

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
August 17, 2020 Minutes
Virtual/electronic meeting

5:30 PM CLOSED MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met electronically on Monday, August 17, 2020. Mayor Nikuyah Walker called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Sena Magill, Ms. Heather Hill, Mr. Michael Payne and Mr. Lloyd Snook.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Snook, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none) to meet in closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711 and 2.2-3712, specifically:

- as authorized by authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) for consultation with legal counsel from the Charlottesville City Attorney's Office regarding legal advice about contracts related to housing and public works; and
- as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the discussion and consideration of appointments to the Planning Commission and the Police Civilian Review Board.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Snook, Council certified by the following vote: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none), that to the best of each Council member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the Motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session.

Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council

6:30 REGULAR MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met in regular session on August 17, 2020, with the following members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Sena Magill, Ms. Heather Hill, Mr. Michael Payne, and Mr. Lloyd Snook.

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Magill, Council unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Council observed a moment of silence.

CONSENT AGENDA*

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

- 1. APPROPRIATION: Belmont Bridge Replacement Project – \$15,263,257.41 (2nd reading)**

**APPROPRIATION
Belmont Bridge Replacement Project – \$15,263,257.41**

WHEREAS, a total of \$3,163,920.41 in federal funds for the Belmont Bridge Replacement project requires appropriation;

WHEREAS, a total of \$12,099,337 in state funds for the Belmont Bridge Replacement project requires appropriation;

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

Revenues

\$3,163,920.41	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 430120
\$12,099,337	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 430080

Expenditures

\$3,163,920.41	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 599999
\$12,099,337	Fund: 426	WBS: P-00436	G/L Account: 599999

- 2. APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of funds received for reimbursement for Crescent Halls driveway repair - \$18,483.73 (Carried)**
- 3. APPROPRIATION: Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Grant Award - \$95,000 (2nd reading)**

**APPROPRIATION
Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) Non-Infrastructure
Grants - \$95,000**

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) non-infrastructure grant,

providing Federal payments for education, encouragement, evaluation and enforcement programs to promote safe walking and bicycling to school has been awarded the City of Charlottesville, in the amount of \$76,000;

WHEREAS, the SRTS program is a 80% reimbursement program requiring a 20% match from the City, of which \$15,400 will come from Public Works and the remainder will be in-kind contributions;

REVENUE

\$76,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 3901008000	G/L Account: 430120
\$15,400	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 3901008000	G/L Account: 498010

EXPENDITURES

\$67,400	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 3901008000	G/L Account: 519999
\$24,000	Fund: 209	Cost Center: 3901008000	G/L Account: 599999

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

TRANSFER FROM

\$15,400	Fund: 105	Cost Center: 2401003000	G/L Account: 561209
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$76,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

4. APPROPRIATION: Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Funding, FY 20-21 - \$246,699 (2nd reading)

**APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR
THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE'S 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS - \$246,699**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been advised of the approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of a Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to respond to the growing effects of the historic public health crisis for the fiscal year in the total amount of \$246,699.

WHEREAS, City Council has received recommendations for the expenditure of funds from the CDBG/HOME Task Force, the Strategic Action Team (SAT), and the Planning Commission; and has conducted a public hearing thereon as provided by law; now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sums hereinafter set forth are hereby appropriated from funds received from the aforesaid grant to the following individual expenditure accounts in the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Fund for the respective purposes set forth; provided, however, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer funds between and among such individual accounts as circumstances may require, to the extent permitted by applicable federal grant regulations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Community Investment Collaborative – COVID-19 Grants \$98,679.60

PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS

TJACH – COVID-19 Homeless Prevention Response \$49,017.82

Thomas Jefferson Health District – COVID-19 Outreach \$49,661.78

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Admin and Planning \$49,017.82

TOTAL **\$246,699**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$246,699 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development authorized by the CARES Act. Funds authorized will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

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

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

5. APPROPRIATION: Office of the Registrar CARES funding for 2020 Presidential election - \$64,229 (2nd reading)

APPROPRATION

Office of Voter Registration CARES ACT funding for 2020 Presidential Election

\$64,229

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Office of Voter Registration and Elections has received award approval for \$64,229 from the CARES ACT from the Virginia Department of Elections to use to help offset the costs associated with the 2020 Presidential Election;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$64,229 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue-\$64,229

