

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: December 5, 2022
Action Required: Vote of Approval (by motion, no resolution(s) required)
Presenter: David Blount, Lloyd Snook, Sena Magill
Staff Contacts: Lisa Robertson, City Attorney
Title: **2023 Local Legislative Positions**

Background

Each year, the localities in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District (TJPD) region adopt legislative priorities and positions on issues of importance and concern to local governments. These positions form the basis for local advocacy efforts during the General Assembly session each winter. The City Attorney's Office works in conjunction with TJPD's legislative liaison during the session to provide advocacy on behalf of the City's interests. Additionally, City Council establishes a statement of legislative positions as a means of communicating to legislators (i) issues of specific concern and interest to Council, and (ii) requests, if any, for legislative action items.

Discussion

TJPDC Program—The TJPDC legislative program is crafted based on discussions with and input from the six localities in the region. The recommendations, requests and positions in the program cover a range of issues and topics, which include perennial items of importance; those that are anticipated to become the subject of proposed legislation or state budget items during the upcoming session; and items that may be of concern to the entire region or to individual localities in the region.

City Position Statements--Mayor Snook and Councilor Magill (Council's Legislative Committee) have been preparing a proposed set of legislative position statements for City Council's consideration. They will present the positions to the full council for consideration on December 5.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Yes.

Community Engagement

N/A

Budgetary Impact

None

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council, by motion, approve TJPDC's legislative position statements.

Suggested Motion: "I move to approve the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission's 2023 Legislative Program as Presented to Council on December 5, 2022"

It is also recommended that City Council, after reviewing the positions recommended by its Legislative Committee, make a motion to approve those positions.

Suggested Motion: "I move to approve the statement of the City Council's 2023 Legislative Positions, as presented by Council's Legislative Committee on December 5, 2022"

Alternatives

TJPDC needs the buy-in of its members for its legislative agenda; however, Council may note for the record ("reserve") its difference of opinion as to one or more matters within that agenda, and approve the agenda subject to its specific reservations.

City Council is not required to provide legislative position statements to local legislators, so City Council may decline to do so.

Attachments

None