### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, February 20, 2018, AT 5:30 p.m. IN THE Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room, 605 E. Main Street.

#### 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 Paige Rice

# NEIBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM – February 20, 2018

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Hill, Ms. Walker. On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Signer, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Ms. Walker) to meet in closed session as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3712, specifically: 1. Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1), for the purpose of discussion or consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to boards and commissions 2. Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711(A)(3), to discuss or consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose (parks or trails), because discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the city's bargaining position or negotiating strategy; and 3. Virginia Code sec. 2.2-371 l(A)(7), for consultation with legal counsel, pertaining to pending litigation (Charlottesville v. Pennsylvania Lightfoot Militia, and others), because such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the City.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Signer, Council certified by the following vote (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None) 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 CHAMBER - February 20, 2018**

### ROLL CALL

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

Ms. Hill read a proclamation recognizing Social Services Benefit Programs staff appreciation month. Ms. Diane Kuknyo, Director of Social Services, was present to accept.

- Ms. Walker read a proclamation for the Cville One Book program. Ms. Anne Ernst, Charlottesville High School librarian, was present to accept the proclamation.
- Mr. Bellamy read a proclamation in honor of African American History Month and dedicated the proclamation to Ms. Maxine Holland and Ms. Cherry Henley for their work in the community. Ms. Holland and Ms. Henley accepted the proclamations and addressed Council.
- Mr. Bellamy thanked the City and the Department of Parks and Recreation for the signs recognizing Black History Month on the Downtown Mall. He read a proclamation in recognition of Liberation Day, which takes place on March 3.
- Ms. Galvin acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Robbi Savage and her students from the Batten School's class on Implementing Federal Policy.

# CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mr. Jones said there were no responses from the February 5 meeting. He introduced Mr. Brian Wheeler, the City's new Director of Communications.

# **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- Mr. James Hingeley, 719 Graves St., reviewed his concerns about rule violations that took place by speakers at the February 5 Council meeting. He expressed concern over the mayor extending special privilege to speakers.
  - Ms. Walker responded to Mr. Hingeley's concerns and thanked him for his engagement.
- Ms. Mary Carey, City resident, thanked Council for putting the Emancipation Park renaming on the agenda and thanked those who signed the petition. She said she is glad members of the community were recognized during Black History Month and said it should last all year long. She called for the removal of the Confederate statues.
- Mr. Dave Ghamandi, County resident, asked why the City does not have new leadership, and why several police continue to attend Council meetings. He questioned funding for the police department. He spoke against capitalism, developers, and private solutions to public problems.
- Ms. Galvin responded to Mr. Ghamandi's remarks and addressed his assertion that she caters to the rich with her decisions. She spoke about the percentage of the City's land that is dedicated to mixed use that can generate revenue to support community initiatives.
- Ms. Lena Seville, City resident, addressed how the City engages residents, particularly in regard to the Comprehensive Plan process. She questioned the public participation chapter and said there has not been information from the City on this. She said the City does not give community members enough time to respond when decisions are being made.

Ms. Walker asked Mr. Jones to check into this. Ms. Hill said often the City is a black box when it comes to information, and we need to use our resources to address this.

Mr. Jeffrey Fogel, Spruce St., said he resented Mr. Hingeley's criticism of the mayor. He said he is concerned about the police's stop and frisk statistics, which he said are no longer being documented by the Police Department according to his most recent inquiry. He said 70-80% of stops are of African American people. He asked Mr. Jones if he was aware the statistics were no longer being tracked.

Ms. Walker asked Mr. Jones for a response. Mr. Jones said the Police Department has not stopped collecting information on stop and frisk. They are not recoding the arrest numbers the way they were before, and Mr. Jones said he has asked the department to research records and resume recording these numbers. The interim Police Chief will present at the second meeting in March. Mr. Bellamy also asked for an update on the Police Chief search. Ms. Walker said these numbers are startling, and police are attempting to increase patrol of areas where there is more activism. This needs to be corrected as soon as possible.