Fund 208 Cost Center: 2301001000 I/O: 1900368 G/L Account: 430127

Expenditures

\$11,634 Fund 208 Cost Center: 2301001000 I/O: 1900368 G/L Account: 599999

\$7,700 Fund 208 Cost Center: 2301001000 I/O: 1900368 G/L Account: 520030

\$6,450 Fund 208 Cost Center: 2301001000 I/O: 1900368 G/L Account: 520900

\$12,535 Fund 208 Cost Center: 2301001000 I/O: 1900368 G/L Account: 520990

\$3,481 Fund 208 Cost Center: 2301001000 I/O: 1900368 G/L Account: 530210

\$22,429 Fund 208 Cost Center: 2301001000 I/O: 1900368 G/L Account: 541050

6. APPROPRIATION: BAMA Works Grant for Supporting Aspirations-Improving Resiliency for Vulnerable Families - \$6,000 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION

Supporting Aspirations-Improving Resiliency for Vulnerable Families - \$6,000

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received \$6,000 from the BAMA Works Fund to implement supporting aspirations initiative for vulnerable families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$6,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue - \$6,000

Fund 212 Cost Center: 9900000000 G/L Account: 451022

Expenditures - \$6,000

Fund 212 Cost Center: 3343011000 G/L Account: 540060

7. ORDINANCE: Approving CitySpace as Central Absentee Precinct for November 3, 2020 General Election (2nd reading waived)

**ORDINANCE APPROVING CITYSPACE
AS CENTRAL ABSENTEE PRECINCT FOR
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam issued Executive Order 51 declaring a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the potential spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Northam's March 12, 2020 declaration found that the anticipated effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster pursuant to Virginia Code Section 44-146.16; and

WHEREAS, City Manager and Director of Emergency Management, Dr. Tarron J. Richardson, declared the potential spread of COVID-19 an emergency on March 12, 2020 pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Charlottesville City Council; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 15.2-1413 provides that a locality may, by ordinance, provide a method to assure continuity in government in the event of a disaster "notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, general or special"; and

WHEREAS, the conduct of elections is necessary to assure continuity in government; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code Section 24.2-310 provides that if an emergency makes a polling place unusable, the Director of Elections and General Registrar shall provide an alternative polling place;

WHEREAS, Charlottesville City Code Section 9-31 establishes City Hall as the polling place for the City of Charlottesville's Central Absentee Precinct; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville Electoral Board and the Charlottesville Director of Elections and General Registrar have determined that the use of City Space as the polling place for the City of Charlottesville's Central Absentee Precinct may assist the City's efforts

to avoid the spread of COVID-19 and that the continued use of City Hall as the Central Absentee Precinct polling place may contribute to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the potential spread of COVID-19 is a rare and unforeseen circumstance necessitating the movement of the Central Absentee Precinct polling place.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that for the November 3, 2020 general election, the City of Charlottesville's Central Absentee Precinct shall be located at City Space located at 100 5th Street NE, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902.

BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that this ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1413 and 24.2-310.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that this polling place change shall be advertised in the *Daily Progress* and on the City of Charlottesville's web site.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that this ordinance shall be effective on September 8, 2020 and shall expire on November 10, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that this ordinance is passed with the votes of four-fifths of the City Council and that the second reading of this ordinance shall not be required.

Mayor Walker opened the floor for comment from the public on the consent agenda. There were no speakers.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Magill, Council by the following vote APPROVED the Consent Agenda: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none).

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS (FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS)

City Manager Tarron Richardson provided a response to the following items from the August 3, 2020, City Council meeting:

1. Regarding the speed limit on Cherry Avenue, he advised that this issue would be revisited at the September 8th City Council meeting as he gathers more information.

2. Regarding the Eviction Moratorium, he advised that Council would be voting on a resolution at this meeting.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Ms. Marta Keane, CEO of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA), shared an update on JABA services.

Mr. Brad Slocum, City resident, spoke about what appear to be cameras installed near downtown parks.

Ms. Elizabeth Stark spoke about the eviction crisis and the rent and mortgage relief hotline.

Ms. Tanesha Hudson spoke about the use of Parks and Recreation buildings for helping children during the first nine weeks of virtual school. She also spoke about the eviction moratorium and the mortgage relief program, suggesting an online process to accompany the hotline.

Mr. Don Gathers spoke about moving forward with honorary street designation requests as presented at a recent City Council meeting rather than awaiting the conclusion of the current process. Ms. Walker expressed a desire to review honorary street designation requests at the September 8 City Council meeting.

Ms. Robin Huffman spoke about using the York Place television studio to advertise and provide educational opportunities. She also spoke about Coronavirus and testing concerns.

Ms. Nancy Carpenter spoke about the community resource line and challenges with the volume of calls. She asked about emergency shelters for the increase in people becoming homeless.

