

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, May 21, 2018, AT 5:00 p.m. IN THE Second Floor 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

SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM –May 21, 2018

Council met in special session on this date with the following members present: Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer, Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Hill. On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Signer, Council voted, (Ayes: Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None; Absent at time of vote: Mr. Bellamy) to meet in closed session as authorized by Va. Code sec. 2.2-3712, specifically: Virginia Code sec. 2.2-3711 (A) (1)&(3) for the discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for appointment to City boards and commissions; for discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for employment as the City Attorney; for the semi-annual review of the city manager's performance; and for consultation with legal counsel, as Council may deem appropriate in connection with those topics.

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.

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

Mr. Jones introduced Dr. RaShall Brackney, his recommendation for the City's next Police Chief. Chief Brackney introduced herself to the attendees and spoke about her hopes for the City and the Police Department.

Mr. Dave Norris came forward to present about the recent trip to Winneba, Ghana. Ms. Myra Anderson spoke as well and shared a poem about her trip.

Ms. Galvin read a proclamation recognizing National Public Works Week.

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mr. Jones gave a powerpoint presentation overview of the work that has taken place to prepare for summer 2018. He answered questions from Council. A web page with more information will be established in the near future.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Mr. Bellamy, the following appointments were made: to the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society: Rey Berry, John Conover, Phyllis Leffler; Building Code Board of Appeals: Keith Woodard; Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau: Jennifer Mayo; Charlottesville Economic Development Authority: Edward Schmitz; Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee: Michael Smith; JABA Board of Directors: Richard Brugh, Elaine Phillips; Region Ten Community Board: John Kronstain, Sena Magill; Sister Cities Commission: Cliff Maxwell; Tree Commission: Paul Josey, Lawson Leavell, Peter Russell. The motion passed. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None)

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Ms. Mary Carey, City resident, thanked Maya Anderson for her poem and thanked everyone who attended the Winneba, Ghana trip. She thanked Mr. Jones for answering her concerns promptly. She said a tree growing near her home should be removed.

Mr. Mark Heisey, Albemarle County, said there has not been police accountability since the events of this summer, and he hopes that the Civilian Review Board will do this. He shared his concerns about the incoming Police Chief. He said the Heaphy report was seriously flawed and should not be used to make decisions. He said the police should not have surveillance powers.

Ms. Liz Reynolds, City resident, said we need better ways to talk about race. She spoke about race and privilege, and the differences in lived experiences between black and white Americans. She spoke in support of racially sensitive trainings for the City's leadership.

Mr. Signer asked Mr. Jones to review the implicit bias trainings that have happened so far for City staff. Ms. Walker said Council is dedicated to this matter and will look into options.

Mr. Jim Hingeley, City resident, read a quote from a recent article on a proposed EJI trip. He spoke in support of renaming Emancipation Park to Swanson Legacy Park.

Ms. Myra Anderson spoke to Council about mental health, the devastation of being diagnosed with a mental illness, and living in a society that stigmatizes it. She spoke about how flaws in the health system cause further problems for patients seeking help. She asked for a commitment from leadership to move the community forward on this issue.

Ms. Elena Schmelter, Albemarle High School student, spoke about the Habitat for Humanity redevelopment of the Southwood Mobile Home Park project. She said this is a model for the City.

Ms. Lena Seville spoke briefly about her experience travelling to Winneba. She addressed a free tree program flier that she recently received on her door. She said the fact that the free tree program says it increases real estate value is a gentrification tool.

Ms. Galvin asked for clarification for how planting trees is a gentrification tool and said everyone should be able to have trees. Ms. Seville said the program only allows for trees in the front yard to increase property values.

Ms. Star Peterson, Charlottesville resident, said that she is appalled the new Police Chief does not want to investigate the events of August 12. She said victims of this past summer cannot so easily forget what happened. She said the leadership of the Police Department should hold leadership accountable. She reviewed her injuries for Chief Brackney.

