

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - April 1, 2019**

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS**

Dr. Bellamy asked for moment of silence out of respect for the death of Nipsey Hussle, an artist who was recently gunned down in Los Angeles, and through his music and philanthropy has impacted citizens locally.

Dr. Bellamy announced an event – the Kuumba Youth Showcase hosted by Mr. Alex Zan, April 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Burley Middle School.

Ms. Hill read an announcement from the Charlottesville Victim/Witness Program regarding Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 7 through April 13, with an event to commemorate the week scheduled for Sunday, April 7 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at IX Park, located at 522 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE.

Ms. Hill announced upcoming DMV Connect visits:

- Monday, April 29th from 10:00am to 3:00pm (City Space)
- Tuesday, May 28th from 10:00am to 3:00pm (City Hall Lobby)
- Monday, August 26th from 10:00am to 3:00pm (City Space)
- Monday, September 30th from 10:00am to 3:00pm (City Space)
- Monday, October 28th from 10:00am to 3:00pm (City Space)
- Monday, November 25th from 10:00am to 3:00pm (City Space)

Ms. Galvin announced the McIntire Botanical Garden “Earth Day Workday” on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteers are asked to wear sturdy boots, work gloves, and dress for the weather. The rain/weather date will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. Parking will be along Melbourne Road and overflow in the Charlottesville High School lot.

**CONSENT AGENDA\* (Items removed from consent agenda will be considered at the end of the regular agenda)**

Ms. Walker opened the floor for anyone wishing to comment on a consent agenda item.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, City resident, commented on the public access property lease. She voiced concern about the lease being granted without competition.

Ms. Robin Hoffman advised that public access television is a right of free speech. She thanked city staff, in particular members of the Department of Communications, for their efforts in putting the lease together.

Mr. Blair gave clarification that Mr. Thomas is guaranteed a three hour slot based on his lease; however, that does not preclude others who would normally use the space from having access to it during the facility's regular operating hours. Mr. Blair advised that the Virginia Public Procurement Act requirement of competition does not apply to real estate transactions. As far as priority, Mr. Thomas has agreed as part of the lease agreement to pay for rent of the space at York Place for the next year out of his own funds.

**a. MINUTES: March 4 Regular Meeting; March 7 Budget Worksession; March 14 Special Meeting; March 16 Community Budget Forum; March 18 Special Meeting; March 19 Budget Worksession; March 27 Budget Worksession**

March 4 Regular Meeting

March 7 Budget WS

March 14 Special Meeting

March 16 Community Budget Forum

March 18 Special Meeting

March 19 Budget WS

March 27 Budget WS

**b. APPROPRIATION: State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for 2019 - \$14,086 - 2nd reading**

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) Grant for 2019 - \$14,086

**WHEREAS**, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant, providing federal payments for correctional officer salary costs incurred for incarcerating certain undocumented criminals has been awarded the City of Charlottesville, on behalf of the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail, in the amount of \$14,086.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that a total of \$10,987 be appropriated and passed through to the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail and \$3,099 be appropriated and passed through to Justice Benefits, Inc.

**Revenues**

\$14,086	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900296	G/L Account: 431110
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**Expenses**

\$10,987	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900296	G/L Account: 530550
\$ 3,099	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900296	G/L Account: 530670

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$14,086 from the U. S. Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**c. APPROPRIATION: Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant - \$49,336 (2nd reading)**

Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant - \$49,336

**WHEREAS**, The City of Charlottesville, through the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, has received the Domestic Violence Services Coordinator Grant from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$38,336 in Federal pass-thru funds, Albemarle County is to contribute an additional \$6,000 in local cash match, and the City Commonwealth Attorney's Office will contribute up to \$5,000 cash match, as needed to meet salary and benefit expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$49,336 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenues**

\$38,336	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414002000	G/L Account: 430120
\$ 6,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414002000	G/L Account: 432030
\$ 5,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 1414002000	G/L Account: 498010

**Expenditures** Fund: 209 Cost Center: 1414002000 G/L Account: 519999  
\$49,336

**Transfer** Fund: 105 Cost Center: 1401001000 G/L Account: 561209  
\$ 5,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$38,336 from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and \$6,000 from the County of Albemarle, Virginia.

