

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 22, 2022 at 4:00 PM
Virtual/electronic meeting via ZOOM

Call to Order/Roll Call

The Charlottesville City Council met in an electronic meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 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 Lloyd Snook called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and Clerk of Council Kyna Thomas called the roll, noting all members present: Mayor Lloyd Snook, Vice Mayor Juandiego Wade, and Councilors Sena Magill, Michael Payne and Brian Pinkston.

On motion by Wade, seconded by Magill, Council voted 5-0 to ADOPT the meeting agenda (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

REPORTS

1. REPORT: Charlottesville Area Alliance Overview and Preview of the 2021 Annual Report

Misty Graves introduced Marta Keane, Chair of the Charlottesville Area Alliance (CAA).

Ms. Keane presented the CAA annual report and shared information to show that Charlottesville is an elderly-friendly community.

Councilor Magill recommended that the CAA provide tutorials for people helping elderly parents, including help with veteran affairs. Vice Mayor Wade acknowledged the need to address equity in elderly services.

2. REPORT: "State of the Forest" - Tree Commission Annual Report

Chris Gensic, Parks and Trails Planner introduced Brian Menard and Peggy Van Yahres from the Tree Commission.

Mr. Menard gave an overview of the presentation and shared evidence that the tree canopy loss is accelerating. From 2004 - 2018, a total of 660 acres was lost, with a current loss estimate in 2022 of 990 acres. He advised that tree canopy has declined in all but two city neighborhoods.

Ms. Van Yahres shared information about Tree Commission activities of advising staff and Council, engaging with the public, collaborating with nonprofit groups and monitoring the effects of development on green infrastructure to prevent deforestation. She stated that this year the Tree Commission will participate in review of the Zoning Ordinance with the main objectives of: 1) increasing requirements for new trees, 2) strengthening and enforcing tree

protection, 3) establishing consequences for public tree damage, and 4) refining site plan application and review. The second major activity for the year is Releaf Cville to plant, preserve and educate.

The Tree Commission requested that Council enhance the charge of the Tree Commission to better advocate for urban forest and all natural resources by:

- Supporting the Commission's review of particular site plans
- Encouraging departments to work together by having a member of Public Works attend Tree Commission meetings, and
- Expanding the Tree Commission's charge to oversee all natural resources – a Natural Resource Commission.

Council discussed tree preservation requirements in the site plan approval process, City Code, and various ways to prioritize tree planting and preservation.

3. DISCUSSION: Virginia Institute of Government introduction

Deputy City Manager Ashley Marshall introduced Charles Hartgrove from the Virginia Institute of Government.

Mr. Hartgrove gave an introduction of the Weldon Cooper Center for Local Government and the Virginia Institute of Government (VIG). He advised that the VIG will work with City Council on strategic planning later in the Spring.

CLOSED MEETING

On motion by Magill, seconded by Wade, Council voted 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none) to convene in closed session as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (A)(7) and (A)(8):

- for consideration of the performance of a member of a Council-appointed board or commission, and
- for discussion of litigation pending in U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia, Case No. 3:21-cv-00045, because such consultation would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the City, and
- for legal advice and consultation as to both matters.

On motion by Magill, seconded by Pinkston, Council certified by the following vote: 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; 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.

EVENING MEETING

Having established quorum with all councilors present at 6:30 p.m., Council observed a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Magill read an announcement from the Commissioner of the Revenue about real estate tax relief for the elderly and disabled, with a deadline of March 1.

Vice Mayor Wade acknowledged a petition received from the unhoused sent to several organizations including City Council. He advised that Council will include their concerns in housing discussions.

CONSENT AGENDA*

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

4. MINUTES: January 5 meeting, January 18 meeting
5. ORDINANCE: Amending and reordaining Section 15-99 of Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, to reduce the speed limit on 5th Street S.W. (2nd reading)

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REORDAINING SECTION 15-99 OF CHAPTER 15 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, 1990, AS AMENDED, TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON 5TH STREET S.W

6. RESOLUTION: Appropriating funds for the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program Grant - \$209,444 (2nd reading)

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS for Runaway Emergency Shelter Program - \$209,444

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville has been awarded \$200,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families with cash match of \$9,444 provided by the Human Services Fund and in-kind match of \$12,778 provided by ReadyKids;

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to operate the Runaway Emergency Shelter Program through a partnership between the Human Services Department and ReadyKids. The grant award covers the period from September 30, 2021 through September 29, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that the sum of \$209,444 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

Revenue – \$209,444

\$200,000	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900447	G/L Account: 431110
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Expenditures - \$209,444

\$ 69,948	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900447	G/L Account: 519999
\$125,000	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900447	G/L Account: 530010
\$ 14,496	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900447	G/L Account: 599999