Mr. Brandon Collins, City resident, said it is important that what happened last summer is recognized by the new Police Chief when she comes on board. He said the land bank is a way to bypass the housing authority to create affordable housing. He said the land bank plan does not address AMI levels and does not define affordability.

Ms. Rosia Parker said she has no more patience, is suffering from mental traumas and does not have the means to address it. She asked Chief Brackney to be sure she is truly ready to serve this community.

Mr. Anthony Woodard, said City Code 28-31 prohibits US Route 250 and Hydraulic Road should be inserted in as a subdivision or subsection e. to go along with a prohibited area due to higher speeds. He said it is highly dangerous for pedestrians. He said the police department cannot make everyone happy.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter, City resident, said a strong housing strategy must be included in the Comprehensive Plan. She said Policy Link in Austin, Texas is working on strong, anti-displacement strategies. Land trusts create more equity, not land banks. She said shelter, food and healthcare are burdens, largely for females of color that are heads of household. She said money should be put towards anti-eviction strategies instead of studies for downtown mall safety or marketing for the DBAC.

Mr. Bellamy thanked Ms. Carpenter for her comments. He said the City is not allowed to do inclusionary zoning, but we can look at the anti-eviction piece and other practices that can accomplish our goals.

Mr. Signer said part of the equity position includes examining gentrification measures. Best practices on anti-displacement is something Council's office can study.

Ms. Galvin spoke to the advantages of a land bank and how it can use pieces of land to develop more affordable housing.

Ms. Megan Bloom encouraged the City to explore other local resources regarding racial sensitivity training, because implicit bias training is not ideal. She spoke to the recent Planning Commission community engagement process for the Comprehensive Plan. She said the process is too corporate and does not leave room for real citizen participation and engagement.

Council took a recess at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Minutes for May 7, 2018

b. APPROPRIATION: Transfer of funds from School HVAC Operations to School HVAC Capital Improvement
Program - \$130,000 (2nd reading)

[Transfer of funds from School HVAC Operations](#)

WHEREAS, City Council approved as part of the FY 2017 Year End Appropriation funding in the amount of \$130,000 in the School HVAC Operations budget in the General Fund, for the Buford Middle School building automation system upgrades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that \$130,000 is to be appropriated in the following manner:

General Fund:

Transfer From: Expenditures - \$130,000

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 2422003000 G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To: Expenditures - \$130,000

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 9803030000 G/L Account: 561426

Capital Projects Fund:

Transfer To: Revenue - \$130,000

Fund: 426 Funded Program: SH-070 G/L Account: 498010

Expenditures - \$130,000

Fund: 426 Funded Program: SH-070 G/L Account: 599999

c. APPROPRIATION: Funds for 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant - \$389,291.49 (2nd reading)

[Funds for 2018-2019 Community Development Block Grant](#)

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been advised of the approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the total amount of \$389,291.49 that includes new entitlement from HUD amounting to \$388,000, and previous entitlement made available through reprogramming of \$1,291.49.

WHEREAS, City Council has received recommendations for the expenditure of funds from the CDBG Task Force, the SAT, the Belmont and Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood Task Force (priorities to be determined at a later date) and the City Planning Commission; and has conducted a public hearing thereon as provided by law; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sums hereinafter set forth are hereby appropriated from funds received from the aforesaid grant to the following individual expenditure accounts in the Community Development Block Grant Fund for 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.

