

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2021
Virtual/electronic meeting via Zoom

5:30 PM CLOSED MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met in an electronic meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, in accordance with local ordinance #O-20-154a, adopted December 10, 2020, to ensure continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus pandemic. Mayor Nikuyah Walker called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Sena Magill, and Councilors Heather Hill, Michael Payne and Lloyd Snook.

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

- section 2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(8), for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific contractual claims and probable litigation.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Councilor 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.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

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City Council observed a moment of silence.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Councilor Snook, Council unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Magill read an announcement about Community Development Block Grant/AHIP funds available for home repairs. She shared contact information for those interested in learning more about qualifications: 434-817-2447, x26 or cory@ahipva.org.

Councilor Hill highlighted the annual Harambee calendar of cultural events presented by Mr. Alex-Zan.

Dr. Denise Bonds, Director for the Blue Ridge Health District (BRHD), presented a report on Covid-19 and on vaccination developments. She answered Council questions and shared contact information for the BRHD Hotline: 434-972-6261.

CONSENT AGENDA*

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

1. MINUTES: November 10 Joint Council-Planning Commission Work Session; November 12 Budget Work Session; November 16 Special, Closed and Regular Meetings; November 20 Special Meeting; December 7 Regular Meeting; December 10 Budget Work Session; December 21 Special Meeting; January 6 Emergency Meeting 1; January 6 Emergency Meeting 2; January 8 Emergency Meeting; January 11 Emergency Meeting
2. APPROPRIATION: Virginia Department of Social Services One-Time Funding for Benefits Programs - \$16,877.19 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION

**Virginia Department of Social Services One-Time Funding for Benefits Programs
\$16,877.19**

WHEREAS, The Charlottesville Department of Social Services has received Federal and State funding in the amount of \$16,877.19 to be used for benefits programs staffing and operations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$16,877.19 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$16,877.19

Fund: 212 Cost Center: 9900000000 G/L Account: 430080

Expenditures - \$16,877.19

Fund: 212 Cost Center: 3301005000 G/L Account: 510030

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$16,877.19 from the Virginia Department of Social Services.

3. **APPROPRIATION: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant - \$3,498,300.00 (2nd reading)**

APPROPRIATION

**Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program
\$3,498,300.00**

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded a grant to the Fire Department, through the City of Charlottesville, specifically for firefighter hiring;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$3,498,300.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues - \$3,498,300

\$3,498,300 Fund: 211 I/O: 3201005100 G/L Account: 431110

Expenditures - \$3,498,300

\$3,498,300 Fund: 211 I/O: 3201005100 G/L Account: 519999

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the continual reimbursement for hours worked during the period of performance and shall be considered a continuing appropriation unless further altered by Council.

4. APPROPRIATION: COVID-19 Municipal Utility Relief Program to Assist Customers - \$182,801.59 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION

CARES Act Funding for Utility Customer Bill Arrearage Assistance - \$182,801.59

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has received award approval for \$182,801.59 from the CARES Act from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department Housing and Development to use to assist utility customer bill arrearages owed between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$182,801.59 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue-\$182,801.59

Fund 208 I/O: 1900394 G/L Account: 430127

Expenditures-\$182,801.59

Fund 208 I/O: 1900394 G/L Account: 599999

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that while these funds are being appropriated as a lump sum, the funds will be allocated to the gas, water and wastewater funds as deemed appropriate once specific accounts and assistance has been awarded.

