. Bellamy responded to Mr. Nelson's issue on PACHEM's closing. He said they are working on affordable housing, even though the situation is not ideal.

Ms. Galvin acknowledged Ms. Elliot and the consultant Tish who are working on the SolSmart program.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

On motion by Mr. Fenwick, seconded by Ms. Szakos, Council made the following appointments to Boards and Commission; to the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority (CEDA), Ethan Dustan and Adrian Felts. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Minutes for March 6, 2017**
- b. **APPROPRIATION: BAMA Works Fund Grant for Family Advocate Program - \$9,000 (2nd reading)**

[BAMA Works Fund Grant](#)

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$9,000 from the Bama Works Fund for the Family Advocate Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$9,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue

\$ 9,000 Fund: 213 Cost Center: 1900277 G/L Account: 451020

Expenditures

\$ 9,000 Fund: 213 Cost Center: 1900277 G/L Account: 530670

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$9,000 from the Bama Works Fund.

c. APPROPRIATION: Local Gov't Arts Challenge Grant to VA Discovery Museum - \$5,000 (2nd reading)

[Local Gov't Arts Challenge](#)

WHEREAS, the Virginia Commission for the Arts has notified the City of Charlottesville of its grant award in the Local Government Challenge Grant category; and

WHEREAS, the grant award will be the Virginia Discovery Museum for their activities during the FY 2017 Fiscal Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$5,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$5,000 Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900271 G/L Account: 430080

Expenditures

\$5,000 Fund: 209 Internal Order: 1900271 G/L Account: 540100

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon receipt of \$5,000 in funds from the Virginia Commission of the Arts.

d. APPROPRIATION: Insurance Settlement for Damaged CDSS Vehicle - \$2,729.53 (2nd reading)

[Insurance Settlement](#)

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received payment in the amount of \$2,729.53 for a totaled vehicle;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$2,729.53 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$2,729.53

Fund: 212 Cost Center: 3301008000 G/L Account: 451110

Expenditures - \$2,729.53

Fund: 212 Cost Center: 3301008000 G/L Account: 541040

- e. **APPROPRIATION: Proffer Payment from The Inn at Vinegar Hill LLC - \$100,000 (carried)**

[Proffer Payment from The Inn at Vinegar Hill LLC](#)

- f. **APPROPRIATION: Market Street Parking Garage Revenue - \$146,200 (carried)**

[Market Street Parking Garage Revenue](#)

- g. **APPROPRIATION: Strategic Investment Account Contribution - \$1,000,000 (carried)**

[Strategic Investment Account](#)

- ~~h. **RESOLUTION: Contribution to Tom-Tom Festival – \$25,000**~~

[Contribution to Tom-Tom Festival](#)

- i. **RESOLUTION: Donation of 2 Surplus Fire Engines to Jasper Volunteer Fire Dept**

[Donation of 2 Surplus Fire Engines](#)

RESOLUTION**Donation of Surplus Fire Engines to Jasper Volunteer Fire Department**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that, at the request of the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, the City of Charlottesville, through the Charlottesville Fire Department, is authorized to donate two (2) surplus fire engines to the Jasper Volunteer Fire Department.

- j. **RESOLUTION: Charlottesville High School Critical Slopes Waiver**

[Charlottesville High School Critical Slopes Waiver](#)

RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CRITICAL SLOPES PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO CITY CODE SECTION 34-1120(B)(6) FOR A PORTION OF CHARLOTTESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville School Board, owner of property designated on City Tax Map 43A as Parcel 1, consisting of approximately 42.40 acres and known as Charlottesville High School (the “Property”), seeks a waiver of the critical slopes requirements of City Code Sec. 34-1120(b)(6) in connection with a project described as the replacement of the existing 6-lane track with an 8-lane track, along with construction of a new building for concessions and restrooms (the“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered this request at their regular meeting on February 14, 2017, and recommended approval of the request, with conditions, to waive the critical slopes requirements, pursuant to City Code Sec. 34-1120(b)(6); and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the information and materials provided by the applicant, and the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City Council finds and determines pursuant to City Code Sec. 34-1120(b)(6)(d)(i) that the benefits of allowing disturbance of the critical slopes in connection with the Project outweigh the public benefits of the undisturbed slopes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the request by the Charlottesville School Board for a waiver of the critical slopes requirements for the above described Project to be developed on the Property, is hereby granted, conditioned upon the following:

