

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 20, 2021
Virtual/electronic meeting via ZOOM

4:00 PM CLOSED MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met in an electronic meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021, in accordance with a local ordinance amended and re-enacted on October 4, 2021, to ensure continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus State of Emergency. Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m., and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all 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)(1) for the purposes of discussion and consideration of the appointment of individuals to City boards or commissions, and
- Section 2.2-3711(A), for discussion of the award of a public contract for city manager services, including interviews and negotiations with offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, because discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of city council.

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 6:49 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council

6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING

The Charlottesville City Council met in an electronic meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021, in accordance with a local ordinance approved and re-enacted October 4, 2021, to ensure continuity of government and prevent the spread of disease during the coronavirus pandemic.

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and City Council observed a moment of silence. Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all 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 unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Mayor Magill announced the 4th annual Harambee family events calendar created by Mr. Alex- Zan. More information can be found at www.Alex-zan.com.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Vice Mayor Magill shared accolades about Mayor Walker and Councilor Hill and presented each with a plaque of appreciation for their time and work on City Council. Mayor Walker and Councilor Hill made remarks during this last meeting of their tenure on City Council. Councilors Snook and Payne made comments regarding Mayor Walker's and Councilor Hill's service on City Council.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Councilor Snook, Council by a vote of 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker; Noes: none) APPROVED the following appointments to boards and commissions:

- Board of Architectural Review: Cheri Lewis, Hunter Smith, Clayton Strange, David Timmerman
- Historic Resources Committee: Richard Wilson
- Human Rights Commission: Mary Bauer, Wolfgang Keppley, Andy Orban, Lyndele von Schill
- Minority Business Commission: Airea Garland
- Region Ten Community Services Board: Richard Stott
- Sister Cities Commission: Alicen Brown, Sylvia New Strawn, Vivien Wong, Kimber Hawkey
- Social Services Advisory Board: Conner Brew, Cherry Stewart
- Vendor Appeals Board: Franklin Fountain

CONSENT AGENDA*

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

1. MINUTES: November 15 work session
2. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds from Progressive and National General Insurance companies for a loss associated with City of Charlottesville Traffic assets - \$17,448.47 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS for
City Traffic Assets Insurance Reimbursement - \$17,448.47**

WHEREAS, Progressive and National General Insurance companies are reimbursing the City of Charlottesville for a loss associated with City of Charlottesville Traffic assets;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$17,448.47 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues

\$17,448.47 Fund: 105 Cost Center: 2471001000 G/L Account: 451110

Expenditures

\$17,448.47 Fund: 105 Cost Center: 2471001000 G/L Account: 541040

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of funds from Progressive and National General Insurance companies.

3. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program for bicycle and pedestrian improvements at Preston Avenue and Harris Street - \$245,725 (2nd reading)

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of funds from Progressive and National General Insurance companies.

4. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds for the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Grant – Stormwater Management Model of Moores Creek Watershed - \$307,000 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATION FUNDS FOR
Virginia Community Flood Preparedness Grants - Stormwater Management Model of
Moores Creek Watershed - \$307,000**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$153,500 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation for the development of a two-dimensional stormwater management model; and

WHEREAS, as a match of local funds in the amount of \$153,500 is required and will be funded using previously appropriated funds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that a total of \$307,000 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues - \$307,000

\$153,500	Fund: 209	I/O: 1900433	G/L Account: 430110
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Expenditures - \$307,000

\$307,000	Fund: 209	I/O: 1900433	G/L Account: 599999
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Transfers:

\$136,153	Fund: 631	I/O: 2000095	G/L Account: 561209
\$ 17,347	Fund: 426	WBS Element: P-00673	G/L Account: 561209

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

5. RESOLUTION: Appropriating 2020 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) - \$7,500 (2nd reading)

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS for
2020 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) - \$7,500**

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has received funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in the amount of \$7,500 in federal pass through funds and \$7,500 in local in-kind match, provided by the Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle Emergency Communications Center Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to support programs provided by the Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$7,500 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$7,500

\$7,500 Fund: 209 I/O: 1900434 G/L: 430120 State/Fed pass thru

Expenditures - \$7,500

\$7,500 Fund: 209 I/O: 1900434 G/L: 599999 Salaries

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$7,500 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, and the matching in-kind funds from the Charlottesville-UVA-Albemarle Emergency Communications Center Office of Emergency Management.

6. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds for COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program (C.H.E.R.P.) Community Development Block Grant - \$680,263 (carried)

7. RESOLUTION: Approving the final disposition of the Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson statue

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING A FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE
STATUE OF STONEWALL JACKSON**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE that

all of the City's right, title and interest in and to the statue of Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, including its base, is hereby conveyed to LAXART, a charitable institution/ organization organized under the laws of the state of California, in return for monetary compensation in the sum of \$50,000.00. This disposition is final.

Mayor Walker opened the floor for comments on Consent Agenda items:

- Thomas Randolph spoke about applying to acquire Confederate monuments.
- David Rhodes spoke in opposition to the disposition of Confederate monuments.
- Richard H. Allan spoke on an item not on the Consent Agenda, the Slave Auction Block.
- Andrew Shelton spoke as a descendant of Confederate soldiers, in support of the disposition of Confederate monuments.
- Tanesha Hudson spoke in support of the disposition of Confederate monuments and the need to consider the plight of African American people.
- James Groves spoke in support of the allocation of funds for the Moores Creek Watershed.

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

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Deputy City Manager Ashley Marshall provided the following update.

1. Regarding concerns about the dust created during leaf pick up, staff was unable to source a solution as of this meeting.
2. Regarding the renaming of half streets, staff is investigating with the City Attorney's office the process to change an official street name.
3. Regarding the Slave Auction Block, Mr. Allan reached out directly to the City Manager's office, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, as well as City Council. While the City can physically move the parking spaces in question per the Traffic Engineer, the Historic Resources Commission is tasked with creating a new marker for this site and they continue their work. The City Manager's Office would not preemptively move those parking spaces, nor authorize any replacement marker to be erected prior to that committee's plan being proposed to Council for acceptance or rejection. Therefore, this issue is moot until that time or further direction by Council.
4. Regarding cybersecurity related to a breach at the General Assembly, the City has systems in place to reduce vulnerability.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. Philip Harway, city resident, thanked Mayor Walker and Councilor Hill for their service on City Council. He also spoke about water flow and potential flooding as related to the proposed construction at 0 Nassau Street.
2. Kimber Hawkey, city resident, spoke in opposition to the upzoning request at 0 Nassau Street.
3. James Groves, city resident, asked the city to commit to climate change and deny the upzoning request at 0 Nassau Street, citing floodplain concerns. He thanked Mayor Walker and Councilor Hill for their service on City Council.
4. David Coleman Rhodes spoke again about separating Confederate descendants from white supremacists and separating the government from the people.
5. Richard Hobcraft Allan, III, spoke about the installation of a Slave Block replica sign to replace one that went missing between 1999 and 2002. He thanked Mayor Walker and Councilor Hill for their service on City Council.
6. Tanesha Hudson thanked Mayor Walker for her service on City Council. She spoke about individual involvement in government operations.
7. Robin Hoffman congratulated David Dillehunt and Joe Rice for their work on the Grand Illumination. She encouraged Heather Hill and Nikuyah Walker to host their own shows on public access television.
8. Grace Hays spoke in favor of the resolution presented for the final disposition of the Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea statue, including the contextualization from the familial descendants of Sacajawea.
9. Nancy Carpenter spoke of the December 21st remembrance vigils for unhoused persons. She asked about assistance to Thomas Jefferson Area Coalition for the Homeless (TJACH) for help with shelter needs during cold weather, especially with an uptick in the reporting of homelessness for women.
10. Jeffrey Fogel, city resident, voiced concerns regarding the proposed ordinance for the Police Civilian Oversight Board.
11. Jojo Robertson, city resident, spoke about the recent murder of Tonita Smith by a serial killer, and the need to help her family of six children.
12. Rose Ann Abrahamson, familial descendant of Sacajawea, thanked those who have worked on the Sacajawea project. She thanked Mayor Walker and Councilor Hill for their service on City Council.
13. Andrew Shelton spoke in support of moving forward with working with the Lewis and Clark Center for disposition of the Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea statue.