Mr. Michael Payne, County resident, said the local restaurant *Es Café*, which has been a pillar of the community for years, had to close its doors this past weekend because a developer bought the Main Street Arena property and wants to turn it into an innovation hub for tech startups. He said recent major development projects have not been open and accessible to working class communities.

Mr. Don Gathers, City resident, apologized for being out of order at the previous meeting. He said he is disappointed that a conversation about the Dewberry Hotel is surfacing again in the face of community members' calls for affordable housing instead. He said this vote, like many others, will likely fall along racial lines. He asked for money for Crescent Halls, the Haven, and remembering Sage Smith.

Mr. Anthony Henry, 910 Rockcreek Rd., said he is an ex-offender and is displeased with the service the City gives to ex-offenders. He said promises are not being fulfilled, and ex-offenders fall back into previous patterns because of a lack of support. He said we need more than The Haven and OAR programs.

Ms. Galvin asked Mr. Jones for a report from staff with regards to what is available from the OAR and what the Department of Social Services provides for the City's ex-offender population. Ms. Walker said Charlottesville needs to truly be a second chance city, and this needs to be backed by funding to make sure we have the right things in place such as job opportunities.

Mr. Paul Long, 100 Ridge St., addressed Council about public transportation. He said the buses should run longer on Sundays and legal holidays. He addressed economic development and said new businesses will look for good, efficient public transportation systems when considering locating here.

Mr. Bellamy excused himself briefly from the meeting.

Ms. Jalane Schmidt, City resident, seconded Mr. Henry's remarks about the needs for the ex-offenders community. She addressed affordable housing and limited land availability in the City. She said development primarily displaces black communities. She said low-income community members need to be at the front of the line now, and developers need to hit the pause button in the meantime.

Council took a recess at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

# APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the following appointments were made to Boards and Commissions: to the Board of Architectural Review: Mike Ball, Tim Mohr, Carl Schwarz; to the Housing Advisory Committee: Sunshine Mathon, Estelle Rainsford; to the Human Rights Commission: Eric Martin; to the JABA Advisory Council: L.D. Perry, Jim Self; to JAUNT: Lucas Ames; to the Parking Advisory Panel: Michael Rodi; to the Parks and Recreations Advisory Committee: Bridget Moss; to the PLACE Design Task Force: Serena Gruia, Mark Rylander, Lena Seville, Laurence Wieder; to the Regional Transportation Partnership: Nikuyah Walker; to the Rivanna Corridor Steering Committee: Heather Hill, Mike Signer; to the Rivanna River Basin Committee: Bill Emory; to the Sister Cities Commission: Dave Norris, Andrew Pollard, Justin Reid; to the Social Services Advisory Board: Rebekah Menning; to the Towing Advisory Board: William Becker; to the Tree Commission: Matthew Brinckman; to the YMCA Board of Directors: Anne Hemenway. The motion passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Mr. Bellamy.)

# **CONSENT AGENDA:**

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Hill, the consent agenda passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Mr. Bellamy.)

- a. Minutes for January 16, 2018 and February 5, 2018
- b. APPROPRIATION: Funds to the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund for fulfillment of the Cedars Court Apartment ADU Cash in Lieu payment \$42,407.32 (2nd reading)

# **Cedars Court Apartment ADU**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville has received payment from Management Services Corporation (on behalf of Cedars Court Apartments, LLC) as payment in lieu of affordable units as required by the City Code Section 34-12; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Dwelling Unit payment must be paid into the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund pursuant to Section 34-12(d)(2);

**NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$42,407.32 be received as payment from Management Services Corporation, to be appropriated as follows:

**Revenues:** 

\$42,407.32 Fund: 426 Project: CP-084 G/L Code: 451020

**Expenditures:** 

\$42,407.32 Fund: 426 Project: CP-084 G/L Code: 599999

c. APPROPRIATION: Changing the Narrative Black Male Achievement Bama Works Fund Grant - \$10,000 (2nd reading)

