

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 605 E. Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

BY Kyna Thomas

Council Chambers – March 4, 2019

ROLL CALL

City Council met on this date with the following members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Heather Hill, Dr. Wes Bellamy, Ms. Kathy Galvin, and Mr. Mike Signer.

Ms. Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS

Dr. Bellamy shared an announcement from Mr. Alex Zan and Virginia A. Gatewood, who are presenting the 5th annual “My Help List Contest”, a thinking, writing and reading activity with a cash prize and winners reception. The contest is open to students from Charlottesville and surrounding areas, and runs from March 11 – April 19, 2019.

Dr. Bellamy acknowledged Charlottesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Rosa Atkins for participating in a panel discussion at Virginia State University and representing the City well.

City Attorney John Blair gave notice of a Virginia Freedom of Information Act seminar to be held on Monday, March 25, 2019, at City Space, as a training opportunity for members of Charlottesville Boards and Commissions as well as the public.

Ms. Walker reminded the audience that they would have a chance to hear from and meet candidates for the City Manager position on Wednesday, March 6, with public interviews from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., and a meet and greet from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Bellamy acknowledged the extensive amount of work contributed by Ms. Walker and Ms. Hill to make the interview process for City Manager run smoothly.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council by the following vote APPROVED the following appointments to Boards and Commissions (Ayes: Ms. Walker, Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer. Noes: None.):

- Building Code Board of Appeals: Peter Weems
- Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Commission: Michael Pritchard

- Charlottesville Economic Development Authority: Nicole Fernandez and Jay O'Donnell
- Human Rights Commission: Jeanette Abi-Nader, Idil Aktan, Shantell Bingham, Elliott Brown, Phebe Brown, Ernest Chambers, Kathryn Laughon, Sue Lewis, Andy Orban, Catherine Spear, Matthew Tennant, Lyndele von Schill, and Robert Woodside.
- Housing Advisory Committee (HAC): Christopher Murray under the developer role; Philip D'Oronzio in the banker role; LD Perry as a citizen at-large. Ms. Hill advised that Council would be exploring HAC's recommendation to add Charlottesville Works Initiative as a permanent position and evaluating the HAC membership in general,

CONSENT AGENDA

Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas read the following Consent Agenda items into the record:

- a. Minutes: February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting; February 20, 2019 Special Meeting
- b. APPROPRIATION: Dockless Mobility Funds for Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements - \$50,575 (2nd reading)
- c. APPROPRIATION: Capital Fund Transfer for Completion of the Standards and Design Manual Rewrite - \$66,680 (2nd reading)
- d. RESOLUTION: Approval of 2018-2022 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report

Adoption of 2018 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the report entitled "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice", as presented to City Council on February 19, 2019, is hereby approved as a companion document to the Consolidated Plan.

- e. RESOLUTION: Business Equity Fund Donation Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to sign the following document, attached hereto, in form approved by the City Attorney or his designee.

Donation Agreement between the City of Charlottesville (Donor) and the Community Investment Collaborative for administration of the Business Equity Fund loan program.

DONATION AGREEMENT

THIS DONATION AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 4th day of March,

2019, by and between the **CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA**, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (hereinafter “the City”) and **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COLLABORATIVE**, a Virginia not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, and its successors and assigns (hereinafter “CIC”).

WHEREAS, CIC is a not-for-profit corporation operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, CIC intends to provide a loan program to socially disadvantaged individuals within the City of Charlottesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING DONATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. AUTHORITY. The contribution by the City to CIC as provided in this Agreement is made pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-953. The City, through its City Council, is enabled by Virginia Code §15.2-953 to appropriate public funds to charitable institutions if such institutions provide services to residents of the locality. CIC is a nonprofit charitable institution in the City of Charlottesville that provides services to Charlottesville residents. CIC is eligible to receive public funds pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-953 and such funds are to be used solely for the purposes provided for in this Agreement.