Ms. Jojo Robertson spoke about support for people who are homeless. She spoke about Section 8 housing requirements and made a recommendation for appointment to the Police Civilian Review Board. She spoke in support of the City Manager.

The meeting recessed at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE: Public hearing and ordinance for granting permanent and temporary easements to the Rivanna Water Services Authority for the installation of water line facilities in Ragged Mountain Natural Area (Carried)

Ms. Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities, presented the item report.

Ms. Walker asked about the timeline between the vote and when the project begins. Ms. Hildebrand advised that there is a lengthy timeline.

Ms. Magill acknowledged a concern expressed by a citizen regarding the project cost. Ms. Hildebrand shared background information.

Mr. Snook shared additional information about water conservation efforts and the need to take action now.

Mr. Payne shared projections of potential drought in years to come and the need for conservation.

Ms. Walker opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

- Ms. Dede Smith spoke in opposition to the ordinance.
- Mr. Neil Williamson with the Free Enterprise Forum, spoke in support of the ordinance.
- Mr. Jake Gold asked how much the project would affect water bills.
- Mr. Rory Stolzenberg shared background information about the pipeline.

After discussion by Council, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

Council unanimously agreed to move the item to the September 8, 2020 Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE: Public hearing and Ordinance for the sale of a 0.13 acre portion of Northeast Park (Carried)

City Attorney John Blair provided background information on a policy adopted in 2005 regarding the sale of City land, amended in 2009. He advised Council that if it is their preference, he would add wording to the policy to expressly identify the sale of park land.

Mr. Payne expressed a desire to add wording to the policy regarding the sale of City-owned land. Ms. Magill agreed, as well as the staff time required to prepare for such considerations. Mr. Snook shared thoughts on uses of park space. Ms. Hill expressed support for amending the policy. Ms. Walker agreed.

Mayor Walker opened the floor for public input. The following people spoke:

- Mr. Dan Katz spoke on behalf of himself and his wife, as the couple who requested to purchase the land. He advised that the land floods and they would be willing to remediate the area to prevent the flooding.
- Mr. John Hossack spoke in support of the City maintaining ownership of the park.

Mr. Chris Gensic, Park and Trails Planner, answered questions about accessibility.

The item did not move forward.

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION: Public hearing and resolution endorsing the submission of three SmartScale (HB2) applications requesting transportation funding by Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Organization – Hydraulic/29 Intersection Improvements; Hillsdale Avenue South Extension; Fifth Street Hub and Trails

Mr. Chip Boyles, Executive Director for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) made the presentation. He advised that the projects are for the statewide Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) competition.

Mr. Boyles answered specific project questions for Council.

Mayor Walker opened the public hearing. The following people spoke:

- Ms. Cecelia Mills, City resident, asked about the US29/Hydraulic Road intersection.

With no other speakers coming forward, Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Magill, Council by the following vote APPROVED the resolution endorsing the submission of Smart Scale (HB2) applications requesting transportation funding by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Organization: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none):

RESOLUTION

**ENDORISING THE SUBMISSION OF SMART SCALE (HB2)
APPLICATIONS REQUESTING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BY THE
CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, completed a comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in May, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2045 LRTP includes the following transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Hydraulic Small Area Plan was adopted as an amendment to the Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan on May 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Board has identified transportation projects which are critical to improve safe and efficient movement of people and goods along public roadways in the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, during its 2014 session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation in the form of House Bill 2 (“HB2”) now titled “Smart Scale”, which established new criteria for the allocation of transportation funding for projects within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) during its board meeting of June 17, 2015 approved the Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of a Project Prioritization Process in accordance with Smart Scale; and

WHEREAS, many of the transportation projects identified by the MPO meet the eligibility criteria for funding under Smart Scale; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area of Charlottesville-Albemarle, for the MPO, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County to submit HB2 applications requesting state funding for eligible transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlottesville fully endorses the submission of a Smart Scale application by the MPO requesting funding for the following transportation projects:

Being Submitted by the CA-MPO within the City of Charlottesville

1. Hillsdale Drive South Extension
2. Hydraulic Road and US 29

ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2020 by the Charlottesville City Council being duly assembled.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Payne, Council by the following vote APPROVED the resolution endorsing the submission of Smart Scale (HB2) applications requesting transportation funding by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none):

RESOLUTION
ENDORING THE SUBMISSION OF SMART SCALE (HB2)
APPLICATIONS REQUESTING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BY THE
THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, completed a comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in May, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2045 LRTP includes the following transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, completed the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in early 2019 after a multi-year process that relied heavily on public engagement; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan includes the following transportation improvement; and