Transfer - \$9,444

\$ 9,444 Fund: 213 Cost Center: 3413003000 G/L Account: 561211

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$200,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

7. RESOLUTION: Approving a Minor Action Plan Amendment to the FY2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan to authorize the Community Investment Collaborative to implement a contingency plan for expenditure of CDBG funding on or before June 30, 2022

RESOLUTION

Approving a Minor Amendment to the FY2021-2022 CDBG Action Plan, to Authorize the Charlottesville Community Investment Collaborative to Implement a Contingency Plan for Expenditure of CDBG Funding on or Before June 30, 2022

WHEREAS on May 7, 2018 the Charlottesville City Council approved a Consolidated Plan for the City of Charlottesville and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District, covering the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023, which sets forth a plan to provide support for certain community development needs—including, but not limited to—housing needs, within those jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS the Consolidated Plan includes a citizen participation plan, and Sec. 2-419(10) specifies that, once City Council has approved and funded a program, any reprogramming and budgetary changes will be done consistent with the approved citizen participation plan;

WHEREAS the Consolidated Plan is implemented during the coverage period through certain “Action Plans”, the most recent of which is designated as the “FY 2021-2022 Action Plan” previously approved by resolution of City Council on May 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS within the FY2021-2022 Action Plan the Charlottesville Community Investment Collaborative was selected as a subrecipient of CDBG funding from the City, in the amount of \$32,056.28, to foster small and local business development through the

provision of financial management scholarships, with a target of June 30, 2022 for expenditure of the funding in accordance with the approved project; and

WHEREAS the Charlottesville Community Investment Collaborative is requesting a modification of their approved project, in order to provide subsidized interest for qualified borrowers from the City’s Business Equity Fund and start the Microbusiness Startup and Growth Grant representing that the modifications are necessary to allow for the timely expenditure of all awarded funding by June 30, 2022 (“contingency plan”), and federal regulations specify that this type of modification must be approved by City Council as a minor amendment of the City’s FY2021-2022 Action Plan (“Minor Amendment of the FY2021-2022 Action Plan”); and

WHEREAS the requested Minor Amendment of the FY2021-2022 Action Plan does not make any change to the amount of CDBG funding previously approved for the Charlottesville Community Investment Collaborative; and

WHEREAS this Council is satisfied on the basis of the information presented within the staff report, that the proposed Minor Amendment of the FY2021-2022 Action Plan has been brought forward in accordance with the approved citizen participation plan, as required by City Code §2-419(10);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville City Council hereby approves a Minor Amendment of the City’s FY2021-2022 Action Plan, to authorize the Charlottesville Community Collaborative’s Contingency Plan, which will assist the Charlottesville Community Investment Collaborative in meeting CDBG timeliness goals in accordance with federal regulations set forth at 24 CFR 570.902.

8. ~~REPORT: Historic Resources Committee status report on memorialization~~

This item was removed at request of the committee Chair 2/17/22.

Mayor Snook opened the floor for public comments on the consent agenda. There were no speakers.

On motion by Magill, seconded by Pinkston, Council by the following vote Adopted the Consent Agenda: 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

CITY MANAGER REPORT

There were no items to report.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

1. John Ertl, representing the Amalgamated Transit Union asked that Council establish a Collective Bargaining ordinance expeditiously.
2. Richard Allan, III, asked Council to authorize reinstatement of a slave block sign.

3. Donna Shaunesey, representing the Cville 100 asked Council to move forward on Climate Action.
4. Bill Emory, city resident, encouraged tree planting and budget consideration for trees.
5. Nancy Carpenter, city resident, asked Council to continue funding the Charlottesville Housing Fund to continue the commitment to affordable housing.
6. Emily Little, city resident, spoke in support of a letter sent to City Council from eight environmental organizations requesting the city to move more quickly on climate action planning.
7. David Redding with the Eco Village spoke about the City's Climate Mitigation Plan and the Adaption Plan.
8. Matthew Ray, city bus driver, spoke about understaffing with CAT (Charlottesville Area Transit), requested the adoption of a collective bargaining ordinance, and asked for the ability to use city meeting space.
9. Mark Zollinhofer, liaison member of the Tree Commission, shared information about heat islands as compared to health issues.
10. Emily Yen, city resident, requested that Council move forward quickly to adopt a collective bargaining ordinance and hire pertinent personnel.
11. Ralph Brown asked for an annual resolution in support of his father C.H. Brown. He advised that he has several historical documents to share with the City.
12. Robin Hoffman congratulated C3 (Community Climate Collaborative) for being at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center. She spoke about climate initiatives.
13. Caetano de Campos Lopes, city resident and representative of C3, spoke about the City's ambitious climate goals and the need to increase supportive actions. He spoke in support of collective bargaining for transit workers.
14. Robin Hanes, city resident and president of the Charlottesville Area Tree Stewards, requested full funding for the Tree Commission's recommendations presented earlier in the meeting.
15. Joy Johnson, city resident, asked Council to fund \$10 Million for affordable housing, and she asked Council to provide a clear definition of "affordable housing".