2. CITY DONATION. The City agrees to contribute to CIC a total of \$109,000 pursuant to Section 4 of this Agreement.

3. PURPOSE. The City’s contribution shall be used solely for the following items and services:

CIC shall administer a Business Equity Fund loan program for socially disadvantaged individuals owning a for-profit business in existence for at least six months located within the City of Charlottesville and having a business license with the City of Charlottesville.

Socially disadvantaged individuals are individuals who have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias because of their identity as a member of a group without regard to their individual qualities.

The loans are to be in amounts of \$5,000.00 to \$35,000.00 and the terms of the loans will range from six months to five years. The loans will be fully amortized and there will be no penalty for the early repayment of loans. The loans shall have annual interest rates ranging from zero to three percent and closing fees shall range from one percent to three percent. Should any loan be charged an interest rate of greater than zero, upon repayment, the full principal and interest shall return to the fund.

In order to be eligible for a loan, applicants must provide all requested financial documents in a timely manner; complete a loan application and interview with a loan panel; agree to a credit history check and review; and agree to technical assistance throughout the

process.

4. TIMING. The City shall grant CIC \$54,500.00 upon the execution of this Agreement. An amount of \$50,000 shall be used for loans and the remaining funds may be used to defray administrative costs of issuing the loans. CIC shall provide a report to the City within three months of receiving the initial grant detailing the use of City funds. If CIC has not used any City funds within three months of this Agreement's execution, CIC shall provide a written report to the City detailing the reasons for the lack of loans. If CIC makes loans within three months of the Agreement's execution, CIC shall provide a written report detailing the loans, repayments, types of businesses receiving the loans, and other relevant information requested by the City. This written report shall be a recurring quarterly obligation for CIC so long as loans using City funds still require repayment.

Upon CIC's use of the first \$54,500.00 of City funds, it may request in writing that the City's Director of Economic Development release the additional \$54,500.00 of City funds.

5. RETURN OF CITY FUNDS. If CIC does not lend any of the first \$50,000.00 of City funds within six months of the execution of this Agreement, the City may request a refund of the funds and terminate this Agreement immediately without complying with the provisions of Section 11 of this Agreement.

6. NO AGENCY RELATIONSHIP CREATED. Neither CIC nor its agents, employees, or subcontractors shall be deemed employees or agents of the City by virtue of this Agreement. CIC shall have sole responsibility of for its employees, volunteers, and subcontractors including their work, conduct, directions, and compensation.

7. SEVERABILITY. In the event any term, provision, or condition of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of any term, provision or condition contained herein to any person or circumstance other than those to which it has been held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.

8. CITY ACCESS TO RECORDS. CIC agrees that duly authorized representatives of the City shall have access to any books, documents, papers and records which are directly pertinent to this Agreement upon forty eight hours advanced request by the City.

9. INDEMNIFICATION. To the extent permitted by law, CIC agrees to defend, indemnify and save the City (including its officers, agents, officials, employees and agents) harmless from and against any and all liability loss, claim, suit, damage, charge or expense which the City may suffer, sustain, incur which may arise out of, results from, or is in any way connected with actions taken by CIC in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, or which occurs as a consequence of any negligence, omission or misconduct of CIC and any of pursuant to this Agreement.

10. NON DISCRIMINATION. During the performance of this Agreement, CIC agrees

that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or in the provision of its services against any employee, applicant for employment, or service recipient on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or any other basis prohibited by law. CIC agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees, applicants for employment, and applicants for services notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. CIC shall state that it is an equal opportunity employer in all solicitations or advertisements for employment.

11. TERMINATION. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other party of the termination with at least thirty days notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, CIC shall return any unexpended funds to the City.

12. NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS. Any failure on the part of the City to enforce any of this Agreement’s terms and conditions shall not be construed as or deemed to be a waiver of the right to enforce such terms and conditions. No waiver by the City or any default or failure to perform by CIC shall be construed as or deemed to be a waiver of any other and/or subsequent default or failure to perform. The acceptance of the performance of all or any part of this Agreement by the City, for or during any period following a default or failure to perform by CIC shall not be construed as or deemed to be a waiver by the City of any of its rights pursuant to this Agreement.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement states all of the covenants, promises, agreements, conditions, and understandings between the City and CIC regarding the City’s donation of funds.

14. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and any proceeding concerning this Agreement shall be commenced in courts having jurisdiction within the City of Charlottesville, Virginia.

15. AMENDMENTS. This Agreement may be amended by a written amendment signed by the authorized representatives of both parties.

WITNESS the following authorized signatures:

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COLLABORATIVE

Stephen Davis, President

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

Michael Murphy, Interim City Manager

Approved as to Form:

John C. Blair, II, City Attorney

f. RESOLUTION: Acquisition of Hartman’s Mill Road Land

**APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ON HARTMAN’S MILL ROAD
(CHARLEY CLOSE SUBDIVISION) FOR PARKLAND AND DEVELOPMENT OF
HOUSING**

WHEREAS, Charles Young and Kendall Ruscher, the Owners of a tract of land identified on City Tax Map 26 as Parcels 67, 67.1, 67.2, 67.3, 67.4, 67.5 and 67.6, hereinafter the “Property”, have indicated a willingness to convey the Property to the City of Charlottesville for parkland and housing development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Property is comprised of six (6) separate subdivision parcels, and a wetlands tract of land, collectively assessed at approximately \$315,900; and

WHEREAS, the Owners have agreed to dedicate to the City the wetlands area (1.848 acres), and convey to the City the six (6) subdivision parcels, including a residue portion of land to make Hartman’s Mill Road terminate in a cul-de-sac, for the purchase price of \$270,000; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the Property will preserve wetlands and expand the City’s park system by adding the wetlands parcel to Jordan Park; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Parks and Recreation and Neighborhood Development Services Departments seek the endorsement of City Council to proceed with the purchase of the above-described land at a purchase price of \$270,000, with the funds supplied by the Capital Improvements Project Contingency Fund; and

WHEREAS, a Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement for the conveyance of said land has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that it hereby authorizes the purchase of the above-described Property on Hartman’s Mill Road for expansion of the City’s parkland and for potential development of affordable housing. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a purchase agreement, in form approved by the City Attorney or his designee, and the City Attorney’s Office shall take whatever actions are necessary to effect the acquisition of the above described Property, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned purchase agreement.

g. RESOLUTION: Support of Friendship Court Redevelopment – Phase 1

RESOLUTION
Financial Resolution Supporting Friendship Court
Parcel Number: 280112000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby commits up to \$5,940,000 in the form of grants for the redevelopment of Friendship Court Phase I subject to Piedmont Housing Alliance satisfying the conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding agreed to by the City and the Piedmont Housing Alliance. The commitment of up to \$5,940,000 will help to subsidize Phase I which in turn will create

approximately 106 newly constructed affordable housing units in the City of Charlottesville. This commitment will be made to Piedmont Housing Alliance and NHT Communities.

h. RESOLUTION: Support for Crescent Halls Redevelopment

RESOLUTION
Financial Resolution Supporting Crescent Halls
Parcel Number: 280218000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby commits up to \$1,875,000 in the form of grants for the redevelopment of Crescent Halls subject to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority satisfying the conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding agreed to by the City and the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The commitment of up to \$1,875,000 will help to subsidize this project which in turn will create approximately 105 renovated affordable housing units in the City of Charlottesville. This commitment will be made to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

i. RESOLUTION: Support for South 1st Street Redevelopment

RESOLUTION
Financial Resolution Supporting South 1st Street
Parcel Number: 260115000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby commits up to \$1,125,000 in the form of grants for the redevelopment of South 1st Street subject to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority satisfying the conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding agreed to by the City and the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The commitment of up to \$1,125,000 will help to subsidize this project which in turn will create approximately 63 new or replacement affordable housing units in the City of Charlottesville. This commitment will be made to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

j. RESOLUTION: City Market Lease

A new sublease for the 2019 market season (April – December) was presented for approval.

