

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

December 21, 2020

Virtual/electronic meeting

4:00 PM SPECIAL REPORTS MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met in an electronic meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020, in accordance with local ordinance #O-20-156 to ensure continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus pandemic.

Vice Mayor Sena Magill called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. with the following members present: Vice Mayor Sena Magill, Councilors Heather Hill, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook. Mayor Nikuyah Walker advised Vice Mayor Magill the day prior that she would not be able to attend the meeting.

Mr. Blair introduced the presenters for the first report.

1. Report: City Financial Report for FY21 through November month-end

Ryan Davidson, Senior Budget and Management Analyst, presented the City financial report for Fiscal Year 2021 through November 30, 2020.

Jason Vandever, City Treasurer, shared a preliminary summary regarding the December real estate and personal property tax deadline.

2. Report: Social Services Advisory Board annual report

Janet Morrow, member of the Social Services Advisory Board, presented the annual report. She shared information about how the following programs adapted during the Coronavirus pandemic:

- Adoption
- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Adult Services
- Child Care Assistance
- Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS)
- Family Engagement
- Foster Care
- Foster Care Prevention
- Fostering Futures
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Virginia Initiative for Education and Work (VIEW)

Ms. Morrow also shared information about the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Social Services Department received national recognition from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Vice Mayor Magill, who serves on the Social Services Advisory Board, added that increased need by citizens continues to cause an increased workload for staff.

Diane Kuknyo, Director of Social Services, added that need for support has increased among segments of the population who have previously not needed assistance. She encouraged people to apply for assistance if they have a need.

Brian Wheeler, Director of Communications, advised that he would work with Social Services to develop further communication about assistance opportunities.

3. Recognition: EPA WaterSense Sustained Excellence Award

Jill Greiner shared that the US Environmental Protection Agency has honored the City of Charlottesville for the third year in a row and sixth year overall, for water conservation efforts. She shared that more information was available at www.charlottesville.gov/waterconservation.

4. Recognition: Circuit Court LEED Gold Certification

Scott Hendrix, Project Manager, announced that the City of Charlottesville received Gold level LEED certification for the recent completion of the Circuit Court renovation project. The recognition is the second-highest level of recognition and this project was the seventh project to achieve LEED certification (Leadership in an Energy or Environmental Design) for environmentally sustainable building practices in the City.

Mr. Hendrix shared that the Charlottesville Circuit Court was constructed in 1962 and houses the 16th Judicial Circuit of Virginia. This renovation, and about 9,000 additional square feet, represents the first significant improvements to the facility. The project included a new courtroom, holding cells, renovated offices, a new elevator and other ADA upgrades.

5. Report: Community Attention Youth Internship Program (CAYIP) Summer 2020 report (written only)

Vice Mayor Magill adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council