

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Joint Meeting with Charlottesville City School Board
January 28, 2021
BUDGET WORK SESSION
Virtual/electronic meeting via Zoom

5:00 P.M. BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Charlottesville City Council met on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. for a joint budget work session with the Charlottesville City School Board and School officials. The meeting was held electronically pursuant to local ordinance #O-20-154a adopted December 10, 2020, to ensure the continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus pandemic.

Mayor Walker called the Charlottesville City Council to order at 5:01 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nikuyah Walker, Vice Mayor Sena Magill, and Councilors Heather Hill, Michael Payne, and Lloyd Snook. Lisa Torres, Board Chair, called the City of Charlottesville School Board meeting to order.

Dr. Rosa Atkins, Division Superintendent, Kim Powell, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and Renee Hoover, Director of Finance, presented information on the FY2022 Operating Budget for Charlottesville City Schools.

The presentation included details about:

- Current Budget Alignment to Equity and The Strategic Plan
- Priorities for FY22 Budget Development
 - Recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff
 - Maintain the continuity of high-quality instructional programs
 - Apply a lens of equity in all funding considerations to provide educational opportunities for all students
- Revenue Outlook, including Federal, State and City
- Overall enrollment outlook
 - Current Fall Enrollment Down 258 Students from End of Last School Year
 - Recommend Using State Enrollment Projection for FY 2022 Budget (Average Daily Membership)
 - Approximately Equal to FY 2018 End of Year Enrollment
 - Estimates Increase of ~168 Students Over Current (~65% Recovery)
- Recommendation to leverage CARES funding to maintain valued programs and address pressing student needs in a way that also allows time for the City to recover and stabilize revenues
- Review of the FY2020-2021 budget and changes for the FY2022 budget

- City support for Schools:
 - Acknowledgement of COVID-19 impacts on students and staff emotionally, academically and economically.
 - Request for City to start providing additional allocations starting in FY 2023 to off-set proposed uses of CARES funds or future cuts to services would be required.
 - Any additional appropriation from the City for FY 2022 would start the process of reducing dependency on one-time (non-recurring) funds.

The presentation also addressed teacher and staff pay.

Councilors engaged in discussion.

Upcoming School Board Budget Dates:

- February 4 Superintendent's Proposed Budget and Public Hearing
- February 9 Budget Work Session
- February 18 School Board Approval of Proposed Budget
- March 1 School Budget Presentation to City Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke:

- Caleb Jaffe
- Jordan Johnson
- Beth Ike
- Aina Hidayat
- Rosy Puri
- Hallie Goode
- Tamara Wright and daughter Jemelle Brown

School Board members shared closing remarks.

Mayor Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m., followed by adjournment of the School Board meeting.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council