**d. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Behavioral Health Docket Grant - \$50,000 (2nd reading)**

Virginia Behavioral Health Docket Grant - \$50,000

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of Virginia awarded the Supreme Court of Virginia Behavioral Health Docket Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the Charlottesville - Albemarle Therapeutic Docket in order to fund salaries, benefits, and operating expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville serves as the fiscal agent for this grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County both have dedicated local matches to this grant, totaling \$110,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award covers the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$50,000, received as a grant from the Supreme Court of Virginia, is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenues**

\$50,000 Fund: Internal Order: #1900324 G/L Account: 430110 (State Grant)

**Expenditures**

\$50,000 Fund: Internal Order: #1900324 G/L Account: 530670

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$50,000 from the Supreme Court of Virginia.

**e. APPROPRIATION: Funds from VML Insurance Programs - \$11,374.00 (carried)**

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**f. APPROPRIATION: Funds from Ryder - \$7,850.00 (carried)**

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- g. APPROPRIATION: Funds from Trinity Steel Erection, Inc. - \$2,856.00 (carried)**

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- h. APPROPRIATION: Funds from Penn National Insurance - \$12,500.00 (carried)**

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- i. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Fire Equity & Diversity Conference - \$50,000 (carried)**

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- j. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Housing Solutions Program Grant Award - \$27,728.46 (carried)**

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- k. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Employment for Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) Participants Grant (2nd Renewal) - \$58,824 (carried)**

VDSS Employment for TANF Participants Grant (2nd Renewal) - \$58,824

- l. RESOLUTION: Support for Safe Routes to School Non-infrastructure grant**

Support for Safe Routes to School Non-infrastructure grant

**RESOLUTION  
Supporting Safe Routes to School (“SRTS”) Projects**

WHEREAS, obesity is one of the most serious threats to American public health, ranking third among preventable causes of death in the United States;

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are also a leading cause of death and injury to children;

WHEREAS, between 1969 and 2009 the percentage of children walking and biking to school dramatically declined from 48 percent to 13 percent;

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School program, created by Congress in 2005, aimed to increase the number of children engaged in active transportation when traveling to school by funding (1) infrastructure projects, located within two miles of a public school, that directly increase safety and convenience for public school children walking and/or biking to school, and

(2) non- infrastructure projects designed to encourage public school children to walk and bicycle to school;

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School projects are a proven, effective approach to increasing the number of children actively traveling to school by foot or bike;

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School projects provide important health, safety, and environmental benefits for children, including reducing risk of obesity/chronic disease and pedestrian/bicycle injuries as well as improving air quality;

WHEREAS, the need for Safe Routes to School projects is especially strong in low-income areas, which suffer from a disproportionately high incidence of both childhood obesity/chronic disease and pedestrian and bicycle injuries and often have inferior pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure;

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School projects make it safer and more convenient for all residents to walk and bike to destinations, further promoting public health;

WHEREAS, a goal of the City of Charlottesville's current Comprehensive Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Complete Streets Resolution and Healthy Eating Active Living Resolution supports active transportation options, which can be met in part by implementation of Safe Routes to School projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlottesville affirms its commitment to active transportation and supporting Safe Routes to School infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects.

**m. RESOLUTION: Housing Advisory Committee Membership Expansion**

Housing Advisory Committee Membership Expansion

**RESOLUTION**  
**Amending the Housing Advisory Committee Membership**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Advisory Committee consists of four categories of membership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Advisory Committee's Category Two membership consists of representatives appointed by organizations within the Charlottesville community; and

**WHEREAS**, Category Two representatives are not subject to term limits for their service on the HAC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Advisory Committees has sent a letter recommending that a representative from the Charlottesville Works Initiative be added to the Housing Advisory Committee as a Category Two representative.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it adds the Charlottesville Works Initiative as a Category Two member of the Housing Advisory Committee.

n. **RESOLUTION: ~~10th & Page Park – land acquisition – \$60,800~~ [REMOVED FROM AGENDA - Item required only 1 reading and was PASSED on March 18, 2019]**

o. **RESOLUTION: CPA-TV/York Property Lease Agreement and The Ryal Thomas Show, LLC License Agreement (carried)**

