

COUNCIL CHAMBER - May 6, 2019

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:35 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

Proclamations were presented in recognition of Bike Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, May 18 Kids to Parks Day, and May 19 Queen Charlotte Day.

CONSENT AGENDA*

Mr. Peter Krebs spoke regarding Community Development Block Grant.

a. MINUTES: March 18, 2019 regular meeting; April 15, 2019 regular meeting

Minutes - March 18, 2019

Minutes - April 15, 2019

b. APPROPRIATION: FM Global Fire Prevention Grant - \$3,268.00 (2nd reading)

FM Global Grant Program \$3,268.00

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville, through Charlottesville Fire Department, has received a grant for \$3,268 from FM Global to offset the cost of Fire Prevention supplies and education materials; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$3,268, received from FM Global is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$ 3,268

Fund: 105 Internal Order: 2000126 G/L Account: 451020

Expenditures - \$3,268

Fund: 105 Internal Order: 2000126 G/L Account: 530210

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$3,268 from FM Global.

- c. APPROPRIATION: 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant funding - \$395,052.82 (carried)**

2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant - HOME funding requests

This item was pulled by Ms. Walker for a separate vote. Ms. Walker advised that she asked to pull the item from the consent agenda based on concerns of process and accountability.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Dr. Bellamy, Council voted 3-2 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, Ms. Galvin; Noes: Ms. Walker, Dr. Bellamy.) to move the item forward to the next City Council meeting for vote.

- d. APPROPRIATION: 2019-2020 HOME Investment Partnership funding - \$120,382.75 (carried)**

2019-2020 HOME Investment Partnership Funding request

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- e. APPROPRIATION: Amendment to Community Development Block Grant Account - Reprogramming of Funds for FY 2019-2020 - \$1,900.82 (carried)**

2019-2020 Amendment to Community Development Block Grant Account

- f. APPROPRIATION: Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) - \$7,500 (carried)**

2018 LEMPG appropriation \$7500

- g. APPROPRIATION: Funding Requirements for SAP Integration for the FASTER Fleet Management Software - \$48,000 (carried)**

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- h. ORDINANCE: Amend Charlottesville City Code Section 15-131(Motor Vehicles and Traffic) (2nd reading)**

Amend Charlottesville City Code Section 15-131

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 15-131 OF CHAPTER 15 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC)

i. RESOLUTION: Alleys and Paper Streets Closing Policy (2nd reading)

Street Closing Policy Resolution

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Dr. Bellamy, Council by the following vote APPROVED the consent agenda minus Items C and D (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin).

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS (FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS)

Interim City Manager Mike Murphy advised that he along with the Office of Human Rights and Ms. Kaki Dimock have conducted the appropriate follow-up to concerns expressed by Ms. Myra Anderson.

As follow-up to concerns about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Mr. Murphy offered a proposal for a group of thirteen specified individuals to address the issues. Council confirmed consent to move forward with the group. Mr. Murphy advised that he and City Treasurer Jason Vendever plan to convene the group and bring forward joint recommendations in late October or early November.

Dr. Bellamy asked if there was any information that could be shared regarding Ms. Anderson's concerns. Mr. Murphy advised that he wanted to convey the seriousness of the matter as expressed by Council.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mr. Brad Slocum spoke about climate change and encouraged YES vote on Item #7 on the agenda.

Ms. Emily Irvine ceded her time to elementary school students Evan Kruse, Sebastian Kruse, Nora McIlwane, and Eleanor (?), who spoke about environmental issues and the need for City Council to set climate goals.

Ms. Ravi Respeto spoke on behalf of the Charlottesville Climate Collaborative (C3) about climate change at the community level. The United Way has made various green changes and they reach out to other businesses to decrease their carbon footprint and support staff recommendation on climate goals. She mentioned that low income families struggle with having homes that are not energy-efficient.

Mr. Jeff Fogel ceded his time to Marissa Turner of the People's Coalition. Ms. Turner expressed the need of a strong Police Civilian Review Board and staffing with and Executive Director and Auditor.

Ms. Marcia Geyer advised that she sent her notes in writing to Council and she ceded her time to Ms. Susan Kruse, who spoke about Charlottesville climate goal setting. She encouraged Council to adopt staff's recommended target for emissions reductions and carbon neutrality. She also spoke about the effects of climate change on low income households.

Ms. Sierra Gladfelter ceded her time to the Green Grannies, who made a musical presentation to emphasize the need to start now to address climate change.