5. APPROPRIATION: Charlottesville City Schools Budget Amendment – Grant Funding - \$2,787,563 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION

Charlottesville City Schools Budget Amendment – Grant Funding - \$2,787,563

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville City Schools has received grant funds to help offset the costs associated with its COVID response during the 2020-21 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the Charlottesville City Schools budget be amended by \$2,787,563 as follows:

| <u>Budget</u> | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Special Revenue</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Appropriated | \$ 74,452,362 | \$ 14,440,726 | \$ 88,893,088 |
| Amendment | - | 2,787,563 | 2,787,563 |
| Total Amended Budget | \$ 74,452,362 | \$ 17,228,289 | \$ 91,680,651 |

6. APPROPRIATION: Interest Accrual on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds - \$7,000.00 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION

**Interest Accrued on Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Act (CARES) Funds
\$7,000.00**

WHEREAS, the City has accrued interest income in the amount of approximately \$7,000.00 on Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds allocated to the City address the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the following amount of accrued interest (or the actual amount earned as of December 30, 2020) is hereby appropriated in the following manner which conform with the conditions and guidance established by the Commonwealth, U.S. Treasury, and the City:

Revenue

\$7,000.00 Fund: 208 Cost Center: 9900000000 G/L Account: 450010

Expenditures

\$7,000.00 Fund: 208 Order: 1900353 G/L Account: 599999

7. APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/ HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Budget Allocations for FY 2020- 2021 and Minor Amendment for Action Plan 2020-2021

- a. APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of funds for the 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant - \$419,303.00 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION

City of Charlottesville 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant - \$419,303

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 (CDBG) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the total amount of \$432,691 that includes the new entitlement from HUD, dated February 18, 2020, amounting to \$419,367, and previous entitlement made available through reprogramming of \$13,324;

WHEREAS, City Council has received recommendations for the expenditure of funds from the CDBG/HOME Taskforce, the SAT; and has conducted a public hearing thereon as provided by law;

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been notified of the formula calculation error of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program stemming from HUD field offices, dated October 22, 2020, with the corrected entitlement of \$419,303;

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 Funds for the respective purposes set forth; provided, however, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer funds between among such individual accounts as circumstances may require, to the extent permitted by applicable federal grant regulations.

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Priority Neighborhood | |
| Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood | \$201,884.12 |
| Economic Development | |
| Community Investment Collaborative Scholarships | \$14,997.71 |
| Public Service Programs (15% EN) | |
| TJACH- Coordinated Entry Systems | \$53,346.44 |
| Housing Projects | |
| AHIP-Homeowner Rehab | \$78,538.13 |
| Administration and Planning (20% EN) | |
| Admin & Planning | \$83,860.60 |
| New Entitlement Amount | \$419,303 |
| Reprogramming | \$13,324 |
| Grand Total | \$432,627.00 |

Expenditures

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Fund</i> | <i>Internal order/Cost center</i> | <i>G/L Account</i> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood | \$201,884.12 | 218 | 1900361 | 530670 |
| Community Investment Collaborative | \$14,997.71 | 218 | 1900362 | 530670 |
| TJACH | \$53,346.44 | 218 | 1900363 | 530670 |
| AHIP Homeowner Rehab | \$78,538.13 | 218 | 1900364 | 530670 |
| Admin & Planning | \$83,860.60 | 218 | 3914004000 | 530670 |

Revenue

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Fund</i> | <i>WBS Element</i> | <i>G/L Account</i> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood | \$201,884.12 | 218 | P-0001 HUD IDIS Drawdown | 431110 |
| Community Investment Collaborative | \$14,997.71 | 218 | P-0001 HUD IDIS Drawdown | 431110 |
| TJACH | \$53,346.44 | 218 | P-0001 HUD IDIS Drawdown | 431110 |
| AHIP Homeowner Rehab | \$78,538.13 | 218 | P-0001 HUD IDIS Drawdown | 431110 |
| Admin & Planning | \$83,860.60 | 218 | P-0001 HUD IDIS Drawdown | 431110 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts so appropriated as grants to other public agencies and private non-profit, charitable organizations (subrecipients) 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.