PRIORITY NEIGHBORHOOD

Belmont and Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood	\$200,000
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Investment Collaborative Scholarships	\$12,500
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PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

United Way – Childcare Scholarships	\$24,900
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TJACH – Coordinated Entry System	\$25,000
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Literacy Volunteers – Basic Literacy Instruction	\$8,300
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HOUSING PROJECTS

AHIP – Homeowner Rehab	\$40,991.49
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ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Admin and Planning	\$77,600
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TOTAL	\$389,291.49
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$388,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The amounts so appropriated as grants to other public agencies and private non-profit, charitable organizations (sub-recipients) are for the sole purpose stated. The City Manager is authorized to

enter into agreements with those agencies and organizations as he may deem advisable to ensure that the grants are expended for the intended purposes, and in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and

The City Manager, the Directors of Finance or Neighborhood Development Services, and staff are authorized to establish administrative procedures and provide for mutual assistance in the execution of the programs.

d. APPROPRIATION: Funds for the 2018-2019 HOME fund - \$99,488.45 (2nd reading)

Funds for the 2018-2019 HOME fund

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been advised of the approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding for the 2018-2019 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the region is receiving an award for HOME funds for fiscal year 18-19 of which the City will receive \$57,100 to be expended on affordable housing initiatives such as homeowner rehab and downpayment assistance.

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of this grant that projects funded with HOME initiatives money be matched with local funding in varying degrees;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the local match for the above listed programs will be covered by the a surplus of match from previous appropriations from the Charlottesville Housing Fund (account CP-0084 in SAP system) in the amount of \$14,280. Project totals also include previous entitlement made available through program income of \$22,906.59. The total of the HUD money, program income, and the local match, equals \$99,844.45 and will be distributed as shown below.

PROJECTS	HOME EN	MATCH	OTHER	TOTAL
Habitat for Humanity-DPA	\$25,240	\$4,760	\$9,488	\$39,488.15
PHA-DPA	\$25,240	\$4,760	\$9,488	\$39,488.15
AHIP-Homeowner Rehab	\$6,620	\$4,760	\$9,488	\$20,686.15
Total	\$57,100	\$14,280	\$28,464.45	\$99,488.45

* includes Program Income which does not require local match.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$57,100 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The amounts so appropriated as grants to other public agencies and private non-profit, charitable organizations (subrecipients) are for the sole purpose stated. The City Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with those agencies and organizations as he may deem advisable to ensure that the grants are expended for the intended purposes, and in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and

The City Manager, the Directors of Finance or Neighborhood Development Services, and staff are authorized to establish administrative procedures and provide for mutual assistance in the execution of the programs.

e. APPROPRIATION: Community Development Block Grant Reprogramming FY 18-19 Funds (2nd reading)

[Community Development Block Grant Reprogramming](#)

WHEREAS, Council has previously approved the appropriation of certain sums of federal grant receipts to specific accounts in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that these funds have not been spent and need to be reprogrammed, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that appropriations made to the following expenditure accounts in the CDBG fund are hereby reduced or increased by the respective amounts shown, and the balance accumulated in the Fund as a result of these adjustments is hereby reappropriated to the respective accounts shown as follows:

Program Year	Account Code	Purpose	Proposed Revised Reduction	Proposed Revised Addition	Proposed Revised Appropriation
16-17	P-00001-02-77	OAR Re-entry Services	\$1,287.03		
16-17	P-00001-02-81	CAYIP	\$4.46		

18-19		AHIP Homeowner Rehab		\$1,291.49	\$1,291.49
		TOTALS:	\$1,291.49	\$1,291.49	\$1,291.49

f. APPROPRIATION: HOME Investment Partnership Account Reprogramming FY 18-19 Funds (2nd reading)

[HOME Investment Partnership Account Reprogramming](#)

WHEREAS, Council has previously approved the appropriation of certain sums of federal grant receipts to specific accounts in the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that these funds have not been spent and need to be reprogrammed, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that appropriations made to the following expenditure accounts in the HOME fund are hereby reduced or increased by the respective amounts shown, and the balance accumulated in the Fund as a result of these adjustments is hereby reappropriated to the respective accounts shown as follows:

Program Year	Account Code	Purpose	Proposed Revised Reduction	Proposed Revised Addition	Proposed Revised Appropriation
16-17	190026 6	AHIP – Homeowner Rehab	\$5,380.39		\$0
	190024 7		\$98.72		
18-19		Habitat – DPA		\$1,859.29	\$1,859.29