Black Male Achievement Bama Works Fund Grant

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Department of the City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$10,000 from the Bama Works Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant award covers the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenue – \$10,000** 

\$10,000 Fund: Cost Center: 3413015000 G/L Account: 451020

Expenditures - \$10,000

\$10,000 Fund: Cost Center: 3413015000 G/L Account: 599999

d. APPROPRIATION: Additional Funding for VIEW Program - \$16,900 (Carried)

Additional Funding for VIEW Program

e. ORDINANCE: Amend Ordinance to Change Start Time of Regular Council Meetings (Carried)

Start Time of Regular Council Meetings

# **PUBLIC HEARING / REPORT: EMANCIPATION AND JUSTICE PARKS RENAMING**

**Emancipation and Justice Parks Renaming** 

Mr. Jones presented to Council and answered clarifying questions.

On motion, Ms. Walker opened the public hearing.

Mr. Lawrence Gaughan shared his experience with the Unity Coalition and working with Ms. Carey and said it was an honor to serve with her.

- Ms. Olivia Patton, County resident, said the process for renaming the park was not clear. The park was renamed by a well-intentioned white person, and this has caused problems. The park should be renamed by the community.
- Ms. Tanesha Hudson, City resident, said the park should be renamed and should show condolences for those who lost loved ones on August 12 and rectify past wrongs. She called for the removal of the statue. She said the City needs to make it very clear that the people who came in August are not welcome here.
- Mr. Henry McHenry, County resident, said he feels very uncomfortable speaking for the statues, but we should not be ruled by "us against them." He said removing the statues would create resentment among people who have been here for a long time and who are eager to promote justice. He said money should be spent on the people who need it.
- Mr. Walt Heinecke, Amherst St., said there is an issue with process in the City. Council needs to listen to the public and engage in authentic ways. He called for racially, economically and culturally sensitive community engagement. He called for the name of Emancipation Park to be changed.
- Ms. Mary Carey, City resident, said Emancipation Park was suggested by a Council member, not people that were on the committee. She said there are no statues erected to black heroes in Charlottesville. She said there was no controversy over removing Vinegar Hill, or the plaque for the slave trade block. She said the park name needs to be changed.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

- Ms. Hill said she does not want to lose the work that was done on this last spring, but she wants to remain open about engaging community members who were not involved.
- Ms. Walker said she supports listing the options from the initial engagement process but supports opening the process to gathering new names.
- Mr. Signer recommended culling the names from the list, and then moving forward with new community engagement initiatives.
- Ms. Galvin said she felt unity was important when the decision was initially made, and she acknowledged the mistake in the process. She said we need to make sure Ms. Carey's names are included in the list, and she called for a simple, accessible community engagement process. Mr. Jones explained that sending out mailings through the utility bills would take through the end of April. Council discussed implementing a combination of in-person feedback, call-in to a voicemail line, and on-line submissions.
- Mr. Signer said it is important to gauge how strongly people feel about names, such as allowing for rankings or providing space for comments. Ms. Galvin confirmed that Council is prohibiting the names Lee Park, Jackson Park, and Emancipation Park.

Mr. Signer recommended soliciting new names, submitting them to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Historic Resources Committee, bringing it back to Council for a choice of the top 10 names, then submitting them back out to the public for rankings.

Ms. Walker established consensus for putting the list of names out, giving space for new names, and doing multi-format feedback options, sending to the advisory boards for their recommendations, then returning to Council. Council also supported including all top-ranking names from prior lists in the process.

# PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: WORK SESSION: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 18 - PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS (2nd reading)

# Permits for Special Events and Demonstrations

Ms. Robertson presented to Council and reviewed the history of the ordinance's development. She clarified that in section 18-25, regarding violation and penalties, the actions are only unlawful if they are conducted as part of an event and are not a broader prohibition on those activities at all times.