14. Katrina Turner, city resident, thanked Council for donating the Lee statue to the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center. She spoke in support of disposition of the Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea statue to the Lewis and Clark Center. She spoke about the proposed PCOB ordinance and acknowledged all involved throughout the process, specifically The People's Coalition. She thanked Mayor Walker for her service on City Council.
15. Rosia Parker, city resident, read a statement in thanks to Mayor Walker for her service on City Council.
16. Mark Kavit, city resident, spoke in opposition to the upzoning request at 0 Nassau Street. He expressed concern about Moores Creek and support of the MACAA project.
17. Joy Johnson thanked Mayor Walker and Councilor Hill for their service on City Council. She spoke about the struggle of being a Black woman in a leadership position and spoke words of encouragement to Mayor Walker.

Councilor Hill and Mayor Walker responded to comments about staff pay.

Council discussed their decision to hold off on appointments to the PCRB/PCOB until there is clarity about what will be asked of members.

The meeting recessed at 8:48 p.m. and reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

8. PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION: Consideration of amendments to the City's adopted FY2021 Budget (carried)

Chris Cullinan, Director of Finance, reviewed three recommendations from staff:

1. Transfer \$6,674,971 from the Citywide Reserve-Economic Downturn account to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Contingency account.
2. Transfer \$5,503,327 from the General Fund fund balance to 2213001000 for employee compensation.
3. Transfer \$6,393 from General Fund fund balance to City Treasurer's Office.

Mayor Walker opened the public hearing.

- Mark Kavit recommended that funding be allocated to the Affordable Housing Fund.
- Tanesha Hudson recommended that funding be allocated to the Affordable Housing Fund and recommended that the City work toward building its own housing as well as pay competitive wages.

- Kimber Hawkey recommended that funding be allocated to the Affordable Housing Fund and to community land trusts.
- Martha Smythe recommended that funding be allocated to the Affordable Housing Fund.
- Rosia Parker recommended allocating funding to combat homelessness.

Mayor Walker closed the public hearing. She asked the future Council to be more thoughtful about the uses for funding in Recommendation #1.

Vice Mayor Magill expressed concern about the upcoming obligation to school reconfiguration and noted that funds in the Capital Improvement Plan will positively impact affordable housing.

Councilor Payne asked how Recommendation #2 compares or works with the Classification and Compensation Study. Mr Cullinan, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Hammill provided a response about current recommendations and plans for the near future.

Councilor Snook mentioned that he was in support of all three recommendations.

Mayor Walker asked for resolution to the accrued time for employees who have not been able to take time off (so that they don't lose time).

Mayor Walker recommended putting the item on the Action item agenda for Jan. 3 in order for the new council members to discuss. Other councilors agreed.

9. ORDINANCE: Amending and reenacting Chapter 2 (Administration), Article XVI (Police Civilian Review Board) to reestablish the City's Police Civilian Review Board as an oversight Board pursuant to Virginia Code Section 9.1-601 (2nd reading)

Councilor Snook gave an overview of updates to the proposed ordinance. He commented about various memos that were sent around and acknowledged the historical work of the many people who have weighed in on the ordinance. He explained that a pending hearing will take place under the current ordinance and the new ordinance would become effective March 1, 2022.

Vice Mayor Magill suggested options to meet the police ride-along requirement. Mayor Walker, Councilor Hill and Councilor Payne agreed that a police ride-along should not be required and that other options should be available. Vice Mayor Magill recommended that the board participate in community walk-alongs in public housing developments.

Council discussed concerns about investigations occurring without the consent of the aggrieved person, and compelled testimony. Hansel Aguilar, Executive Director of the PCRB, shared his experience with obstacles and logistical limitations when investigations do not involve the injured party. He shared additional experience from a previous locality regarding compelled

testimony.

Mayor Walker asked about the decision to keep the current board members with the transition from a PCRB to a PCOB. Councilor Snook noted that options were weighed and there was a greater benefit to keeping members than starting over.