1. The developer include the additional E&S measures recommended by staff (sediment traps and reinforced silt fence), those measures to be detailed on the site plan prior to site plan approval; and
2. The developer relocate the proposed Willow Oaks to a location on-site where the recommended spacing (30’-40’) is available and the developer work with Neighborhood Development Services and Parks and Recreation Department staff to line the walkway with plantings that would achieve a successful growing environment given the space and given that there may be an additional restroom facility built on-site.

k. ORDINANCE: Changes to Business License Fees and Technology Zone Credits (2nd reading)

[Changes to Business License Fees](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 (LICENSES) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE (1990), AS AMENDED RELATING TO CHANGES IN THE LICENSE FEE FOR BUSINESSES WITH GROSS RECEIPTS NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) AND TAX INCENTIVES FOR TECHNOLOGY BUSINESSES

l. ORDINANCE: Quitclaim of Gas Easement to VDOT on Georgetown Rd (carried)

[Quitclaim of Gas Easement](#)

Ms. Galvin requested that item H is removed from the consent agenda. Ms. Szakos seconded.

Ms. Szakos read the background for item G.

Ms. Szakos reported a language correction to item C and does not want it pulled from the consent agenda. She said that the resolution on the Virginia Arts Funding item says the money is going to Piedmont Council for the Arts, but it should say Virginia Discovery Museum.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, the Consent Agenda as amended was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

**REPORT/PUBLIC HEARINGS: FY 2018 BUDGET- FY 2018 TAX RATE/CITY
MANAGER'S PROPOSED FY 2018 BUDGET**

[FY 2018 Budget](#)

Mr. Jones presented to Council on the budget and answered clarifying questions.

Mr. Signer opened the public hearing for the 2018 Tax Rate.

Mr. Bob Archer, 923 East Market Street, said that he understands that the tax rate was not increased but the assessed value of the property was raised. He said that that he has been in that location for many years and that he has 19 employees. Mr. Archer said that his tax assessment increased by a \$1,000,000 in one year. He said he cannot see the justification for the amount in his business and he cannot increase the amount he charges for his services. Mr. Archer asked the Council to take that into consideration.

Mr. Jeff Fogel, 215 Spruce Street, said that the City needs to increase the tax rate. He said that he would challenge that the City is paying people \$11.17/hour to work for them. Mr. Fogel said that the City gets away with this reasoning because the workers who receive this amount of pay are seasonal. He said that in the proposal to increase the wages from \$11.17/ hour to \$13.79/hour it will mean that a worker will only make \$27,000 annually. He challenged Mr. Bellamy about a more specific response on housing. Mr. Fogel said that his commercial real estate assessment has increased and he is happy to pay it as long as the money will be spent responsibly.

Ms. Colette Hall, 101 Robertson Lane, said that many consent agenda items are budget related and that there is no discussion. She said that the City has funds because of the revenue sharing with Albemarle County. Ms. Hall listed different ways to use the money from the County and whether she supports those ideas or not. She said that homeowners and commercial owners are paying more taxes.

Ms. Elizabeth Willich, 1018 Avon Street, said that she has a problem with the storm water fee, which she says is a tax and not a fee. She said that people, like her are being taxed on gravel

driveways and that the gravel is considered impermeable. Ms. Willich said that she does not want to be taxed for a gravel driveway which has weeds growing out of it.

Having no further speakers Mr. Signer closed the public hearing.

Mr. Signer opened the public hearing for the 2018 budget.