Mr. David Redding advised of an announcement from the United Nations about losing a million species due to climate change. He spoke of the Bike Program by EcoVillage Charlottesville, public transportation, and an eco-efficient housing program as well as the need for more bike trails.

Mr. Rich Allevi, City resident representing the Charlottesville Renewable Energy Alliance and solar company business owner, spoke about greenhouse gas reduction targets and wanting to establish Charlottesville as the Renewable Energy Hub.

Mr. David Swanson, resident, presented a petition with hundreds of signatures, and a resolution of divestment for consideration by the City of Charlottesville.

Ms. Virginia Rovnyak, County resident, spoke in support of divestment from gun manufacturers and she spoke in favor of gun safety laws.

Ms. Tanisha Hudson ceded her time to Mr. John Gaines, City resident, who presented a petition for traffic lights at 10th and Page Streets, 8th and Main Streets, and 8th and Preston Avenue.

- Dr. Bellamy asked if this would constitute enough interest to warrant moving forward with improvements to 8th & Main. Mr. Murphy advised that at the last meeting, Council agreed to revisit this item at a future meeting, pending additional information from study of the area. Dr. Bellamy asked Council to take action now.
- Chief Brackney advised that speed timing devices will be added to the assessment of the problem, as well as an educational component.
- Ms. Walker and Ms. Galvin agreed that there are several request to consider before taking action.

Ms. Katrina Turner yielded her time to Ms. Rosia Parker, who spoke about disappointment in 8th Street. She also spoke in favor of transparency regarding City information and the Police Civilian Review Board.

Mr. Harold Folley ceded his time to Mr. Richard Koontz, who spoke about personal criminal history and the need for a strong Civilian Review Board. He asked Council to help facilitate change for people who are trying to make positive life changes.

- Ms. Walker made comments about the work being done for developing the CRB, in the effort to undo past wrongs.

Ms. Sherry Henley, working in the City, spoke in support of the CRB and shared stories about police interactions. She spoke of accountability and the need for fair treatment of all people.

Mr. Mason Pickett asked Council why they did not attend the re-dedication of the Vietnam Memorial.

Mr. Anthony Guy Lopez, University of Virginia graduate and a Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Member, requested that Council move the Lewis & Clark and Sacagawea statue because it is demeaning. He also described the “George Rogers Clark” statue.

- Ms. Walker mentioned that at her first staff meeting as a Councilor, she asked that the statue be removed.

The meeting recessed at 8:32 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING/ RESOLUTION*: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Funding-1st Year Action Plan, FY 19-20

PH RES_ 2019-2020 CDBG-HOME Action Plan

Missy Creasy, staff member gave a summary of Consolidated Plan explanation given, and the 30-day comment period was completed. The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission expressed support.

Ms. Walker opened the public hearing. With no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council by the following vote APPROVED the Resolution 4-1 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: Ms. Walker).

RESOLUTION
Approval of FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlottesville City Council hereby approves the FY 2019- 2020 Action Plan of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan as presented at the May 6, 2019, City Council meeting. All CDBG and HOME project estimates shall be increased or reduced at the same pro-rated percentage of actual entitlement. No agency’s EN amount will increase more than their initial funding request.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council by the following vote APPROVED the second Resolution 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

**A RESOLUTION
PRIORITY NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDS
FOR BELMONT
FY 19-20**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2019, Planning Commission of the City of Charlottesville recommended Belmont as the priority neighborhood for FY 19-20;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the funds for FY 19-20 shall be allocated as follows:

- (a) The allocation for FY 19-20 shall be allocated to Belmont.
- (b) The allocation for Ridge Street shall be allocated simultaneously for FY 20-21 and FY 2021-2022.
- (c) The allocation will alternate between both Ridge Street and Belmont for FY 2022-2023 (Belmont) and FY 2023-2024 (Ridge Street).

In total Belmont will receive a total of two years of funding, and Ridge Street will receive three years of funding. Belmont was funded in FY18-19 as well so each neighborhood will receive a total of 3 years funding each.

PUBLIC HEARING/ ORDINANCE: Amend Conditions for Closing a Portion of the Coleman Street Right of Way (Unaccepted ROW) (carried)

PH-ORD Coleman St Closing - Council memo and ordinance

City Attorney John Blair gave explanation of Ordinance. Habitat for Humanity has received a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ms. Walker opened the public hearing.

Mandy Burbage with Habitat for Humanity advised that she would answer questions and she provide additional information. Building six affordable units instead of two.

With no one present who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed. No vote was required; therefore the item moved forward to the May 20, 2019 Consent Agenda.