- b. APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of funds for the 2020-2021 HOME funds - \$121,186.97 (2nd reading)

APPROPRIATION

City of Charlottesville 2020-2021 HOME Funds - \$121,186.97

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been advised of the approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding for the 2020-2021 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, it is a requirement of this grant that projects funded with HOME initiatives money be matched with local funding in varying degrees;

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been notified of the formula calculation error of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) stemming from HUD field offices, dated October 22, 2020, with the corrected entitlement of \$80,575.13;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the local match for the above listed programs will be covered by the a surplus of match from previous appropriations from the Charlottesville Housing Fund (account CP-0084 in SAP system) in the amount of \$20,143.78. Project totals also include previous entitlement made available through program income of \$20,468.06. The total of the HUD money, program income, and the local match, equals \$121,186.97 and will be distributed as shown below.

| PROJECTS | HOME EN | PI | MATCH | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| AHIP-Homeowner Rehab | \$33,498.40 | \$13,234.03 | \$10,071.89 | \$56,804.32 |
| Habitat for Humanity-DPA | \$47,076.73 | \$7,234.03 | \$10,071.89 | \$64,382.65 |
| Total | \$80,575.13 | \$20,468.06 | \$20,143.78 | \$121,186.97 |

* includes Program Income which does not require local match.

Expenditures

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Fund</i> | <i>Internal Order/Cost Center</i> | <i>G/L Account</i> |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| AHIP – Homeowner Rehab | \$56,804.32 | 210 | 1900365 | 530670 |
| Habitat for Humanity - DPA | \$64,382.65 | 210 | 1900366 | 530670 |

Revenue

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Fund</i> | <i>Internal Order</i> | <i>G/L Account</i> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Thomas Jefferson Planning District | \$33,498.40 | 210 | 1900365 | 432170 |
| Thomas Jefferson Planning District | \$47,076.73 | 210 | 1900366 | 432170 |
| City Match | \$20,143.78 | 210 | CP-0084 | 498010 |
| Program Income | \$26,468.06 | 210 | 1900280 | 451070 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the amounts so appropriated as grants to other public agencies and private non-profit, charitable organizations (subrecipients) 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.

8. APPROPRIATION: Appropriation of funds for the 2020-2021 CDBG 10th and Page Priority Neighborhood (2nd reading)

**APPROPRIATION of Funds for
City of Charlottesville 2020-2021 CDBG 10th and Page Priority Neighborhood**

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 (CDBG) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the total amount of \$432,303 that includes the new entitlement from HUD, dated October 22, 2020;

WHEREAS, City Council has received recommendations for the expenditure of funds from the 10th and Page Priority Neighborhood Taskforce, CDBG/HOME Taskforce, the SAT; and has conducted a public hearing thereon as provided by law;

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville must carry out its program in a timely manner, as measured by the rate of expenditure of funds from the grantee's line of credit (LOC) in accordance to 24 CFR 570.902(a);

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 Funds for the respective purposes set forth; provided, however, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer funds between among such individual accounts as circumstances may require, to the extent permitted by applicable federal grant regulations.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Priority Neighborhood | |
| Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood | \$85,830.95 |
| Priority Neighborhood | |
| 10th and Page Priority Neighborhood | \$116,053.17 |
| Program Income | |
| CDBG Program Income | \$17,952.83 |

Expenditures

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Fund</i> | <i>Internal order/Cost center</i> | <i>G/L Account</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood | \$85,830.95 | 218 | 1900361 | 530670 |
| 10 th and Page Priority Neighborhood | \$134,006 | 218 | P-0001-05-19 | 530670 |

Revenue

| <i>Program</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Fund</i> | <i>WBS Element</i> | <i>G/L Account</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ridge Street Priority Neighborhood | \$85,830.95 | 218 | P-0001 HUD IDIS Drawdown | 431110 |
| 10 th and Page Priority Neighborhood | \$116,053.17 | 218 | P-0001 HUD IDIS Drawdown | 431110 |
| CDBG Program Income | \$17,952.83 | 218 | P-0001-05-19 | 451070 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amounts so appropriated as grants to other public agencies and private non-profit, charitable organizations (subrecipients) 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.