APPROVING City Market Sublease Agreement

k. ORDINANCE: Encroachment and Aerial Easement from City for CODE Building on West Main (Mall) (2nd reading)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEED OF ENCROACHMENT AND TEMPORARY AERIAL EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA TO BRANDS HATCH LLC, FOR THE CENTER OF DEVELOPING ENTERPRISES (CODE) PROJECT AT THE WESTERN END OF THE DOWNTOWN MALL

1. **ORDINANCE: Telecommunications Franchise to MCI Communications (carried)**

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Dr. Bellamy, Council voted 5-0 to APPROVE the amended resolutions to items 'g', 'h', and 'i', as presented by Ms. Hill. (Ayes: Ms. Walker, Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer. Noes: None.)

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Dr. Bellamy, Council voted 5-0 to ADOPT the CONSENT AGFENDA with approved amendments to items 'g', 'h', and 'i'. (Ayes: Ms. Walker, Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Galvin, Mr. Signer. Noes: None.)

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS (FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS)

Interim City Manager Mike Murphy discussed the following matters:

- 1) Pedestrian closures of streets and sidewalks are being looked into by the City's Traffic Engineer, in addition to the crash data at Willoughby. Mr. Murphy advised that he will provide more information at an upcoming meeting.
- 2) The downtown trolley route change pilot start date has been set for Monday, March 11, 2019. After the pilot, changes could be made as soon as three weeks if so determined. He advised that with the challenges of bus size and downtown parking, several parking spaces will be eliminated on 2nd Street.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Mr. Bill Lankford yielded his time to Mr. Michael Payne who talked about fossil fuel divestment. He advised that climate change and environmentalism is directly connected to affordable housing, economic and racial justice, and economic inequality. He asked Council to commit to a bold greenhouse gases emission reduction target of 100% clean energy by 2035.

2. Mr. Eric Terry, President of Virginia Restaurant, Lodging and Travel Association, spoke about payroll in the hotel industry within Charlottesville. He advised that hotel occupancy levels have dropped and spoke against the lodging and meals tax increases. He asked Council to consider discounting the credit card fees when collecting lodging tax.

Dr. Bellamy asked about living wage for hotel industry workers.

Ms. Walker asked about status of restaurant and hotel industry in regard to new and potential openings in the City. Mr. Terry advised that he would have to defer to Economic Development.

3. Ms. Louisa Candelario, resident, spoke about funds for affordable housing, and asked Council not to forget about home ownership and providing funds to Habitat for Humanity. She also spoke in favor of school reconfiguration for Walker and Buford.

4. Ms. Susan Payne, working @ 206 East Jefferson, spoke about the tourism industry. She advised that the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau (CACVB) is reorganized with full city representation for the first time, and the search is underway for an Executive Director. She said there is room to grow the tourism industry and compared City and County rates.
5. Ms. Claire Habel, resident, spoke about the climate action planning process that is underway. She gave information about her role as the Residential Program Manager for the Charlottesville Climate Collaborative. She shared ideas that reflect the need for Council to take the lead on matters of climate change.
6. Mr. Ray Masters, Starr Hill resident, spoke out of concern for a 30 percent increase in his home assessment, and a lack of neighborhood outreach during the small area plan process.
7. Mr. Thomas Penny III, President of Donohoe Hospitality Services, a partner in the development of The Draftsman hotel, spoke about opportunities that the hospitality industry affords, and opportunities for employees to grow. He spoke in support of affordable housing and advised that business and elected officials need to work together to bring people back to the City. He advised that if lodging tax has to be increased, a portion should be invested in the Visitors Bureau to help attract people to Charlottesville.
8. Ms. Emily Little, County resident working in the City, delivered 127 signatures and a petition for increased climate protection. She thanked Ms. Galvin for her work and presented her with a picture.
9. Mr. David Swanson, resident, spoke of the petition at Divestcv.org, and encouraged Council to divest from weapons companies and fossil fuel companies. He asked the City to invest more ethically.

Dr. Bellamy asked Mr. Murphy what divestment would look like for the City. Mr. Murphy advised of the complexity of investments and the role of the elected City Treasurer. Dr. Bellamy requested having Mr. Vandever to give a report at a future meeting – possibly the first meeting in May.