On motion by Ms. Walker, the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Paul Long, 100 Ridge St., said he is concerned that the ordinance will affect people locally who are organizing about local issues. He said he has always notified the City Manager's office out of courtesy ahead of his planned rallies.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, City resident, said gun-free zones should be a provision of the ordinance. She said punching Nazis should also be permitted.

Mr. Jeffrey Fogel, Spruce St., said this revised ordinance is worse than what we have in place now. He questioned whether any of the proposed changes would have made a difference on August 12. He said the small group exception is not necessary. The spontaneous demonstrations restrictions should be relaxed, and the prohibited items are too vague.

Mr. Brad Slocum, City resident, said denying permits and amending this ordinance is not enough to prevent what happened this past summer. He said groups in other cities were able to rally successfully without violence in the wake of August 12.

Ms. Robin Hoffman, Woolen Mills neighborhood, suggested giving people venues for free speech, but not within our small town.

Mr. Walt Heinecke, Amherst St., said he was surprised that he was denied a permit for August 2018. He thanked the staff at Parks and Recreation for helping him with planning for his counter-rally in August 2017. He asked staff to look at discretionary items when denying permits. He asked Council to think about the unintended consequences of revising the ordinance and restricting freedom of assembly in an unintended way. He said the City has to consider facts that show intent, not just focusing on being content-neutral.

Mr. Michael Allenby, South St., owner of The Festy Experience, said festivals can be huge economic drivers. He said he would be happy to be part of the process as an experienced festival founder.

Mr. Dave Ghamandi, County resident, asked who would be in charge of making sure the rules are carried out on the day of an event and said it cannot be the City Manager. He said this does not address issues from last year.

Mr. Michael Payne, County resident, said the majority of local demonstrations held in a community are about time-sensitive events happening at a local or national level and involve 10 or more people and would not allow for a 30 or 60 day notice. There are unintended consequences of these revisions.

Ms. Mary Carey, City resident, said permits should not have been given this past summer. She said the City should let evil groups sue them rather than give them permits. She said the City should sue them. She called for the statues to be removed. She advised against revising the ordinance.

Ms. Joy Johnson, 802 Hardy Dr., said policy is important, but it is more important to be prepared for both sides. Preparation is key in order to protect residents and the counterprotestors.

A gentleman said fascists come to Charlottesville because they know a class war between the rich and poor is happening here. He said community needs are more important than developers.

Having no further speakers, public comment was closed.

Ms. Galvin made a motion to amend the section on open fire and open flame, Section 18-22, following staff's recommendation: Provided, however, that "open burning and open fire" and "open flame" shall not include handheld candles when used for ceremonial purposes, provided that they are not held or used in an intimidating, threatening, dangerous or harmful manner." Mr. Signer seconded the motion. She said this gives the City Manager latitude to determine intent. The vote passed. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer; Noes: Ms. Walker)

Mr. Signer moved to amend the small group number to 25 instead of 10. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. He said we need to strike a balance between free speech, and enforcing content-neutral rules that will keep our community safe. Ms. Walker said she is in favor of keeping the 50 person limit but enforcing it going forward.

Ms. Galvin asked for clarification on spontaneous demonstrations. Ms. Robertson said counter-rallies that are planned in advance may not be considered spontaneous. Mr. Bellamy asked for further clarification on the spontaneous event provision. Ms. Robertson said the regulations allow for the advanced notice period to be reduced substantially given the circumstances and providing there are no logistical challenges. She clarified that the City Manager is the permitting administrator, and it is a group effort in concert with others such as the

City Attorney's office, Parks and Recreation, the Commonwealth's Attorney. Mr. Bellamy said he favors keeping the small group number to 50.

Mr. Signer said we need to pass an enforceable ordinance that staff can implement, and that is defendable in court.