CPA-TV/York Property Lease Agreement and The Ryal Thomas Show, LLC License Agreement

p. **RESOLUTION: Partnership for Bennett's Village All Abilities Playground at Pen Park**

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### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Establishing a Partnership**

#### **Between the City of Charlottesville and Bennett's Village**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville (hereinafter “the City”) acknowledges the need for a fully accessible playground within the City’s park system that is designed for individuals with disabilities across the age and ability spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has received a proposal from Bennett’s Village, a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, to conduct the fund-raising needed to construct such a facility at Pen Park, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Parks and Recreation Department has reviewed this proposal to determine its consistency with the Agency Mission, the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the Park Classifications and determined that such a facility is consistent with the Mission, the Comprehensive Plan, and with Pen Park’s designation as a regional park, and

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department, as the regional provider of adaptive recreation services, supports this proposal to meet a need within the City’s park system that can support the entire region.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the Parks and Recreation Department is authorized to create a public private partnership between the City and Bennett's Village to design and develop an All Abilities playground at Pen Park to be formalized with a Memorandum of Agreement between the two parties at the earliest possible convenience to facilitate fund raising by Bennett's Village for the facility.

**q. ORDINANCE: Telecommunications Franchise to MMI Atlantic, LLC (carried)**

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**r. ORDINANCE: Rezone Lyman Street Residences-Tax Map 58 Parcels 289.2 and 358E (Subject Properties)(carried)**

Rezone Lyman Street Residences-Tax Map 58 Parcels 289.2 and 358E (Subject Properties)

**s. ~~ORDINANCE: Proposed Meals Tax Rate for FY2020 (2nd reading)~~**

Proposed Meals Tax Rate for FY2020

On request of Mr. Signer, this item was removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

**t. ORDINANCE: Proposed Lodging Tax Rate for FY2020 (2nd reading)**

Proposed Lodging Tax Rate for FY2020

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 30-253 OF CHAPTER 30 (TAXATION) INCREASING THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX FROM 7% TO 8% FOR TRANSIENT LODGING.**

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, CONSENT AGENDA was Approved (Ayes: Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Hill, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

**s. ORDINANCE: Proposed Meals Tax Rate for FY2020 (2nd reading)**

Proposed Meals Tax Rate for FY2020

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Hill, the **ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 30-283 OF CHAPTER 30 (TAXATION) INCREASING THE MEALS TAX ON THE PURCHASE OF EVERY MEAL SOLD IN THE CITY BY A RESTAURANT OR CATERER** was Approved (Ayes: Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Hill, Ms. Walker, Ms. Galvin; Noes: Signer).

## **CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS (FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS)**

Mr. Murphy followed up on matters from the March 18, 2019 meeting:

1) Benches on the downtown mall. He advised that he has received questions and feedback from people downtown and he will follow up with them on April 8 to advise of where the dozen or so benches could be potentially located.

2) Regarding concerns for the proposed route change for the Downtown Trolley, the next step would be to post the proposed changes for a period of 14 days for public comment, and the process should be initiated by the Traffic Engineer and underway.

3) Regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, staff are working on wayfinding signs and general public parking signs have been installed. Staff are looking to install additional signage that designates parking at cars, and adding benches along the pathway to the memorial. Staff received a quote for the paving of lot, and Mr. Murphy has authorized Mr. Daly to move forward with the purchase order on that service. There will be some accessible parking at the location, and a form was developed that could be used for reserving a ride to the memorial by Polaris or large golf cart. Mr. Murphy will follow up with more details at a later Council meeting.

4) There have been a number of questions and letters from environmental groups that will be addressed at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The City Treasurer has been asked to make a presentation about investment of retirement funds and the possibility of divestment.

5) A question from the last meeting asked when changes were made in Internal Affairs. Mr. Murphy advised that the changes happened at the point of promotions and reassignment of staff on January 14.

6) Mr. Murphy addressed the issue raised by Ms. Katrina Turner regarding language in her official determination from Chief Brackney. He had copies of the last two letters sent to Ms. Turner along with a letter dated today that corrects the language from “video” to “photo”.