ACTION ITEMS

9. ACTION ITEM: 605 Preston Place - Appeal of BAR (Board of Architectural Review) approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness

Jeff Werner, Historic Preservation and Design Planner, presented the staff report and the BAR's decision. Staff recommended that Council reaffirm the BAR's approval of the certificate of appropriateness.

The appellant, Beth Turner who filed the appeal application ceded her time to Larry Goedde and Christine Colley (neighbors to the proposed building), who expressed that they were not given a satisfactory explanation from the BAR of how the structure met the architectural guidelines.

Breck Gastinger, BAR Chair, provided comments on behalf of the BAR. This item was not a public hearing.

Mayor Snook opened the floor for the project applicant to speak. Mr. Kevin Riddle spoke. Council asked several questions to which Mr. Gastinger, Mr. Goedde and Ms. Colley provided responses.

On motion by Magill, seconded by Wade, Council by the following vote reaffirmed the Board of Architectural Review decision to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the project at 605 Preston Place: 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

10. RESOLUTION: Collective Bargaining

Interim City Manager Michael C. Rogers introduced the item and gave background on the lack of guidance from the State legislature or state associations with a model ordinance for collective bargaining. He noted that the State of Virginia did not establish a labor relations entity to help guide localities on how to proceed. He advised that taking time to study requirements and impacts as well as putting the infrastructure in place would be beneficial before implementation. He acknowledged organizations who stepped forward to represent groups of employees.

City Attorney Robertson described the actions necessary at this Council meeting.

a. BY MOTION: Action regarding proposed Collective Bargaining Ordinance received by City Council on October 29, 2021

On motion by Pinkston, seconded by Wade, Council by a vote of 5-0 decided NOT to adopt the proposed ordinance (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

Mr. Rogers advised that with the appropriate labor expertise, he would bring the topic back for Council review in 90 days.

a1. RESOLUTION: Affirming City Council intention to explore implementation of collective bargaining for City of Charlottesville employees

On motion by Payne, seconded by Pinkston, Council by the following vote approved the resolution: 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

**RESOLUTION
Affirming City Council's Intention to Explore Implementation of
Collective Bargaining for City of Charlottesville Employees**

WHEREAS the Virginia General Assembly, within Virginia Code Sec. 40.1-57.2, expressly authorizes local governing bodies to enact ordinances authorizing City officials to recognize

labor unions or employee associations as bargaining agents for certain public officers or employees; to collectively bargain with or enter into collective bargaining contracts with such unions or associations; and to provide for procedures for the certification and decertification of exclusive bargaining representatives; and

WHEREAS this City Council generally supports the development of a collective bargaining program for City employees, but does not yet have sufficient information upon which to base any decision about specific provisions that it might desire to set forth within an ordinance, or what the impact of adopting an ordinance and proceeding with implementation would have on its annual budgets for Fiscal Year 2023 and beyond; now, therefore,

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

1. The City Council will include discussion of collective bargaining within its budget discussions of the level of funding needed for City operations during Fiscal Year 2023.

2. The City Manager shall compile information and analysis regarding pay, benefits, and working conditions for the groups of employees who are seeking a collective bargaining ordinance (fire, police and transit), and will provide analysis for potential solutions, including collective bargaining, with fiscal impact analysis of those solutions.

3. In considering collective bargaining, the City Manager shall give due consideration to the City firefighters' March 6, 2021 proposed ordinance, the Amalgamated Transit Union's October 29, 2021 proposed ordinance, and other sample ordinances deemed appropriate for the City of Charlottesville.

4. To the extent that contractual services are necessary or desirable to support the work that this Council is asking the City Manager to perform, the City Manager is hereby authorized to procure those services, subject to the availability and appropriation by City Council of funding to cover the expense of those services.

b. Appropriating funding of \$625,000 to a new Collective Bargaining Project account within the City's Capital Projects Fund (carried)

Mr. Rogers advised that the funds requested are the upper limit. These funds were previously allocated for the classification and compensation study. Council agreed to move resolution for \$625,000 to consent agenda for 3/7.

