

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	February 6, 2023
Action Required:	Public hearing
Presenter:	Lloyd Snook-Mayor
Staff Contacts:	Kyna Thomas, Clerk of Council
Title:	Accepting public comments on filling the City Council seat vacated by Sena Magill as of January 12, 2023

Background

On January 3, 2023, City Council Member Sena Magill tendered her resignation, stating that her last day in service would be January 11, 2023. Councilor Magill's resignation leaves a vacancy for the remainder of a four-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Discussion

Virginia Code § 24.2-228 states: "Interim appointment to local governing body or elected school board; elected mayor. A. When a vacancy occurs in a local governing body or an elected school board, the remaining members of the body or board, respectively, within 45 days of the office becoming vacant, may appoint a qualified voter of the election district in which the vacancy occurred to fill the vacancy."

Twenty applications were received by the deadline and City Council narrowed the field to a final six: **Alex Bryant, Kathy Galvin, Natalie Oschrin, Leah Puryear, Kristin Szakos, Lisa Larson-Torres**

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Community Engagement

An application form was advertised and made publicly available for interested registered voters in the City of Charlottesville to apply for appointment to the vacated City Council seat. The Clerk of Council served as the point of contact for interested applicants and others seeking information. Applications were shared on the City of Charlottesville website and city news flashes were sent as information updated.

Budgetary Impact

State code sets salary limits for members of city councils based on population. City Council members other than the mayor receive an annual salary of \$18,000 for the part-time nature of the position.

Recommendation

Receive public comment

Alternatives

Virginia Code § 24.2-228 states: "If a majority of the remaining members of the body or board cannot agree, or do not act, the judges of the circuit court of the county or city may make the appointment."

Attachments

1. Bryant,Alex_application2023__Redacted
2. Galvin,Kathy_application2023_Redacted
3. Oschrin,Natalie_application2023_Redacted
4. Puryear,Leah_application2023_Redacted
5. Szakos,Kristin_application2023_Redacted
6. Torres,Lisa_application2023_Redacted
7. News Flash • Applications posted online 20220124
8. News Flash • Full List of City Council Applicants Online
9. News Flash - Charlottesville City Council Narrows Down the List of Appointed Council Member Applicants