

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting

July 7, 2021

Virtual/electronic meeting via Zoom

9:00 AM SPECIAL MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met electronically for a special meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with a local ordinance amended and re-enacted on April 19, 2021, to ensure continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus State of Emergency. Members of City Council agreed to call the special meeting for the purpose of interviewing candidates for City boards and commissions and for addressing items of urgency as requested by the City Manager.

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.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 by the following vote APPROVED the meeting agenda: 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker. Noes: none).

Mayor Walker turned the meeting over to City Manager Chip Boyles.

City Manager Boyles advised of the urgent matters that needed to be addressed, and the need to have funding in place for addressing the items. He advised that Item #1 would be the only item requiring a vote and that the other items were being presented in order to have funding available after the second reading at the July 19, 2021 City Council meeting. He shared a summary of each resolution and advised that additional information would be shared with Councilors before the July 19 meeting, as well as written reports for the July 19 meeting agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. RESOLUTION: Appropriating Funds for removal, storage, and/or covering of the statues/sculptures of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and Sacajawea/ Lewis and Clark - \$1,000,000 (2nd reading and Vote)

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

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDING
(ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)) FOR COSTS OF REMOVAL, STORAGE,
AND/OR COVERING OF THE STATUES/SCULPTURES OF CONFEDERATE
GENERALS ROBERT E. LEE AND STONEWALL JACKSON, AND THE
STATUE/SCULPTURE OF SACAJAWEA/LEWIS & CLARK**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$1,000,000 from the CIP Contingency Fund is hereby designated to be available for expenditure, at the discretion of the City Manager, for costs associated with the removal, storage and/or covering of the statues/sculptures of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, located in City public parks (as authorized by Resolution of City Council dated June 7, 2021) and for costs associated with the removal and/or storage, if necessary, of the statue/sculpture of Sacajawea/Lewis & Clark, located at the intersection of West Main Street and Ridge Street.

Expenditures

\$1,000,000 Fund: 426 WBS Element: CP-080 G/L: 599999

2. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds of American Rescue Plan #1 Tranche - \$1,986,100 (carried)
3. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds for City School Bus Driver Incentive Plan - \$332,952 (carried)
4. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds for Transit Bus Driver Benefits Incentive Plan - \$499,632 (carried)

After the presentation from Mr. Boyles, Mayor Walker asked that consideration be given for providing bonuses to City employees.

Councilor Hill asked for clarification of how soon bus driver positions could be marketed. Mr. Boyles advised that as soon as agreement from schools was received, marketing materials could be developed.

Councilors agreed to move items 2-4 forward to the July 19, 2021 regular meeting agenda.

Vice Mayor Magill asked for information about the Safe Routes to School program. Transit Director Garland Williams advised that Charlottesville Area Transit constantly works

with City Schools to ensure that children get to and from school safely.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Walker opened the floor for public comment.

1. Malcolm Bell spoke in opposition to moving the Sacajawea, Lewis and Clark statue.
2. Philip Harway, city resident, spoke about the Future Land Use Map, particularly about putting prior conditions in place before rezoning.
3. Kimber Hawkey, city resident, spoke about the Future Land Use Map as related to affordable housing and accountability for developers.
4. Lisa Torres, City School Board Chair, spoke in support of the pupil transportation resolution, Item #3.
5. Jay James, city resident, spoke on behalf of The Bridge Ministry to request funding support from CARES funding.
6. John Sales, Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority Executive Director, thanked City Manager Boyles, Mayor Walker and Garland Williams for helping during the recent emergency at Crescent Halls.

Mayor Walker replied to Mr. Bell to advise of the November 2019 meeting regarding the Sacajawea, Lewis and Clark statue.

Councilor Hill advised of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting, where the Future Land Use Map would be discussed.

Mayor Walker adjourned the work session at 9:43 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council