9. ORDINANCE: Eagle franchise agreement renewal (2nd reading)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A 5-YEAR FRANCHISE TO EAGLE REAL ESTATE, LLC, TO USE THE STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, TO INSTALL POLES, WIRES, CONDUITS, CABLES AND FIXTURES WITHIN PUBLIC STREET RIGHTS OF WAY

10. RESOLUTION: Letter of Endorsement for House Bill (HB) 1965 regarding No/Low Emission Vehicles

**RESOLUTION
Endorsing Correspondence Supporting HB1965**

WHEREAS, Delegate Lamont Bagby has introduced HB 1965 in the Virginia House of Delegates to increase the availability of low and zero emissions vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a group of localities is endorsing a letter urging the Virginia General Assembly to enact legislation similar to HB 1965.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia hereby agrees to add its endorsement of the letter attached to this Resolution.

“January 4, 2021

RE: Supporting policy which expands access to low and zero emissions vehicles

Dear Members of the Virginia General Assembly,

As a community of Virginia municipalities, we urge lawmakers to empower our localities and businesses to usher in a clean economy, reduce air pollution, and improve public health by supporting policy which expands access to low and zero emissions vehicles.

Fossil fuel based transportation threatens our air quality and significantly increases community healthcare costs. A recent study from Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action (VCCA) found that the health impacts attributable to Virginia-specific transportation emissions are valued at \$750 million annually.¹ Moreover, air pollution and the associated costs disproportionately impact low-income and minority communities, where respiratory illness is correlated with higher exposure to emissions from fossil fuel vehicles. The VCCA study found that Virginia could significantly reduce healthcare costs by implementing low and zero emissions vehicle standards.

Climate change also poses a significant risk to the health, livelihood, and economic stability of our communities. Recognizing these risks, our communities are making ambitious commitments and taking action to improve energy efficiency, adopt clean energy, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Transportation is responsible for 48% of climate emissions statewide² and is a significant contributor to each of our community-wide emissions as well. Vehicle electrification is essential to our ability to reduce emissions at the community level.

Despite the significant health and climate benefits of vehicle electrification, unfortunately, auto manufacturers do not provide Virginia automotive dealers with many low and zero emission vehicles, leaving our citizens with little from which to choose. Sixteen states have already passed standards requiring manufacturers to increase the availability of low-emission and zero-emission vehicles. Combining these standards with tax incentives for purchase of these vehicles will accelerate transportation electrification, improve public health, and support Virginia’s continued leadership on climate change.

We ask the General Assembly to pass legislation which increases the availability of low and zero emissions vehicles in Virginia and provides consumers financial incentives to choose them. Our localities want to ensure that all Virginians can enjoy a thriving economy, a clean environment, and healthy communities for the many generations to come. We hope that the General Assembly will partner with us to turn this vision into reality.

Sincerely,

¹ <https://www.virginiaclinicians.org/transportation>

² U.S. Energy Information Administration

[Names of Local Governments]”

11. RESOLUTION: Resolution in Recognition of Lives Lost to Covid-19

RESOLUTION OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE LOST TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported the first case of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States on January 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has taken the lives of 385,000 Americans since January 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has taken the lives of over 30 Charlottesville residents since January 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, President-elect Joe Biden has asked the nation to come together on January 19, 2021 in a nationwide public moment of recognition of lives lost to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it hereby honors the memory of all the lives lost to the COVID-19 global pandemic and recognized January 19, 2021 as a citywide Day of Remembrance in honor of those who have perished since the pandemic began.

Mayor Walker opened the floor for comment from the public.

- Peter Krebs, city resident, spoke in support of Item #8.
- Susan Kruse, Exec Dir of Community Climate Collaborative (C3), spoke in support of Item #10.
- Emily Little, city resident, spoke in support of Item #10.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Vice Mayor Magill, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker; Noes: none) APPROVED the Consent Agenda, with the exception of December 21, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, and Item #7, pulled by Mayor Walker for separate votes.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Vice Mayor Magill, Council by a vote of 4-0-1 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Abstained: Walker) APPROVED the December 21, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Vice Mayor Magill, Council by a vote of 4-1 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook; Noes: Walker) APPROVED Item #7: Appropriation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/ HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Budget Allocations for FY 2020- 2021 and Minor Amendment for Action Plan 2020-2021.