PCRb member William Mendez provided clarifying information to Council regarding the updated ordinance. He advised that within the next two months two sets of operating procedures would need to be written to address: 1) Standard Operating Procedures that define the relationship between the police and the PCRb and address the sharing of information and avoidance of duplicating investigative efforts; and 2) other procedures, including working with reluctant victim. He stated that there is no intent to make the board a secret body, but an effort will be made to balance privacy concerns.

Council agreed to minor edits:

- Section 2-453 paragraph C. Police Civilian Review Board and Police Civilian Oversight Board initial capitalization
- Section 2-455 changing "specific oversight tasks" to "specific monitoring tasks", and changing other instances of "oversight" to "monitoring"
- Section 2-458 G1 changing "oversight" to "monitoring" and "oversee" to "monitor"

Mayor Walker responded to comments from Mr. Mendez regarding reconstituting the Board.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REENACTING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE XVI (POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD) TO REESTABLISH THE CITY'S POLICE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD AS AN OVERSIGHT BOARD PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 9.1-601

10. ORDINANCE: Approving the rezoning of land at 0 Nassau Street from R-2U (Two-Family Residential, University) to R-3 (Multifamily Residential) subject to preferred development conditions (2nd reading)

Mayor Walker acknowledged that the item was placed on the Action Agenda to give Vice Mayor Magill an opportunity to comment as she was unable to attend the December 6 meeting.

Vice Mayor Magill stated that she was not comfortable with the project and would like for staff to review it more thoroughly.

Councilor Snook expressed concern about the way that the item came before Council. He referenced floodplain materials that he has reviewed. He asked to defer the item in order to give city engineering staff time to further investigate.

Tony Edwards, city staff, provided information about floodplain methodology and risk. He advised that the FEMA methodology has not factored in climate change. In response to Councilor Snook, he advised that with current zoning or a rezoning, the builder would need to exceed minimum requirements for building in the floodplain.

James Freas, Director of Neighborhood Development Services (NDS), confirmed information shared by Mr. Edwards and advised Council that they would need to decide how much density they want to approve in the location, given any potential of flooding.

The applicant Justin Shimp refuted statements made earlier regarding property being four feet underwater at Nassau Street during a previous flood, advising that photos from that point in time were in a different elevation on Nassau Street. He provided additional information about floodplain measurements.

Councilor Payne asked about any meaningful difference in the flood risk with what can be built by-right and adjacent properties, and what impact could the proposed development have on flood risk.

Several councilors indicated a need for additional information. NDS staff suggested that they could bring back additional information about the flood danger for Council consideration on January 18 and the meaningful difference in risk between by-right and rezoning.

This item was DEFERRED to the January 18, 2022 City Council meeting.

11. RESOLUTION: Approving the final disposition of the City-owned sculpture titled "Their First View of the Pacific", also known as the Lewis, Clark and Sacajawea statue

Deputy City Manager Ashley Marshall reviewed Council options related to statue disposition. At the request of Mayor Walker, with agreement from Council, Rose Ann Abrahamson read proposed resolution changes from Sacajawea's familial descendants.

Alexandria Searls, Executive Director of the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center expressed that and she would not be able to agree to changes because they would have to go through other approvals, and that having not seen the proposed revisions before, she could not agree to what is seemingly a merger. She said that in spirit she agrees with many aspects of the input given, but for legal reasons could not commit to changes.

City Attorney Lisa Robertson clarified the current status of the proposal process used by City Council.

Ms. Searls agreed that the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center would be willing to work with the family of Sacajawea and other stakeholders to bring back a new proposal.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Vice Mayor Magill, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook, Walker; Noes: none) to confirm that the proposals received did not meet Council's desired requirements.

12. RESOLUTION*: Consideration of the award of a contract for City Manager services

City Attorney Robertson introduced the item.

On motion by Councilor Hill, seconded by Vice Mayor Magill, Council voted 4-0-1 (Ayes: Hill, Magill, Payne, Snook; Noes: none; Abstention: Walker) to APPROVE a management contract with the Robert Bobb Group. Mayor Walker abstained based on discussions, advising that once contract terms are discussed, it would be up to the incoming Council to make decisions on negotiations. She advised that based on what she heard from the Robert Bobb Group, she would not have voted No.