WHEREAS, the MPO Policy Board has identified transportation projects which are critical to improve safe and efficient movement of people and goods along public roadways in the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, during its 2014 session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation in the form of House Bill 2 (“HB2”) now titled “Smart Scale”, which established new criteria for the allocation of transportation funding for projects within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) during its board meeting of June 17, 2015 approved the Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of a Project Prioritization Process in accordance with Smart Scale; and

WHEREAS, many of the transportation projects identified by the MPO meet the eligibility criteria for funding under Smart Scale; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area of Charlottesville-Albemarle, for the MPO, the PDC, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County to submit HB2 applications requesting state funding for eligible transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlottesville fully endorses the submission of a Smart Scale application by the MPO requesting funding for the following transportation projects:

Being Submitted by the CA-MPO within the City of Charlottesville

1. Fifth Street Hub and Trails

ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2020 by the Charlottesville City Council being duly assembled.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION*: Consideration of support for the Frontline Workers Fair Treatment Charter

Dr. Richardson shared an update regarding practices mentioned in the Charter and the City's response.

Mr. Ben Allen, Executive Director of The Equity Center at the University of Virginia shared regional information and answered questions from Council.

On motion by Mr. Payne, seconded by Ms. Hill, Council by the following vote expressed support for the Frontline Workers Fair Treatment Charter to provide a basis for regional collaboration, with the exception of Item 3 regarding Robust Premium Compensation, and Item 6 regarding Open Hiring Practices, for further study by a regional committee with representatives from the City of Charlottesville, County of Albemarle and University of Virginia: 4-1 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook. Noes: Walker, who voiced support for Item #12 regarding Creating a Regional Frontline Worker Rights Commission).

Ms. Walker asked for a monthly update on status of items in the Charter. Mr. Allen advised that a workgroup will be formed.

The meeting recessed at 10:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:26 p.m.

REPORT: Social Services - Family Services Report (oral report)

Ms. Diane Kuknyo, Director of Social Services, and Ms. Jenny Jones, Chief of Family Services, made the presentation sharing information about how the Family Services program works and about the current status of children in foster care and kinship placements.

REPORT: City Financial Report for July 2020 (oral report)

Dr. Richardson introduced the report and Mr. Ryan Davidson, Senior Budget and Management Analyst, presented details about General Fund revenues and expenditures through July 31, 2020, as compared to year-to-date projections.

DISCUSSION: Boards and commissions meetings discussion and guidance

Dr. Richardson advised that staff could possibly handle boards and commissions meeting once per month, given staff capacity. Staff shared input on capacity based resources available to make meetings publicly accessible during the Covid-19 pandemic.

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Magill, Council unanimously added the Sister Cities Commission, Ridge Street Task Force, Social Services Advisory Board, PLACE Design Task force to the approved meeting list for one meeting per month, including subcommittees, for

a maximum of two hours, with the Sister Cities Commission retreat approved for up to three hours. Council acknowledge that certain meetings could not be limited to a two-hour meeting such as the Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review, and Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Ms. Walker asked that Mr. Payne be an unofficial representative for Council to the Police Civilian Review Board. Mr. Payne agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Payne, Council by the following vote APPROVED a resolution requesting Delegate Hudson and Senator Deeds to support an eviction moratorium during the August 2020 special session of the Virginia General Assembly: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none).

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING DELEGATE HUDSON AND SENATOR DEEDS TO SUPPORT AN EVICTION MORATORIUM DURING THE AUGUST 2020 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2020, the Supreme Court of Virginia issued a declaration of judicial emergency suspending the issuance of writs of eviction pursuant to unlawful detainer actions from August 10, 2020 to September 7, 2020 (hereinafter “eviction moratorium”); and

WHEREAS, Governor Ralph S. Northam is requesting that the Virginia General Assembly enact legislation extending the eviction moratorium until April 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Council supports the extension of the eviction moratorium until April 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it is requesting that Delegate Sally L. Hudson and Senator R. Creigh Deeds support legislation during the August 2020 Special Session of the Virginia General Assembly to extend the eviction moratorium until April 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council will send a letter to Delegate Hudson and Senator Deeds requesting the extension of the eviction moratorium.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Ms. Robin Hoffman shared that the Post Office is having issues. She also spoke about health insurance billing.

Ms. Rosia Parker, City resident, asked about her application for the Police Civilian Review Board.

Ms. Dede Smith spoke about comments made after her input earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Walker asked about signage at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Dr. Richardson advised that he would follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 a.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council