Mr. John Cruickshanks, 324 Parkway Street, said that he is going to speak about pesticide free schools and parks. He said that he wants to see a commitment to ending the use of synthetic pesticides on school grounds and around the City. Mr. Cruickshansk asked for part time positions of maintenance workers to pull weeds instead of spraying the weeds. He also asked that Council take a leadership role to encourage residents to reduce lawn and soil pesticides.

Mr. Mo Nadkanni, 1821 Creek View Lane, said that he wants to support healthy aging in the budget process. He reported the statistics on the older population in Charlottesville. Mr. Nadkanni urged Council to support the senior center at Belvidere.

Mr. Jay James, 169 Brookwood Dr., said he is here to advocate for the ministry that he represents, the Bridge Ministry. He said he works with indigent and homeless population who are dealing with issues of addiction which lend them to incarceration. Mr. James said that their program served 19 people, when they had projected to serve only 18 people. He asked Council for \$58,000 to support 2.5 students that the Bridge Ministry would work with.

Mr. Benjamin Randolph, 423 Meade Ave, said that he is here to speak about an increase in the number of sidewalks throughout Charlottesville. He said that in low income communities without sidewalks, the residents have lower health and higher crime rates. Mr. Randolph said that he wants sidewalks in the lowest income neighborhoods first. He also said that the signals embedded in the road get a better reaction from distracted drivers.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th Street, said that her question is about whether the city has the authority to phase in the increases over time. She clarified that she does not mean phasing in the increases in value but the increases in the tax that has to be paid. Ms. Quinn said that she has outstanding questions on the tax revenue for gas utility customers. She stated her belief that low income families live in older energy inefficient homes. Ms. Quinn said that gas consumers are taxed and the money is dumped into the general fund to be used for everyone. She said it is not fair to use the taxes from the gas consumers in the general fund. Ms. Quinn asked about the interest on the return of the \$1 Million bond.

Having no further speakers Mr. Signer closed the Public Hearing.

Council took a five minute recess at 9:08 pm.

Mr. Signer called the meeting back to order at 9:15 pm.

Mr. Jones invited Mr. Jeffrey S. Davis, the City Assessor, to the front to address Council's questions about the real estate assessments.

Mr. Davis said that the City Assessor Department reviews the sales data over the few past years. He said that he knew it was a large increase however, they cannot consider the amount of the increase. Mr. Davis said that their department has to go by what they think the real estate is actually worth.

He reported that they had an appeals period that lasted through the end of February. He said that his department received 400 appeals from commercial and residential properties and they have lowered some assessments.

Ms. Galvin asked if it is possible to do phasing.

Mr. Davis said that phasing is not allowed by state law.

Ms. Galvin said she wants to make several comments and it is not a motion/ resolution. She proposed a New Position re: Community Engagement, Place-making, Visioning and Codes. Ms. Galvin said that she met with Mr. Alex Ikefuna and Mr. Maurice Jones to discuss the growing needs of the community. She also requested Council's endorsement for this new position with the support of the city manager and director of NDS. Ms. Galvin identified six documents dating from 2013-2017 that called for better alignment between community engagement, place-making, comprehensive planning and our zoning codes. The specific tasks associated with those challenges include:

- a.) updating our city-wide comprehensive plan and undertaking new small area plans on Cherry Avenue and Hydraulic/Hillsdale Drive;
- b.) writing and administering new zoning codes in the SIA and city-wide;
- c.) engaging a diverse and committed community in a new, exciting process crafted by the Planning Commission; and
- d.) improving efficiencies within NDS with regards to the development application review process and other processes as identified in the organizational efficiency study.

In light of these tasks, the need for added staff capacity with new capabilities and the authority to problem-solve and make decisions became clear. Those broad new skills, knowledge and responsibilities would include the following.