**RESOLUTION
TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CITY MANAGER SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA that a contract is hereby awarded to the firm of _ the Robert Bobb Group ("Successful Offeror") to provide City Manager services, this City Council having determined that the firm made the best proposal and offers the best overall combination of quality, price, and various elements of the required services that, in total, are optimal to the City's needs for an interim city manager. Notice of award shall be posted in accordance with procurement requirements.

The City Attorney shall prepare a contract for execution by the Mayor and the Successful Offeror.

GENERAL BUSINESS

13. REPORT: Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) Program Review/Redesign Update

Alex Ikefuna, Interim Director for Community Solutions, introduced HR&A Advisors to present an update on the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund Program.

Phillip Kash with HR&A Advisors presented the interim report for the Charlottesville Housing Program Review and Redesign. HR&A was contracted to perform two tasks: 1) Program Review and Redesign; and 2) Inclusionary Zoning Program Redesign. This report addresses Task #1.

HR&A examined past performance of the City's affordable housing programs. This work included collecting and reviewing available records from the City and funding recipients which focused on affordable housing units created and households served. HR&A is in the process of creating an up-to-date inventory of City-funding awards since 2010, drafting findings and preparing recommendations. To accomplish this, HR & A has reviewed past funding agreements and performance for City-funded projects and programs over a 10-year period (2010-2021) and interviewed agencies that received City funds for operations, programming, and development of affordable housing units. The primary purpose is to compare the level of impact projected during the application period with the impact achieved by the program or project.

Highlights of the Review

1. Since 2010, the City of Charlottesville has administered a total of \$46.7 million in funding to support a variety of affordable housing initiatives across the City, drawing from the City's General Fund, Capital Budget (CIP) and Housing Trust Fund (CAHF), and federal HOME and CDBG funds. This breaks down as follows: Housing Trust Fund and Capital Budget (\$38,623,967), General fund (\$5,185,260, and CDBG/HOME (\$2,920,628).
2. Funding levels have averaged \$3.6 million per year, with a large outlier in 2021 which totaled \$10.4 million.
3. The funding is spread across a variety of uses. The largest share of funding (47%) went towards development (new construction of multifamily and single-family homes, and significant rehabilitation of multifamily buildings). Program (owner-occupied single-family rehabilitation and energy retrofits, homelessness services, rental subsidy, and homeownership subsidies) grants made up the next highest share, (40%) of funding. Operating subsidies for nonprofits made up (11%) of expenditures. The remaining 2% were used for internal City administration, such as housing-related staff and consulting fees.
4. The spending yielded a total of about 2,300 households served, and 1,600 units created or preserved.

Councilors gave input for consultants to consider before presenting the next update.

Deputy City Manager Sam Sanders added comments about mapping funding in order to provide more effective analysis.

14. REPORT: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-HOME Program Task Force (Tabled from 12/6/21 work session)

Deputy City Manager Sanders presented the report, sharing an analysis of using the Task Force Model:

- Routinely unable to meet regulatory conditions
- Timeliness remains a major concern
- Staff recommendations are not viewed as expert advice
- Same organizations receive funds with little analysis
- Planning Commission questions their role today
- Redundant to have Planning Commission also consider

He expressed concern that staff recommendations are often disregarded or overlooked and offered the following recommendations:

1. Update our approach to community planning
2. Elevate the staff recommendation as expert advice
3. Layer more expertise to meet regulatory conditions
4. Convert the HOME/CDBG and Neighborhood Task Forces to Staff Advisory level body
5. Issue timeliness adherence to consideration of proposals
6. Redirect projects to more appropriate sources (CIP, departments, external)
7. Develop more opportunities for technical assistance and capacity building

Mr. Sanders advised that staff would bring back an action item.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no additional business items.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

- Brandon Collins, city resident, thanked Mayor Walker for her work and service on City Council.
- Rosia Parker responded to comments from Councilor Snook regarding interviewing for a position on the PCRB.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 a.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council