Dr. Bellamy advised that he has been approached by several people who oppose the bus route changes. Ms. Walker suggested trying the route and then giving feedback. Mr. Murphy advised that he has received feedback on both sides of the route change issue. Ms. Galvin asked whether the bus route changes are a pilot. Mr. Murphy advised that it could be done as a pilot, but a lot of factors go into implementing the changes. Ms. Galvin asked for future feedback. Mr. Murphy advised that a trial period would be from May through November and a placeholder would be put on the first November meeting.

Ms. Galvin asked about benches on the downtown mall. She asked about the Vietnam Memorial, and why there could not be a parking lot put closer to the park. Mr. Murphy advised that there are multiple complications that affect access to the Memorial and that the City is doing everything it can to provide reasonable accommodations. Ms. Galvin asked that the full extent of challenges be shared with those who have raised concerns.

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

Ms. Tara Mincer, County resident, shared information about Spread the Vote Project ID,

Ms. Abigail Greene, City resident, spoke in support of tax increases across the board to support affordable housing.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter spoke in support of Spread the Vote Project ID. She also spoke about the commitment that Council has made to affordable housing. She mentioned a concern that there seems to be no comprehensive housing strategy, and that many long-time residents are in jeopardy of losing their homes.

Mr. Walt Heinecke, City resident, ceded his time to Elaine Poon from the Charlottesville Low Income Housing Coalition, who spoke in support of a real estate tax increase or whatever it takes to deepen the tax relief program.

Ms. Annie Stup of the Charlottesville Low Income Housing Coalition spoke in favor of fully funding all housing needs across the spectrum, fully funding the affordable housing fund and finding a permanent long-term source of revenue to fund affordable housing for years to come. She spoke in favor of increased real estate taxes, expanded tax relief for low income homeowners, and using the property tax relief to get around State issues. She advised that higher and middle income residents could afford to pay more in taxes.

Ms. Walker shared information about tax relief increases that have been made.

Ms. Rebecca Quinn, resident, spoke about the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority report on the agenda. She objected to the flow of water being characterized as “somewhat below the five year average”. She advised that the fact that less water is being used despite increased population is attributed to conservation efforts. She would like to ask the City Utilities Department to advise what they have done to limit infiltration, which is important for keeping costs down. She recommended composting as an alternative to recycling. She mentioned another option for landlords regarding taxes.

Ms. Walker confirmed with Mr. Murphy that the value of the rental assistance program has doubled.

Ms. Robin Hoffman spoke about CPA-TV, and her experience learning about television production with Cal Tate. She advised that there are about 100 spots, but only 12 have been occupied for the last few years. She gave ideas for shows that could be helpful with affordable housing efforts.

Ms. Andrea Massey, City resident, expressed interest in the 1-1-1 tax increases. She advised that she wants to have her taxes raised to help the City and this problem needs a long-term solution.

Mr. Michael Payne, City resident, echoed the previous speaker's comments. He spoke of the legacy of the current City Council, which includes seeds for future progress. He spoke in support of Charlottesville Low Income Housing Coalition recommendation, funding the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund, rent relief, real estate tax relief for five to ten years. He asked Council to ensure a stable revenue stream over a multi-year commitment. He expressed concern about staff capacity to complete zoning reform or to help the Housing Authority with redevelopment in public housing.

Ms. Anna Malnowski, County resident working in City, spoke on behalf of SURGE, in partnership with CLIHC, supporting permanent solutions to the affordable housing crisis – specifically raises in the real estate tax. She voiced concerns about business owners needing to pay workers more. She mentioned that the wealthy should pay their fair share. She advised that housing justice is racial justice.

Ms. Tanisha Hudson advised that people who can afford to eat out can afford to pay additional meals tax. She thanked Mr. Murphy for handling the bench issue on the mall. She addressed Ms. Galvin regarding comments from business owners about where benches would be located. Regarding a parking lot or bridge for the veterans memorial, she advised that there are ways to access the park without spending money for a parking lot. She spoke in favor of the lodging tax increase since hotels are always sold out on weekends. She advised that the real estate tax increase is necessary, but needs to support an increase in tax relief for people who have traditionally been left out.

Ms. Katrina Turner told Council of an elderly long-term neighbor whose house is in danger of going into foreclosure because of under \$3000 in real estate taxes. Ms. Walker asked her to send the neighbor's information for followup. Ms. Turner asked Mr. Murphy about another complaint that was filed on the Chief of Police. Mr. Murphy advised that a letter was sent via certified mail and he could have it printed tonight.