CITY MANAGER RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY MATTERS (FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS)

Acting City Manager John Blair shared an update on the following community matters:

1. Social Services Director Diane Kuknyo and Communications Director Brian Wheeler will work on a plan to better communicate programs related to SNAP and other benefit programs. Ms. Kuknyo suggested waiting initially on federal administration changes with the Biden Administration assuming office on January 20, 2021, to see if there would be any immediate short-term changes.
2. A joint meeting with City Council and the Charlottesville City School Board scheduled for Thursday, January 28.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Mayor Walker opened the floor for public comment.

1. Marta Keane, CEO of the Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA), shared an update on services such as home delivered meals, senior helpline, counseling, adult day services, weekly calls, and efforts during the coronavirus pandemic.
2. Gloria Beard, city resident, asked about the newly appointed City Manager, affordable housing, reports of Charlottesville being a top destination for retirees, and play areas for children.
3. Tanesha Hudson spoke about Council relations, race relations and accountability.
4. Walt Heinecke, city resident, spoke about transparency with the City Manager process. He also spoke about the Human Rights Commission proposed ordinance updates and shared revision suggestions.

5. Robin Hoffman spoke about Covid-19 vaccinations and the need to improve air quality. She asked about measures being put in place for Inauguration Day.
6. Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council, spoke about a virtual book club for those interested in safer streets. He advised that more information was available at pecva.org. He also spoke in support of the agenda item for acquisition of land at the Ragged Mountain Reservoir..
7. Don Gathers encouraged everyone to stay safe. He shared the opinion that the City Manager appointment process was rushed. He wished Mr. Blair well in his future endeavors and wished the incoming City Manager well. He shared concern of hearing no security report for Inauguration Day.
8. Abby Guskind shared disappointment about a lack of transparency and community outreach in the City Manager appointment process. She wished Mr. Blair well as he moves forward with another locality.
9. Elizabeth Stark, city resident, spoke about the City Budget. She encouraged the funding of city priority needs such as education, hunger, mental and physical health, addressing the unhoused, and alternatives to policing.
10. Katrena Cooper, city resident, asked about cameras that were put up in the South First Street area without notification to residents.

Councilor Payne responded to public comments and implored everyone to take accountability for moving the city forward to a healthier place.

Mayor Walker spoke about the process for hiring the new City Manager and about work being done that often goes unrecognized. She asked that people think about the type of city that they want.

The meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING/APPROPRIATION: Public Hearing of the FY2020-2021 Substantial Action Plan Amendment, Budget Appropriation and Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus 3 (CDBG-CV3) Budget

Erin Atak, Grants Coordinator, presented the report.

After clarifying questions from Council, Mayor Walker opened the public hearing.

- Brandon Collins, organizer for PHAR, encouraged Council to approve the request To help eviction prevention.

Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

a. FY2020-2021 Substantial Action Plan Amendment

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Vice Mayor Magill, Council by the following vote APPROVED the resolution: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker; Noes: none).

RESOLUTION

Approval of FY 2020-2021 Substantial Action Plan Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlottesville City Council hereby approves the FY 2020-2021 Substantial Action Plan Amendment of the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan as presented at the May 4, 2020 City Council Meeting. All CDBG-CV3 projects shall be included into City of Charlottesville CDBG/HOME 2020-2021 Program.

b. Substantial Action Plan CDBG-CV3 Budget (carried)

Council agreed to carry this item forward to the February 1 Consent Agenda.

APPROPRIATION: Approval and Appropriation of CDBG and HOME Budget Allocations for FY2021-2022

Erin Atak, presented the request. She shared funding recommendations from the Task Force. Council asked clarifying questions, commended the detailed work done by the CDBG Task Force, and agreed to move both appropriations forward to the February 1 Consent Agenda.

a. APPROPRIATION: CDBG 2021-2022 budget allocations (carried)

b. APPROPRIATION: HOME 2021-2022 budget allocations (carried)

ORDINANCE: Human Rights Commission Ordinance Recommended Amendments (carried)

Mary Bauer, Human Rights Commission (HRC) Chair, presented the proposed ordinance changes. She shared that the HRC would like to provide more frequent updates, and that recent changes from the General Assembly prompted some of the amendments presented. She shared concerns about the need to hire an Executive Director for the HRC. Ms. Bauer reviewed changes to the Virginia Human Rights Act created by passage of the

Virginia Values Act.