18-19		PHA – DPA		\$1,859.29	\$1,859.29
18-19		AHIP – Homeowner Rehab		\$1,859.29	\$1,859.29
		TOTALS:	\$5,577.86	\$5,577.86	\$5,577.86

g. APPROPRIATION: Spay and Neuter Program at SPCA - \$1,998.52 (2nd reading)

[Spay and Neuter Program at SPCA](#)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$1,998.52 is hereby appropriated to the Charlottesville / Albemarle SPCA in the following manner:

Revenues - \$1,998.52

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 9713006000 G/L Account: 430080

Expenditures - \$1,998.52

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 9713006000 G/L Account: 540100

h. APPROPRIATION: Transfer of funds for new Salt Storage facilities - \$300,000 (2nd reading)

[Transfer of funds for new Salt Storage facilities](#)

WHEREAS, City Council approved as part of the FY 2017 Year End Appropriation funding in the amount of \$300,000 in the Snow Removal Operations budget in the General Fund, for the new Salt Storage Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that \$300,000 is to be appropriated in the following manner:

General Fund:

Transfer From: Expenditures - \$300,000

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 2443002000 G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To: Expenditures - \$300,000

Fund: 105 Cost Center: 9803030000 G/L Account: 561426

Capital Projects Fund:

Transfer From: Revenue - \$300,000

Fund: 426 Funded Program: CP-018 G/L Account: 498010

Transfer To: Expenditures - \$300,000

Fund: 426 Funded Program: CP-018 G/L Account: 599999

i. RESOLUTION: Appointment of the Chief of Police

[Appointment of the Chief of Police](#)

RESOLUTION Appointment of the Chief of Police

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville that Dr. RaShall M. Brackney be appointed Chief of Police effective June 18, 2018.

j. RESOLUTION: Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

[Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

k. RESOLUTION: Re-Allocation of Existing Funds - McIntire Skate Park - \$150,000

[McIntire Skate Park](#)

RESOLUTION

Re-Allocation of Existing CIP Funds – McIntire Skate Park \$150,000

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Parks and Recreation, is currently constructing the new skate park in McIntire Park;

WHEREAS, the City needs to provide additional local funds in the amount of \$ 150,000 from the McIntire Park Improvement CIP fund (P-00207); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$ 150,000 is hereby transferred in the following manner:

Transfer From

\$ 150,000 Fund: 426 WBS: P-00207 G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To

\$ 150,000 Fund: 426 WBS: P-00733 G/L Account: 599999

l. RESOLUTION: Renewal of Sprint Franchise Agreement

[Renewal of Sprint Franchise Agreement](#)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE TO SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA FOR ITS POLE, WIRES, CONDUITS, CABLES AND FIXTURES, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS

m. ORDINANCE: Tree Designation (2nd reading)

[Tree Designation](#)

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN TREES AS PROTECTED TREES UNDER THE CITY'S TREE CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

n. ORDINANCE: Homeowner Tax Relief Grant Program - 2018 (Carried)

[Homeowner Tax Relief Grant Program](#)

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

Council congratulated Chief Brackney on her official appointment.

PUBLIC HEARING: POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

[Police Civilian Review Board](#)

Mr. Jones presented to Council.

On motion, Ms. Walker opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jim Shea, Fry's Spring, reviewed the events of summer 2017 and said next time it could be worse. He said the daily bullying and disrespect of black members in our community by the police department is a persistent problem and must be addressed. He encouraged Council to support urgent reform.

Mr. Walt Heinecke, Amherst St., said the events of last summer are not over, and there needs to be accountability, investigation, and ownership. You cannot rebuild public trust without serious attention to accountability.

Ms. Katrina Turner asked if all complaints against the police department are going to be thrown out. She called for reform of the police department and said there needs to be officer training.