11. City Council calendar and procedures

City Attorney Robertson reviewed updates, primarily affirming Council's decision to begin Council meetings at 4:00 p.m. to hear reports on items that do not require a vote.

a. RESOLUTION: Amending the City Council regular meeting schedule for 2022

to reflect meeting time changes

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

RESOLUTION

Mending the Times at which Certain Regular Meetings of the Charlottesville City Council will Begin During Calendar Year 2022

WHEREAS at its annual meeting in January 2022, this Council enacted a Resolution establishing the days, times and places of regular meetings of the Charlottesville City council during Calendar Year 2022, pursuant to Va. Code §15.2-1416; and

WHEREAS City Council has determined that it would be desirable to include additional time to receive reports on various matters as to which City Council should be informed, and therefore Council has decided to begin its meetings on the first Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. to accommodate additional time to receive reports; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA THAT, pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-1416, the Resolution adopted by City Council on January 5, 2022 (#R-22-003), establishing regular meetings of the Charlottesville City Council for calendar year 2022, is hereby amended to modify the time at which Council’s regular meetings will begin on the first Monday of each month, and hereafter, the regular meetings shall be conducted on the following days, times, and places during calendar year 2022, and in accordance with the following provisions of this Resolution:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 (Annual organizational meeting)	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	Electronic meeting, due to continuing state of emergency
Tuesday, January 18, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	Electronic meeting, due to continuing state of emergency
Monday, February 7, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	Electronic meeting, due to continuing state of emergency
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	Electronic meeting, due to continuing state of emergency
Monday, March 7, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	Electronic meeting, due to continuing state of emergency

Monday, March 21, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*Or: electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, April 4, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, April 18, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, May 2, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, May 16, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, June 6, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, July 18, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)

Monday, August 1, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, August 15, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Tuesday, September 6, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, September 19, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, October 3, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, October 17, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, November 7, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, November 21, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)

Monday, December 5, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)
Monday, December 19, 2022	Begins at 4:00 p.m.	City Hall, Council Chambers*, 605 East Main Street, 2 nd Floor, Charlottesville, Virginia (*By electronic meeting, if local state of emergency is continuing)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the agenda for each regular meeting may be divided into various sessions or segments, and the agenda may specify general times at which each session or segment is planned to begin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any regular meeting may be adjourned from day to day, or from time to time, or from place to place, not beyond the day and time fixed by this resolution for the next regular meeting, until the business before this City Council is completed. Notice of any regular meeting continued in this manner shall be reasonable under the circumstances and shall be given as provided in subsection D of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3707.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in the event that the Mayor, or the Vice Mayor if the Mayor is unavailable or otherwise unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend a regular meeting, that regular meeting shall be continued to the next business day on which the said hazardous conditions no longer exist. Such finding and declaration shall be communicated to all city councilors and to the press as promptly as possible, along with the date and time on which the continued meeting will commence. All public hearings and other agenda matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting with no further advertisement.

b. RESOLUTION: Approving amendments to the City Council Rules and Procedures governing how meetings are conducted

Council continued discussion from the January 26 retreat about Community Matters. Councilor Payne advised of feedback that he heard from the public in favor of keeping the additional speaking period at the end of the meeting, including for those who have already spoken earlier in the meeting. Council also discussed the desire to end meetings by 11:00 p.m. and to conduct efficient meetings.

On motion by Payne, seconded by Pinkston, Council by the following vote APPROVED

the resolution approving amendments as presented to the City Council Rules and Procedures governing how meetings are conducted, noting that the second Community Matters would not be limited to those who have previously spoken during the meeting: 5-0 (Ayes: Magill, Payne, Pinkston, Snook, Wade; Noes: none).

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING HOW MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED

GENERAL BUSINESS

12. Presentation from the Commissioner of the Revenue on Rising Vehicle Valuations

Commissioner of the Revenue Todd Divers presented a report on drastic vehicle valuation increases in 2022. He listed a host of supply and demand issues. He shared a December 2021 Market Outlook Update report from J.D. Power (formerly NADA).

(The meeting paused at 9:33 p.m. and resumed at 9:36 p.m. because of a city software update.)

Mr. Divers listed options that could help with tax increases resulting from rising valuations:

- 1) Increase personal property tax relief - not recommended;
- 2) Change NADA valuation factor - not recommended;
- 3) implement assessment ratio - not recommended;
- 4) lower the tax rate - recommended (HB1239 and SB771)

OTHER BUSINESS

Council asked for follow-up from the City Manager on the following items:

- clarity around the status of the Climate Action Plan,
- clear processes for making sure the Affordable Housing plan moves forward, and
- Mayor Snook mentioned the desire to convene a citizen group of climate and sustainability experts.

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

- Joy Johnson, city resident, clarified her previous point, asking City Manager Rogers to reach out to the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the resident workgroup. She stated that schools and affordable housing can be addressed at the same time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

BY Order of City Council

BY Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council