Ms. Galvin clarified that spontaneous demonstrations have no size limits. She said it may not be prudent to change everything all at once. She suggested keeping the small group limit to 50, but to ensure that it is enforced. Mr. Signer asked if there is a compromise to be had. Mr. Bellamy said expanding the limit from 48 hours to 72 hours is of interest. Ms. Walker said this is not going to fix what happened this past year.

Mr. Signer asked Council if there is support for moving to 35. Ms. Hill said she is comfortable with 50, with enforcement. Mr. Signer withdrew his motion and asked to have 50 people. Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None,)

Ms. Galvin recommended leaving the advanced notice requirements in place: 30 days in advance, if the event will not require street closure, removal of parking, or public safety personnel, and 60 days in advance, if the event WILL require any of those things. Ms. Walker asked if Mr. Jones is able to expedite requests at his discretion. Ms. Walker asked if 45 days would be sufficient for events requiring closures. Mr. Jones said this would be workable.

Mr. Signer moved to change the limit from 60 days to 45 days; Ms. Hill seconded. The vote passed. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None,)

Mr. Signer moved to accept staff's recommendation regarding the list of prohibited items, "or other public safety organization, such as a fire department or emergency medical services agency" following the reference to 'private militia.'

Ms. Walker asked for clarification in how this would apply in reference to medics who served the community during the events of August 12. In response, Mr. Signer amended his motion to remove reference to "emergency medical services agency."

At Council's request, Ms. Linda Odom, K&L Gates, came forward to address Council's concerns about this section. Ms. Robertson clarified that there are already state laws that prohibit this. Ms. Odom clarified that this creates the ability for enforcement to be triggered during an event instead of litigated afterwards.

Council invited Chief Baxter to offer his view on including language prohibiting impersonating fire and emergency medical services personnel.

Mr. Signer amended his original motion, "or other public safety organization, such as a fire department or emergency medical services agency" following the reference to 'private militia.' Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer; Noes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker)

Ms. Robertson said the listed items f, h, j and k in Sec. 18-25 are worded in a way that does not make it clear that these items are only prohibited during an event. Ms. Robertson suggested that the last words of each paragraph in section f, h, j and k say "during an event". Ms. Galvin moved; Ms. Hill seconded. The motion passed. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None)

Mr. Signer moved the ordinance as amended; Ms. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer; Noes: Ms. Walker)

Ms. Galvin requested that Mr. Jones provide Council with an operational plan for the next time protestors and counter-protestors come to the community. Mr. Jones discussed steps staff is taking. Ms. Galvin said we still need a big picture operational plan. Ms. Hill said we need a communications strategy. Mr. Signer said the City needs to lay out expectations and citizen rights for participating in protests.

Ms. Walker asked if having a designated location would be an option. Mr. Jones said it would likely not stand in court. Mr. Signer said that the City could move the protest/ rally to a designated location, with more advance notice and time to brief the cases. He said that the best practices that other cities have implemented included moving rallies to a more rural space with plenty of green spaces between the protesters and counter protesters. Mr. Signer commented that one of the reasons the City lost the case to move the August 12<sup>th</sup> rally to McIntire Park was because in part the process was rushed. Mr. Jones said that the reason the court denied the City permission to move the rally to McIntire Park was because the focus of the rally on August 12<sup>th</sup> was the statue. He said that the rally has to be proximate to whatever the group may be protesting and Mr. Signer agreed. Mr. Jones said that depending on the situation the City can work with groups to move them to another place; if their intent is to protest a particular object, the courts have said that the government has to give the protesters the opportunity. Mr. Signer gave an example of when a court moved groups of protesters to a location that was not proximate to the object of their event. He agreed with Mr. Jones and said that it is tough to make the arguments in court.

Ms. Galvin requested an interim report in the next two months that gives Council an update about the options for future protests.