Mr. Brandon Collins said independence is important for the civilian review board.

Ms. Rosia Parker said there is a difference between policing and over-policing. The department needs to get to know community members.

Mr. Don Gathers said accountability, responsibility, and independence are the pillars of the CRB. The board must have subpoena powers and investigative powers. He said there is no trust between the black community and the police department.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter said she supports a very strong, independent CRB.

Ms. Mary Carey, City resident, said members of the KKK have infiltrated the police. She said we are still struggling with the same things we did in the 1960s.

Ms. Madison, Monticello High School, and two fellow students, thanked Council for establishing the CRB.

Mr. Christian Means, Monticello High School, said the CRB is a great opportunity to make change in our City. He said this board can make true changes and hopes that it does not go forward in name only. He asked the City to give the CRB the means they need to get the job done.

Mr. Jeff Fogel, Belmont, said the idea of this panel is long-overdue. He asked Council how they will assure the CRB is independent. He said the police department has historically not provided information on stop and frisk, for example.

Mr. Evan Brown, Charlottesville resident, said police militarization is a problem.

Ms. Donna Gesapo said she is here with other members of the Charlottesville Community Resilience Fund. She said the Black Mama Bail-out event was very successful in fundraising but could not bail out any black women on Mother's Day. She said many are being held without bail for non-violent crimes. She said accountability should be addressed more widely, to include courts and judges.

Mr. Gleason Wilson, Downtown Mall resident, began to speak about something else and had to cease his comments due to irrelevance.

Ms. Helen Plaisance, candidate for the CRB, said her vision is that everyone in Charlottesville should be kept safe.

Mr. Luis Oyola said he fears the missing persons case of Sage Smith will be dropped. He asked the Police Department to publically apologize to Sage Smith's family. The CRB should have access to missing persons evidence.

Mr. Mark Heisey, Albemarle County, said the CRB must be able to hold the Charlottesville Police Department accountable.

Mr. Frank Richards, Pine St., said there are urgent cases that must be dealt with. We should also consider the nature of policing in this town and in the broader area.

Mr. Jake Mooney, City resident, said public trust in the police since August 12 has declined. He overruled people who he believes should have been charged in connection to the events of August 12.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Galvin said it is important to discuss what it would take to make this a truly independent board. She asked whether the CRB should be allowed to hire their own staff person. Ms. Walker said the initial CRB would provide Council with a proposed plan.

Mr. Signer said he would like to have answers on some of the intelligence Mr. Mooney raised, especially stories regarding active duty military being reported to have been involved with the events in Charlottesville. Mr. Jones said we can provide information.

Mr. Jones confirmed that Council will select members of the CRB on June 4.

Ms. Walker said she is very aware on a personal level of what is needed with police accountability and the systemic issues we have in Charlottesville that need to change.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: CLOSE ALLEY OFF CASTALIA STREET (DENIED)

[Close Alley off Castalia Street](#)

Ms. Robertson presented to Council. The applicant, Mr. Quinn, also presented to Council regarding his petition. He made a note of his amended request for closure of the portion of the alley immediately behind his property.

Ms. Galvin asked if the alley was passable by car or pedestrian. Mr. Quinn said it is not. Ms. Hill confirmed that a prior owner built the encroaching building.

On motion, Ms. Walker opened the public hearing.

Mr. Mark Kavit, 400 Altamont St., said the City should provide a survey for the requested closure. He suggested considering an easement instead.

Ms. Joy Pews, 917 Bolling Ave., and her wife, said off-street parking is accessible from the alley. She said she had not spoken to the neighbors beforehand, despite claims to the contrary. Her neighbors, Mark and Dreama Hale, also object, per the letter in Council's materials.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Robertson said the City does not have title to the land for the alley because this is such an old parcel.

Ms. Galvin made a motion to deny the adoption of closing the alleyway, as alleys still serve a distinct public interest. Mr. Signer seconded the motion.