REPORT: Update from City Manager's Advisory on Organizational Equity

Equity Committee Report Update

Mr. Murphy introduced the item. Ms. Dimock gave a report, looking at the City's findings as an employer. She advised that this is a first-look, and more analysis is needed. She described four broad areas of recommendation:

1. Implement best practices in diversity, equity and inclusion.
2. Office of Equity and Inclusion that would have staff.
3. Use an equity impact assessment tool.
4. Improvement around community engagement.

Ms. Dimock advised that there is also a recommendation for training.

Dr. Bellamy thanked staff for their work and asked about the next step. He asked if there was room for an LGBTQ advisory group to be rolled into this effort. Ms. Dimock advised that right now the focus would be to address racial equity, and the group's next step would be to determine how to sequence the implementation. Ms. Dimock advised that the group would like more time to develop a recommendation, and some guidance.

Ms. Walker advised that she would have liked to have seen the acknowledgement that the City perpetuated the disparities. She offered a correction for a number in the report, advising that some salaries may skew the numbers. Ms. Dimock advised that the pay bands are evaluated by race. She advised that the use of temporary workers needs to also be evaluated.

Mr. Murphy advised there needs to be an expectation set before evaluation and this will take time. Ms. Walker advised that the right people need to be at the table and the current leadership needs to be evaluated and on board in order to carry it forward.

Dr. Bellamy advised of the value in having an outside entity help with this work.

Ms. Walker expressed concern of whether City personnel would listen to the information and how long it would take for some people to get on board with the program.

Mr. Murphy advised that his concern is how staff will best serve the citizens.

Ms. Walker advised that Council will have to be on board with this shift if they are going to hold staff accountable. Council agreed that they want this group to continue meeting to continue the work.

Dr. Bellamy expressed that the group should look toward formalization. Ms. Dimock advised that this group has made a 6-month commitment and will share their work with the new City Manager. A formal recommendation will be presented within three months.

Mr. Signer asked about having employee resource groups as opposed to having one commission.

Ms. Galvin thanked Mr. Murphy for making this a priority.

REPORT: Charlottesville Retirement Fund and Divestment Considerations

REP Targeted Divestment

Mr. Jason Vandever, City Treasurer and member of the City Retirement Investment board, gave a presentation about divestment.

ORDINANCE*: Homeowner Tax Relief Grant Program - 2019ORD CHAP-FY20 Homeowner Tax Relief Grant - 2019**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE HOMEOWNERSHIP BY LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME PERSONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE**

Mr. Todd Divers, Commissioner of the Revenue, spoke about the rental assistance program. He summarized proposals. Between the rental assistance and the Homeowner assistance programs, over 1000 families are served.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Dr. Bellamy, Council by the following vote PASSED the Ordinance 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

RESOLUTION*: Support of Federal Legislation for a Carbon Fee & Dividend Policy to Address Climate ChangeRES Support Legislation-Carbon Fee & Dividend Policy

Ms. Susan Elliott gave a summary of the resolution and described options. She spoke of the impact of various changes on the business sector and on individuals.

Mr. Signer asked about the procedure for addressing issues at the Federal level.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Hill, Council by the following vote PASSED the Ordinance 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

Ms. Galvin advised of a sense of urgency.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION
TO ADOPT LEGISLATION FOR A CARBON FEE & DIVIDEND
POLICY TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE**

WHEREAS, the weight of scientific evidence and scientific consensus indicates that greenhouse gas emissions from human activities is driving climate change, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business, academic, and other community leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville resolved in June 2017 to stand with cities and other public and private sector partners throughout the world to advance action in accordance with the goals outlined in the Paris Climate Agreement, a globally accepted commitment to fight climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been involved in and continues to explore a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our community; and

WHEREAS, the external environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, phased carbon fees on greenhouse gas emissions are an efficient, transparent, and enforceable market-based mechanism to incentivize an effective and fair transition to a renewable-energy economy; and

WHEREAS, a carbon fee and dividend policy can stimulate investment in low carbon-energy technologies and give residents and businesses in Charlottesville a powerful incentive to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, a steadily increasing revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend would be minimally disruptive to the economy while sending clear and predictable price signals to individuals and business purchasing and using carbon-based energy resources; and

WHEREAS, a national carbon fee and dividend will make the U.S. a leader in mitigating climate change through a market-based mechanism, spurring innovation; and