1. Community engagement (of both residents and developers, city-wide) in a variety of circumstances from comprehensive and small area planning to individual development projects with an array of communication and public participation techniques, from newsletters and websites to hands-on workshops.
2. Creative place-making (for public spaces, special districts and community based planning projects as well as private developer submittals) using a variety of design, drawing and graphic techniques, including but not limited to 3D visualizations.

3. Comprehensive and small area plan visioning, implementation and management in concert with our neighborhoods, development community and multiple internal governmental departments, offices and managers.

4. Zoning and code review, writing, and administration (including but not limited to form-based codes) as required to implement the community's vision.

Ms. Szakos said that she understands that there is a need for a neighborhood advocate. She said that she supports Ms. Galvin's proposed position.

Mr. Bellamy said that he supports this position.

Mr. Fenwick said that he supports this proposed position as well and that it will be a vigorous debate.

Mr. Signer said he wants to get staff's advice on the proposed position.

Mr. Signer explained his reasoning for suggesting lowering the tax rate for the small businesses.

Ms. Galvin said that several years ago a consultant said that the city was under-assessing the properties. She said that it would have led to raising the tax rate unnecessarily rather than correctly assessing the properties. Ms. Galvin said she does not support lowering the tax rate.

Ms. Szakos said that now that we know the value of the properties that we cannot reduce the assessment.

Mr. Fenwick said that he does not think that they can cover all of their expenses. He shared his own personal experience with small business tax assessment for commercial real estate. Mr. Fenwick pointed out that real estate assessments are assessed every year.

Mr. Signer said that he would like Mr. Jones to look into the gravel and storm water utility fee, reimbursement for rain barrels and the sidewalk issue.

Ms. Galvin made a point that when they passed the utility storm-water fee that there were reimbursements for residents.

PUBLIC HEARING/ RESOLUTION: RIVANNA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY - AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

[Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority](#)

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE RIVANNA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Mr. Craig Brown, City Attorney, reported to Council on the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority board. He said that there is a slight change and the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors will review the resolution on May 3rd.

Mr. Signer opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, 104 4th Street, asked for a report on non-revenue water. She said that the difference is between how much the city buys and how is sold to the customers. Ms. Quinn said that treated water is expensive.

Having no further speakers Mr. Signer closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Galvin said that the City has been actively working on repairing (replacing and lining) the inflow infiltration of the lines. She asked Mr. Jones to give an update and asked for trending data.

Mr. Jones said that the perfect time to give an update is when staff comes to talk to Council about the utility rates. He said that he will have Ms. Hildebrand come and present some updated information.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, PUBLIC HEARING/
RESOLUTION: Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority - Amendment to Articles of Incorporation was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

RESOLUTION: OPPOSITION TO INCREASE IN FEDERAL DEFENSE BUDGET FUNDING

[Opposition to Increase in Federal Defense Budget Funding](#)

Ms. Szakos read the resolution to Council.

Mr. Signer explained his reason for abstaining on this resolution. He said that he supports Ms. Galvin's portion of the resolution.

Mr. Fenwick said he wants to commend Mr. Swanson as a person for peace. Mr. Fenwick reviewed his own military history and said that he will support the resolution.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Fenwick, RESOLUTION: Fund Human and Environmental Needs, Not Military Expansion was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None; Abstention: Mr. Signer)

Ms. Galvin said that she is making her motion about the specific implications of President Trump's budget in regards to HUD.

Ms. Galvin offered an amendment to her own resolution upon further review. She asked that the phrase “BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlottesville calls upon our elected representatives of the Commonwealth of Virginia to preserve and even expand funding” replace what was there previously.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Szakos, RESOLUTION: Preserve Federal Funding for Domestic Programs Administered by the City of Charlottesville with amendment was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

RESOLUTION
Fund Human and Environmental Needs, Not Military Expansion

Whereas President Donald J. Trump has proposed to divert \$54 billion from human and environmental spending at home and abroad in order to increase the military budget, bringing military spending to well over 60% of federal discretionary spending; and