Council asked clarifying questions related to correspondence received from the public. Mayor Walker shared a concern about the residency requirement for HRC members and voiced that these seats should be held by city residents. Todd Niemeier, Office of Human Rights, helped to answer questions. Mr. Blair also shared information about enabling legislation for establishing Human Rights Commissions in localities, in response to questions regarding the possibility of an agreement with the surrounding county.

Council agreed to carry this item forward to the February 1 Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION*: Acquisition of Land at Ragged Mountain Reservoir - \$65,000

Chris Gensic, Parks and Trails Planner, presented the request. He shared information about community contributions and support for the acquisition.

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

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AT RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR
(5.0 ACRES – TMP 75, PARCEL 47A)**

WHEREAS, Stanislaw J. Makielski and Valerie Jean Conner, Trustees of the Stanislaw J. Makielski and Valerie Jean Conner Family Trust (“Owners”) are the owners of land designated on Albemarle County, Virginia Real Estate Tax Map 75 as Parcel 47A, and have indicated a willingness to convey a portion of the subject land to the City of Charlottesville for creation of parkland; and

WHEREAS, the land to be conveyed, hereinafter the “Property”, is described as follows:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Albemarle, Virginia containing approximately 5.00 acres, and described “The Makielski Property” on that certain plat entitled “Plat Showing Boundary Survey of Tax Map 75 Parcel 47A”, prepared by P. Timothy Stanley, Jr., dated June 19, 2018, attached hereto and recorded in the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office of Albemarle County, Virginia, simultaneously herewith.

WHEREAS, Owner has agreed to convey to the City the Property for the purchase price of \$95,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for the purchase of the Property from a grant award from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation in the amount of \$65,000.00; grant award funding from USDA in the amount of \$31,039.00, and approved USDA surplus grant funding to cover the remaining balance.

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation seeks the endorsement of City Council to proceed with the purchase of above-described Property at a purchase price of \$95,000.00 with the funding supplied through the above-described grant funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the Warranty Deed of Sale which contains Exhibit A, Notice of Grant Agreement, for the conveyance of said land has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney's Office; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that it hereby authorizes the purchase of the above-described Property for creation of parkland. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the above-referenced Exhibit A, Notice of Grant Agreement attached to the Warranty Deed of Sale, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the Warranty Deed of Sale, both in form approved by the City Attorney or her designee. The City Attorney's Office shall take whatever actions are necessary to effect the acquisition of the above-described Property.

GENERAL BUSINESS

REPORT: Update on the Climate Action Plan Development Process

Susan Elliott and Kristen Riddervold presented the report.

Ms. Elliott, Climate Protection Program Manager, advised that the process would need to move forward on an expedited timeline, noting key areas of focus for emissions reduction: Residential, Commercial and Transportation. She provided an update on actions taken related to direction given by Council in a 2019 resolution.

Ms. Riddervold, Environmental Sustainability and Facilities Development Division Manager, shared work plan updates through March 2021 and advised of the timeline for milestone targets and City process alignment. She shared that information and documentation related to the climate plan would be accessible at: charlottesville.gov/climateplan.

Council shared feedback and discussed ways to help move efforts forward.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business items for consideration.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Tanesha Hudson spoke about Council's role in making Charlottesville a healthier place.

Walt Heinecke, city resident, spoke of disappointment with the conversation about the Human Rights Commission ordinance earlier in the meeting.

Ang Conn, city resident, spoke about the hiring of new police officers and suggested putting a hiring freeze on police and implementing a first responder team instead.

Marcia Geyer thanked Council for working to the best of their abilities. She added that the public should be more supportive.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council