WHEREAS, dividends from carbon fees paid to households can ensure that families can continue to afford the energy they need during a transition to a low carbon economy while simultaneously stimulating our local economy and adding jobs; and

WHEREAS, a carbon fee and dividend regime is one of many policies that could effectively reverse the unacceptable risks posed by greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it encourages the U.S. Congress to enact legislation that address the significant risks posed by greenhouse gas emissions and that such legislation potentially include, but not be limited to, the following carbon fee and dividend policy components:

1. An annually increasing fee on carbon dioxide (or greenhouse gas equivalents) emissions produced by fossil fuels at the points of production and importation; and
2. A dividend that returns all the net revenues generated from the carbon dioxide fee to citizens in a manner that has a progressive incidence; and
3. Carbon-based fees and rebates for imports and exports to and from nations that have not implemented a carbon fee and dividend policy, which incentivizes trading partners to adopt similar laws to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

RESOLUTION*: Support of Key Focus Areas to Address in the City of Charlottesville Climate Action Plan

RES. GHGReduction

Ms. Susan Elliott gave a summary. She referenced information provided to Council at previous meetings. All information from the public comment period was included in the Council packet. She offered that the overall desire is to address issues on the front end and evaluate success regularly. Staff would need feedback for Council in order to go forward with more advanced research. She advised that equity is considered in the strategic plan.

The plan is to open up a second public comment period that will end May 31 and to come back before Council at the July 1 meeting.

Ms. Walker asked question about what happens after a recommendation is made. Ms. Elliott advised that a feasibility study is usually done. Ms. Walker asked how improvements are evaluated. Ms. Elliott advised that it depends on the program through which improvements are made.

Ms. Galvin asked that more details be put into the resolution to match more of what is in the report.

Ms. Hill asked for clarity on what is needed from Council right now and about the overall strategy.

On motion by Dr. Bellamy, seconded by Mr. Signer, Council by the following vote PASSED the Resolution 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

**RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF KEY FOCUS AREAS TO ADDRESS IN
THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the weight of scientific evidence and scientific consensus indicates that

greenhouse gas emissions from human activities is driving climate change, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business, academic, and other community leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville resolved in June 2017 to stand with cities and other public and private sector partners throughout the world to advance action in accordance with the with the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement, the first global commitment to fight climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville adopted a Statement of Economic Principles in September 2017 that supports growing a wide array of local industry sectors, the availability of excellent affordable housing, a globally competitive workforce, redevelopment that produces local jobs and affordable housing, builds upon Charlottesville's commitment to sustainability, and promotes active partnerships at the regional level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville is currently in Phase 2 of implementing its Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy commitment, and will develop a Climate Action Plan in Phase 3; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been involved in and continues to explore a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our community; and

WHEREAS, 90% of Charlottesville's carbon emissions profile is attributed to residential, commercial, and transportation sector activities; and

WHEREAS, initial costs for energy efficiency and renewable energy measures can pose a barrier for residential, commercial, and non-profit property owners and slow adoption of low carbon actions despite many such installations resulting in net-cost savings over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the private financial sector has access to resources that local government does not and that can aid in increased investment in energy performance of buildings in Charlottesville; and,

WHEREAS, the affordability of housing is affected by the cost of the housing unit and the cost of powering the home, known as the energy burden; and

WHEREAS, improvements in building energy performance through energy efficiency and renewable energy installations can reduce the energy burden cost for the building occupants and, in many cases, improve the comfort and quality of life of the building occupants; and

WHEREAS, local investment in energy improvements for buildings and low carbon strategies requires a skilled local workforce and supports local businesses and industries that are seeing national and global growth, and enables partnerships such as those seen in the GO Solar program; and

WHEREAS, strategies to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector can include mode shift, fuel switching, fuel economy, reduced travel distance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville municipal fleet – including transit, school buses, service and maintenance trucks, and passenger vehicles – contributes to community-wide transportation carbon emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the City of Charlottesville Climate Action Plan, to be developed under Phase 3 of its Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy commitment, will include, but not be limited to, strategies that address the following:

1. Further enabling private financial sector investment in energy performance upgrades for commercial properties in the City of Charlottesville through adoption of a commercial property assessed clean energy (C-PACE) financing program; and
2. Effective funding programs and models for increased residential energy performance, including programs that are compatible with affordable housing and owner or renter-occupied housing; and
3. The feasibility of integrating zero emission vehicles into the municipal fleet and supporting increased community adoption of zero emission vehicles; and
4. Working in conjunction with regional partners to implement seamless programs and services to increase ease of participation for Charlottesville organizations and residents.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Ms. Hill, Council by the following vote PASSED the Resolution 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

The meeting recessed at 10:52 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 11:04 p.m.