Whereas the citizens of Charlottesville already pay \$112.62 million in federal taxes for military expenditures, an amount that each year could fund locally:

- 210 elementary school teacher salaries;
- 127 new clean energy jobs; 169 infrastructure jobs;
- 94 supported employment opportunities for returning citizens;
- 1,073 preschool seats for children in Head Start;
- medical care for 953 military veterans;
- 231 college scholarships for CHS graduates;
- 409 Pell Grants for Charlottesville students;
- healthcare for 3,468 low-income children;
- enough wind power to power 8,312 households;
- healthcare for 1,998 low-income adults;
- AND solar panels to provide electricity for 5,134 households.

Whereas economists at the University of Massachusetts have documented that military spending is an economic drain rather than a jobs program¹; and

Whereas our community’s human and environmental needs are critical, and our ability to respond to those needs depends on federal funding for education, welfare, public safety, and infrastructure maintenance, transit and environmental protection; and

Whereas the President’s proposal would reduce foreign aid and diplomacy, which help to prevent wars and the victimization of people who become refugees in our community, and 121 retired U.S. generals have written a letter opposing these cuts;

Be it therefore resolved that the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia, urges the United States Congress, and our representative in particular, to reject the proposal to cut funding for human and environmental needs in favor of military budget increases, and in fact to begin

moving in the opposite direction, to increase funding for human and environmental needs and reduce the military budget.

RESOLUTION

Preserve Federal Funding for Domestic Programs Administered by the
City of Charlottesville

WHEREAS, The President’s Fiscal Year (FY) 18 budget proposal proposes \$6 billion in cuts (14%) to the HUD budget thereby eliminating the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs which serve the City of Charlottesville’s low to moderate income communities; and

WHEREAS, over the last ten years, the City of Charlottesville (herein referred to as the City) has received over \$4.6 million in CDBG entitlement funds thereby providing direct assistance to approximately: 650 persons through the completion of housing projects; 4,400 persons with non-housing related activities such as public service activities and economic development opportunities; 1,376 persons through public facility projects; and 3,000- 4,500 persons each year through streetscape (Priority Neighborhood) improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, over the last ten years, the HOME Consortium (which includes the City, and the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Nelson, Louisa, and Greene) has received approximately \$7.1 million in HOME entitlement funds thereby completing the rehabilitation of 344 homeowner units, providing first-time homebuyer assistance for 260 homeowners, and building 331 rental units; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of CDBG and HOME programs will directly and negatively impact the City’s elderly, homeless, extremely low-income, low-income and moderate income populations and persons with special needs and disabled persons by:

- Reducing support for health and human (social) services and the amount of leveraged funds available for the Agency Budget Review Team (ABRT) process, and the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF); and
- Eliminating funding for: infrastructure and public facility improvement projects in our low income neighborhoods; supportive services to low-income and moderate income individuals, and regional approaches to expand and preserve of affordable housing.

WHEREAS, the CDBG and HOME program funds have been critical to the City’s success in implementing the goals of its Comprehensive Plan, 2025 Vision Statement, the Consolidated Plan and the Growing Opportunity Report;

WHEREAS, in addition to the President’s consequential cuts to HUD, the President’s proposed 2017 Budget Plans also seek to reduce funding for the **EPA, FEMA, Department of Commerce, COPS** and other cuts that would inhibit our City’s ability to grow an equitable, and sustainable economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlottesville calls upon our elected representatives of the Commonwealth of Virginia to preserve and even expand funding to HUD and other essential programs which have had a significant, positive impact on the well-being of the residents of the City of Charlottesville for at least a decade;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlottesville stands with more than 650 city leaders nation-wide in its unanimous endorsement of the following letter sent by the National League of Cities (NLC) to the United States Congress on March 13, 2017;

March 13, 2017 Members of Congress: We are the nation's cities — bold and strong together.

We are the engines of the economy and the

bedrock of the nation. We are home to creative centers, industrial powerhouses, academic hubs and the hundreds of millions of Americans who are your constituents. And now, we need you to stand with cities to fight the cuts that would devastate cities across the board.