With additional space on the speakers list, Mr. Walt Heinecke, City resident, thanked Council for their commitment to affordable housing evidenced by raising the meals and lodging taxes. He spoke in support of public television and in support of the skateboard park. He spoke as an advocate for fixing the stop & frisk problem in the City, and added expressed thanks for the Police Chief and Department handled the recent threat to Schools.

Ms. Rosia Parker asked Mr. Murphy about response to stop at 8th & Main Street. Mr. Murphy advised that he has spoken with the Traffic Engineer repeatedly and all of his recommendations were implemented; however, rapid flash beacons were not recommended. Mr. Murphy suggested having Mr. Duncan, Traffic Engineer, come to the next meeting with pictures.

Ms. Elliott expressed thanks to Mayor Walker for her response to Ms. Turner's concern.

Aria spoke about being a newcomer to the City and advised that she began transitioning about 4 months ago. She expressed appreciation for the welcoming culture of the City for the LGBTQ community.

Ms. Walker recessed the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION: Lease Agreement with Verizon for Communications Equipment in Market Street Garage**

Lease Agreement with Verizon for Communications Equipment in Market Street Garage

Mr. Blair introduced the item, advising that Council would need to vote on one of two resolutions – one of which offers a discounted lease rate. Mr. Engel's report advised that he was not able to locate a market rate study to verify market conditions that justify lowering Verizon's lease rate.

Ms. Galvin asked for clarification of whether there is any policy requiring third party review of market rate. Mr. Blair advised that for these types of facilities, the Council could set a policy to require a third party review. State legislature did mandate that certain small cell facilities on certain facilities such as utility poles, the City has to allow. Mr. Engel's recommendation is to keep the rate at \$9000 per month.

Mr. Murphy added that when Verizon approached the City six years ago, they proffered the amount of \$9000 per month, which the City accepted without negotiation.

Ms. Lori Schweller, attorney with Williams Mullen, representing Verizon Wireless, offered additional information about the request for the five year lease, advising that rents have gone down.

Ms. Walker opened the public hearing.

With no one coming forward to speak, Ms. Walker closed the public hearing.

Ms. Walker and Ms. Galvin advised that they would need more information to justify the decrease. Ms. Galvin added that she would be interested in having a third party review the information as the information came from the applicant.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION B: Lease Agreement with Verizon for Communications Equipment in Market Street Garage was Approved. (Ayes: Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Hill, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, Ms. Galvin; Noes: None.)

**RESOLUTION**  
**APPROVING LEASE OF PROPERTY**  
**ON THE MARKET STREET PARKING GARAGE**  
**TO CELLCO PARTNERSHIP (T/A VERIZON WIRELESS)**

**WHEREAS**, Cellco Partnership, trading as Verizon Wireless ("Verizon"), proposes to renew and amend its existing lease of certain property on the Market Street Parking Garage structure, for the purpose of installing telecommunications equipment ("Lease");

**WHEREAS**, City Staff and Verizon negotiated terms and conditions for the original 2014 Lease, and Verizon proposes a 2019 Lease with a reduced annual rent of \$7,650.00, but in all other aspects having the same terms and conditions as negotiated in 2014, all as set forth within the draft proposed Lease Agreement submitted for City Council's consideration at a public hearing duly advertised and conducted on April 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, upon consideration of the recommendations of staff and of the terms and conditions of the proposed Lease Agreement, this Council finds that the proposed Lease Agreement is in the public interest, will promote the public welfare, safety and convenience, and will promote economic development and tourism in Downtown Charlottesville; however, City Council does not find that the requested reduction of annual rent is satisfactory and mutually advantageous, and Council as compared with the current annual rent of \$9,000.00;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a final Lease Agreement providing for annual rent in the amount of \$9,000.00, but otherwise consistent with the terms and conditions of the proposed Lease Agreement considered by Council at the April 1, 2019 Council meeting, which final Lease Agreement must be approved by the City Attorney as to form prior to signature.

## **PUBLIC HEARING City Council's Proposed Budget for FY2020**

### City Council's Proposed Budget for FY2020; Annual Tax Levy for CY 2019; Annual Budget Appropriation for FY2020

Mr. Murphy presented Council's Proposed Budget for FY2020, including the Annual Tax Levy and Annual Budget Appropriation for FY2020.