RESOLUTION*: Request for Approval for the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) to establish the Charlottesville Community Development Corporation (CCDC)

REP CRHA CCDC approval 050619

Mr. Grant Duffield of the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA) gave an explanation of the request.

Ms. Walker asked a question about RiverBend's involvement. Mr. Duffield advised that they would have no vested interest in the corporation.

Ms. Hill asked whether the entity has to always mirror the CRHA membership. Mr. Duffield explained that there is a requirement to have the entity mirror the CRHA membership so that in the event needed, the assets could revert back to CRHA. Mr. Dave Norris came forward to give further detail of the composition. Mr. Blair confirmed.

Ms. Galvin asked a question about floating bonds. Charlottesville Community Development Corporation (CCDC) does not have the authority.

On motion by Mr. Bellamy, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council by the following vote PASSED the Resolution 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE FORMATION BY THE CHARLOTTESVILLE
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY (CRHA) OF
THE CHARLOTTESVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION (CCDC), A NON-PROFIT ENTITY**

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority was created pursuant to the Virginia Housing Authorities Law (the “Act”), found in Chapter 1, Title 36, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Virginia Code”), and is now existing and operating as a public body corporate and politic, and the Act empowers the CRHA to form corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, trusts, or any other legal entity or combination thereof, on its own behalf or with any person or public or private entity; and

WHEREAS, the CRHA, through various entities, has applied to the Virginia Housing and Development Authority (“VHDA”) program for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (“LIHTC’s”), in part to provide financing for the rehabilitation and equipping of an existing affordable multi-family residential rental project comprised of an eight story building including 105 units known as Crescent Halls, the funding of debt service and other reserve funds and the payment of other transaction costs related to the award of LHTC’s to the project (collectively, the “Crescent Halls Reno Project”); and

WHEREAS, the CRHA, through various entities, has applied to the VHDA program for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, in part to provide financing for the construction and equipping of a new affordable multi-family residential rental project comprised of three buildings located at 900-1000 South First Street, including up to 63 units and a common resource space, the funding of debt service and other reserve funds and the payment of other transaction costs related to the award of LHTC’s to the project (collectively, the “South First Project”); and

WHEREAS, to secure VHDA funding for its affordable housing redevelopment projects, certain entities need to be created by the Authority to undertake the development of such projects; and

WHEREAS, Section 36-19(12) of the Virginia Code, requires, among other things, the approval by the local governing body of the formation by the CRHA of corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, trusts, or any other legal entity; and

WHEREAS, the CRHA further has requested and needs the City Council to approve the formation of the Charlottesville Community Development Corporation (CCDC), a Virginia stock corporation, to be the developer of the Crescent Halls Reno Project, the South First Project and future affordable housing development projects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority is authorized to create the Charlottesville Community Development Corporation, a Virginia stock corporation, to enable the CRHA to secure VHDA funding for affordable housing redevelopment project

REPORT: Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP)

CSRAP presentation and funding

Mr. Grant Duffield gave a presentation for the CSRAP, a program that was initially approved by Council in 2017. The request was for Council to allocate the \$945,000 from the FY18-19 budget to the FY19-20 program.

Mr. Phil Daronzio gave further explanation of the intent of the program regarding various populations in need of assistance, and the need to re-determine how the assets are allocated. There is a need to streamline the grant proposal and work more efficiently.

Mr. Signer asked if this could be an opportunity to work jointly with the County on housing as a regional approach, referencing a Memorandum of Understanding with Albemarle County.

Dr. Bellamy advised that it is not meant for people to be dependent on the CSRAP year after year.

Mr. Murphy advised that the current grant agreement ends June 30.

After extensive discussion, on motion by Mr. Bellamy, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council by the following vote PASSED the Resolution: 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

RESOLUTION

Allocation of Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) for the Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP) -- \$945,000

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2017, the City of Charlottesville approved the Housing Advisory Committee's recommendation to create a City-funded Supplemental Rental Assistance program;

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, CRHA presented an update on the status of the program and a request for release of funding allocated in FY18/19, to continue the program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$945,000 be allocated from previously appropriated funds in the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund to the Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program, which will be administered by the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA).

Fund: 426 Project: CP-084 G/L Account: 530670
Charlottesville Supplemental Rental Assistance Program (CSRAP) \$945,000

REPORT: Residents On-the-job-training program (ROJTP)

CRHA ROTJ funding 050619

Mr. Grant Duffield made a presentation, advising that the pilot program has achieved the goals that were established in its formation.