As the nation's local elected officials we urgently ask you to stand with cities as we enter the budget process. Administration proposals to cut billions in domestic funding from programs, which cities use to grow and prosper, will flat line the progress we have made. We need you to join us in protecting the programs that matter most to cities. Cities cannot make up for:

*Cuts to **HUD** that would eviscerate critical programs that support local governments, like Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which finance projects to revitalize communities, provide affordable housing and drive the nation's economy forward.*

*Reductions in **EPA** funding that could cut back more than two dozen programs that allow city leaders to protect their resources, prepare for increasing natural disasters and promote healthy and stronger communities.*

***FEMA** cuts that reduce available funding to disaster assistance to cities.*

*Elimination of the economic development grants from the **Department of Commerce**.*

*Elimination of **COPS** grants that keep our law enforcement officers and communities safer places to live.*

And any other cuts that would inhibit the role cities play in growing America's economy.

There is a long history of federal-local partnerships when it comes to moving America forward. Budget proposals we've seen so far not only alarm us, as the nation's local leaders, but jeopardize

this historic relationship. Cities need Congress to design a budget proposal that puts cities first. Cities need Congress to stand with cities.

Sincerely,

The Nation's Cities

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to our State and Federal Representatives namely: Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegate David Toscano, U.S. Senator Mark Warner, U.S Senator Tim Kaine and House of Representatives Member Thomas Garrett

REPORT: CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE SPCA UPDATE

[Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Update](#)

Ms. Jackie Bright, Executive Director of the SPCA, presented to Council.

Mr. Fenwick said that our community is better for the SPCA.

Mr. Bellamy said that his daughter's ask about later hours.

Ms. Bright said that she hopes to expand the hours and that with the transportation expansion that the SPCA will be more connected to the City.

REPORT: REGION TEN UPDATE

[Region 10 Update](#)

Mr. Robert Johnson, Executive Director of Region 10, presented to Council.

Ms. Szakos noted that almost every dollar invested in Region 10 pays for people, and that she appreciates the jobs that Region 10 provides in the community.

Mr. Johnson answered several questions from Council.

Mr. Bellamy asked if the Charlottesville Police Department carries Narcan.

Mr. Johnson said that he would recommend the CPD carry Narcan.

Mr. Bellamy said that he would love to have a community discussion about this.

Mr. Signer asked about Mr. Johnson's thoughts about a mental health docket. Mr. Signer defined a mental health docket as an agreement and consultation with judges to divert people to treatment by agreement.

Mr. Johnson said that they are finishing up a grant proposal and are pushing to have a docket here in Charlottesville.

Mr. Signer said that he would love to discuss this docket idea. He also said he would support researching CPD Narcan usage.

Ms. Galvin said she wants to know Chief Thomas' perspective and the logistics on Narcan usage among the police force.

Ms. Szakos said she supports consulting with Chief Thomas as well. She said that in communities where there are a lot of overdoses, it is traumatic for police.

REPORT: DEER MANAGEMENT

[Deer Management](#)

Mr. Mike Murphy, Assistant City Manager, presented to Council. He said that staff is asking for direction on whether the Council is interested in pursuing urban archery. Mr. Murphy presented the different options and said that the deadline to notify the state is April 1, 2017 about urban archery.

Mr. Murphy answered clarifying questions from Council. He also clarified the urban archery ordinance.

Mr. Signer summarized the options.

Ms. Szakos stated her reasons for not sending a letter to the state by April 1st.

Mr. Fenwick asked if sending the letter to the state will bind Council to take a certain course of action.

Mr. Murphy said that if staff sends a letter to the state about urban archery then there would be an expectation from the state and others that the City would be crafting of an ordinance for urban archery.

Mr. Brown said that the City has flexibility on crafting the ordinance.

Mr. Signer called the question.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, to send the letter to the state of Virginia was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin; Noes: Ms. Szakos.)

Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin and Ms. Szakos said they do not want to have the law enforcement be sharpshooters.

Mr. Signer asked if there is support for a request for proposal (RFP) for sharpshooting using both bow and riffle.

There was support from all of the Councilors.

Mr. Murphy asked about an amount for the RFP.

Mr. Jones suggested setting aside \$50,000.

Mr. Bellamy and Ms. Szakos agreed with Mr. Jones' suggestion.

Ms. Galvin said that the sharpshooter would discharge the firearm and dispose of the body.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, to pursue through RFP with a possibility of multiple awards to set aside \$50, 000 for both bow and riffle hunting and to amend

ordinances as necessary was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

RESOLUTION
Deer Management

WHEREAS, upon receiving a staff report on Deer Management at its March 20, 2017 meeting, the Council of the City of Charlottesville has directed staff to inform the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) in writing by April 1, 2017 of Council's willingness to allow urban archery within the City limits in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Council has directed staff to pursue professional firms for both bow and rifle hunting through a Request for Proposal (RFP) with a possibility of multiple awards; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council directs staff to implement a deer management program with expenditures to be limited to \$50,000 or less.

REPORT: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY COMPONENT OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND ALIGNMENT WITH 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

[Community Engagement Strategy](#)

Ms. Missy Creasy, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Development Services, gave a brief overview to Council about the community engagement strategy and the Planning Commission's second quarterly report.

Mr. Kurt Keesecker, Chair of Planning Commission, presented to Council and answered Council's clarifying questions.

Mr. Bellamy emphasized his desire to have underrepresented community members shaping the community engagement strategy.

Mr. Jones suggested that the Planning Commission work with staff to identify groups that will be part of the discussion and help create the concept.

Mr. Alex Ikefuna, Director of Neighborhood Development Services, said that the Planning Commission is concerned about reaching out to the underrepresented communities. He said that for the form based code they are looking for a consultant who has experience in working and engaging minority communities.

Ms. Galvin said that the Planning Commission is doing what Council asked them to do. She said it is not fair to give them new challenges each time that they meet their deadline.

Ms. Galvin recommended that Council approves the guidelines, allows the Planning Commission to proceed, designates funds to address needed resources with the proviso that the community be consulted throughout the process and approval of funds as articulated.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Szakos, RESOLUTION: Community Engagement Strategy Component of Regulatory Framework Review and Alignment with 2018 Comprehensive Plan was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

RESOLUTION
Community Engagement Strategy Component of Regulatory Framework Review and Alignment with 2018 Comprehensive Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that this Council hereby adopts the Community Engagement Strategy presented to Council at its March 20, 2017 meeting, with the proviso that community members will be consulted in building the community strategy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council approves the budget for the community engagement at \$100,000.

RESOLUTION: CONTRIBUTION TO TOM-TOM FESTIVAL - \$25,000

[Contribution to Tom-Tom Festival](#)

Mr. Paul Beyer presented to Council on the home town summit is a new initiative. He said that he wants the City to be a part of the festival and to make the festival sustainable.

Ms. Szakos said that she supported taking it off the consent agenda so that there would be public discussion about why the festival is important.

Mr. Brown suggested an amendment to the resolution. He said to replace Tom Tom Founders Festival with Tom Tom Foundation.

Council accepted the friendly amendment.

On motion by Ms. Szakos, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Resolution: Contribution to Tom-Tom Festival - \$25,000 was approved. (Ayes: Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Fenwick, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Szakos; Noes: None.)

RESOLUTION
Tom Tom Founders Festival Support
\$25,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$25,000 is hereby paid from currently appropriated

funds in the City Council Strategic Initiatives account in the General Fund to the Tom Tom Foundation:

\$25,000

Fund: 105

Cost Center: 10110010000

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 pm.

Approved by Council
April 3, 2017

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Saw Brag", is written over a horizontal line.

Acting Clerk of Council