Council voted to deny the request. (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker; Noes: None)

Ms. Galvin proposed Council develop a new policy on the public right of way (ROW) as it pertains to alleys and “paper” streets. She proposed that the Charlottesville City Council directs the PLACE Design Task Force, legal counsel, staff and City consultants to revise and create policies and procedures for the vacation, preservation and creation of the public right of way (ROW) as it pertains to alleys and “paper” streets including but not limited to the:

- definition, metrics and inventory of alleys and “paper” streets (both public and private);
- retention, reacquiring and reactivation for public use of existing alleys and “paper” streets;
- design with construction standards of new public alleys, within a block network;
- determination of instances when the vacation of existing alleys and paper streets may be warranted; and
- incorporation into other important City documents, such as the Standards and Design Manual (SADM), and other City Council policies and procedures for the vacation, closing and abandonment of streets and alleys.

Further, the PLACE Design Task Force, legal counsel, staff and City consultant will submit draft policies and procedures for the vacation and preservation of the public right of way (ROW) as it pertains to alleys and “paper” streets for City Council review and adoption, by December 2018.

Ms. Walker said she would like to have time to digest this information and make a decision at a later date. Ms. Hill supported that approach as well.

Ms. Hill asked what the path forward is for the applicant. Ms. Robertson said the garage has been in place for several decades, and she does not see any urgency to resolving the matter.

Mr. Bellamy agreed to bringing this back at a future agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE: PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF A PORTION OF WATER STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CHARLOTTESVILLE TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT 230 WEST MAIN STREET (CARRIED)

[Proposed Conveyance of a portion of Water Street Right-of-Way](#)

Mr. Brian Haluska, Principal Planner, NDS, presented to Council and answered clarifying questions.

On motion, the public hearing was opened.

Ms. Valerie Long, representing the owner, presented to Council. She reviewed the proposed land exchange.

Mr. Scott Bandy, Cherry Ave., said he is concerned with how this will affect the bus stop on Water Street.

Ms. Walker confirmed that the bus stop is further up on Water Street and will not be impacted.

Having no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

In response to an inquiry from Ms. Walker, Ms. Long confirmed that the applicants would improve the sidewalk along Water Street as part of their project.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, the ordinance carried for a second reading.

Mr. Signer read a statement disclosing his previous attorney client relationship with Quantitative Investment Management, which is the founder of the firm that is doing this development. However, since, this is not a current relationship Mr. Signer was advised that he does not require a recusal.

Council took a recess at 10:13 p.m. and reconvened at 10:26 p.m.

RESOLUTION: DOWNTOWN MALL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT - ALLOCATION OF \$100,000 FOR THREAT AND RISK ASSESSMENT

[Downtown Mall Pedestrian Safety Project](#)

Mr. Paul Oberdorfer, Director of Public Works, presented to Council and answered clarifying questions for Council. A discussion took place regarding cost and scope, balance of security and rights, and maintaining an open atmosphere while providing safety measures.

Mr. Signer said he would like a budgeted proposal for justifying an expenditure at this amount of money, supported by facts. It could be placed on the consent agenda for the next Council meeting, if the proposal is amenable to Council. Ms. Galvin said Mr. Oberdorfer has provided acceptable clarification.

Mr. Bellamy moved to allocate the \$100,000 for the pedestrian safety project; Ms. Galvin seconded the motion. Mr. Signer reiterated his concerns about approving this expenditure without a written rationale. The motion passed (Ayes: Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Ms. Hill; Noes: Mr. Signer, Ms. Walker)

RESOLUTION

Downtown Mall Pedestrian Safety Project \$100,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the following is hereby transferred in the following manner:

Transfer From

\$100,000 Fund: 426 WBS: CP-080 G/L Account: 599999

Transfer To

\$825,000 Fund: 426 WBS: P-00974 G/L Account: 599999

ORDINANCE: LAND BANK CORPORATION ORDINANCE (2ND READING)

[Land Bank Corporation Ordinance](#)

Ms. Brenda Kelley, Redevelopment Manager, presented to Council.