Ms. Galvin expressed support of having Mr. Vandever report at a future meeting. She spoke to Mr. Swanson regarding limitations of local government and advised that this topic is worth looking into.

Mr. Signer advised that he has done some research and wanted to divide the resolutions to evaluate them separately as two different classes of industry: fossil fuels and weapons.

Mr. Murphy advised that he will follow up on the timing for a potential Request for Proposal (RFP) and message Council for choosing which date to bring the item back before Council.

10. Mr. Brandon Collins, resident, spoke on behalf of Public Housing Association of Residents (PHAR) as his employer, in support of the Critical Slopes waiver.

11. Ms. Janette Murphy, resident ceded time to Marie Scott, who spoke in support of Habitat for Humanity and the importance of home ownership. She advised that affordable housing is a key facet in breaking the cycle of generational poverty, and programs like Habitat for Humanity promote financial literacy and generational wealth.

12. Mr. Garrett Trent ceded his time to Dan Rosensweig, who spoke on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville and the equity crisis in the housing industry.

13. Mr. Peter Castiglione, resident, spoke about the FY 2020 budget. He advised that the budget can be approved without tax increases because the money already exists. He advised that tax increases have consequences.

Ms. Walker and Dr. Bellamy asked clarifying questions. Mr. Castiglione asked for budget transparency.

14. Ms. Joan Fenton, owner of businesses on the Downtown mall, expressed thanks for directional signs downtown. She asked for better signage at 4th & Water Streets. She spoke of traffic issues at Water Street. On the issue of taxes, she said that she feels that the City has better ways to get funds than by taxes. She suggested speeding up internal City processes, investing in tourism, and bringing more tourist dollars downtown.

15. Mr. Roy van Doorn, office on High Street, distributed books to Councilors and spoke of the enormity of the tourism industry, consisting of many small businesses. He gave statistics. He ceded time to Charles Friend, City resident and hotel General Manager, who spoke about hotel industry opportunities for advancement.

16. Annie Stupp, resident, spoke on behalf of the Housing Coalition about affordable housing and the need to address every aspect of the housing spectrum. She advised that she still does not see funding for the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) addressing homelessness or home ownership. She spoke in favor of increasing taxes for the wealthy and expanded tax relief to low income residents and the most vulnerable citizens.

Ms. Walker advised that budget conversations regarding tax relief would be starting this week.

Ms. Galvin spoke of keeping the CAHF (Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund) stable with a dedicated funding stream.

Mayor Walker recessed the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

REPORT: School Board's Adopted FY2020 Budget

Ms. Jennifer McKeever, Chair of the Charlottesville City School Board, introduced Schools staff and School Board members in attendance and presented the Fiscal Year 2020 School Board Adopted Budget.

One of the commitments for this budget is to attract and retain the best teachers. She advised that the budget includes a proposal for a compensation increase and does plan for growth. Ms. McKeever shared the vision of school system reconfiguration and explained the findings that led to the School Board's decision. She reviewed the request for continuation of grant funded programs and school-based program supports and improvements.

Ms. McKeever explained that the School Board is requesting a total of \$3,368,421 from the City, which is based on a reduction of the original proposal of \$3.8M as a result of the Interim City Manager's request for all departments to decrease their requested budgets.

Superintendent Rosa Atkins and staff shared additional information to clarify Council questions regarding class sizes and programs.

Dr. Bellamy stated for the record that he is in support of finding an additional \$500,000 to fund the original School Board proposed budget.

REPORT: City Manager's Proposed FY2020 Budget

Mr. Mike Murphy advised that the budget reflects Council and the community's priorities and is presented using a \$0.95 real estate tax rate. He acknowledged the work of City staff and mentioned the major budget themes: 1) affordable housing, 2) preserving and enhancing quality services, 3) investment in our employee, 4) focus on organizational efficiencies, 5) strong support for City Schools, and 6) strategic plan and Council priorities. He advised that the CIP is a one-year budget and a five-year plan. Mr. Murphy discussed programs from outside and nonprofit agencies, Capital Improvement Plan highlights, debt service, Schools and affordable housing. He expressed concern that the budget did not address home ownership and homelessness.