Ms. Walker asked about lessons learned during the pilot.

Ms. Hill advised that a check-in during the year for reporting would have helped.

Mr. John Desmond and Ms. Joy Johnson came forward as partners of the program. They are excited to move forward and discussed lessons learned. There will be more focus on soft skills and being careful in selection of participants, an orientation, as well as case management.

Dr. Bellamy asked for a timeline for next steps.

On motion by Mr. Bellamy, seconded by Ms. Galvin, Council by the following vote PASSED the Resolution: 5-0 (Ayes: Ms. Hill, Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Walker, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: none).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2018 the City of Charlottesville approved \$106,400 in funding for a Residents on the Job Program pursuant to terms and conditions outlined in the FY2019 Funding Agreement;

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2019 CRHA submitted a ROTJ Close-out Report and Drawdown Funding Request for \$74,748;

WHEREAS, following staff review of that report and request, it was determined that there were significant deficiencies in the reporting requirements and that staff could not administratively approve release of funding;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$74,748 is hereby approved to be allocated from previously appropriated funds.

REPORT: West Main Streetscape Project Update

Mr. Alex Ikefuna, Neighborhood Development Services Director, introduced the item and gave background information.

Mr. Ikefuna advised that issues have arisen, causing the need to bring the item to City Council as the sole reviewer of the project. Removal of the Lewis & Clark and Sacagawea statue could impact funds for the project. Raised sidewalks are another issue.

Direction was requested from Council.

The project consultant gave further information.

Ms. Galvin recommended a public discussion regarding what should happen with the statue.

The statue is on the registry of historic resources. Removing the statue would have an adverse effect to timing of the project and possibly escalation of construction costs. To move it, the impact could be mitigated.

Mr. Jeff Werner advised that delay on the City's part would cause delay at the State level.

On motion by Ms. Galvin, seconded by Mr. Signer, Council by the following vote 4-1 (Ayes: Dr. Bellamy, Ms. Hill, Mr. Signer, and Ms. Galvin; Noes: Walker) APPROVED the resolution as presented with the request to begin a separate process to determine the future of the Lewis & Clark and Sacagawea statue. Ms. Walker advised that she will need more information.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by vote taken on March 21, 2016, City Council adopted the West Main Streetscape Improvement Plan (Option 1) (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, as part of its adoption of the Plan, directed the City Manager, his staff, and consultants to proceed with construction documents, and Council retained the right and authority to review the construction plans as they are developed; and

WHEREAS, Design Development and Construction Drawings for Phase 1 has been advanced, reviewed by staff and direction is being sought from City Council; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL the following

direction is provided:

- 1) Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea Memorial shall be considered separately;
- 2) Historic Interpretation shall include:
 - a) Bridge and Bridge Builders recognition
 - b) Wayfinding Signage (including ways to direct people to the Jefferson School and the Heritage Center)
 - c) Gateway Elements
 - d) Etched Pavers only to indicate historic sites and locations which have been carefully considered and vetted circumstances.
 - e) Replace Interpretive Signage and the concept of sidewalk signs with other, less intrusive elements that identify and invite people to learn about the neighborhoods. Possible examples could include: etched curb stones, elements within the landscaping, or brick variations.
- 3) Raised Crosswalks shall be removed due to site limitations which would minimize their effect and other concerns raised by various city departments

OTHER BUSINESS

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr. Brad Slocum, City resident, thanked Council for passing the climate resolution earlier. He advised of other Cities nationally passing a resolution. Charlottesville is now among that national group. He asked for Council to consider what is Charlottesville's climate action plan.

Mr. John Hall, resident, advised that he wanted to take a few minutes to work on his speaking. He spoke about equity in affordable housing and also spoke about honoring Queen Charlotte, but not her husband. He proposed a ballot resolution for November 5, 2019, to change the name of the City to Charlotte City.

Ms. Jalane Schmidt, City resident, voiced concerns about promotion of a Corporal (now Sergeant) Logan Woodsell, a police officer who had been seemed to have a “chumminess” with members of the Highway Men and American Warrior Revolution – attendees of the August 12 Unite the Right Rally. In regard to the Sacagawea statue, she expressed concern of the location of the statue as a hazard. She is in support of a process to address the statue issue.

Mr. Cliff Hall, resident, mentioned John Crow and the amount of tithes he pays.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 a.m.