Ms. Hill brought communications from the Charlottesville Low-Income Housing Coalition (CLIHC) and the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) to the attention of her colleagues to confirm receipt. She invited Mr. Phil D'Oronzio, Chair of the HAC, to present to Council. He reviewed his recommendations and further proposed updates to the revised land bank ordinance.

Ms. Hill said she is having trouble supporting this when it is not something the community supports at this time. Ms. Walker agreed and asked Mr. D'Oronzio for his response. Mr. D'Oronzio said this is a partnering tool. Mr. Bellamy said the Housing Authority already has the ability to do this. He confirmed that CLIHC has not had the opportunity to review the proposed changes.

Mr. Signer asked if Council is looking to reopen the ordinance to further amendments.

Ms. Walker said she does not believe Council should support land banking.

Ms. Hill said she would like to defer a decision until Council has had the opportunity to have a full scale work session on affordable housing, which is tentatively planned for early summer.

Mr. Signer said this is different from other communities that do this on a larger scale and would be very different if we were able to partner with the County.

Ms. Robertson clarified that she does not believe the City is able to dictate who the Land Bank Corporation would and would not be able to do business with.

Council decided to defer a decision until after the work session discussion.

REPORT: CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS ON BIKES, PEDESTRIANS, AND ENFORCEMENT

Construction Impacts on Bikes, Pedestrians, and Enforcement

Mr. Mike Murphy, Assistant City Manager, presented to Council. Mr. Brennen Duncan, Traffic Engineer, Neighborhood Development Services, was also present.

Councilors said they would like to see tighter penalties for contractors that do not meet their obligations, including projected timelines for projects, and expectations need to be set with neighboring communities when projects are implemented.

Mr. Murphy clarified that the recommendation for the position is to inspect sites for compliance and to ensure that sites remain in compliance over time.

Ms. Galvin said dealing with on-street parking and temporary parking removal also needs better notification and refined protocols. She recommended an orientation program for all stakeholders involved, or a central website to provide information and an opportunity for community outreach.

Ms. Galvin said she agrees with the recommendations, but she is still interested in exploring options for the West Main crossing issue. She also asked for clarification on the process for long-term restrictions for on-street parking and communication of such. She asked for more information on the development site inspector position.

Council had consensus for pursuing all recommendations outlined in the memo.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for allocation to Equal Justice Initiative community trip

Dr. Jalane Schmidt presented to Council on the request for funding for the EJI Memorial trip, including an update on the planning process to date.

Councilors thanked Dr. Schmidt for her presentation and her work on this trip to date.

Mr. Signer said it is difficult to justify spending public monies on travel, because there are so many worthy community trips.

Mr. Bellamy said this has been identified as an approved activity by Council, and he is hoping for support.

Ms. Galvin said this meets the mission of the Blue Ribbon Commission. Bringing in Albemarle County to the process is important as well. Ms. Galvin suggested that the Mayor write a letter inviting the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors to join the City in this effort.

Dr. Schmidt said that a group of Albemarle County residents have already approached the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors about this issue. She confirmed that they are aware of the pilgrimage but she was not sure what the County planned to do.

Ms. Walker said we are addressing a historical legacy of wrongdoing, and when the community identifies the fix we should not question it.

Mr. Signer asked how Council makes decisions going forward regarding off-budget requests for travel.

Mr. Jones said this is different, because this is something the City Council has specifically said they support.

Ms. Galvin said she supports adding this allocation to an upcoming consent agenda for \$55,000. Mr. Bellamy supported this.

CACVB representatives from Council

Ms. Hill asked Council for their support for two representatives to the CACVB board. Ms. Hill nominated Ms. Galvin and Mr. Signer. Council supported these nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 a.m.