Mr. Murphy reviewed the Budget Calendar, and advised of changes in times as well as adjustments of some dates:

- March 7 Worksession 6:00
- March 14 Worksession 6:00
- March 16 Community Budget Forum
- March 18 Public Hearings
- March 19 Worksession
- TENTATIVE – March 27 Worksession
- April 1 Second Public Hearing/First Reading
- April 8 Budget Approval

He referenced Charlottesville.org/budget, which has more information about the budget.

Dr. Bellamy advised Councilors that they would receive information within the week about funding streams for addressing homelessness, in particular a potential Crossings2, which would provide 50 units for those who are chronically homeless, and 30 units for those who are at or below the 50% AMI (Area Median Income).

RESOLUTION*: South First Street Redevelopment - Critical Slopes Waiver

Ms. Carrie Rainey, City Planner, gave a presentation for this project which supports Council's Goal 1 of Affordable Housing. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to approve the waiver with revisions.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Dr. Bellamy, Council voted unanimously to approve the RESOLUTION*: South First Street Redevelopment - Critical Slopes Waiver with the language stated by Ms. Rainey for item 5 "within the approved final site plan." Ms. Galvin accepted the friendly amendment to the motion.

ORDINANCE*: Imposition of Fee for Fire Department Inspections

Chief Andrew Baxter & Battalion Chief Jay Davis presented the proposed fee schedule, which mirrors Albemarle County fees, and are permitted per the Virginia State Fire Code.

Ms. Walker advised that she has been asked questions about fees for propane tanks on the mall. A component of managing risk.

Mr. Davis advised that the inspections and permitting are separate issues and the inspections will be done anyway to ensure safety.

Ms. Walker asked about possible collaboration with the County for the permitting process. Mr. Blair advised that it could be approved if the County were in agreement.

Dr. Bellamy asked about requirements for food trucks. Chief Baxter and Mr. Davis advised that there would be an outreach and educational component to the permitting prior to implementation and enforcement, as is the normal practice of the Community Risk Reduction team. The fee schedule would be implemented by the end of FY 2019.

Ms. Hill questioned how many fees a vendor could incur in a year. Mr. Davis advised that the fee is annual.

Ms. Galvin made the comment that she would like for permits to be effective regionally. Mr. Blair advised that it would take some time to work out an inter-jurisdictional agreement.

Council agreed to move this fee schedule forward to the March 18 Consent Agenda while charging the Fire Department with working on a regional plan for permit fees. Mr. Murphy

explained that the fee schedule involved several fees that are specific to City operations; however, Council's discussion focused on food service and propane tanks. The collaboration effort with the County would be based on those two items. Other fees are distinct to the locality.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Galvin made a comment about the synthetic tax increment finance district and asked for a future presentation to Council to address sustainable funding stream for the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund. Mr. Murphy advised that he will talk with Ms. Brenda Kelley. Ms. Galvin proposed the area of Water Street as a geographical growth corridor location. Ms. Hill agreed that it is worth having the conversation and expressed concern about the timeline, that perhaps this could be addressed after the current budget season.

Ms. Hill mentioned receiving a letter about signing for opposing a dirty water rule. Ms. Galvin advised that she agrees that Councilors should discuss the letter at another time. Mr. Signer advised that if Council decides to support signing the letter, the item could be placed on a future Consent Agenda.

Ms. Hill spoke of the interest from the Police Civilian Review Board (CRB) to have Council presence at meetings as they develop bylaws. Ms. Walker and Dr. Bellamy expressed support for a Council worksession with the CRB. Ms. Walker advised that City staff would also need to be present. Ms. Walker recommended that the CRB send their draft bylaws to Council for review in preparation for an April meeting.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Brad Slocum, City resident, read an article about sustainable investment.

Ms. Sina McGill, City resident, spoke about socially responsible stock investing, particularly solar and alternative energy. She also expressed concern about the Schools proposed budget cut that would affect school security.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.