He advised that new funds were received from the State for Constitutional Officers, and the City experienced savings of over \$800K in expenditures. These funds would be added to Charlottesville Housing Assistance Program and rent relief program, with enough to meet obligations for those in CHAP as well as those on the waiting list.

Mr. Murphy reviewed proposed uses for FY19 surplus.

He reviewed the remaining Budget Calendar: April 8 budget approval.

Councilors thanked all staff involved in the budget process.

Ms. Walker opened the public hearing:

Ms. Vickie Bravo, City resident, representing IMPACT, applauded efforts to support affordable housing. She requested \$1.55M in CAHF and a permanent revenue stream.

Mr. Michael Payne advised that there is a lot to celebrate in the budget, and asked for long-term planning with the budget, specifically regarding the Capital Improvement Plan projects, school modernization/expansion and City staff requests.

Mr. Walt Heinecke, City resident, echoed positive comments about the budget and asked for long-term planning/strategy to support affordable housing. He asked Council to think about how land acquisition could help.

Mr. Jake Mooney, City resident, advised that he did not hear an explanation of how the \$850K was found in the budget. He expressed concern about not raising taxes.

Ms. Walker closed the public hearing.

Mr. Blair advised that no vote was needed and that a vote would take place on April 8.

Ms. Galvin recapped budget worksession questions and decisions from March meetings.

Ms. Walker added that her commitment is there. She is committed to creating policies that are not harmful to low income homeowners.

#### **ORDINANCE Annual Tax Levy for CY 2019 (carried)**

The public hearing for this item was held on March 18, 2019. There was no additional presentation and no discussion.

#### **APPROPRIATION Annual Budget Appropriation for FY2020 (carried)**

The public hearing for this item was held on March 18, 2019. There was no additional presentation and no discussion.

Ms. Walker advised that on April 8<sup>th</sup>, she will call in to the meeting to vote on the budget.

#### **REPORT: Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (RWSA) Quarterly Update**

##### Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (RWSA) Quarterly Update

Mr. Bill Mawyer, Executive Director of the Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority and the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority, gave a presentation. He advised that the reservoirs have plenty of water and that recycling is for #1 and #2 plastics only. Plastics 3-7 are not getting enough value for the effort. They will monitor market and maximize all systems. He showed two short videos of two of the major capital projects: 1) South Rivanna Water Treatment Plant; and 2) Observatory Mountain Water Treatment Plant (Ragged Mountain Reservoir) on the property of University of Virginia. These projects are planned to move forward at the end of the year, with a

completion date scheduled for 2023. They are in negotiation with UVA to renew the 99 year lease.

Ms. Hill asked about the strategy for adding capacity that may not be needed. Mr. Mawyer advised that capacity has to be planned well in advance and long-range planning is necessary. He explained that extreme weather events have been more frequent than in past decades as well.

Ms. Walker asked how UVA fits into the equation of the 2003 agreement with the City and County. Mr. Murphy advised that UVA is a customer of the system and have their own infrastructure. Ms. Walker asked about the comfort level with previous agreements. Mr. Mayer advised that rent with UVA is a topic of negotiation.

Mr. Signer asked about the City's fiduciary role with large capital projects. Mr. Murphy advised that the City places three people on the Water and Sewer side of the Board. There is a lot of scrutiny and an annual audit. The Authority follows the Virginia Public Procurement procedures and there are other measures in place. They are focused on being value-added and not just low cost.

Ms. Galvin added that the public has weighed in on projects to ensure quality and safety.

Ms. Walker asked about recycling of plastics #3-7, and how they came across information that these plastics were not being recycled as expected. Mr. Mawyer advised that this is related to China no longer accepting certain plastics. He advised that the recycling program loses several hundred thousand dollars every year. Ms. Walker asked a question about landfill versus recycling. Mr. Mawyer advised that there has been a Transfer Station in place for years because the City does not landfill since the 1980s. The waste is transferred to Amelia County, which was the low bidder.

Ms. Galvin asked Mr. Mawyer to explain why solar power could not be put on the landfill. He advised that Virginia Power did not accept the project.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.