AMENDING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 18 (PARKS AND RECREATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, 1990, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE III ENTITLED "PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS"

# <u>PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE</u>: CONVEYANCE OF PORTION OF RIDGE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR WILLIAM TAYLOR PLAZA PROJECT (carried)

Conveyance of Portion of Ridge Street for William Taylor Plaza Project

Mr. Matthew Alfele, Planner in Neighborhood Development Services, presented to Council and answered clarifying questions.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Having no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Galvin moved; Ms. Hill seconded. The motion carried for a second reading.

# **ORDINANCE:** CLOSING AND VACATING BRANDON AVENUE AND A PORTION OF MONROE LANE/15TH STREET (carried)

Closing and Vacating Brandon Avenue and a Portion of Monroe Lane/15th Street

- Ms. Robertson presented to Council and answered clarifying questions.
- Ms. Walker asked for the value of these streets. Mr. Jones said the Assessor's Office can provide a number. Ms. Robertson said the value would be adjusted in recognition of easements.
- Mr. Signer confirmed with Mr. Jones that UVA has made a commitment regarding costs for safe bike and pedestrian modes on West Main Street.
- Ms. Walker confirmed with Mr. Jones that this ordinance would move forward contingent on the outstanding matters outlined in the memo being resolved.
- Ms. Galvin asked for answers on funding for West Main. Mr. Signer moved; Ms. Galvin seconded. The ordinance carried for a second reading. Ms. Walker requested that this return to the regular agenda.

Council took a recess at 10:53 p.m. and returned at 11:05 p.m.

# REPORT: UPDATE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE REGION

# Public Transportation in the Charlottesville/Albemarle Region

- Mr. John Jones, Transit Director, presented to Council on public transportation and Charlottesville Area Transit and answered clarifying questions.
- Mr. Signer asked about the future of driverless buses. Mr. Jones said this technology is decades out, according to GM executives. Mr. Signer said he has heard differently from technology leaders.
- Ms. Galvin asked what Mr. Jones attributes ridership reduction to. Mr. Jones said more people want to walk or bike instead of riding the bus.
- Mr. Jones said he has a development plan that recommends changes, and he will provide it to Council.

# <u>REPORT</u>: CHARLOTTESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY FUNDS UPDATE

# Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority Funds Update

Mr. Grant Duffield, Executive Director of Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, presented to Council and answered clarifying questions.

Mr. Jones confirmed general consent for this and reported that it will come back on the consent agenda at the March 5 meeting.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Bellamy requested that the West 2nd SUP item be added to the agenda to the March 19 Council meeting due to some recent developments regarding affordable housing. Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer and Ms. Hill supported the request.

Ms. Walker said this was not just about affordable housing, although that was a major piece of it. She said she has asked staff about other potential uses for this parcel of land, and she supports going back to the drawing board with the space.

Mr. Signer asked staff what Council's options are for directing the tax revenue from this project towards affordable housing goals.

The item will be considered on the March 19 agenda.

### MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Walt Heinecke, 1521 Amherst St., said the primary requests from citizens participating in the Dialogue on Race were that a Human Rights Commission would address concerns about housing and employment discrimination. The intention of the Human Rights Commission is not being fulfilled. He called for Council to hire a civil rights attorney and to revise the ordinance to allow for investigation of complaints of housing and employment discrimination for companies with over 15 employees.

Mr. Michael Payne, County resident, said the federal government recognized the Monacan Tribe for the first time, and perhaps this should be considered in the park naming. The name should be tied to local history. He said Capetown, Africa is running out of water in one to two months. Council should consider investing in fossil fuels. He said the request for funding the DBAC at \$100,000 for public relations and \$100,000 for a staff member needs more information. He said the William Taylor Plaza process highlights process issues in the City.

Mr. Bellamy asked to speak with Mr. Payne afterwards regarding the water shortage in Cape Town.

Mr. Brandon Collins, PHAR, said a very small amount of money is coming from the federal government for capital funding at the Housing Authority. He said the Housing Authority passed a resolution that Crescent Halls should be a focus for redevelopment, and a second resolution stating that a modernization effort could be highly successful in some locations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.